

Welcome to the ITMF newsletter, where we begin with remembering a proud moment as Mr. B. K. Patodia received the ITMF Award last month, in recognition of his extraordinary services as ITMF Board Member and contribution to the global cotton and textile industry at large. Our recent trip to India was equally remarkable with a visit to Reliance in Navi Mumbai and a series of insightful panel discussions on “Future Factories” and “Mega Trends Reshaping the Textile Industry” at Bharat-Tex 2025.

In addition, our ongoing activities are paving the way for a future defined by technology and collaboration. Read about the ITMF & ITA webinar series on AI Applications in the Textile Industry, the ITMF Awards 2025 (deadline for application on April 30th) and the upcoming ITMF & IAF Conference 2025, scheduled for October 24/25 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.



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ITMF NEWS

Mr. B. K. Patodia receives ITMF Award



On his trip to Bharat-Tex 2025 in India, ITMF Director General, Mr. Christian Schindler, handed over the ITMF Award to Mr. B. K. Patodia, Chairman of GTN Textiles, in recognition of his outstanding services to ITMF as a member of the ITMF Advisory Board.

The handover of the ITMF Award should have taken place several years back but was delayed due to Mr. Patodia’s reduced ability to travel internationally and the pandemic. It was a great pleasure that Mr. Patodia received the ITMF Award in Mumbai in the presence of his dear colleagues and friends (photo from left to right), Mr. Bharat Desai, Mr. Prem Malik, and Mr. Suresh Kotak, all of which have been and are supporters of ITMF for decades.

Please see **full article** by Mr. Christian Schindler, **about Mr. B. K. Patodia**, Chairman of GTN Textiles, in recognition of his services for ITMF as well as the cotton and textile industry at large by clicking [here](#).