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## FDDI extends partnership with Canara Bank to support 'Inclusive Learning Across All Campuses'

In a significant stride toward advancing inclusive education, FDDI is dedicated to breaking down financial barriers for students seeking higher education.



Signing of the MoU between Mr. Bhavendra Kumar, Chief General Manager, Canara Bank (Left) and Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, MD, FDDI

FDDI, in its ongoing mission to make education accessible and affordable to all, has successfully extended its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Canara Bank under the 'Vidya Turant' Education Loan Scheme on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Under this renewed collaboration, FDDI is set to encompass the remaining eight campuses namely, Jodhpur, Patna, Kolkata, Chhindwara, Guna, Chandigarh, Ankleshwar and Hyderabad furthering the institute's commitment to inclusive education.

Sl. No.	Officers who were present during the signing of Mo U	Organization
01	Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, MD	FDDI
02	Mr. Avik Patranabish, Sr. Manager & Ho D (Accounts & Finance)	FDDI
03	Ms. Sarika Tandon, Sr. Manager, Admissions & Promotions	FDDI
04	Mr. Bhavendra Kumar, Chief General Manager	Canara Bank
05	Mr. Atul Rajan, Regional Head	Canara Bank
06	Mr. Rahul Verma, Sr. Manager	Canara Bank

The initial MoU, signed on March 16, 2023, focused on four FDDI campuses located in Noida, Furstaganj, Rohtak, and Chennai.

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On behalf of FDDI, Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, Managing Director (MD), FDDI signed the MoU, whereas, on behalf of Canara Bank, Mr. Bhavendra Kumar, Chief General Manager signed the MoU during which the senior officers from both the sides were present.

The primary objective of this extended MoU remains the same, i.e. to provide collateral-free education loans to FDDI students at a competitive interest rate. Canara Bank continues to be the lending institution, offering valuable financial support of up to Rs. 30 lakhs to eligible students across the FDDI campuses.

The term of this renewed MoU will span five (5) years, commencing from the date of execution. Importantly, the terms and conditions of the education loan remain highly favorable for students. Notably, there are no processing charges or upfront fees associated with the loan application process. Furthermore, students will benefit from the convenience of having their loan applications processed by the designated branch, without the need to consider their permanent residence or their parents' place of work. The application process simply requires students to submit duly completed and signed loan applications, along with the necessary supporting documentation, streamlining the process to secure the necessary funds for their higher education.

This initiative represents a remarkable commitment to alleviating the financial burdens that often deter aspiring students from pursuing their academic aspirations. By removing these financial constraints, FDDI and Canara Bank are working together to ensure that quality education remains accessible to all, regardless of their economic background. This collaborative effort is poised to not only empower students but also catalyze growth and enhancement within the Indian education sector.

Furthermore, this renewed partnership aligns seamlessly with several of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's key initiatives, including 'Vocal for Local,' 'Make in India,' 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat,' 'Skill India,' and 'Start-up India.' By nurturing students' educational journeys and fostering their aspirations, this initiative plays a transformative role in realizing the objectives set forth in these national programs.

## **Under the Convergence of Institutes, MoU signed between FDDI, Patna & NIFT, Patna**

Under the Convergence of Institutes, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 'Institutional Collaboration' was signed between Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI), Patna and National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Patna on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 for institutional collaboration in education, research outreach programmes and faculty exchange.

The primary objective of this collaboration is to promote collective and collative teaching and research collaboration involving faculty members and students at FDDI Patna and at NIFT Patna to ensure teaching and research of highest standard, carry out joint academic and research programmes, as well as collaborative research projects.

The convergence of the five institutes under the Ministry of Textiles and Commerce and Industry was initiated in the month of November 2022. The five institutes are FDDI, IIFT, IIP, NID and NIFT.

On behalf of FDDI, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Mishra, Center Incharge, FDDI-Patna campus and Prof. Colonel Rahul Sharma, Director, NIFT-Patna signed the MoU which is based on the strength of two premier Institutes of the country.

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The signing ceremony took place at the FDDI-Patna campus wherein Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary FDDI and other prominent figures from both the institutions were present.

Sharing the details, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI said “The MoU between FDDI, Patna and NIFT, Patna will facilitate cooperation between both the Institutes that eventually will promote professional growth in design and management, besides promoting cross disciplinary learning.”



Signing of the MoU in the presence of prominent figures from both the institutions



Exchange of the MoU

“This strategic collaboration provides an excellent fit of strategy for developing innovative ideas & excellence in the area of collaborative programmes that are internationally and nationally recognized”, added Mr. Sinha.

The MoU would also facilitate the exchange of students, scholars, and faculty in subjects of footwear, fashion retail and leather goods. Both the institutes have agreed to participate and jointly organize international conference, meetings, submit research proposals, and provide international training to students and scholars.

Elaborating the details, Prof Conolel Rahul Sharma, Director, NIFT-Patna said, “It is a historic occasion as it opens up a whole new vista of opportunities for both institutes. In this era of exponential development, opportunities such as these are the stairs that can elevate the overall quality of education within our country and subsequently provide students with better opportunities.

The amalgamation of the design, innovation & technological experience of NIFT with FDDI would be a renaissance in the production of high end fashionable products for which there is ever-increasing demand, not only within the country, but, in the international market too.

