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Texas Tech researcher to receive honorary fellowship from The Textile Association

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A Texas Tech University fabric researcher will receive an honorary fellowship from the world's largest textile and fiber association. Seshadri Ramkumar, manager of the Nonwovens and Advanced Materials Laboratory at The Institute of Environmental and Human Health, will be given the honorary fellowship in January 2011 by The Textile Association (India), with members topping 22,000. [MORE](#)



Global spunmelt capacity set to spike as manufacturers announce ambitious investment plans

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Five new spunmelt lines have been announced in recent weeks as manufacturers prepare to add tens of thousands of tons of capacity to the global nonwovens industry. Two of the lines are set for North America, one will be added in Peru and one will be added in Japan. The location of the fifth line has not yet been finalized. [MORE](#)

FitesaFiberweb to expand spunmelt capacity in Peru and US

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FitesaFiberweb announces two major new investments to serve the hygiene and the health care markets in the Americas. Two high-technology spunmelt lines are to be installed in the next three years, one at a new site in Lima, Peru and one planned for the U.S. In Peru, construction associated with the projects is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2011 and material is expected to be commercially available in early 2012. [MORE](#)

Freudenberg to add recycled spunlaid nonwovens capacity

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The spunlaid division of Freudenberg Nonwovens will recycle 12.4 million two-liter

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plastic bottles this year and is starting up an idled spunlaid line to deal with demand for its Lutradur ECO. This industrial backing is made from 100 percent post consumer recycled plastic and being produced in company facilities that recycle scrap through a closed-loop manufacturing process. [MORE](#)




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Amazon.com to acquire Diapers.com and Soap.com

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Amazon.com, Inc. announced that it has reached an agreement to acquire Quidsi, Inc., which operates Diapers.com, an online baby care specialty site, and Soap.com, an online site for everyday essentials. "Amazon is built on a culture of innovation and long-term vision. Quidsi is driven by these same core values, and we look forward to joining forces." [MORE](#)



Danosa reports booming geotextile and insulation exports

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Danosa, a leading Spanish producer of geotextiles, waterproofing and insulation materials, is rapidly expanding its foreign business with export sales up by 35 percent so far this year. The company, based in Fontanar, Guadalajara province, now has business in 65 countries, entering 25 foreign markets in the last five years. Danosa, which has subsidiaries in France and Portugal, also holds a 40 percent share of the Spanish market. [MORE](#)



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Government to start Rs 2 billion mission to promote technical textiles

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The Government of India is prepared to start the Rs 2 billion mission to promote technical textiles as the Ministry of Finance has already cleared the task of setting up four new research centers for the sector. These centers will focus on various products such as medical gloves, mosquito and fishing nets as well as shoe laces. [MORE](#)

Wipes: They're not just for babies anymore

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In this era of convenience, the ultimate convenience item is a wet wipe. They can be used to remove make-up, to clean the toilet, to wipe down the kitchen counter or to disinfect your hands. They are incredibly portable, and after you use them, into the garbage they go. No muss, no fuss. In the personal care arena, wipes can be used for almost anything. One of the first areas where this technology was exploited was in baby wipes, where gentle cleansing was the key. [MORE](#)

Mondi Coatings completes acquisition of Pleasant Prairie, Wis.,

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Mondi Coatings has completed the previously announced deal with Nitto Americas regarding the latter's facility, which will be named Mondi Pleasant Prairie, in Pleasant Prairie, Wis. The new facility strengthens Mondi's offering for specialized release liner in North America, says CEO Thomas K. Schabinger: "This investment benefits our customers as we significantly enhance our overall production portfolio and allows us to offer further print capabilities for hygiene and film." [MORE](#)

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