

R|Elan brings the glamour of couture Jammu & Kashmir's Basohli Pashmina gets GI Tag

by Varun Bahl at LFW & FDCI

NEW DELHI, OCT. 12—

Varun Bahl's Festive Edit collection presented by R|Elan at Lakmé Fashion Week in partnership with FDCI was an ode to nature's beauty as well as the designer's two decades of fashion expertise.

The "Inner Bloom-Festive Edit" collection celebrated the much-loved symbol of flowers, as Varun brought them to gorgeous life with exquisite 3-dimensional embroideries, opulent materials from the R|Elan range of versatile fabrics, and masterful craftsmanship.

Commenting on the Inner Bloom collection Mr. Hemant D. Sharma, Sector Head – Polyester, Reliance Industries said, "Varun Bahl's 'Inner Bloom' collection, in partnership with R|Elan, is a celebration of nature's timeless beauty, seamlessly woven into the fabric of sustainable fashion. With intricate craftsmanship and eco-conscious materials, this collection embodies our shared commitment to a more beautiful and sustainable world."

"Reliance Industries Limited remains steadfast in its dedication to promoting sustainability and circularity concepts throughout the fashion industry, setting new standards for a brighter, more environmentally conscious future. We proactively scan the desires of fashion consumers to create products that not only align with their values but also bring delight to their faces,



fostering a deeper connection between fashion, sustainability, and joy," Mr. Sharma added.

Varun Bahl added on his showcase, "I have always believed that sustainability is the future of fashion, and it is my great pleasure to have associated with R|Elan, for Lakmé Fashion Week in Partnership with FDCI, this season. With the use of sustainable fabrics from R|Elan, we have created an absolute one-of-a-kind festive collection, and I am sure that the presentation piqued interest for the audiences that witnessed the collection live."

Varun Bahl's artistic palette for "Inner Bloom-Festive Edit" collection introduced a festive and diverse range of colours, diverging from his signature style all beautifully incorporated into custom-woven, high-performance, and eco-friendly R-Elan fabrics.

Using the fabulous, R|Elan high performance fabrics, Varun dreamt up feminine, free flowing drapes for lehengas, while the jacket and cape sets, as well as the trouser suits added to the fashion statements of the collection. The collection includes four of R|Elan's versatile fabrics i.e., R|Elan Superfeel & Freeflow – luxurious fabrics with enhanced drape & exceptional hand feel, R|Elan Kooltex – high performance fabrics with inherent moisture management

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JAMMU, OCT 12—

Basohli Pashmina, a more than 100-year-old traditional craft from Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, has got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, an official spokesman said here.

The Department of Industries and Commerce achieved the milestone in coordination with NABARD Jammu and Human Welfare Association, Varanasi, the spokesman said.

Earlier this year, the famed Basohli painting and Chikri wood from Rajouri district of Jammu division received the GI tag.

Basohli Pashmina, a hand-spun product known for extreme softness, fineness and light-weight, has insulating

properties and extended life, the spokesman said, adding all these qualities make the Basohli Pashmina unique.

Pashmina products include shawls for both men and women, mufflers, blankets and basket.

Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom Jammu initiated steps to revive the centuries old craft of Basohli Pashmina by setting up common facility centres for weavers, increasing the periphery of registered weavers as well as cooperative societies, developing clusters and providing benefits of various departmental schemes to them, the spokesman said.

GI tag is a name or a sign given to certain products related to specific geographical locations.

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ITME Africa & ME gets industry expert endorsements

By Our Staff Reporter

MUMBAI, OCT. 12—

"India possesses a robust textile engineering foundation and boasts the world's second-largest textile industry, featuring manufacturing facilities. With this being the focus, the efforts of the ITME society by hosting their quadrennial event ITME Africa & Middle East 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya from 30th November 2nd December 2023 will attract more attention towards the Kenyan textile industry and also showcase the business potential of the country, globally. This will increase visibility and business inquiries and widen opportunities for India's exports in Textiles and Machinery businesses leveraging an untapped customer base of the African continent," opined Mr. Updeep Singh, Textile Industry Expert, here.

