FDDI participates in the 32nd IILF

Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) participated in the 32nd India International Leather Fair (IILF-2017), which was held between 31st January to 3rd February 2017 at Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam, Chennai.

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IILF was organized by India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO), with main supporting organizations Council for Leather Exports (CLE), Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) - Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI), Indian Shoe Federation (ISF), Indian Finished Leather Manufacturers and Exporters Association (IIFMEA), Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA) and Association of Footwear Components and Machinery Manufacturers of India (AFCAMMI).

The theme of the 32nd IILF was “Enabling Leather”, featuring a greener leather sector.

At the opening ceremony, distribution of the CLE Export Excellence Awards 2015-16 was presented for best export performance in different product categories under various export turnover slabs.

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The business visitors were attracted to exhibits displayed by more than 400 companies, including over 100 from more than 20 foreign countries. The display profile included a wide range of products such as leather garments, footwear and its components, synthetic material, fashion accessories, raw and finished leather, chemicals, machinery, equipment and technologies.

The students of FDDI displayed a wide range of creations at its stall no. 11 located at the Convention Centre that included ladies and gents shoes, casual and formal footwear and sports shoes, fashion accessories, leather goods - travelware, belts, portfolios, handbags and wallets.
FDDI, Swati Modo, The Leather Warehouse and ITPO in association with AVT, Red Chief and Khadims organized the second ‘Footwear Fashion Show’ during which Mrs. Revathi Roy, Chairperson, FDDI was the Guest of Honour.

FDDI students and alumni worked diligently and showcased products by budding designers inspired by the ‘Arts of the World’ which was cherished by everyone and made this event a grand success.

The services of the FDDI’s ITC for supporting the footwear and leather industry, through a host of testing solutions and services with minimum possible time was also provided to the perspective visitors.

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

**FDDI’s Incubation-cum-Operator Training Center inaugurated at Dewas, Madhya Pradesh**

Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) has accorded utmost priority in promoting ‘Skill Development’ to conduit the skill gap for the growth of the Footwear, Leather and allied Sector.

In order to overcome the acute shortage of trained manpower in the leather & footwear industry and to provide gainful employment to the unemployed youth, a Leather Incubation-cum-Operator Training Center (IOTC) was inaugurated at Dewas, Madhya Pradesh on 30th January 2017 by Mr. Sanjay Satyendra Pathak, Hon’able Minister for MSME (Independent charge), Government of Madhya Pradesh.

This effort will supplement the Hon’ble Prime Minister’s vision of ‘Make in India’ programme designed to enhance skill development for the Leather Industry.

The IOTC has been established at Industrial Area-2, Madhumilan Chauraha, Dewas, Madhya Pradesh in collaboration with Madhya Pradesh Laghu Udhyog Nigam Ltd. (MPLUNL), and M/s. Tata International Ltd., under the Placement Linked Skill Development Programme (PLSDP) Scheme of the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.

FDDI also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MPLUNL & M/s. Tata International Ltd., for organising the Skill Development Training Programme in basic Cutting & Closing Operator course under PLSDP Scheme of HRD Mission along with Entrepreneur Development Programme for the
Entrepreneurs for a duration of 6 month (FMT) & 1 year (DFDMT).

The MoU Between MPLUNL, FDDI & M/s. Tata International Ltd. was signed by the Chief General Manager on behalf of MPLUNL and Center In-charge on behalf of FDDI and Unit head of M/s. Tata International Ltd., Dewas in the presence of the Hon’able Minister Mr. Sanjay Satyendra Pathak.

Bio-matric attendance and Aadhar Card linkages are being implemented in PLSDP Scheme.

Ethiopian delegates visits FDDI, Noida

The Hon’ble Minister of State (Industry), Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Mr. Bogale Feleke and the Director General - Leather Industry Development Institute (LIDI), Ethiopia Mr. Wondu Legesse visited the Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI), Noida from 31st January to 1st February 2017.

The purpose of the visit of the Ethiopian delegation, besides the performance evaluation of the Twinning project, was to discuss the modalities for the non-leather sector intervention project in Ethiopia.

LIDI is one of the International partners with FDDI which is jointly engaged in the development of the footwear sector of Ethiopia under the “Grand Transformation Programme (GTP)” - a five year development programme.

FDDI trained 1,44,093 trainees & placed 1,15,660 trainees during the last FY 2015-16. In the current year, i.e. 2016-17, FDDI has been allotted a target to train 1,44,000 trainees and as per the status up to 30th November 2016, 77466 candidates have been covered through its Operators Training Centers/ Sub-centers located in various parts of the country including main OTCs at Agra, Kanpur, Kolkata, Ranipet, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi/NCR. Out of the total trainees, 62291 trainees have been successfully placed in different footwear companies.
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In continuation of the ‘Twinning Programme (Phase-1)’, FDDI has entered into another agreement of ‘Twinning Programme (Phase-2)’ on 8th May 2015 for two (02) years with the Ministry of Industry, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia represented by LIDI through CLRI.

The objective of the ‘Twinning Programme’ is to prepare, equip and graduate LIDI to meet the requirements of Ethiopian leather and leather products industry and trade so as to realize the national vision and aspirations.

The purpose of the visit of the Ethiopian delegation was the performance evaluation of the ongoing Twinning Project (Phase-2) at LIDI, Ethiopia.

In this regard, the Ethiopian delegation met the Secretary & Officiating Managing Director of FDDI, Mr. Sameer Kumar Srivastava and the Executive Director of FDDI, Mr. Adarsh Kumar to strengthen business ties & to forge linkages further.

To provide an overview & functioning of non-leather footwear company in India, an industrial visit was also organized by FDDI for this high level Ethiopian delegation at Sports Station India Private Limited (SSIPL), located at Kundli, Sonepat, Haryana on 1st February 2017.