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India Establishes New Centers of Excellence for Technical Textiles

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On March 25, the Indian government officially announced the creation of four new Centers of Excellence in technical textiles as part of its recently announced Technology Mission on Technical Textiles. Total investment will be about \$22 million over the course of three years.

According to Anil Joshi, India's textile commissioner, the Project Advisory Committee (under the chairpersonship of India's Textile Secretary) met on March 18 and selected the four new centers. Phase I money will be released as soon as possible once the designated centers establish suitable launch vehicles to execute the program.

The four focus areas are nonwovens, sportech, indutech and composites. The funding will be for a period of three years from 2010 till 2013. Each center will receive \$5.44 million, which will be used for infrastructure and personnel support. The majority of the funding support will go towards capital equipment.

Ichalkaranji-based DKTE Textile & Engineering Institute will establish the center for nonwovens. Professor Kadole, project coordinator for the center, expressed his gratitude to the government for establishing the first one-stop research and development (R&D) center for nonwoven technology in India.

Texas Tech University is collaborating with this institute to establish the center of excellence in nonwovens. Kadole said the institute will provide \$1.44 million towards establishing the center.

Guru Gobind Singhji Institute of Engineering and Technology, Nanded and Garware Wall Ropes, Ltd. Pune will establish the center for sportech. Coimbatore-based PSG College of Technology will create center for industrial textiles. Ahmedabad Textile Industry's Research Association will focus on composites.

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