"Now, with the addition of the African Union in the G20 Summit conducted in New Delhi, the trade volumes with India is expected to rise in the Continent and Textile machinery companies should capitalize on this," he added.

Mr. Pramod Khosla, Chairman & Managing Director, Khosla Profil Pvt. Ltd. said "ITME society has taken the right steps to promote trade relations between India and Africa that will help the textile industry and allied ventures by generating demand and boosting production in the African Continent. Indian companies can look at exploring Weaving machines, generating business opportunities from Yarn and Cotton industry in addition to the

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Left to Right : Ms. Seema Srivastava, Executive Director, India ITME Society; Mr. Ketan Sanghvi, Chairman, India ITME Society; Mr. Pramod Khosla, Chairman & Managing Director, Khosla Profil Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Updeep Singh, Textile Industry Expert; Mr. Balvinder Singh Sawhney, Asst. Secretary General, FICCI; Mr. S Senthil Kumar, Hon' Treasurer, India ITME Society

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100s x 100s / 92 x 88 - 63"	1/1 Plain	100% Cotton	62.25
80s x 80s / 170 x 120 - 63"	1/1 Plain	100% Cotton	93.50
80s x 80s / 92 x 88 - 63"	1/1 Plain	100% Cotton	57.00
70s x 90s / 92 x 104 - 63"	1/1 Plain	100% Cotton	69.00
60s x 60s / 92 x 88 - 63"	1/1 Plain	100% Cotton	55.00
60s x 60s / 92 x 88 - 67"	1/1 Plain	100% Micromodal	85.00
50s x 50s / 132 x 72 - 63"	1/1 Plain	100% Organic Cotton	82.00
40s x 40s / 124 x 72 - 63"	Dobby	100% Viscose	65.00
20s x 10s / 100 x 48 - 63"	Oxford	100% Cotton	92-50

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30/1 Viscose Slub	204+GST
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Ne 20/1 KW	2.67	Ne 30/2 Hard	3.18
Ne 30/1 KW	2.91	Ne 32/2 Soft	3.20
Ne 30/1 KW BCI	2.93	Ne 40/2 Hard	3.45
Ne 30/1 KH	2.89	Sustainable yarn	
Ne 32/1 KW	2.96	Ne 16/1 KW NOP	3.09
Ring Combed		Ne 20/1 KW NOP	3.15
Ne 16/1 CCH	2.74	Ne 30/1 KW GRS Pre	3.11
Ne 20/1 CCH	2.79	Ne 30/1 CCH NPOP	3.29
Ne 28/1 CCH	2.95	Ne 30/1 CCH NOP	3.55
Ne 30/1 CCH BCI	3.02	Ne 40/1 CCH NPOP	3.60
Ne 40/1 CCH BCI	3.33	Ne 40/1 CCH NOP	3.88
Ne 60/1 CCW	4.01	LC 120 days,	
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30 Comp x 20 K Spandex (70d) / 160 x 90 GOL	Dobby 73"	163.00
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40 Comp x 30 Cw Spandex (40d) / 88 x 72 GOL	1/1 74"	95.00

JACQUARD DESIGN GREIGE FABRIC

Quality	Weave	Reeed Ex Rate +GST
50 Comp x 50 Comp / 144 x 94 (On Loom)	Jacquard 65"	137.00
With Name Writing Jacquard Selvedge		
60 Comp x 60 Comp / 110 x 88	Jacquard 67"	116.00
With Name Writing Jacquard Selvedge		

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Quality	Weave	Reeed Ex Rate +GST
200E x 20 K Spx (70D)+20Visc / 68 x 104 (1:2)	Corduroy 78"	137.00
40 Comp x 30 Comp / 84 x 130	Corduroy 66"	117.00

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Lenzing and Kentaur to develop circular workwear for the culinary sector

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MUMBAI, OCT. 12—

Lenzing Group, a leading global producer of wood-based specialty fibers, has collaborated with Denmark-based Kentaur, a global specialist in the manufacturing of innovative and functional workwear, to develop a pilot collection of chef uniforms centered around circularity, durability, and functionality. Aimed at reducing the usage of virgin raw materials in the workwear segment without reducing quality and comfort, the chef uniforms comprise 50% of Tencel branded lyocell fibers with Refibra technology and 50% of recycled polyester.

"Our extended partnership with Kentaur marks a significant milestone in our efforts to transform the textile industry, including the workwear sector, into a circular model," said Alexandra Steger, Business Development Workwear, Lenzing AG.

"The pilot collection of chef uniforms with Kentaur is a great example of Lenzing's circular solutions that combine circularity with functionality. The collection is not only made with quality fabrics of recycled materials which are the same high quality as virgin raw materials, but it comes with the added value of giving textile waste a second life. We are confident that the comfort and quality of the recycled materials in Tencel Lyocell fibers with Refibra technology will also spread into other types of workwear, like healthcare and hospitality sectors," Alexandra Steger added.

UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO CIRCULARITY AND DURABILITY IN WORKWEAR

"At Kentaur, we aim to make workwear with a focus on sustainability available for everyone in the textile service industry. When customers buy from us, they can expect our products to be of high durability and are produced using a socially and environmentally responsible approach. Our partnership with Lenzing started in 2018 based on our shared value and mission to drive the circular transition of the workwear industry. Our latest collaboration in incorporating recycled cellululosic materials made with Tencel Lyocell fibers with Refibra technology represents a key milestone in driving circularity for workwear as we demonstrate that using recycled content does not compromise on performance

of the product," said Christian Beirholm, Chief Commercial Officer, Kentaur.

With a combination of 50% of Tencel Lyocell fibers with Refibra technology and 50% of recycled polyester, Kentaur's new pilot collection delivers unparalleled durability and comfort for workwear – with the added benefits of circularity and traceability. Tencel branded lyocell fibers have a better footprint than generic lyocell fibers and Lenzing's Refibra technology further reduces the impact of the workwear product with the incorporation of recycled content.

Tencel Lyocell fibers with Refibra technology are identifiable in yarns, fabrics, and final garments using Lenzing's innovative Fiber Identification technology, which facilitates fiber traceability and enhances supply chain transparency at every stage of the production process.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO ACCELERATE TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

With Lenzing's ongoing efforts towards placing responsible practices at the heart of the industry, the collaboration on the chef uniforms showcases the commitment of Lenzing and Kentaur towards workwear circularity.

Kentaur has ambitions to take responsibility and play an active role in the circular transition of the textile and workwear segments. By taking a holistic approach on sustainability, Kentaur has set clear goals and ambitions in tackling social and environmental challenges of the supply chain and is committed to living up to that promise in their everyday business operation, product, and supply chain. The partnership with Lenzing has been valuable in enabling Kentaur to produce high quality and circular textile products which is a crucial part of their journey in driving the circular transition of the workwear segment.

At the upcoming A+A trade fair, October 24-27, 2023, Lenzing will be showcasing its latest portfolio of protective wear and workwear, including the new pilot collection of chef uniforms through the partnership with Kentaur.

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Centre requests Re falls 6 paise against USD amid rising crude prices

Centres requests mills to halt raw jute import

KOLKATA, OCT. 12—

The Centre has advised mills to stop importing raw jute because of its oversupply in the domestic market and instructed jute importers to provide daily transaction reports in a prescribed format until December.

The jute commissioner's office, representing the Union textile ministry, in a notice on Tuesday also recommended mills not to import jute of TD 4 to TD 8 variants (as per the old classification used in the trade) since these are adequately available within the country.

