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Kolkata: Union minister said that the jute sector must modernise and diversify to reduce its dependence on government procurement.

Speaking on the sidelines of the 13th meeting of the Union Minister's Committee on Jute, the minister said, "A lot has to be done to modernise the jute sector. Government procurement is essential for the sector to become sustainable sans government support."

A major portion of the jute sector's output is used for foodgrains and other products.

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The sector employs around 10 lakh people.

In response to a question, the minister cited the example of Assam where the jute sector has been modernised.

However, she did not elaborate on the steps taken in Assam, only stating, "If you want to lay a road, you need to dig a hole first."

The minister said that the Railway Ministry is working on a 'product' policy to help the jute sector.

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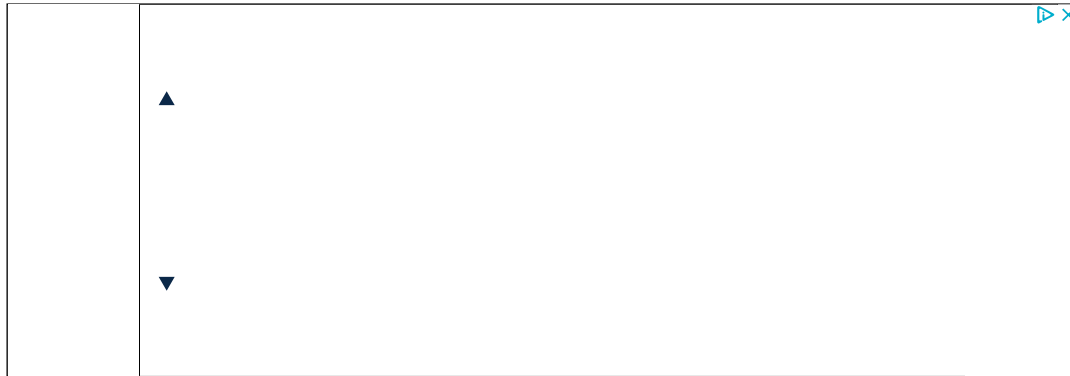
Eastern Railways Additional General Manager Jaideep Gupta said that 57 stations under the zone have been identified and the scheme is operational for the last three months.

Under the scheme, a handicraft artist or a vendor can reserve a kiosk for a small amount of fee for 15 days.

In another event, the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Federation of Hosiery Manufacturers' Association of India (FOHMA), the minister said that the Union government is making efforts to make the textiles industry self-reliant and it has substantially increased funding on research.

FOHMA sought the minister's intervention in developing a mechanism to help small textile players handle volatility in the industry.

South Indian Hosiery Manufacturers Association president A C Eswaran urged FOHMA to include various small vendors and associations across India as its members.



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