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FDDI Kolkata participates in ILAF 2024

FDDI, Kolkata participated in the 26th edition of India Leather & Accessories Fair (ILAF), 2024 which was organized by Indian Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO), Govt. of India and supported by Council for Leather Exports (CLE), Indian Leather Products Association (ILPA), Government of West Bengal and the Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA).



Dignitaries at the dais during the inaugural session of ILAF 2024

The fair was held at Biswa Bangla Exhibition Centre (BBEC) in Kolkata, Kolkata from 28th to 29th March, 2024. With approximately 56 stalls featuring leather bags, accessories, and related machinery, the fair provided a comprehensive platform for exporters & manufacturers to showcase their products and innovations and also a preferred sourcing point.



MD-FDDI, being felicitated during ILAF 2024

During the inaugural session, Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Managing Director (MD), FDDI, was felicitated in the presence of stakeholders from the leather industry, including

exporters, manufacturers, and institutions. On this occasion, Mr. Sunil Kumar, Executive Director (ED), FDDI- Kolkata campus was also present.

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A view of the stall of FDDI



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FDDI, at its stall displayed student's leather goods and footwear products. Apart from the buyers, the owners and officials of various export houses and the leather industry as a whole applauded the works of the students of FDDI showcased in the stall.



'Best Stall Award' given to FDDI



Team FDDI in a jubilant mood after getting the 'Best Stall Award'



Visitors at the stall of FDDI

The stall of FDDI was adjudged the best stall during the fair and was awarded for the same during ILAF 2024.

Information about the academic programmes of the FDDI was also provided to the aspiring students.

The three-day fair served as an invaluable opportunity for industry professionals, students, and aspiring professionals to interact and exchange ideas. It provided students with insights into the expectations of the industry regarding merchandising, designing, and product management roles and to study latest trends in terms of leather, colour, patterns, silhouettes, accessories and latest technologies.



Students of FDDI walking on the ramp during the 'Fashion Show'

Upon the request received from ITPO, FDDI organized a 'Fashion Show' at Taj Talkutir during which the students showcased their creative creations of leather products and shoes on the ramp walk.

Audience was mesmerized by the grace and beauty of the entire show. The event was a huge success as it was well appreciated in the form of thunderous applause after the show.



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Managing Director- FDDI attends academia-industry panel discussion 'Emerging Trends of the Leather Bags and Accessories Industry' as 'Chief Guest'

Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Managing Director (MD), FDDI attended the academia-industry panel discussion on the topic 'Emerging Trends of the Leather Bags and Accessories Industry' as 'Chief Guest' which was held on 29th March, 2024 during the 26th edition of India Leather & Accessories Fair, 2024 (ILAF) in the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre.

The other eminent members of the panel included Dr. Sakhwar - Director – ICAR, Kolkata, Mr. Debasish Dey - CLE - Regional Director, Mr. Jagdish Gulati-VP-ILPA, and industry personnel namely, Mr. Gaurav Nathani from Sheet Kamal-Jaipur, Mr. Amit Bijoria from Ski Group and Mr. Sanjoy Sen.

Delivering the 'Keynote Address', Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha, MD, FDDI said, “The increasing disposable income of consumers, rise in fashion consciousness, and growing demand for luxury products are the major factors driving revenue growth in the Leather Goods market especially the Leather Bags and Accessories.”



MD-FDDI, being felicitated during inaugural session of panel discussion



A view of the panel discussion



Mr. Sunil Kumar U, ED, FDDI Kolkata campus being felicitated

“Innovation in leather production technology, like sustainable sourcing practices and new tanning methods, is the need of the hour to make the leather Bags and Accessories industry more socially responsible and environmentally friendly,” added Colonel Sinha.

The programme was attended by Mr. Sunil Kumar U, Executive Director (ED), FDDI - Kolkata campus, technical experts from the industry, overseas buyers, academicians and researchers. It was anchored by Ms. Basumitra Ghosh Mukherjee, Head of COE, FDDI Kolkata.

