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COTTON  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

# **81<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting**

**Cotton Value Chain:  
Local Innovations for Global Prosperity**



**2<sup>nd</sup> December - 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023  
Mumbai, India**



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# WELCOME MESSAGE



On behalf of the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, I have great pleasure in inviting all the distinguished delegates to the 81<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) to be held in India at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai during 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

For us, Cotton has been the bedrock of our civilization spanning over thousands of years. The Cotton Textile Industry has been a key economic driver for growth. Our strong raw material base created by our producers at the farm and value addition thereafter has put us in a distinctly favourable space in the world Cotton arena. The Theme of the Plenary, “Cotton Value Chain : Local innovations for Global Prosperity” aims to serve as a platform for sharing experiences of innovations from across the globe that have made a tangible impact on the entire value chain.

As all of us are aware, the cotton value chain is a critical component of the global economy, impacting millions of livelihoods and shaping the fashion and textile industries. Recognizing the need for sustainability and environmental consciousness, cotton sector has embraced groundbreaking innovations, orchestrated locally, that have far-reaching implications on a global scale. We look forward to leveraging knowledge tools to augment value across the value chain in a sustainable manner—both for the enterprise and mother earth.

I extend a cordial welcome to all delegates from cotton-growing countries across the world, representatives of the governments, farming community and leaders from industry, trade and research for this Plenary Meeting.



*Rachna*

(Rachna Shah)  
Secretary (Textiles)  
Ministry of Textiles,  
Government of India.



On behalf of the organising committee, constituted for holding of 81<sup>st</sup> Plenary session of International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), I invite all of you from 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023 to 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, India. Ministry of Textiles, Govt is hosting this event in association with our Industry. A Public sector Miniratna company, which is a "Friend to Cotton Farmers and Dependable Quality Cotton Supplier to the Textile Industry, the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd (CCI) along with the private sector industry body - the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) serving the Indian Textile Value Chain since 1958-join efforts with the Apex trade association of Cotton - the Cotton Association of India (CAI) to make this a memorable congregation of knowledge sources, technology and approaches to contribute to this domain. The theme of this Plenary Meeting is focused on leveraging "Cotton Value Chain: Local Innovations for Global prosperity".

The event is being inaugurated by Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India.

As all of us are aware, ICAC is the inter-governmental body covering cotton that is recognized by the United Nations. The Plenary Meeting of the ICAC provides a forum for discussions on international issues of importance to the World Cotton industry, and provides an opportunity for the industry and the government leaders from cotton producing, consuming and trading countries/bodies to deliberate on matters of mutual concerns. We look forward to the deliberations enabling us all to convert the challenges into opportunities.

Cotton is a very versatile fibre with multiple applications and end usages in the manufacturing of various types of Textiles including Technical Textiles, Clothing and other non-textile products. The processing of cotton fibre unlocks value to its stakeholders through innovations and scientific interventions contributing to the Five F (Farm to Fibre, Factory, Fashion, Foreign) Mantra of our Hon'ble Prime Minister to bring strengths for all along the value chain.

Together, we join knowledge resources to contribute distinctly and substantially to the promotion of cotton economy in the coming years, strengthening farm end and enabling enhanced value from final goods.



(Roop Rashi)  
Textile Commissioner & Chairperson,  
Organizing Committee



# AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

(2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023 to 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai)



## Inauguration

Inaugural address by **Shri Piyush Goyal**, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India at **2:00 p.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023**

## Transaction of Business (2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023)

### Topics covered in Open Sessions:

1. Technologies to increase productivity
2. Reports from the ICAC secretariat
3. Private sector guidelines for policy making on traceability
4. Global efforts in branding sustainability and quality assurance
5. Strategic discussion of government members
6. Climate-smart innovations as game changers for cotton production
7. World Café "Technological Innovations for Global Collaborations"
8. Industry 4.0 for textiles: smart manufacturing in textiles
9. Genetics, Diversity to enhance cotton productivity
10. Advances in textile technologies

### Topics covered in Breakout Sessions:

1. Gearing towards sustainable farming
2. Challenges with price risk management in Cotton
3. Combating pest management challenges
4. Perspectives in value addition
5. Sustainability in small farms: can farmer producer organizations lead the way?
6. International organizations, initiatives and projects concerning cotton
7. Investments and advances in the Cotton value chain
8. Role & empowerment of women in Cotton economy
9. Managing certification and assurance costs for textile value chain.

