

Industry leaders applaud state's textile ecosystem

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(L) Alla Ayodhya Rami Reddy and Ashwin Chandran

Lucknow: Industry leaders on Tuesday lauded Uttar Pradesh's emerging textile ecosystem, saying the state's infrastructure, policy support, workforce and growing industrial clusters could help it emerge as a major textile manufacturing hub.

Speaking at the UP Textile Conclave-2026, former MP and Ramky Group founder-chairperson Alla Ayodhya Rami Reddy and Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) vice-president Ashwin Chandran called for closer govt-industry collaboration to attract investments, build skills and take the state's textile sector to global markets.

Rami Reddy said the improved industrial environment in UP, marked by better infrastructure, security and administrative discipline, was strengthening investor confidence.

"Industrialists want to invest their money where they find security as well as a stable and reliable environment," he said, adding that the state's resources, large workforce and strong political leadership created significant opportunities for industrial expansion.

Reddy said UP could learn from the experience of states such as Tamil Nadu, which has developed a strong textile industry, while building a growth strategy suited to its own strengths. The development of textile centres and parks at four to five locations in and around

Lucknow and elsewhere in the state was an important beginning, he said.

He also pitched the "walk-to-work" concept, saying bringing large private-sector units to textile centres would benefit both industry and workers. Stable policies, infrastructure and competitively priced utilities would be critical to attracting large investments, he added.

Chandran said the Indian textile and apparel industry was entering a phase of major transformation as global buyers increasingly prioritised quality, technology, sustainability, productivity and timely delivery along with cost.

He said the industry aims to nearly double the domestic textile and apparel market from around 180 billion dollars currently to 350 billion over the next five years, while increasing exports from about 37 billion dollars to 100 billion dollars.

Chandran said UP's young workforce, MSME base, textile and apparel clusters and rich handloom and handicraft tradition give it an opportunity to expand in technical textiles, sustainable and recycled products and high-value home textiles.