

BRIEF CV OF DR. A.N.DESAI

- Dr. A.N. Desai holds a Ph.D. (Tech) in Textile Technology and he is a Fellow of Institute of Engineers, India. He was awarded the Honorary Fellow of Textile Association (FTA) by Textile Association (India) in 2003.
- He joined Bombay Textile Research Association (BTRA) in 1980 after a stint in the industry. Since then he was actively involved in many sponsored research projects, consultancy and training activities of BTRA.
- In Spinning Technology, he has handled a large number of technology assignments for quality and productivity improvement and other troubleshooting problems all over India in addition to conducting orientation and training programmes.
- In July 2000, he took over as Director of The Bombay Textile Research Association.
- Since July 2000, as Director of BTRA, he initiated many activities towards self-sufficiency and financial discipline as well as gave a new direction to BTRA.
- He was instrumental in opening new laboratories in Microbiology, Technical Textiles, Conductive Textiles, Plasma Application and totally modernized the Chemical, Polymer and Eco laboratories.
- BTRA, under his guidance, embarked on a number of frontier areas of R&D such as Nano science, Conductive Polymers, E-beam Radiation of Textiles and Plasma Processing applications to Textiles.
- He spearheaded the Centre of Excellence in geo-tech at BTRA. He focused on product/process development in Nonwovens and Technical Textiles.
- He opted to retire from 31st March, 2016 after nearly 16 years as Director, BTRA.
- He has many research publications in peer reviewed journals and has written book chapters in three well known publications.
- He has presented research papers in many national and international platforms. He regularly reviews research papers for national and international journals.
- He was on the editorial board of India's leading research journal on textiles viz., Indian Journal of Fibre and Textile Research from 2002 to 2004 and again since January, 2015.
- He is an Associate Editor of AATCC Journal of Research and he is also on the editorial board of Journal of Textile Association (India).
- He is also Chairman of TX30 and TX33 of the Bureau of Indian Standards and is Chairman of Textile Division Council of Bureau of Indian Standards.
- He was appointed as convener of a special committee for formulating specification for technical textiles in 2007 by the Textile Commissioner.
- He is founder member of AATCC (American Association of Textile Chemists & Colorists) India Region and was involved in organizing AATCC International Conference in 2010 in Mumbai.
- He is on the Advisory Committee of the Textile Sector Skill Council.

- He was on the board of Governors of the Geo-synthetics Institute (GSI) in Folsom USA and is instrumental in establishing GSI (India) at BTRA.
- He is a scientist member of the Governing Council of SITRA and is an independent Director on the Board of Hindoostan Mills.
- He was associated with ASTM and organized ASTM D35 Meeting for Geo-synthetics for the first time in India in December 2015.
- He is heavily involved in formulation of Standards in Textiles, Geo-synthetics, Nonwovens and Industrial Textiles.
- He has handled a variety of training programmes in spinning technology, nonwovens and Geo-synthetics for the industry.
- He has two patents to his credit.
- Since January 2017, he is in the Board of AATCC(American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists).