

# Knit World 2009 - concluded with a high note

**K**nit World 2009, the 15th international knitwear exhibition was held from February 13-16 at Ludhiana, Punjab. Over the past 14 years, the Knit World exhibition has grown into stature to become one of the buyer-manufacturer friendly meets at a platform. This has been possible only due to a large participation from many key international companies offering the best and the latest of the technologies for the industry as a whole.

Approved by the India Trade Promotion Organisation, Government of India, the exhibition is supported and recommended by AEPC, Knitwear Club, Bahadur-Ke Textile and Knitwear Association, Readymade Hosiery Manufacturers Association, Wool Club, Chambers of Industrial and Commercial Undertakings and Apparel Exporters Association of Ludhiana.

Though the industry has seen some very difficult phases in its evolution since the initial days in the early 70s' the year 2007 was considered by many as one of the most challenging for the industry as it was cornered from many quarters. However, this has made the forward-thinking exporters more determined. Considering this low period as a learning curve, they have invested in technologies and improved their systems to increase their capacities and capabilities for the future growth and survive the competition.

The exhibition provides an opportunity to manufacturers to showcase their technologies. The exhibition has showcased circular knitting, flat knitting, multi-head computerised embroidery, industrial sewing, dyeing, finishing, processing, steam presses, tumbler dryers, drycleaning, linking, multi-colour transfer/screen printing, raising, brushing, antipilling, fusing, lace and crochet knitting machines, designing units,

CAD/CAM, software, compressors, yarn splicers, boilers, electric motors, testing equipment, electronic scales, yarns, threads, buttons, labels, fabrics, tapes, ribbons, dyes, chemicals, linings, interlinings, gensets, inverters, panels, trade magazines, fashion journals, etc.

Proving its worth every year, the name Knit World was enough to create a stir in the minds of the buyers and manufacturers. Where the manufacturers showcased the best of their technologies and the buyers were privileged to gather the information and become a part of newer avenues of the

industry of new India. Even in this global meltdown scenario, Knit World had more than 112 companies on display with their latest technological innovations to educate and give the complete practical know-how to the entrepreneurs of northern India who are the key players of the industry.

Some of the leading participants at the show were Pailung, Wellknit, MBI, Mayer & Cie, Shima Seiki, Pai Lung, ITM Group, Cixing, Wellknit, IIGM, Yamato, Juki, Groz-Beckert, Samsung, Christoph Leibers, Texknit, Graphtec, Textol, Jap Stretch etc. ●

