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Lt. Col. Pankaj Kumar Sinha joins FDDI as 'Secretary'

Lt. Col. Pankaj Kumar Sinha has joined the Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) as 'Secretary' from 06th April 2023.



An alumnus of Sainik School Tilaiya, and a graduate from Hansraj College, University of Delhi, Col. Sinha completed his training from the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun and got Commissioned in Electronic and Mechanical Engineer Corps in 1997.

His professional qualification is B. Tech., M. Tech. and have

done PGDM (FM) and Diploma in HR.

Col. Sinha has actively participated in 'Operation Vijay (1999)', 'Operation Prakaram (2001)' and 'Operation Snow Leopard (2020)' in eastern Ladakh sector.

Col. Sinha has served the Indian Army in various capacities and tenanted appointments across the country. As GM (Works) at base Workshop, was instrumental in planning and development of Infra of the production unit, finances, machine, manpower, overhaul receipt of dispatch of equipments.

He has also performed as 'Instructor' at Technical Staff Course where officers of the Indian Army, Air Force and Navy were imparted Middle level training to equip them for their career progression and step into higher management. Owing to his significant contribution, Col. Sinha was awarded commendation by "Chief of Integrated Staff Committee" (CISC) of Integrated Defense Staff under the Ministry of Defense.

He has been an avid sportsman and plays Tennis, Football, Squash, Badminton and Golf. Prior to joining FDDI, Col. Sinha was Joint Director (Asset and Account Management) at Regional Center, ECHS, Patna.

Having wide exposure in the field of HR, Finance and Administration, Col. Sinha has broader integrated vision to make FDDI a vibrant and best hub of 'Global Skill Learning Centre' in the field of Footwear, Leather, Retail, Fashion & Management.

His wife, Mrs. Babita Sinha is a Registered Counsellor of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and working as Academic Coordinator in school.

FDDI participates in 'Shoetech-2023' Fair at Agra

FDDI participated in 'Shoetech-2023' Fair which was organized by Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA) on 4th & 5th of April 2023 at Hotel Madhu Resorts, Sikandra, Agra.



A view of the inauguration session of 'Shoetech-2023'

It was organized with the strong support of Agra Footwear Manufacturers & Exporters Chamber (AFMEC), Council for Leather Exports (CLE), FDDI, Central Footwear Training Institute (CFTI) & Agra Shoe Manufacturers Association, Fraternity of Agra Footwear Manufacturers and other institutions.

The inaugural session was attended by Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, Managing Director (MD), FDDI, Mr. Puran Dawar, President - AFMEC & Chairman, Dawar Group, Mr. Sanjay Leekha, Chairman - CLE & MD-Alpine Apparels Pvt. Ltd., Mr. V. Noushad,



Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, MD, FDDI being felicitated during 'Shoetech-2023'



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President CIFI & Chairman M/s. Walkaroo International Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Gopal Gupta, Chairman, Gupta Overseas, Mr. Rajeev Wasan, Chairman, A. T. Exports, Mr. Rajesh Sehgal, Chairman, Oom Exports, Capt. Ajit Singh Rana, Chairman, Rana Overseas, Mr. Motilal Sethi, Regional Chairman, North CLE, Mr. Subash Kapoor, President, CFLI, Mr. Opinder Singh Chhatwal, President, ASMA & MD, M/s. Jap Jee Footwear (P) Ltd., Mr. Kuldeep Singh, President-FAFM & MD, M/s. Aryman Footwear Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Sanjay Gupta, President- IFCOMA, Mr. S.K. Verma, Executive Director - IFCOMA, Managing Committee of IFCOMA, other industry dignitaries, eminent speakers and media persons.

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Mr. Rajeev Wasan, Chairman, A. T. Exports being felicitated by Mr. Sanjay Gupta, President - IFCOMA

'Shoetech', Agra which is specifically aimed at enabling the manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, and designers, etc. to put forth their raw materials, accessories, components as well as their inventive technologies for the benefit of the industry at large has established its unique position in the footwear and allied industry and is known as the 'premier event' for national and international organizations seeking business opportunities in India's huge domestic market.

