

## FOCUS INCUBATION CENTRE (FIC) INAUGURATED BY MINISTER

*A Step toward INNOVATION by NITRA*



Keeping NITRA's excellent service for the textile industry in mind, MoT, GoI has designated NITRA as Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Protective Textiles & Automotive Textiles with providing infrastructure for developing expertise and technical capability for quality evaluation, product development and knowledge dissemination in the field of protective textiles. In this context a **Focus Incubation Centre (FIC)** at NITRA was inaugurated on 27<sup>th</sup> July, '18 by the Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Textiles, **Sh. Ajay Tamta** in presence of **Sh. Sanjay Kumar Jain**, Chairman, NITRA and its Past Chairmen, **Sh. R. K. Jain** and **Sh. R. L. Nolkha**. Also present on the occasion were **Dr. Arindam Basu**, Director General, NITRA and many eminent industrialists.

In his welcome address Chairman NITRA, **Mr. Jain** said that this was a move to promote innovation and startups in the textile arena by providing the right facilities and support to budding entrepreneurs of the industry. He also added that NITRA along with CITI is coming out

with a Contest to identify bright and innovative ideas, and help such ideas be converted into commercial utility.

Director General, NITRA **Dr. Basu**, while addressing, proudly added that FIC will provide necessary facilities and technical guidance to encourage technical textile entrepreneurs for testing new ideas and technologies and thereby leap forward to more innovations in the products that they make. He is very confident that many new developments will happen in FIC and invites entrepreneurs from across the country to join FIC to make their dreams a reality.

Hon'ble MoS, Textiles, **Sh. Ajay Tamta**, in his address mentioned about the deep impact of textile industry in Indian economy. He asserted about the various necessary steps taken and attractive scheme offered by the govt. to boost the Indian textile industry with special thrust for technical textiles. Past Chairman, NITRA **Mr. Nolkha** proposed the formal vote of thanks.