"The variants make up 75 per cent of the total jute production and trade," said Sanjay Kajaria, former chairman of the Indian Jute Mills Association.

The current season's production stands at 91 lakh bales, with an opening stock of 23 lakh bales and 5 lakh bales of imported raw jute, resulting in a total estimated availability of 119 lakh bales.

According to 2021-22 data, jute imports amounted to 62,500 tonnes valued at Rs 449 crore, while exports reached 32,000 tonnes, valued at Rs 222 crore.

The jute commissioner recently prohibited raw jute transactions below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) level to safeguard the interests of farmers.

According to trade estimates, raw jute prices have fallen as low as Rs 4,100 per quintal, compared to an MSP of Rs 5,050 for the median variety.

MUMBAI, OCT. 12—

The rupee paused its two days of gains and settled 6 paise lower at 83.24 against the US dollar on Thursday as rising crude oil prices dented the investor sentiment.

Forex analysts said early gains in the domestic currency

on the back of the weak dollar were reversed by the subdued domestic equity markets and concerns over foreign funds withdrawal.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 83.17 and then traded between the intra-day peak of 83.12 and

the lowest level of 83.25 against the greenback. The local unit finally settled at 83.24, registering a loss of 6 paise from its previous close.

The rupee had settled 7 paise higher on Wednesday, a day after gaining 3 paise against the American currency.

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technology & R|Elan Greengold – sustainable fabrics made from 100% post-consumer PET Bottles. These fabrics not only enhance the drapes of lehengas but also feature in jacket sets, cape sets, and trouser suit sets.

Varun's colour choice was a mélange of hues as he dipped his colour brush into diverse tones that moved from old rose, duck egg blue, ecru, gold, sage green, which were then topped with popular black.

Embroidery was the basis

of Varun's ensembles with zardozi and aari work in the forefront along with luxurious bead embroidery.

To add more grandeur to the collection, Varun added metallic accents, intricate bead work that featured the finest bugle and caviar beads, along with two cut seeds and sequins mirroring to bring the floral fantasy on the garments to life.

In line with R|Elan and Varun's steadfast commitment to sustainability, in addition to 40% of the collection being made with

R|Elan Greengold, it also includes a small up-cycled segment that promotes the repurposing of materials. This segment features patchwork crafted from borders and 3-D floral patches, further elevating the sustainable quotient of the collection.

Varun Bahl's "Inner Bloom-Festive Edit" collection presented by R|Elan with the brand's amazing line up of fabrics will offer a grand, sartorial blossoming for the buyers this season.

ITME Africa & ME in Kenya

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dominant spinning machines." "Africa presents a great opportunity for India's Textile and Machinery industry to thrive outside the home market. It's a win-win situation for the countries, businesses and all the allied associations. ITME's efforts will bear favourable results for all the parties," said Mr. Balvinder Singh Sawhney, Asst. Secretary General, FICCI.

Addressing the media, Mr. Ketan Sanghvi, Chairman, India ITME Society said "ITME Africa & Middle East 2023 is an important milestone in enhancing bilateral trade

relations and promoting industrial cooperation between Kenya and India.

This partnership aims to leverage the business potential of both the countries and build on the innovation, economic growth and sustainability goals of their respective textile technology and engineering industries.

With as many as 23 countries taking part in the India ITME Society exhibition in Kenya, Africa is sure to derive the immense benefits of investing in future partnerships and building successful business ventures in the entire African region."

It may be noted here that ITME Africa & Middle East 2023 promises to offer an unique and valuable experience for all participants. Whether it is to gain insights, network with industry leaders, Business interactions or Joint Ventures, this event will provide ample networking opportunities, and direct connect with professionals and peers.

Apart from the 3-day Exhibition, ITME Africa & Middle shall also host multiple concurrent programs such as panel discussions and interactive sessions on Technical & Financial topics that will enhance knowledge and skills.