# TAI Honorary Fellowship for Texas Tech Researcher

***Dr Seshadri*** Ramkumar, manager of the Nonwovens and Advanced Materials Laboratory at The Institute of Environmental and Human Health (TIEHH), will be given the honorary fellowship on January 28th, 2011, by The Textile Association (India), with members topping 22,000.

"Fellowship recognition is of significant importance to academics and scientists," Ramkumar said. "The Textile Association's honorary fellowship is conferred only to very few with lifetime contributions. Only very senior distinguished scientists who are directors, senior professors and industry leaders have received this award, and I accept it with delight and humility."

The award will be given this January during the 66th annual conference of the society in Bangalore, India, said P R Roy, director of Fibre2Fashion and president emeritus of The Textile Association (India). Since 1946, 57 people have been honoured with the fellowship. The association was founded in 1939. "Our association is pleased to honour Dr Ramkumar with the highest research award for his research accomplishments in nonwovens and technical textiles and also his collaborative efforts with India in the textiles field," Roy said, also an honorary fellow of the association.

Dr Ramkumar specialises in technical textiles, and is best known for creating Fibertect®, a decontamination technology developed in 2005. With his team at The Institute of Environmental and Human Health at Texas Tech, Ramkumar leveraged the absorbent capabilities of cotton to create the Fibertect® wipe that can absorb and neutralise gases and liquids that might be used in chemical warfare.

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The process has received a patent and has been validated for use as a low-cost decontamination wipe for the US military. Also, the wipe's qualities were re-engineered to create a better absorbent material to pick up the "chocolate mousse" oil slicks inundating Gulf Coast beaches following the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

"I offer hearty congratulations to Dr Ramkumar for this accomplishment," said Provost Bob Smith. "This is outstanding news, and a very high-level honour and recognition for him, TIEHH and Texas Tech. It also serves as recognition of the high-caliber research we do at Texas Tech that will usher us to Tier One status."

# DyStar joins ATLAS for conference in Mumbai on Jan 21, 2011

***DyStar*** India in association with ASTM and ATLAS are jointly organising one-day Conference on "Textiles - Light and Weatherfastness" at Textiles Committee, Prabhadevi, Mumbai on 21st January 2011. Reputed speakers will present papers.

The events will provide a significant opportunity to learn about various aspects of these cutting edge issues as well as enable a unique information exchange. This conference will be the platform for knowledge and information exchange and not a product promotional event.

Speakers & Topics: Dr Andreas Giehl – DyStar Germany: Light & Wet Light Fastness (1)/Light fastness for Automotive Textiles (2); Dr Artur Schoenlein - Atlas MTT GmbH Germany: Performance Based Standards; Challenges and Opportunities, Adrian Meili – TESTEX AG Switzerland: Round Robin Tests – 10-years experience with Colour fastness to Light; Professor Josep Valldeperas – INTEXTER Spain: Concept and evolution of Light/Weather fastness testing procedures; Dr Wolfgang Schiller – President of German Fastness Committee DEK Germany: Colour fastness to Light: Rotating rack or flatbed apparatus; DEK round robin test; Dr Peter J Hauser - North Carolina State University USA: Cationic Cotton Dyeing and its effects in Light Fastness; Dr Martin J Bide – University of Rhode Island USA: Light fastness standards, testing and correlation; Dr Oliver Rahaeuser – Atlas MTT GmbH Germany: Reliable Light Fastness Testing; Instrument Validation and Implementation of Test Results; Rahul Bhajekar – Texanlab Laboratories India: Case Studies and experiences in Laboratory testing.

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