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## ICA President Visits CAI

A delegation from the International Cotton Association Ltd. (ICA), Liverpool, headed by its President, Mr. Alex Hsu was in India and visited the Cotton Association of India (CAI) on 3rd May 2022. The delegation met the CAI team led by its President, Mr. Atul S. Ganatra and interacted on various cotton related matters of interest to both the CAI and ICA including the proposal to organise ICA training programmes in India, ICA Bremen certification of a few CAI laboratories and their recognition by ICA, proposal to organise ICA event in India, adoption of ICA Bylaws for amending the CAI By-laws relating to international trade, etc.

Earlier on 2nd May 2022, the CAI President hosted a dinner at Rendezvous, Hotel Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai in honour of the ICA President

and visiting delegates where the delegation met Government officials, prominent members of the cotton value chain in India, the Board of Directors and the members of various committees of the CAI. An MOU has been signed between the ICA, which is the world's leading arbitral body on cotton and world-over, majority of cotton trading is done as per the ICA Bylaws, and the CAI, a 100-year-old apex cotton body in India. The MOU included the following areas of cooperation between the two leading cotton bodies:-

- Organising yearly meetings to discuss issues of mutual interest and further ways to increase cooperation.
- Visit of delegation and organising training programmes in India.





- Information Exchange and Dissemination
- Liaison with the Government
- Addressing quality related issues faced by each other's members

The ICA delegation accompanied by the members of the CAI Core Group also met the Textile Commissioner of India, Mrs. Roop Rashi (IAS), Mr. Pradeep Kumar Agarwal, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) and the members of their respective teams to exchange views on various cotton related matters. A lunch was also hosted by the Textile Commissioner of India for the ICA delegates.

The ICA delegation including President, Mr. Alex Hsu, ICA Managing Director, Mr. Bill Kingdon, their immediate Past President, Mr. Azeez Syed and

Director, Mr. Mohit Shah also met Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) President, Mr. T. Rajkumar, Northern India Textile Mills Association (NITMA) President, Mr. Sanjay Garg and also members from Multinational Cotton Companies based in India, which are members of the ICA.

Before concluding their India visit, the delegation also visited the Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology (CIRCOT), a leading research institution on cotton in India.



# Glimpses of Dinner Hosted by CAI for ICA Delegates





## Initiatives Taken by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) As Part of Its 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' in Different Parts of the Country

Shri Pradeep Kumar Agarwal, Chairman cum Managing Director of the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), has nearly three decades of experience in the cotton sector. He has an excellent academic record, B.Com. (Gold Medalist) followed by M.Com. from Lucknow University. He also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law (L.L.B) and is Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA). Before joining CCI, he worked with UP Samaj Kalyan Nirman Nigam, a U.P. Government undertaking for seven years. After joining CCI in 1994, he worked in various departments i.e. Finance, Purchase and Sales, Exports, Logistics, Planning,

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**Shri. Pradeep Kumar Agarwal**  
Chairman-cum-Managing Director,  
The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI)

Legal and Human Resources. He was selected by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) as Director (Finance) of CCI in 2012. He also served as Director (Marketing) of CCI for a long time. Now, he has been appointed as the Chairman cum Managing Director of CCI. Working in various capacities in CCI, he has always used a professional approach and played a vital role in formulating marketing and financial strategies of CCI and effective implementation of the same. His leadership abilities have been in leading the core team of CCI for upliftment of cotton farmers and growth of the textile sector.

Cotton is one of the most important commercial crops cultivated in India. It is not just a commodity for India, rather it is an ingredient of our tradition and has been an integral part of India since ancient times. Therefore, cotton had also been a medium in the fight for India's independence and self-reliance.

Like the history of the freedom movement, the journey of 50 years of CCI is a reflection of its hard work and dedication which have proved its strength as a friend to the cotton farmer and a dependable cotton supplier in the country.

After partition i.e. 1947, there was a setback to cotton production in India, when large irrigated cotton areas of Punjab went to Pakistan, whereas the mills remained in India. This affected the textile production capacity in our country. To overcome this situation, the Cotton Corporation of India Limited (CCI) came into existence on 31st July 1970 under the administrative control of Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, as an agency for import of cotton for onward supply of the same to domestic mills. Thereafter, under the National Textile Policy 1985, CCI was assigned the important function of undertaking Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations of cotton to

protect the cotton farmers from distress sales in the event market prices of seed cotton fell below the MSP level.

During the last two pandemic years i.e. in 2019-20 and 2020-21, when the market had nosedived and there were no takers for cotton, CCI came to rescue farmers and performed the sovereign function of the Government by procuring 225 lakh bales under MSP and safeguarded around 45 lakh cotton farmers from distress sales by disbursement of Rs. 62500 crore through DBT directly into their bank account. The above procurement of cotton under MSP operations was the highest ever procurement of cotton handled by any organisation in the world.

