

## Training programme to stop using CTC in textile industry

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**New venture:** The chairman of NIFT-TEA Knitwear Fashion Institute, Raja Shanmugam, launching a multi-media training material conceptualised by Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Limited at Tirupur recently.

Tirupur: The Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Limited (IL&FS), promoted by Central Bank of India, HDFC and Unit Trust of India, launched a nation-wide trainer's training programme series to phase out use of carbon tetra chloride (CTC) in the textile sector here recently.

The training was mooted under the IL&FS's Cluster Development Initiative (CDI) with the support of Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), a German enterprise for sustainable development.

N.V.R. Nathan, vice-president, IL&FS (Cluster Development Initiative), said that the project was aimed at stopping the use of CTC in the textile industry before December 31 to comply with the norms laid under the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete ozone layer.

The training programmes would be conducted at all the 55 training centres of IL&FS in the country to disseminate the information that usage of CTC would deplete the ozone layer in the atmosphere causing irreversible damage to the mankind.

He said that owing to the phasing out of the substance (i.e. CTC), which was mainly used for stain removing in the export-oriented apparel industry, the enterprises would be told to switch over to water-based detergents and non-ozone depleting alternatives.

“Those who get trained in these sessions will in turn spread the message to a wider base of people involved in the textile manufacturing,” he added. Earlier, chairman of NIFT-TEA Knitwear Fashion Institute Raja Shanmugam inaugurated the training series as well as a multi-media training material in the presence of Markus Wypior, project manager, GTZ.

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