

# Threads of learning: A student's perspective of discovering the limitless world of Textile Technology

As I sit down to reflect on my journey as a final-year student of Textile Technology at VJTI, I can't help but think back to an incredible experience that shaped my perspective on this fascinating field. It was the ITME 2022 exhibition, held at Greater Noida, where I had the golden opportunity to immerse myself in the vibrant world of textile innovation.

Initially, when our faculty announced that only 12 second-year students would be selected for the exhibition alongside third-year and final-year students, my classmates and I were buzzing with excitement. It felt like just another fun college trip that promised to be just another day in our academic lives. Little did we know that what awaited us would far exceed our expectations and ignite a passion for the industry that I carry to this day.

Stepping into the exhibition hall, I was awestruck by the sheer grandeur of it all. The atmosphere was electric, filled with the sounds of high-speed machinery and the lively chatter of industry professionals from around the globe. As "newbies" in the world of textile technology, most of our learning had been theoretical, so witnessing the latest technologies and machinery firsthand was nothing short of a life-changing experience for us. I remember standing in awe as exhibitors showcased everything from cutting-edge spinning technologies to high-speed air jet and water jet looms. This wasn't just a field trip, it was a gateway into the endless possibilities within the textile industry.

The most profound moments for me came during the seminars and alumni meet. Engaging in conversations with industry veterans and our seniors was incredibly insightful. They shared stories of their journeys and the challenges they faced, painting a vivid picture of what life in the textile industry entails. It made me realize that our education is just the beginning, the real learning happens when you step into

the industry and face the challenges head-on. It was inspiring to see how they had carved their niches in the industry, and it encouraged me to think about my own future in a more ambitious light.

Fast forward to now, and here I am, preparing to attend the GTTES 2025 event with my friends, this time as final-year students :), but the excitement remains the same. We've grown so much since that first experience as wide-eyed second-years, to now somewhat acquainted with the industry final years. The GTTES promises to be a global stage for innovation and collaboration, providing us with a unique opportunity to explore the latest advancements in sustainability and technology.

Reflecting on my experiences, I realize how crucial it is for us, as students, to embrace every opportunity that comes our way. The textile industry is evolving rapidly, and as future professionals, we must stay ahead of the curve. Events like GTTES not only showcase innovation but also allow us to network with industry leaders, understand emerging trends, and foster collaborations that could shape the future of textiles.

Moreover, I am eager to explore how we can integrate sustainable practices into traditional textile methods, creating solutions that benefit both our industry and the planet. I aim to forge connections that will guide me into my career, helping me become a part of this dynamic industry. My journey from a curious second-year student to a driven final-year student has been remarkable, and I am excited to experience the next chapter of it – GTTES 2025, where the global textile revolution begins!

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