Report on participation in Technotex 2018 held at Bombay Exhibition Center on 28th to 29th June, 2018

Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India in association with FICCI organized a 2-day International Conference & Exhibition on Technical Textiles, Technotex 2018 at Bombay Exhibition Centre, Guregaon on 28th & 29th June’2018 and requested NJB to participate. Secretary NJB nominated Sri P.K.Choudhury- Principal Technologist of JGT Cell and Sri B.Narshimalu – MPO (Hyd) for the said event. NJB also booked one exhibition stall to display various important JGT and JAT exhibits. A slot for presentation on JGT was also allotted to NJB in the panel discussion of session - I on the first day under the theme “strengthening Infrastructure for New India”.

This year in Technotex 2018 total no of 168 stalls were booked by different countries and about 7000 visitors from 29 different countries attended the event. In the inaugural session Dr. Kavita Gupta- Textile Commissioner, Govt of India, in her inaugural address mentioned that Govt. is committed to give top priority and extend facility to the manufactures and end users or more and more usage of geotextiles. She informed the house that Govt. has made it mandatory to use geotextiles in road construction and railway track construction works.

The session - I of panel discussion was chaired by the Textile commissioner where total 6 experts delivered lectures on the topics related to infrastructure works. Sri P.K.Choudhery gave the speech on role of JGT and its effectiveness in infrastructure development. He mentioned about the increase in demand of JGT day by day in the areas like road construction, railway track construction, OB Dump stabilization in iron mines, stabilization of earthen and hill slopes. He also highlighted the availability of BIS standards and SoR on JGTs. Dr. Kavita Gupta in her concluding remarks appreciated for sharing the important information on JGT by Sri Choudhury and encouraged the audience to use JGT as it is an indigenous most viable technical textile during. During a meeting convened by the Director of Textile Commissioner Office for making policy matter the proposal of Sri Choudhury and supported by the Director of SASMIRA for usage of jute sapling bag and nonwoven jute cloths as agromulching was accepted by the Textile Commissioner which would be forwarded to Agriculture Ministry by the PM Office.

The exhibition stall of NJB was visited by more than 1000 visitors, among them about 90 visitors were found to be interested on use of jute bag in India and abroad. Delegates of China, Cambodia and Saudi Arabia were also interested on jute fibre and fabrics.

As the event was not primarily meant for geotechnical domain presence of civil engineers were not noticed. Queries of good number of visitors on availability of jute fibre manufacturing process of jute products were mostly addressed by Sri Norshimalu - MPO (Hyd).

Hence it appeared that in future participation in such event by the composite jute mills or IJMA / IJIRA would be more effective towards promotion of jute and jute products.
(1) Delegates of the Conference

(2) Delivering speech by P K Choudhury on JGT in the Conference

(3) Dignitaries at NJB Exhibition stall

(4) Interaction with CE of BRO

(5) Visitors at the NJB exhibition stall

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