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Bid-adieu

Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, Managing Director, FDDI relinquished his chair on 18th September 2023 and proceeds to join his parent cadre. He had joined FDDI as MD on 11th July 2017 and his contribution has been significant to the growth of FDDI. During his tenure, FDDI became an Institution of National Importance (INI). He immensely contributed to the footwear, fashion and design industry which has been recognized at all level.

We wish him 'All the Best' for his future endeavor.

Adding another feather in FDDI's cap, its student of Chennai campus presented his research paper at 21st UITIC Congress - Milano, Italy

Mr. Hrishikesh Ranjith, a student of FDDI, Chennai campus of 2019 - 2023 batch of School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP) presented his groundbreaking research paper titled "Novel Running Shoe Design for Persons with Plantar Fasciitis" at the prestigious 21st UITIC Congress held in the vibrant city of Milano, Italy from 20th to 22nd September 2023.

The 21st edition of UITIC featured a new addition i.e., the Innovation Showcase, a space where research centres, institutions and companies from China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Mexico, Portugal, Romania and Spain presented their work to showcase "the capability of the research and innovation network that supports the footwear world in its digital and sustainable transition".

Leveraging the benefit of digital communication, Mr. Hrishikesh Ranjith submitted the abstracts which was accepted.

The commitment of Mr. Hrishikesh Ranjith to innovation & excellence in this field has led him to embark on a

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Mr. Hrishikesh Ranjith, at 21st UITIC Congress
Milano, Italy

remarkable journey to address one of the most common yet challenging foot conditions, Plantar Fasciitis under the guidance of Dr. Priyadharshini, Senior Faculty and Head of Center of Excellence (CoE), Chennai.

Mr. Hrishikesh's research delves deep into the biomechanical aspects of Plantar Fasciitis, and he has developed a novel running shoe design aimed at providing substantial relief to those suffering from this condition. His research not only focuses on the comfort and support aspects of the shoe but also emphasizes the importance of style and aesthetics, ensuring that individuals with Plantar Fasciitis can confidently embrace an active lifestyle.

His presentation at the UITIC Congress in Milano is not only an opportunity for him, but, also a moment of pride for FDDI and the entire footwear community.

Mr. Vikram Singh, Strategic Head – Investment, British High Commission, visits FDDI, Noida campus

On 20th September 2023, Mr. Vikram Singh, Strategic Head – Investment, British High Commission (BHC) visited Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI), Noida campus.



Discussion in progress between Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/ MD, FDDI and Mr. Vikram Singh, Strategic



Mr. Vikram Singh, Strategic Head – Investment, BHC at ITC

During the visit, he met Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/ Managing Director (MD), FDDI and had a long discussion to identify and promote new opportunities at higher levels of education, prospective academic collaborations, testing etc.

During his two hour stay, Mr. Vikram Singh visited the campus of the institute including the state-of-art facilities and infrastructure as established at School of Footwear Design & Production, School of Leather Goods & Accessories Design, School of Fashion Design and School of Retail and Fashion Merchandise.

Sharing the details, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/MD, FDDI said, “The purpose of the visit was to have prospective discussion on reaching a common ground on issues of training & education and testing services in getting an alliance with the British Footwear Association, United Kingdom (UK), associating with the technical committees of SATRA, UK and forging linkages for industry-academia as well institutional collaboration.”



Mr. Vikram Singh, Strategic Head – Investment, BHC watching the display



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Mr. Vikram Singh also visited the newly established Physical & Chemical Laboratory of International Testing Center (ITC) of FDDI which are equipped with new advanced machines for improving testing and inspection in a transparent manner. He saw the various testing-cum-quality control services being provided by it for leather, plastics, rubbers, textiles, footwear, artificial limbs, sports goods & tests for harmful substances.

He also saw the display of leather, lifestyle and fashion products designs and sketches and interacted with the faculty members.

'Industrial Exposure' for FDDI, Rohtak students at Grasim Bhiwani Textiles Ltd. (GBTL)

To provide an in-depth insight about spinning, weaving, processing and dyeing of textiles, the students of Fashion Design and Foundation batch of FDDI, Rohtak campus, under the 'Industrial Exposure', visited Grasim Bhiwani Textiles Ltd., (GBTL) on 14th September 2023.

The mill erstwhile known as "Punjab Cotton Mills", established in 1938, was taken over by Grasim Industries Ltd. in 1964 and renamed as Bhiwani Textiles Limited. Bhiwani Textiles Mills, which was the textile division of Grasim Industries Ltd., became a subsidiary company from 1st October 2007 onwards with a name of Grasim Bhiwani Textiles Limited (GBTL) having its registered office in Mumbai.

