

Seminar on "Integrating Indian Knowledge System into Fashion for a Sustainable Future"

The Fabric and Apparel Science Discipline of the Department of Home Science successfully organized a one-day seminar on "Integrating Indian Knowledge System into Fashion for a Sustainable Future" on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. The morning session featured a series of expert talks that highlighted the deep cultural significance and contemporary relevance of Indian textile traditions. Dr. Anamika Pathak, Former Curator, National Museum, delivered an enlightening presentation on the role of the Indian Knowledge System in traditional textiles, tracing the historical roots and symbolic meanings embedded in indigenous crafts. Following this, Dr. Gurvinder Kaur Gunde, Head of Archives at Tarun Tahiliani Design captivated the audience with a talk on how traditional textiles have found new expression in modern Indian fashion. Her presentation included examples from the work of contemporary designers who have revived heritage weaves and techniques, positioning them as both fashionable and culturally meaningful. The third speaker, Dr. Venkatesan, Assistant Professor at IIT Delhi, provided a thought-provoking perspective on sustainability in the textile sector. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A where participants engaged actively with the speakers.

After the lunch break, the event resumed with a Masterclass on Upcycling Textile Waste conducted by Ms. Ekta Agarwal, founder of apt8, an online sustainable crafts store. The masterclass was highly engaging and practical, offering participants an opportunity to explore creative ways to transform textile waste into functional and aesthetic products. Overall, the seminar and masterclass proved to be an enriching experience for the students. The event was widely appreciated for its relevance, expert lineup, and interactive format.

