TEXTILE RECYCLING PRACTICES IN INDIA: A REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

21st century world specially developed nations are worried about polluted environment and there adverse effects on nature. There prime concern is to seek various environment friendly ways for better present and secure future. Sustainability, recycling, corporate social responsibility, extended producers responsibility, circular economy theory is some of the very modern concepts to overcome the problem of pollution and wastes.

Many industries and research institutes have taken this concept on a prime importance and trying to find out more and effective alternatives, especially in developed nations. Even industries are keen to search and produce eco friendly products followed by strict environment related government policies to save the nature.

In developed nations like India, the concept of sustainability is at infancy phase although door to door SHC (Second hand clothing) collection by Wagdi community in exchange of utensils and words biggest textile recycling industry (shoddy industry of Panipat, Haryana,) is situated in India. These different small and large scale textile recycling based businesses are practiced for the livelihood not for the sake of environmentalism. In India, along with shoddy various pre and post consumer textile wastes recycling activities at both industrial and household level are practiced since long. Due to lake of awareness, government support and very low economy in last few decades, these recycling based various organised and unorganised businesses are losing their profit, identity and charm instead of get promoted and encouraged for the sake of environment.

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