Under the supervision of the highly experienced faculty of FDDI, the students of FDDI learned about how yarn is manufactured practically by different machines, dyeing process, laboratory testing, carding, drawing, fabric processing (Scouring, mending, rapier loom) packing, warehousing etc.

The visit was very informative as it provided an opportunity to the students to see the internal working environment of textile mill, as well as useful information related to the practical aspects of the spinning, weaving and dyeing which cannot be visualized in lectures.



Students being briefed about the functionality of textile mill

Budding Designers of FDDI, Hyderabad campus visit T-Works

On 12th September 2023, under the 'Educational Trip', the students of FDDI Hyderabad campus visited T-Works. The objective of the visit was to provide an opportunity to the budding designers of School of Fashion Design (SFP), to explore the intersection of fashion and technology.



Students and Faculty members with team of T-Works

T-Works, India's Largest Prototyping Center - a Government of Telangana initiative is a thriving innovation ecosystem located in the heart of Hyderabad which has become a hub for tech enthusiasts, innovators, and entrepreneurs.

The students saw the 3D Printing, Advanced Rapid Prototyping, Ceramic Studio, Metal Shop, Electronics Shop, Testing Studio, Laser Cutting and Engraving Studio and Wood Cutting.

The students had the chance to gain hands-on experience in various workshops and studios, enhancing their practical knowledge in a range of exciting areas. This visit helped the students to connect the dots between technology and fashion, opening up new avenues for innovative design.



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FDDI Faculty delivers 'Orientation Lecture' at MDNIY, Ministry of Ayush

Ms. Renu Sharma, Consultant, Retail, FDDI delivered an 'Orientation Lecture' on the theme of 'Unlocking Human Potential: Fostering a Realm of Possibilities' at Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) on 01st September 2023.

MDNIY is an autonomous organization under Ministry of Ayush and it's a nodal agency for conducting training programme in yoga, therapy and research. It is also a collaborating partner of World Health Organization.

Mr. Vikram Singh, Director, MDNIY who gave the opening address highlighted the fact that body language and voice communicates enthusiasm and energy of a person. He also stressed on the fact that all of us have lot of potential to grow.

During the session Ms. Sharma conducted experiential activities to facilitate interaction punctuated with pauses and reflection time. She urged audience to imbibe the spirit of "Aham Brahamasmi" (I am Divine).

The session was attended by officials, faculties and students of MDNIY.



A view of the experiential activities conducted by Ms. Renu Sharma, Consultant, Retail, FDDI

'फुटवियर टेक्नोलोजी का क ख ग'- a book jointly authored by Faculty of FDDI, Fursatganj campus gets published

A book titled, 'फुटवियर टेक्नोलोजी का क ख ग' jointly authored by Mr. Varun Gupta, Jr. Consultant- Footwear Technology (FT) and Center Incharge, FDDI Fursatganj and by Mr. A. V. Suresh, Senior Technical Consultant, Romans CAD (Strategies, France) –Pune has been published by Notion Press Publisher in September 2023.

The book brings practical knowledge along with theoretical aspects with the comprehensive approach in Hindi language. The USP of this book is that, it provides very minute to minute exposure of Footwear Industry through illustrations. The book is documented with chapters, segmented as Introduction, Foot & Last, Leather & Fabrics, Nesting, Grinders, Tools, Machines and Process of Footwear Manufacturing. These chapters are further divided in 30 units.

The contents of this book are also beneficial for faculties, technicians, supervisors, and managers of Footwear industry across the world. Thorough study will help the readers to get solutions to day to day production situations. The book will be helpful for the aspirant candidates willing to face competitive exams and interview related in Corporates, Government organizations and PSU's.

Sr. No.	Name of the Faculty	Cover page of the book
1.	 Mr. Varun Gupta, Jr. Consultant- FT, FDDI, Fursatganj	
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The book having ISBN: 9798891331150 is available on Amazon, Flipkart and Notion Press website.



OBITUARY

With profound grief we regret to inform the sad demise of our colleague, Mr. Navneet Kumar Dubey, Jr. Lab Assistant, Noida, Employee Code: 01116, who passed away on 20th September 2023. Mr. Navneet Kumar Dubey was associated with FDDI since 24th August 2023.

This loss leaves the FDDI fraternity with a deep void and his contributions will always be remembered. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray to the almighty to grant peace to the departed soul.

Entire staff of Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI)



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