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# Itema showcases rapier and air jet textile mastery at India ITME 2026

**Three weaving configurations for apparel, suiting, and sarees bring application-specific solutions to the Indian textile industry.**

Colzate, Italy and Mumbai, India – Itema announces its participation in India ITME 2026, taking place December 4–9 at the India Exposition Mart Ltd (IEML) in Greater Noida. In Hall 15 – Stand G9, the company will showcase three weaving machines: an A9500EVO air-jet weaving machine and two R9500EVO weaving rapier machines, configured for apparel, suiting, and saree production.

The exhibition lineup brings together **two complementary weft insertion technologies to address different textile requirements.** From stretch apparel fabrics to polyester/viscose suiting and sarees incorporating decorative wefts, the demonstrations will highlight **how Itema combines textile versatility with dedicated solutions for weft insertion, selvedge formation, and fabric design.**

## A9500EVO for stretch apparel fabrics

The A9500EVO, in a nominal weaving width of 210 cm, will produce an apparel fabric with a 100% cotton warp and a polyester core-spun Lycra weft. The machine will demonstrate Itema air-jet technology excellent performances in a stretch apparel application, combining maximum speed with superior fabric quality.
A key feature of the exhibited configuration is iRTC, Itema's patented software for real-time control of the weft insertion cycle. By automatically adjusting the activation of the relay nozzle valves according to the position of the weft tip, iRTC helps reduce air consumption and simplifies machine settings.

## R9500EVO for suiting fabrics

An R9500EVO rapier weaving machine, in a nominal weaving width of 220 cm, will weave a polyester/viscose suiting fabric. The configuration features the Itema free flight FPA EVO Weft Transfer, the Itema AIR-T Pneumatic Tuckers, and a Stäubli name Jacquard N4L PRO for selvedge labeling.
The FPA EVO system transfers the weft without guiding elements in the shed, supporting gentle treatment of the warp yarns. Combined with Itema AIR-T pneumatic tuckers for selvedge formation and the name Jacquard, the configuration will demonstrate how Itema integrates weft insertion and fabric-edge solutions to meet the requirements of suiting production, as specifically needed by Indian weavers.

## R9500EVO Jacquard for saree

A second R9500EVO, in a nominal weaving width of 380 cm, will produce a saree fabric.
The machine will be equipped with a Stäubli LX PRO Jacquard with 6,144 hooks and the innovative AAS TECH harness system. The configuration will feature the Itema SK EVO Weft Transfer and the MiCUT Motorized Weft Cutter, bringing together guided rapier insertion and motorized weft cutting for an application combining different weft materials. The demonstration will highlight Itema unique ability to address the textile requirements of wide-width Jacquard saree production, where pattern definition and the handling of decorative yarns are central to the finished fabric.

## Original spare parts and upgrade kits

A dedicated original spare parts corner will give visitors the opportunity to discover how to give new life to their weaving machines. High-performance original spare parts and upgrade kits incorporating Itema's


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latest solutions will demonstrate how weavers can extend the service life of their installed machines and enhance their performance.

**Digital solutions connecting weavers and weaving data**

Special emphasis will be placed on Itema's digital solutions. The customer portal HelloItema enables Itema customers to purchase original spare parts through a dedicated e-commerce platform, open service tickets, and access documentation for their installed machines.

India ITME will also provide the opportunity to discover **MyWeave**, the remote weaving mill management tool developed by Itema in collaboration with software company texIT. Designed to manage data securely, MyWeave enables weavers to collect production data from Itema weaving machines, monitor their weaving operations remotely and guide the next steps in operating the machine and the improvement in productivity and efficiency.

**Weaving solutions for different textile requirements**

Together, the three machines on show will give visitors the opportunity to compare Itema air-jet and rapier weaving technologies through specific fabric applications. The lineup will demonstrate how different weft transfer systems, shedding configurations, and selvedge devices can be combined to respond to the requirements of Indian textile manufacturers.

During the exhibition, the Itema team will be available to discuss visitors' production needs and explore the configurations best suited to their fabrics, yarns, and market segments.

Visit Itema at India ITME 2026 in **Hall 15 – Stand G9** to discover the Itema weaving machines in operation and meet the team.

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**About Itema**

*Itema is a leading global provider of advanced weaving solutions, including weaving machines, spare parts, and integrated services. Sixty percent of Itema is owned by the heirs of Gianni Radici, with the remaining 40% held by the Arizzi and Torri families.*
*Itema Group has expanded its business into industrial and innovation sectors, diversifying into high-growth markets through investments in companies such as Lamiflex®, Schoch®, and Itemalab®—Itema's advanced innovation hub, which offers systems engineering and business process re-engineering services to third parties. In 2023, Itema entered into a joint venture with the Asian biopharmaceutical giant Tofflon, forming Tofflonit, and establishing a new benchmark for biopharmaceutical industrial systems in Europe and Western markets.*
*With more than 1.000 employees worldwide, and world-class production sites in Italy, China, and India (the latter for Schoch products, ndr), Itema features a global presence with commercial and after-sales services in Italy, Switzerland, China, India, Japan, USA, Hong Kong, and Türkiye.*

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