



R Gandhi, Tamil Nadu Minister for handlooms and textiles, indicated that a public-private partnership will be used to build a textile metropolis in Chennai.

The Minister said that a consultant has been hired to do a feasibility study and that the textile city will be built on 100 acres. The only things sold in the city will be clothing and textiles. It will have room for things like design studios and product launches. It would serve as a one-stop shop for all textile products, he declared.

Gandhi presided over a meeting of the technical advisory group for the industry and paid a visit to a weaving shed run by the Tamil Nadu Textile Corporation.

He said that the government will also develop an integrated textile park in Salem on 119 acres. The facility will accommodate handloom and units of the entire textile supply chain. Further, the State government recently approved seven textile mini parks. Each park will come up on two acres and have minimum three units.

The government gives ₹ 2.5 crore subsidy for each park. For the handloom sector, it plans 10 mini parks, including one in Sirumugai, Coimbatore district.

The aim is to upgrade the handloom products into premium items, attract younger generation weavers to the profession, and link the weaving clusters to retailers.

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