Detailed agenda for the meeting at <https://www.icac.org>



New Parliament House, New Delhi

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Site of the Meeting

- The 81<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting of the ICAC will be held at Jio World Convention Centre, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai 400 098, Maharashtra, India from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.
- All the sessions and meetings will be held at the same venue.
- The venue is a short drive from both the International and Domestic Airports.
- The climate in December will be moderate with day and night temperatures ranging between 32°C to 19°C.
- To find out site of the meeting, please visit :  
<https://www.jioworldcentre.com/jio-world-convention-centre#getting-here>

## Accommodation:

**01 Trident, Bandra Kurla, Mumbai** - Vicinity of Jio World Convention Centre, the venue of the Plenary Meeting. Rooms have been blocked for the ICAC delegates/participants at the Trident, Bandra Kurla, Mumbai.

- Distance from **International Airport**: ≈11 km /≈30 minutes
- Distance from **Domestic Airport**: ≈8 km /≈20 minutes
- Distance from **Venue of the Plenary Meeting**: ≈110 meters / ≈5 Minutes
- To book at the special rates offered to ICAC delegates/participants, please visit ICAC (<https://www.icac.org>)



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[www.tridenthotels.com](http://www.tridenthotels.com)

Reservation link of hotel through ICAC (<https://www.icac.org>):

<https://www.tridenthotels.com/alliances/cotton-advisory-council-meeting>

### Deluxe Room:

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### Trident Preferred Room:

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Link for hotel virtual tour:

<http://trident.photowebasia.com/bandra-kurla/index.html>




Gateway of India, Mumbai

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**The LaLiT Sahar, Mumbai** - Rooms have been blocked for the ICAC delegates/participants at the The LaLiT Sahar, Mumbai, near the International Airport.

- Distance from **International Airport**: ≈1 km / ≈5 minutes
- Distance from **Domestic Airport**: ≈5 km / ≈25 minutes
- Distance from **Venue of the Plenary Meeting**: ≈11 km / ≈35 Minutes
- To book at the special rates offered to ICAC delegates/participants, please visit ICAC (<https://www.icac.org>)

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Overseas Participants/Observers are required to register online at [www.icac.org](http://www.icac.org) by paying Registration fee of US \$850.
- Indian Participants/Observers are required to register online at <https://icac.cotcorp.org.in/PlenaryRegistration.aspx> by paying Registration fee of (₹ 50,000 + 18% GST) i.e. ₹59,000/-

### Visas:

- Participants are requested to make their own arrangements with regard to valid travel documents, such as passport and visa.
- Please visit website of Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division), Government of India (<https://conference.mha.gov.in>) regarding your visa requirement.
- Indian embassies and consulates have been notified of the event for expediting visa procedures.

### Currency Exchange:

- The Country's currency is Indian Rupees INR (₹).
- You may exchange foreign currency at Airport, any banks and other authorized agencies.

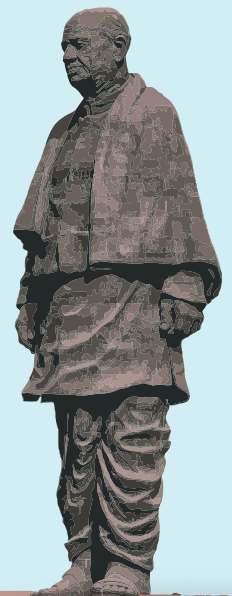
## POST CONFERENCE TECHNICAL TOUR

(Giving Overview of India's Cotton and Textile Industries)

- **Price:** US \$550 per person, **Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023.  
**Place:** in and around Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India (Distance from Mumbai ≈525 Km, Flying time: ≈1Hour)
- Post-conference technical tour is optional and this trip will accommodate forty (40) participants maximum on first come first serve basis.
- The cost is to be borne by each participant and isn't included in the Plenary Meeting registration fees.
- To confirm participation and registration for post-conference technical tour, please send an email to the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. at [skpanigrahi@cotcorp.com](mailto:skpanigrahi@cotcorp.com)
- Details of post-conference technical tour is available at <http://www.icac.org>



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