Procurement under MSP operations also ensured supply of good quality cotton to the textile industry at most competitive sale terms and rates through daily e-auction by CCI. The entire cotton stock procured under MSP operations is sold through independent e-auction Government Portal. It not only keep confidentiality of e-auction process but bidding is made on real-time basis, which helps in making price discovery based on the demand and supply forces. CCI gives preference to the domestic textile mills including

MSME mills by keeping their sales terms more attractive in comparison to other buyers. CCI has also introduced lock-in period facility for mill buyers to ensure consistent supply of cotton to them.

With the continuous support by CCI through MSP operations, the economic conditions of cotton farmers has improved gradually and India has become Atmanirbhar in cotton as a net cotton surplus country where production is more than consumption.

Inspired by the vision of the Honourable Prime Minister of India, the cotton and textile industry is supporting 'Ease of Living' and 'Ease of Doing Business' and contributing towards economic growth of the nation while celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

CCI as a Miniratna PSU under the Ministry of Textiles, has also undertaken various activities under its 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' initiative in different parts of the country through its branch offices in all the cotton growing states. CCI is conducting a variety of programmes with great zeal and enthusiasm, while also maintaining COVID-19 guidelines. Here are some of the initiatives taken by CCI:

### i). Participation In Cleanliness Drive Three Hours Every Week:

❖ CCI is actively participating in Swachhata Abhiyan and necessary instructions have been issued to Corporate Office and Branches of CCI for conducting cleanliness drive for three hours every week.

❖ To ensure strict compliance, a weekly meeting is conducted for reviewing the cleanliness



CCI says no to child labour



Awards for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

aspects and wherever required immediate corrective action is being taken on a priority basis. Thus, besides maintaining the cleanliness of all the office premises and surroundings, CCI has disposed-off all un-used/un-serviceable material, scrap etc, weeded out all old records and repaired/replaced of old furniture as per the laid down guidelines.

❖ All CCTV camera/ fire extinguishers and fire equipment/ water purifiers are being properly maintained.

❖ To promote paperless working, E-office has been implemented and digitalisation of all the files is in progress.

### ii). Promoting Natural Fibre Products and Handicrafts:

CCI is promoting cotton craft work of Mahatma Gandhi sculptures made entirely of cotton by an eminent cotton sculptor in Nashik, Maharashtra, who holds a Guinness World Record for his cotton art. CCI is using these



Cotton bales CCI



Cotton sculpture

cotton sculptures for displaying at its events and for gifting as souvenirs for visiting dignitaries and guests. In order to support local textile and handcraft businesses, CCI has requested all its esteemed buyers, employees and other stakeholders under the jurisdiction of its branches as well as corporate office to purchase of gift articles through weavers, artisans, local and small businesses, under 'Vocal for Local' campaign to make India 'Aatma Nirbhar' self-reliant. These efforts are being made to strengthen and preserve the indigenous crafts of India on the one hand and to promote environment friendly products in the country, on the other.



Quality checking during purchase from farmers

### iii) Supporting Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC):

KVIC is the only statutory entity established by an act of Parliament having the right to manufacture Indian National Flags. In order to ensure the competitiveness of KVIC units, CCI is offering its cotton stock through daily e-auction at better sales terms in comparison to other mills. As KVIC units are covering their 100% requirement of raw cotton only from CCI, our national flag is being made out of cotton being supplied by CCI. This indeed epitomises CCI's patriotic fervour.

### iv). Contribution For Humanity During Covid-19 Pandemic:

Hospitals, among other emergency services, are on the frontline in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. However, since the start of the pandemic, hospital facilities have experienced tremendous strain brought by the demand exceeding their capacity, forcing them to make hard choices between those who can and cannot receive treatments. The massive rise in infections in the second wave of the pandemic in the state of Maharashtra had led to the hospitals reeling under a shortage of medical oxygen and beds. In such a difficult situation, to support the efforts of Government of India to provide adequate and appropriate hospitalisation services, CCI also helped by providing 1.20 lakh sq. ft. area of its warehousing complex located in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra to the State Government for setting up a dedicated 1000 beds COVID Care Health Centre.

