

Speech by Ambassador Nagma M. Mallick at the inauguration of India
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Association,
Representatives from Apparel Export Promotion Council, and other export
associations from India,
Distinguished guests,

I am very happy to be present today at the 17th edition of India Trend Fair in Tokyo. It is heartening that over 85 exporters from across India are showcasing of India's apparel designs and styles in the besides the latest fashion trends in a wide range of garments in cotton and other textiles. Over the next 3 days, they will display the rich and diverse tapestry of our nation's textile master pieces.

Our prowess in textiles is only **one barometer** for what India is today- a country that has consistently outpaced the global GDP growth rate and is poised to become the third largest economy within the next few years. Today's India presents a big opportunity – the world's 4th largest economy with the largest working-age population. **India's textile industry is a cornerstone of our economy and is globally recognized for its high-quality, cost-effective apparel and accessories.**

I hope that India's textiles and garment makers will continue to tailor their products to satisfy the sophisticated Japanese market which is the world's third largest importer of ready-made garments. I also hope that Japanese investors will take advantage of the investment opportunities that the Indian apparel industry offers with the huge support of the Government of India in the form of new

investment and manufacturing promotion schemes like **Production-Linked Incentive Scheme** and other such schemes.

I would also like to take this opportunity to mention that the Government of India will host the **3rd edition of Bharat Tex 2026, a major textile expo, from the**

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14th to 17th July, 2026 in India, which aims to attract global buyers and promote Indian textiles across various sectors. Inspired by the **5F vision (Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign)** set by our **Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Bharat Tex 2026** will showcase the entire textile value chain. I am happy that many buyers from Japan are expected to visit Bharat Tex 2026.

I wish all Indian exhibitors here much success at the India Trend Fair 2026.
