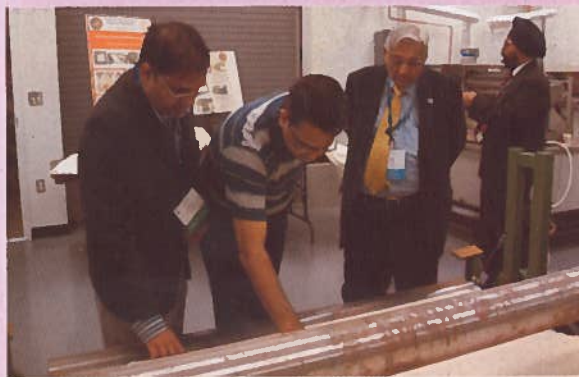


Big Wigs at Texas Tech's Nonwovens Lab

During the week of September 20-24, the Nonwovens & Advanced Materials Laboratory at TIEHH, Texas Tech University, USA hosted a number of industry leaders from India, Pakistan, Australia and USA to discuss research collaborations and showcase the nonwovens and advanced materials laboratory capabilities. Dr Seshadri Ramkumar, Associate Professor and Manager of the nonwovens laboratory hosted the international visitors.

Dignitaries included, Mr V Srinivas, joint secretary and Mr A B Joshi, textile commissioner,



Mr V Srinivas, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, India and Mr Suresh Kotak, Chairman of the Indian Society for Cotton Improvement visiting the nonwovens laboratory.

Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Dr K C Jain, assistant director general of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research, Mr Dhiren Sheth, president of the Cotton Association of India and Mr Nayan Mirani, vice-president of the Cotton Association of India, Mr Subhash Grover, chairman and managing director of Cotton Corporation of India, Mr Suresh Kotak, chairman of the Indian Society for Cotton Improvement and chairman of Kotak & Company, Ltd, India, Mr Sunil Bajaj, executive director, Mr Luv Bajaj, business executive and Mr M K Sharma, president of Bajaj Steel Industries, Ltd, India (Ginning machinery maker), Mr Bharat Desai, Reliance Industries, Ltd, India, Dr Paul Sawhney, lead scientist, ARS-USDA, New Orleans, USA, Mr Muhammad Atif Dada, Dada Sons Pvt Ltd, and the chairman of Karachi Cotton Association, Pakistan, Alfred Deakin Professor Xungai Wang, director, Center for Material and Fiber Innovation, Deakin University, Australia and Dr Rangan Rajkhowa of Deakin University, Australia.

These dignitaries visited the nonwovens laboratory and interacted with students on research and product development.

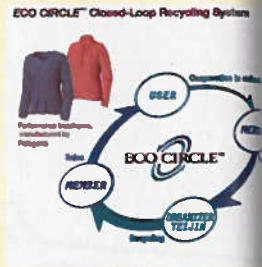
Clariant Shifts HQ to Singapore

Speciality chemical company Clariant has announced that its Textile Chemicals Business Unit (BU) will relocate its headquarters to Singapore. Clariant says, the move, which is due to be completed by mid 2011, places the Textile Chemicals BU management team at the heart of the world's main textile markets and closer to its global customers.

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Teijin's Eco Circle Bags Award

Polyester producer Teijin Fibers, has announced that its Eco Circle closed-loop recycling system for polyester received an ICIS Innovation Award 2010 in the 'Innovation with Best Environmental Benefits' category.



The award recognises Eco Circle as an innovative chemical-based recycling technology and Teijin's efforts to protect the environment through polyester recycling. Eco Circle is designed to help conserve oil resources and reduce environmental impact by repeatedly recycling polyester material. The system also said to lead to significantly reduced energy consumption and CO₂ emissions, as compared to conventional processes in which polyester is produced from petroleum and eventually disposed through incineration. Eco Circle was developed by Teijin Fibers in 1999 and then enhanced in 2002. Teijin's proprietary technology enables polyester to be chemically decomposed at the molecular level and then converted into new polyester raw material. Teijin says the purity and quality of the recycled material is both comparable to polyester derived directly from petroleum.

The Eco Circle system includes developing and manufacturing recyclable polyester products and then collecting the products at the end of their useful lives to recycle them once again. The system now encompasses a global network of more than 130 companies, including apparel and sportswear and uniform manufacturers, all of whom share a common commitment to environmental responsibility through recycling.