

DoNER's textile testing lab in Guwahati becomes first such NABL-accredited facility in North East

GUWAHATI, SEPT. 01—

A textile testing laboratory in Guwahati, under the ministry of DoNER, has become the first such in the northeast to be NABL-accredited, a statement said on Saturday.

The laboratory of the North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation (NEHDC) has achieved the distinction, a statement said.

"Previously, weavers and producers had to send their products to Kolkata for testing due to the lack of such a facility in the region. The establishment of this state-of-the-art testing lab in Guwahati, Assam marks a significant change, offering local weavers and manufacturers immediate access to high-quality testing services," it said.

Accreditation provides a ready means for customers to find reliable testing, it said. It also enhances customer confidence in accepting testing/calibration reports issued by accredited laboratories, the statement added. (PTI)

House of Sause debuts First 3D Fashion Platform

CHENNAI, SEPT. 01—

House of Sause, an innovative and premium streetwear brand originating from Tamil Nadu, officially launched its cutting-edge 3D website in Singapore. This milestone event marks a significant leap forward in the fashion industry, combining physical and digital experiences to create a unique 'phygital' shopping journey for customers. The launch was inaugurated by renowned actor Jiiva.

House of Sause, founded

by 25-year-old Akhilesh Ashok from Salem, Tamil Nadu, a Loyola College graduate, has rapidly gained attention for its trendsetting designs and fresh approach to streetwear. The brand made its global debut in Lombardy, Milan, Italy, on August 31, 2022, where Akhilesh introduced his brand through a dynamic street fashion show.

Sause currently has 8 designs in different styles and has sold more than 3000 pieces

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Winners of ITMF Awards 2024 announced

MUMBAI, SEPT. 01—

The ITMF Awards 2024 are presented in two categories:

- * ITMF Sustainability & Innovation Award
- * ITMF International Collaboration Award

The winners will present their projects at the upcoming ITMF & IAF Conference 2024 which will be held from 8-10 September 2024 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan and will be co-hosted by the Uzbek Textile & Apparel Industry Association (UZTS).

The objective of the ITMF Sustainability & Innovation Award is to recognize sustainable and innovative achievements in the textile industry with focus on innovation, design, development, and production under the strictest standards of sustainability and respect for the environment.

The winners of the ITMF Innovation & Sustainability Award 2024 are (in alphabetical order):

- * GuoWang High-Technique Fiber Company (China): Low-carbon & sustainable innovation in PET fibre industry
- * HeiQ AeonIQ Holding AG (Switzerland): Hyperscaling HeiQ AeonIQ
- * Samsara Eco (Australia): Infinite plastic recycling: a solution for end-of-life textiles

The objective of the ITMF International Cooperation Award is to recognize progress in international collaboration in the textile industry according to the values of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The winners of the ITMF International Cooperation Award 2024 are (in alphabetical order):

- * DITF (Germany): www.ditf.de and RBX Creations (France): Next generation cellulosic filaments from hemp
- * HKRITA (Hong Kong, China): Open lab

ZDHC launches emissions guidelines for textile and apparel industries

MUMBAI, SEPT. 01—

ZDHC has announced the publication of the ZDHC Air Emissions Guidelines V1.0

The ZDHC Air Emissions Guidelines V1.0 follows on from the Air Emissions Position Paper that was published in 2019.

Setting performance criteria for air emissions for manufacturing facilities in the textile and apparel industries, supporting to drive continuous improvement.

This first version concentrates on sensitising the industry, allowing suppliers to establish their baselines and understand the air emission requirements rather than testing.

Future versions will build on this, with the addition of testing.

The focus is on input formulations with VOC content and not on greenhouse gases (GHG) because many others in the industry are already setting requirements for this area. We expect facilities to already be actioning these requirements and reporting their data on them.

A conscious decision has been made not to duplicate efforts within the industry but to align with them. ZDHC's philosophy is to work on input chemistry with the aim of managing output. Therefore our focus within this guidelines is on input chemistry management leading to cleaner output (air

pollution).

The step-by-step approach to developing these guidelines leads us to focus on input formulations with VOC content as a first step.

In V1.0 our focus is not on greenhouse gases (GHG) due to the fact that there are many others in the industry already setting requirements for this area. We expect facilities to already be actioning these requirements, and reporting their data on these.

Objective

The aim of this document is:

* To support suppliers to gain data to understand their current performance level.

* To guide them in establishing and implementing effective VOC emissions practices to progress from Foundational up to Aspirational Level.

Expectations

Brands are expected to share these guidelines with their supply chain, requesting their suppliers to discover their baseline and monitor their VOCs and GHGs.

Suppliers are expected to read and understand the guidelines. Then calculate their baseline and continually monitor their air emission discharges, recording the data onto the ZDHC platform.

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