

COTTON - THE SUSTAINABLE FIBRE OF THE FUTURE

7TH BI ANNUAL ALL INDIA COTTON CONFERENCE

21ST - 22ND AUGUST 2026
COIMBATORE, TAMIL NADU, INDIA



PROGRAMME 21ST AUGUST 2026, FRIDAY

3:00 PM - REGISTRATION

4:00 PM - LAMP LIGHTING AND INAUGURATION

**4.05 PM - WELCOME ADDRESS BY CONFERENCE
CHAIRMAN** - Shri P. Nataraj, MD, KPR Group

4.10 PM - ABOUT THE CONFERENCE - Shri Nishant Asher,
Hon. Secretary, ICF

4.20 PM - LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- Shri C. Kandaswamy - Sri Shanmugavel Mills Pvt. Ltd.
- Shri Suresh Tayal - Shri Rajarajeshwar Cotton Pvt. Ltd.
- Shri Ramesh Kakkirala - Kaveri Ginning Mills Pvt. Ltd.
- Shri Rakesh Rathi - Kamal Cotton Traders Pvt. Ltd.
- Shri A. Perumalsamy - Shri T.P. Textiles Pvt. Ltd.
- Shri A. Ramalinga Appasamy - M/s. A.R. Appasamy

4.40 PM - ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY AWARDEES

5.05 PM - FELICITATIONS

- Shri Ashwin Chandran, Chairman, CITI
- Shri Durai Palanisamy, Chairman, SIMA
- Dr. K. Venkatachalam, Chief Advisor, TASMA
- Dr. K.S. Sundararaman, Chairman, SIMA CDRA
- Shri R. Arun Karthik, President, SISPA
- Shri Vinay Kotak, President, CAI
- Shri Bhupendra Singh Rajpal, Vice President, CAI & President, Maharashtra Cotton Ginners Association
- Shri Bhavesh Shah, President, Vidarbha Cotton Association

5.35 PM - SOUVENIR RELEASE

5.45 PM - GUEST OF HONOUR'S ADDRESS

- Dr. K.V. Srinivasan, MD Premier Mills & Past President ITMF

5.55 PM - CHIEF GUEST'S ADDRESS

- Shri Lalit Kumar Gupta, Chairman & MD, Cotton Corporation of India

6.05 PM - DISTINGUISHED GUEST'S ADDRESS - Shri Purnesh Gururani, Director (Fibre), Ministry of Textiles, GOI

6.15 PM - VOTE OF THANKS

- Shri Mukul Tayal, President ICAL Bathinda

BUSINESS SESSION I

**6.25 PM - COTTON INSIGHTS: GLOBAL DEMAND & SUPPLY
WITH AI, BY** Shri Raman Bhalla - Head of Cotton for India, LDC

6:50 PM - SUMMING UP

- Shri Karan Raheja, Conference Convenor

**7.00 PM - COCKTAILS AND DINNER WITH MUSIC
PROGRAMME**



22ND AUGUST 2026, SATURDAY

BUSINESS SESSION II

9.15 AM - OPENING REMARK BY Shri J. Thulasidharan,
President, ICF

9.20 AM - DISTINGUISHED GUEST'S ADDRESS - Shri Sourabh Kulkarni, Joint Textile Commissioner (Cotton), Office of the Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, GOI

**9.30 AM - HOW CAPITAL INFLOWS INFLUENCE PRICE
DISCOVERY IN COTTON FUTURES, BY** - Shri Jagan Gopinath -
Former Head of Cotton, Arvind Ltd, Associate Director:
International Cotton Association (ICA), Liverpool

BUSINESS SESSION III

**9.55 AM - FUTURE OF SPINNING: SURVIVE- SUSTAIN-
SUCCEED**

- Shri Ashwin Chandran, Chairman & MD, Precot Group, Moderator
- Shri S Krishnakumar - VC, SIMA & MD, Sulochana Cotton SPG. Mills P Ltd
- Shri K. Sivaraj, Director, Sivaraj Spinning
- Shri Ramesh Krishnan, MD, Akshara Spinning Mills P Ltd
- Shri S.K. Jhamb, Director - Raw Materials, Vardhman Textiles Ltd.
- Shri Pranav Rathi, Director - Exports & Business Development, RSB Group.
- Shri Jayesh Patel, Director, Omax Cotspin
- Shri B. Lakshminarayana, MD, Van Tex Pvt. Ltd.

10.55 AM - COFFEE BREAK

BUSINESS SESSION IV

**11.15 AM - THE NEW COTTON CORRIDOR: ALIGNING
AFRICA'S SUPPLY CHAIN WITH INDIA'S TEXTILE GROWTH,
BY -**

- Shri Vibhu Nath (SVP, Olam Cotton)
- Shri Ibrahim Malloum (DG Cottonchad)
- Shri Mayank Baheti (VP, Africa Cotton)

**12.00 PM - CRAFTING FUTURE READY SPINNING MILLS - *
INDUSTRY SCENARIO * CHALLENGES * OPPORTUNITES *
WAY FORWARD BY** - Shri S. Rameche, Head - Domestic Sales,
LMW

**12.20 PM - THE RISE OF "COTTON PROVENANCE" - HOW
ORIGIN STORIES ARE BECOMING MARKETING GOLD FOR
APPAREL BRANDS** - Shri Satyen Momaya - CEO, PVH Arvind -
For Tommy Hilfiger & Calvin Klein

**12.40 PM - INDIA: EMERGING GLOBAL COTTON TEXTILE
POWER HOUSE, BY** - Shri Shailesh Patil, Head of Cotton - India
& South Asia, COFCO International

01.00 PM - U.S AND ELS COTTON SCENARIO, BY - Shri Peush
Narag, Rep: India & Sri Lanka, Cotton Council International,
COTTON USA

1.20 PM - LUNCH

BUSINESS SESSION V

**2.20 PM - GINNING - THE VITAL LINK: MITIGATING NEW
MSP - CROP PROSPECTS 26-27**

- Shri Bhavesh Shah, Sultania Oil Industries Pvt. Ltd. - Moderator
- Shri Rohit Soni, Prasad Cotton Industries Pvt. Ltd., Gevrai
- Shri Manish Malpani, Malpani Cottons Pvt. Ltd., Adilabad
- Shri Koushik Mittal, Saibaba Agro, Adilabad
- Shri Shubham Kabra, Shri Vyankatesh Seeds, Deulgaonraja
- Shri Ashwin Virja, Ram Vijay Cotton Mills Pvt. Ltd., Jasdan
- Shri Sagar Patel, Ambica Cotton, Surendranagar
- Shri Mahendrabhai Patel, Dharma Cot Gin, Botad
- Shri Anand Rathi, Jayalakshmi Cotton Mills, Yadgir

BUSINESS SESSION VI

3.20 PM - DIGITAL PRODUCT PASSPORT By : Dr. Binaykumar Choudhury, Regional Technical Lead, Asia Pacific, Control Union

3:35 PM - SUSTAINABLE COTTON IN INDIA

- Shri Akhil Kakkirala, Kaveri Group
- Shri Sumit Chaudhari, Amit Cotton Group

3.50 PM - INTERACTIVE SESSION

4.05 PM - RESOLUTIONS AND SUMMING UP

4.20 PM - CONCLUSION AND VOTE OF THANKS - Shri Chetan H. Joshi, Joint Secretary, ICF; Partner, Shree Enterprises

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