

India Emerges as a Global Leader in Textiles and Fashion, Says Minister

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India is swiftly positioning itself as a global leader in textiles and fashion, according to Pabitra Margherita, the Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles. Speaking at the inauguration of newly-constructed academic buildings at the National Institute of Fashion Technology. Thus the minister highlighted the nation's transformative journey in the fashion industry.

Transforming Fashion: From Commercial Success to Conscious Creation

Minister Margherita emphasized that the global fashion landscape is undergoing a significant shift—from commercial success to conscious creation. This transformation is characterized by a growing emphasis on sustainability, ethical fashion, and slow design. There is a renewed pride in rediscovering India's rich textile heritage, encompassing practices such as natural dyeing, hand weaving, recycling, and zero-waste tailoring. The fusion of traditional skills with global sensibilities is propelling Indian design to the forefront of the international fashion scene.

Strategic Initiatives Driving Growth

The Indian government's commitment to the textile and fashion sectors is evident through several landmark initiatives:

- **PM MITRA Parks:** These parks aim to establish world-class infrastructure and promote integrated textile manufacturing clusters.
- **National Technical Textiles Mission:** This mission focuses on advancing research and development in technical textiles, catering to diverse sectors such as healthcare, defense, and automotive.
- **Sustainability and Innovation:** The government is prioritizing sustainable practices and innovative technologies to enhance the global competitiveness of India's textile industry.

Overall initiatives are designed to strengthen domestic manufacturing capabilities, and position India as a reliable sourcing destination.

NIFT's Role in Shaping Future Leaders

The inauguration at NIFT Mumbai also celebrated the institution's relentless pursuit of superior infrastructure and advanced learning spaces. Therefore newly-constructed academic buildings reflect NIFT's commitment to elevating its stature as a premier fashion institute in India. Finally the event included the unveiling of a commemorative plaque for the new academic block. Along with demonstrations of technical textiles, showcasing the institution's focus on innovation

and creativity.

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