



# COTTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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## PRESS RELEASE

### ICA PRESIDENT VISITS CAI

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A delegation from the International Cotton Association Ltd. (ICA), Liverpool headed by its President, Ms. Kimberlie Hanna is in India and visited the Cotton Association of India (CAI) on 16th September 2024. 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, increasing member base of ICA in India, etc.

The ICA delegation accompanied by the CAI President Mr. Atul S. Ganatra and Additional Vice President Mr. Vinay N. Kotak also met the Cotton Corporation of India CMD Mr. Lalit Kumar Gupta and other members of the CCI team as also a few leading Indian textile mills.

In the evening on 16th September 2024, the CAI President hosted a Welcome Cocktails and Dinner at C.K. Nayudu Hall, Cricket Club of India, 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 103-year old apex cotton body in India covering areas of mutual cooperation between the two leading cotton bodies and to combine their efforts for promoting fair business practices and contract sanctity in cotton.

The ICA delegation which includes their President, Ms. Kimberlie Hanna, ICA Managing Director, Mr. Bill Kingdon and Director, Mr. Jagan Gopinath will also meet a few prominent textile mills in Coimbatore and Chandigarh before concluding its India visit.

Mumbai

Atul S. Ganatra

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

President