*(The views expressed in this column are of the author and not that of Cotton Association of India)*



Covid Centre-CCI Branch Kalamboli

UPCOUNTRY SPOT RATES													
								(Rs./Qtl)					
Standard Descriptions with Basic Grade & Staple in Millimetres based on Upper Half Mean Length [ By law 66 (A) (a) (4) ]								Spot Rate (Upcountry) 2021-22 Crop May 2022					
Sr. No.	Growth	Grade Standard	Grade	Staple	Micronaire	Gravimetric Trash	Strength /GPT	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
1	P/H/R	ICS-101	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	4%	15	18250 (64900)	18250 (64900)	18250 (64900)	18250 (64900)	18531 (65900)	18531 (65900)
2	P/H/R (SG)	ICS-201	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	4.5%	15	18447 (65600)	18447 (65600)	18447 (65600)	18447 (65600)	18728 (66600)	18728 (66600)
3	GUJ	ICS-102	Fine	22mm	4.0 – 6.0	13%	20	14341 (51000)	14257 (50700)	14257 (50700)	14341 (51000)	14482 (51500)	14482 (51500)
4	KAR	ICS-103	Fine	23mm	4.0 – 5.5	4.5%	21	17153 (61000)	17153 (61000)	17238 (61300)	17322 (61600)	17378 (61800)	17434 (62000)
5	M/M (P)	ICS-104	Fine	23mm	4.5 – 7.0	4%	22	22496 (80000)	22355 (79500)	22355 (79500)	22355 (79500)	22355 (79500)	22355 (79500)
6	P/H/R(U) (SG)	ICS-202	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	4.5%	26	25589 (91000)	25730 (91500)	25786 (91700)	26011 (92500)	25673 (91300)	25673 (91300)
7	M/M(P)/SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	26mm	3.0 – 3.4	4%	25	21371 (76000)	21512 (76500)	21652 (77000)	21737 (77300)	21652 (77000)	21737 (77300)
8	P/H/R(U)	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	4%	26	25870 (92000)	26011 (92500)	26067 (92700)	26292 (93500)	25955 (92300)	25955 (92300)
9	M/M(P)/SA/TL/G	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.0 – 3.4	4%	25	21934 (78000)	22074 (78500)	22215 (79000)	22299 (79300)	22215 (79000)	22299 (79300)
10	M/M(P)/SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	3.5%	26	23340 (83000)	23340 (83000)	23340 (83000)	23340 (83000)	23340 (83000)	23340 (83000)
11	P/H/R(U)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	4%	27	26601 (94600)	26686 (94900)	26686 (94900)	26826 (95400)	26489 (94200)	26489 (94200)
12	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	27	26292 (93500)	26433 (94000)	26573 (94500)	26855 (95500)	26630 (94700)	26630 (94700)
13	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	27	26348 (93700)	26489 (94200)	26630 (94700)	26911 (95700)	26686 (94900)	26686 (94900)
14	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	27	26292 (93500)	26433 (94000)	26517 (94300)	26714 (95000)	26573 (94500)	26573 (94500)
15	R(L)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	28	25730 (91500)	25814 (91800)	25955 (92300)	26152 (93000)	26011 (92500)	26011 (92500)
16	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	28	27136 (96500)	27276 (97000)	27417 (97500)	27698 (98500)	27473 (97700)	27473 (97700)
17	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	28	27192 (96700)	27333 (97200)	27473 (97700)	27754 (98700)	27529 (97900)	27529 (97900)
18	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	28	26855 (95500)	26995 (96000)	27079 (96300)	27276 (97000)	27136 (96500)	27136 (96500)
19	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	29	27839 (99000)	27839 (99000)	27979 (99500)	28148 (100100)	27867 (99100)	27867 (99100)
20	SA/TL/K/O	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	29	27979 (99500)	27979 (99500)	28120 (100000)	28289 (100600)	28007 (99600)	28007 (99600)
21	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	30	28401 (101000)	28401 (101000)	28542 (101500)	28682 (102000)	28542 (101500)	28542 (101500)
22	SA/TL/K/TN/O	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	30	28542 (101500)	28542 (101500)	28682 (102000)	28823 (102500)	28682 (102000)	28682 (102000)
23	SA/TL/K/TN/O	ICS-106	Fine	32mm	3.5 – 4.2	3%	31	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)
24	M/M(P)	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	2.8 - 3.7	4%	33	30369 (108000)	30369 (108000)	30510 (108500)	30651 (109000)	30651 (109000)	30651 (109000)
25	K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	2.8 - 3.7	3.5%	34	31494 (112000)	31494 (112000)	31635 (112500)	31775 (113000)	31775 (113000)	31775 (113000)
26	M/M(P)	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	4%	35	31775 (113000)	31775 (113000)	31916 (113500)	31916 (113500)	31916 (113500)	31916 (113500)
27	K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	3.5%	35	32760 (116500)	32760 (116500)	32900 (117000)	32900 (117000)	32900 (117000)	32900 (117000)

(Note: Figures in bracket indicate prices in Rs./Candy)