The eminent panelists spoke about the current manufacturing and exports of leather products in the global scenario, the stand of India in terms of designing and manufacturing, cross-cultural influences that enrich leather bag designs with diverse textures, patterns, and craftsmanship traditions, Vegan and other leather alternatives tech-infused utility and integration of AI infused smart features for monitoring production process and automation in manufacturing etc.

The deliberations of the experts invited for the discussion, will play a transformative role in fulfilling the goals of Hon'ble Prime Minister's 'Vocal for Local', 'Make in India' and 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.



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Rajbhasha seminar organized at FDDI, Jodhpur campus

On 28th March 2024, a day-long seminar on Official Language was organized at FDDI, Jodhpur campus during which JNVU Professor, Dr. Mahipal Singh Rathore – Head of Hindi Department was the 'Chief Guest'.

In his address, Dr. Mahipal Singh said “Hindi language is connected with our childhood, and our official language and has the ability to connect the common people.”



From Left: JNVU Professor, Dr. Mahipal Singh Rathore being felicitated by Mr. Anil Kumar, AFHQCS, ED, FDDI, Jodhpur campus



A view of the participants

Motivating the attendees, Mr. Anil Kumar, AFHQCS, Executive Director (ED), FDDI, Jodhpur campus his 'Welcome Address' said, “I think the promotion of Hindi in India is very important in departmental work and we should not be ashamed of speaking Rajbhasha Hindi instead we must be proud of it.”

All the officers, employees and students of the institute took part in the seminar and were delighted as it provided valuable information to do the official work in Hindi.

Insights on Footwear Manufacturing for School students being imparted at FDDI Jodhpur, campus

With the objective to provide insights into footwear manufacturing under PM Shri Scheme, a seven days meticulously designed training programme for the students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Jalore has commenced at FDDI Jodhpur, campus.

This training programme was inaugurated on 29th March 2024 during which Dr. Nidhi Deauskar from BSF Frontier Headquarters was the 'Chief Guest'.



Lighting of the inaugural lamp (From Left): Mr. Anil Kumar, AFHQCS, ED, FDDI, Jodhpur campus and Dr. Nidhi Deauskar, BSF Frontier Headquarters



Students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Jalore attending the inaugural session

In her address, Dr. Nidhi Deauskar urged the students to take full advantage of this special training programme and to acquire industry-relevant skills.

Mr. Anil Kumar, AFHQCS, Executive Director (ED), FDDI, Jodhpur campus his 'Welcome Address' said, “The field of

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footwear manufacturing technology presents numerous opportunities for individuals interested in the design, production, and quality control of footwear.

During the training programme which is being attended by more than 80 students the experts of FDDI provided knowledge to the students on Fundamentals & Basic Concept of Footwear & Leather Product, Concepts of Design Thinking, Sketching Concepts & its Practicability, Practical Aspects of Designing, Pattern Making & Engineering Concepts of Footwear Design & Leather Product Design etc.

Executive Director, FDDI Jodhpur campus felicitated during IIHT Annual Function

Mr. Anil Kumar, AFHQCS, Executive Director (ED), FDDI, Jodhpur campus was felicitated during the 31st Annual Function of Indian Institute of Handloom & Technology (IIHT) which was held on 22nd March 2024 at IIHT Auditorium, Jodhpur.

Mr. Anil Kumar who was the Chief Guest during the event was felicitated by Dr. Sivagnanam K.J, Director, IIHT, Jodhpur.

IIHT, Jodhpur under the banner of Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India and under the aegis of Development Commissioner for Handlooms, New Delhi came into inception on 16th September 1993 to cater the needs of Handloom Industry of India particularly of Northern and Western sector of India.

During this event, various educational & extra-curricular achievements of the students of IIHT, Jodhpur were recognized and celebrated.



Second from Left: Mr. Anil Kumar, AFHQCS, ED, FDDI, Jodhpur campus being felicitated by Dr. Sivagnanam K.J, Director, IIHT, Jodhpur

Institutional collaboration between FDDI, Hyderabad and TSLIPC

FDDI, Hyderabad and Telangana State Leather Industries Promotion Corporation Ltd. (TSLIPC)- a government undertaking focused on advancing leather and related industries in Telangana have entered into institutional collaboration on 19th March 2024.