More than 70 exhibitors participated in the Shoetech Agra and displayed various Footwear components, accessories & machinery which included specialized products such as Soles (TPR/TPU/PU etc.) of the latest design , PU, Semi-PU, PVC, Machinery, Adhesive, Varnishes, Release Agents, Water based adhesives, Plastic shoe lasts, Insoles, toe-puff & Counters, Shank Boards, Technical textiles, Linings & Interlinings, Laminated fabric, EVA & PU foam, Moulded Socks, Comfort foam Insole, Heel grip, Non-woven fabrics, Velcro tapes, Shoe finishing Chemicals, Buckles, Metal fittings, Industrial Sewing Threads, Finishes & Chemicals, Packaging Boxes, Synthetic leather, fur, labels, Moulded counters, Shoe Machinery, Spares for Machinery, Knitted fabrics, Fusible Interlinings, etc.

Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, MD, FDDI was the 'Guest of Honor' during the 'Shoetech-2023'.

Delivering the 'Keynote Address', Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, Managing Director, FDDI said, "The components & accessories industry in India is the backbone of the Indian Footwear Industry which has transformed significantly since last few years. Almost 95% of the Indian Footwear components & accessories manufacturers fall under the MSME category with huge employment opportunities".



Ms. Neera Thapar, M/s. Spane Components, Agra being felicitated by Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, MD, FDDI



Aspiring students at the stall of FDDI



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“At this juncture, I urge to have the bonding between the Footwear & Components industry to minimize the imports and allow growth for the local industry”, added Mr. Sinha.

During this occasion, the Footwear Component Industries were awarded for their exemplary role in support of the footwear industry. Women entrepreneurial skill was also recognized in this event.

FDDI displayed a wide range of creations at its stall no. 17 that included ladies and gents shoes, casual and formal footwear and sports shoes. Information about the academic programmes of FDDI was also provided to the aspiring students.

The innumerable visitors present included footwear manufacturers, institutional buyers from across the globe, designers, technicians and government representatives. 'Shoetech' Agra was meaningful in providing new impetus to business transactions, joint ventures and investment opportunities in the country.

'Cultural & Sports' week held across FDDI campuses

'Cultural & Sports' week, an event filled with fun, music, energy and sportsmanship was held at FDDI campuses from 27th to 31st March 2023.



A view of 'Cultural & Sports' week at FDDI, Noida campus

The students across all the campuses of FDDI located at Noida, Fursatganj, Chennai, Kolkata, Rohtak, Chhindwara, Guna, Jodhpur, Ankleshwar, Banur, Patna and Hyderabad participated with great enthusiasm.

FDDI organized this event, to promote and support cultural, social and sportive activities of the students of FDDI which brought it a step closer towards its objective of providing a conducive environment for overall growth.



A view of 'Cultural & Sports' week at FDDI, Rohtak campus

Excitement and enthusiasm marked the Cultural event as various competitions were held for the students like Fire Free Cooking, Face Painting, Singing and Dance competition etc.



A view of 'Cultural & Sports' week at FDDI, Ankleshwar campus

A view of 'Cultural & Sports' week at FDDI, Chhindwara campus

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The Sports events were held with great zeal, excitement and frolicsome atmosphere. A large number of students participated in games like Cricket, Futsal, Chess, Volleyball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Tug of War etc.



Student of FDDI, Kolkata campus participating in Kabaddi competition



Cultural event at FDDI, Hyderabad campus



Student of FDDI, Guna campus participating in Chess competition

The 'Cultural & Sports' week brought out brilliant creativity & aptly revealed the hidden talents from the highly talented young participants.



A view of 'Cultural & Sports' week at FDDI, Chennai campus



The week long programme provided a unique intellectual platform for the students to give expression to their interest and showcase their immense talents in non-academic fields.

The sports & cultural committee gave priority towards organizing requirements such as

refreshments after the matches, student escorts to help the participants etc.

'Cultural & Sports' week also proved that FDDI provides ample opportunity for the growth of the students in academic and non-academic field and enriches the young mind with sportsman spirit, leadership, interpersonal relationship etc.



A view of 'Cultural & Sports' week at FDDI, Banur campus

