

# Detailed Overview<sup>1</sup>

Tirapur in the Tamil Nadu region of India is known as the 'Dollar City' for the amount of money some people are making. Here we address the issues associated with Teir 2 in the spinning weaving and dying mills producing cotton kit fabric. A scheme known as the Sumangali Scheme<sup>2</sup> has developed in the region and nearby states where young women are trafficked and held in a form of bonded labour. We have much to learn from the region about what does and doesn't work in ending labour abuses.

Our India Consultant accompanying the group is Ramesh Raju, who has worked for over 20 years in the areas Social Compliance Audits and building the capacities of apparel factories to establish and implement a management system for adopting common code of conduct. He has worked with management and facilitated multi-stakeholder engagement and dialogues with Employers and Brands. He has experienced in conducting SA 8000, Sedex, Wrap Audits and support garment units in the DISHA certification process. He has played a key role in implementing intervention programmes with support of Brands (Levis, Bestseller, Inditex, Carrefour, Primark) to prevent trafficking into the Sumangali Scheme.

## **Please arrange to fly into and out of Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.<sup>3</sup>**

The trip will begin on 19 November 2017 (please plan to arrive by the evening meal) and conclude on 24 March 2017 (please plan to depart after 7pm). Additional nights accomodation can be arranged before or after the program at additional costs. Please arrange to fly into and out of Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. (Note this airport is not currently an airport that supports the use of an E-Visa)

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## **Accompanied by**

**Carolyn Kitto** is Director STOP THE TRAFFIK Australia. She has worked with awareness raising about the Sumangali Scheme in India through STOP THE TRAFFIK's Make Fashion Traffik Free Campaign. <http://stopthetraffik.com.au> .

**Colleen Theron**, is director and founder of CLT envirolaw, a niche law firm which helps companies understand how to meet their legal obligations for sustainability and human rights and to create progressive voluntary best practice standards. She is a regular public speaker on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and consultant specialising in modern slavery issues in supply chains and compliance for the UK Modern Slavery Act. <http://clt-envirolaw.com> .

**Gershon Nimbalker** is Advocacy Director for Baptist World Aid Australia and oversees the team who develops the Australian Fashion Report. The processes associated with this report has been influential in helping businesses make the changes needed towards ending labour exploitation. <http://www.behindthebarcode.org.au> .

## **Cost**

\$AUD 3,295 or approximately GBP 1,955 for each trip.<sup>4</sup> A deposit of \$AUD 295 is required on registration and full payment by bank transfer. International airfares, visas, and personal medical and travel insurance are not included in the cost of the trip. Local transfers (including collection from the airport), accommodation and most meals (but not alcoholic beverages) will be included.

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**<http://stopthetraffik.com.au/shop/fashion-field-trip-india>**

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<sup>1</sup> These trips operate with Chatham House rules. We may use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of any business may be revealed.

<sup>2</sup> Identified in the USA State Department TIP report 2015 as a bonded labour scheme.

[http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/countries/2015/243455.htm?utm\\_campaign=website&utm\\_source=sendgrid.com&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/countries/2015/243455.htm?utm_campaign=website&utm_source=sendgrid.com&utm_medium=email)

<sup>3</sup> We can recommend a travel agent familiar with our itinerary who can make your travel arrangements.

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