A view of the Exchange of Agreement

This institutional collaboration which serves as a collaborative framework in multiple critical areas aims to facilitate various endeavors such as consultancy, design, R&D projects, skill development, and training programs. Within this institutional collaboration, FDDI Hyderabad is tasked with conducting research and consultancy projects according to the specific requirements identified by both parties. These projects are tailored to encompass a wide range of aspects within the footwear and leather industry and related sectors, covering innovation, design, technological advancements, and market analysis.

On behalf of FDDI Hyderabad, Dr. Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS, Executive Director signed the agreement whereas Mr. Srinivas Naik, Vice-Chairman of TSLIPC, signed the agreement. The event was attended by other HoDs from various Schools of FDDI, as well as the General Manager and Deputy Director of TSLIPC.



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Research paper of Faculty of FDDI, Fursatganj campus published in IJFMR

A research paper of the Faculty of FDDI, Fursatganj has been published in International Journal For Multidisciplinary Research (IJFMR) in the Volume 6, Issue 2, March-April 2024.

The research paper with the topic 'A Study of Khadi as an Identity of India and Creating a Khadi Community' has been written by Mrs. Neelam Patel, Associate Faculty –School of Fashion Design (FD), FDDI, Fursatganj.

This research aims to assess college students' awareness about Khadi and also to find out how much people know about the Khadi brand and its products. It focuses to raise consciousness about various lifestyle goods and textiles.

The research paper is available at <https://www.ijfmr.com>



Mrs. Neelam Patel, Associate Faculty –FD, FDDI, Fursatganj



Certificate awarded to Mrs. Neelam Patel, Associate Faculty –FD, FDDI, Fursatganj

FDDI recognized as 'Assessing Agency' and 'Awarding Body' by NCVET

FDDI has been recognized as 'Assessing Agency' and 'Awarding Body' by National Council of Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) on 15th March 2024.

On this occasion, Dr. Nirmaljeet Singh Kalsi, IAS (Retd.), Chairperson, NCVET, Dr. Neena Pahuja, Executive Member (EM), NCVET, Dr. Vinita Aggarwal, IES (Retd.), EM, NCVET, Col. Santosh Kumar, Director, NCVET and Ms. Sheetal, Consultant - NCVET were present whereas Col. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, MD, FDDI, Mr. Sharad Shrivastava, Sr. Consultant - School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), Mr. Sandeep Bhatia DGM- Student Affairs & Examination Department, and Mr. Ashish Kumar, Manager-Secretary Office were present.

The NCVET serves as an overarching national regulator with the aim of setting standards, developing comprehensive regulations, and improving the vocational education, training, and skilling ecosystem.

Sharing the details, Col. Sinha said, "FDDI is poised to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of vocational education and training and skilling in India. Our recognition by NCVET reflects our unwavering commitment to excellence and innovation."

Now, as 'Assessing Agency' FDDI has the mandate to assess trainees after completion of training under National Skills Qualifications Committee (NSQC) which are aligned in the area of Retail, Fashion, Footwear and Leather Goods sector whereas as an 'Awarding Body' - FDDI has the mandate to award certificates and also create and develop qualifications in compliance to the NEP 2020 Credit Scheme.

With decades of experience and a sterling reputation in the footwear & leather industry, FDDI is committed to fostering innovation and excellence in skill development. Through this achievement, FDDI seeks to leverage its expertise to contribute significantly to the national agenda of enhancing vocational education and training standards.



From Left: Dr. Neena Pahuja, Executive Member (EM), NCVET, Col. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, MD, FDDI, Dr. Nirmaljeet Singh Kalsi, IAS (Retd.), Chairperson, NCVET, Dr. Vinita Aggarwal, IES (Retd.), EM, NCVET and Col. Santosh Kumar, Director, NCVET