## **Secretary, FDDI invited as 'Guest of Honour' in IFCOMA's 'SHOETECH Mumbai 2023' - Buyer-Sellers Meet cum Exhibition**

Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI was invited as a 'Guest of Honour' during the recently concluded 'SHOETECH Mumbai 2023' - Buyer-Sellers Meet cum Exhibition organized by Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA) held on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Nehru Centre (2nd Floor), Worli, Mumbai.

Apart from Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI, the inauguration was attended by Mr. R Selvam, Executive Director, Council for Leather Exports (CLE) Mr. Naresh Bhasin, Chairman, Western Region, CLE, Mr. HR Malik, Chairman, Maliks Traders, Mr. Shaifullah Khan, Managing Director, Zara Footwear, Mumbai, Mr. Sanjay Gupta, President, IFCOMA, Mr. Dhammajyoti Gajbhiye, Managing Director, LIDCOM, Mr. Arman Ali Khan, President, Footwear Manufacturers Welfare Association, Mumbai, Mr. Tarachand P Paliya, President Thakkar Bappa Footwear Materials Merchants Welfare Association, Mumbai and many other stalwarts of the industry.

IFCOMA which is having a strength of over 200 members comprising of manufacturers of Sole, Insole, Lasts, Toe puff and Counter, linings, Interlinings, adhesives, Metallic fittings, Chemicals & Compounds, Clicking Dies, Eyelets, EVA Sheets & Compounds, Finishes & Polishes, Labels, Laces etc., has been instrumental in providing a fillip to the industry.



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With the strong support of all trade institutions, it was IFCOMA's 55<sup>th</sup> event in series and 12<sup>th</sup> edition of Mumbai "SHOETECH 2023" during which exhibitors displayed various footwear components, accessories & machinery which included specialized Soles (TPR/TPU/PU etc.) of the latest design, Plastic shoe lasts, Insoles, Toe-puff & Counters, Linings & Interlinings, Threads, Finishes & Chemicals, Packaging Boxes, Shoe Machinery etc.

Delivering his 'Keynote Address' Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI said, "The Indian Leather and Footwear industry is aiming to reach achieve the ambitious target of USD 47 Billion by 2030. To achieve this ambitious target, a synergy of various industries like footwear, fashion and components & accessories industry is an inevitable factor."



Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI being felicitated



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One of the key highlights of 'SHOETECH Mumbai 2023' is its emphasis on sustainable practices. It featured exhibitors and presentations dedicated to eco-friendly materials, recyclable components, and sustainable production processes. Attendees had the opportunity to witness the transformative power of sustainable practices in reshaping the future of footwear.

SHOETECH was successful to provide an opportunity to enhance the business prospect and create a direct link between the various players of footwear, leather and components industry.

## **FDDI, Kolkata – under 'Looking East Approach' participates in 'Student Outreach' fair**

To provide the most varied, relevant and up-to-date information to the students on the various programmes being conduct by FDDI and on how to determine the direction most suited to their talents & qualifications, the staff of FDDI, Kolkata campus, under the 'Looking East Approach' participated in 'Student Outreach' fair which was held at Guwahati from 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023.



Students being briefed about the career avenues



Students getting their doubts cleared by the staff of FDDI

The students of various schools in and around Guwahati participated in the event. The officials from FDDI were present at FDDI's stall to guide the students about the career opportunities available.

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Mr. Sunil Kumar Ullattuthodiyil, Executive Director, FDDI-Kolkata campus interacted with the heads of various schools and provided first-hand knowledge to them about the various professional programmes being conducted by the Institute. He also encouraged them to visit FDDI.

The officials of FDDI apprised the needs of today's job market pertaining to the Footwear, Fashion, Retail and Leather Goods & Accessories Industry and created awareness among the students who are on the threshold of choosing a lucrative career in these areas.

This approach also helped in to build direct relationships with the schools, principals, and teachers of Guwahati region.

## Industrial visit for FDDI, Noida students at CGS Apparel Private Limited

With the objective to make the students aware about the various activities related to printing, embroidery followed by garment production cycle, and the roles of textile workers, the students of FDDI, Noida campus visited CGS Apparel Private Limited on August 26, 2023.

CGS Apparel Private Limited is a leading Private Limited Indian Non-Government Company incorporated in India on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1999. Located at Hosiery Complex, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, the company is involved in manufacture of wearing apparel, knitting, production etc.

Mr. Bharat and Mrs. Khushbu, experts of the company briefed about the apparel industry. The students were taken to visit each and every department from Planning to

Shipment that is "CUT – TO – PACK" including sampling, costing, knitting, cutting, production planning, sourcing of raw material and production pattern making, fabric cutting, printing, embroidery, sewing, thread trimming, washing, ironing, store department, folding and packing are the production functions.

As per the buyer requirements the development stages of samples are named as Proto sample, Fit sample, Size set sample, Sales man sample, production sample, Top of production (TOP) sample and shipment sample were explained in detail. They were also briefed about CAD/CAM which enables the designer, pattern maker, marker and grader to do their jobs precisely and effectively.

It was a beneficial visit for the students as they interacted with the departmental heads and gained practical knowledge about garment production right from the fabric to finished product and steps of quality checks.



Students watching the plant & machinery



Department Head explaining about the production process