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**FDDI, Ankleshwar campus
inaugurated by Mr. Suresh
Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister
of Commerce & Industry,
Government of India**

The newly constructed building of the Ankleshwar campus of Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, Mr. Suresh Prabhu on 11th March 2018.

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Hon'ble C&IM, Mr. Suresh Prabhu cutting the ribbon and inaugurating the FDDI Ankleshwar Campus

The campus is located at Plot No. H-3301, Near ESIC Hospital, GIDC Ankleshwar Industrial Estate, Gujarat.

On this occasion, Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, Managing Director (MD), FDDI, Mr. Vivek Sharma, IRS, Secretary, FDDI, Mr. Ashok Kumar Choudhary, IRSS, Executive Director, FDDI, Mr. Motilal Sethi, Member, Governing Council, FDDI the staff and students of the Institute were present.

Mr. Anil Agarwal, IPS, Joint Secretary (JS), Department of Industrial Policy and

Promotion (DIPP), Government of India, Office bearers of Ankleshwar Industries Association namely, Mr. Mahesh J Patel - President, Mr. Jashu S. Chaudhary - Vice-President, Notified Area Chairman, Mr. Himat B. Sheladia and Mr. Dhiren Shah, Owner of Favourite Shoe Company (Alumni of FDDI) were also present.



Unveiling of the Plaque by Hon'ble C&IM, Mr. Suresh Prabhu

The Hon'ble C&IM inaugurated the FDDI Ankleshwar campus by unveiling the Plaque at 06.30 PM.



Unveiling of the Plaque by Hon'ble C&IM, Mr. Suresh Prabhu

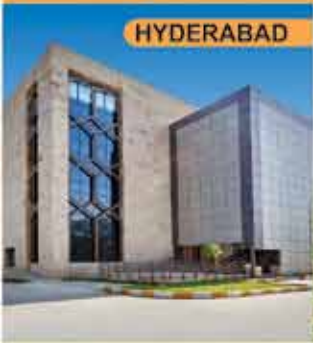
The inauguration ceremony commenced with the invocation of 'Saraswati Vandana'.

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From Left: Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, MD-FDDI, Mr. Anil Agarwal, IPS, JS - DIPP, Mr. Ashok Kumar Choudhary, IRSS, ED-FDDI & Hon'ble C&IM, Mr. Suresh Prabhu visiting the Pilot Plant



Hon'ble C&IM, Mr. Suresh Prabhu observing the footwear designed by the students

Smart class rooms along with adequate number of exclusive workshops in each area of Manufacturing Technology have been created to encourage interactive and practical oriented training in the FDDI Ankleshwar campus.

The Hon'ble C&IM visited the Pilot Plant which includes Cutting, Closing, Component, Lasting and Finishing Workshop, classroom etc., and was happy to see the world-class infrastructure present in the Institute.



Hon'ble C&IM, Mr. Suresh Prabhu observing the Footwear Manufacturing Technology & Process

The Institute is having latest machinery, electronic and CAD/CAM based design support.



Hon'ble C&IM, Mr. Suresh Prabhu addressing the media

The Hon'ble C&IM addressed the media and also planted a sapling in the campus.

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Hon'ble C&IM, Mr. Suresh Prabhu, planting a sapling

The Hon'ble C&IM praised the infrastructure, quality & décor of the campus which is a visual landmark in the area.



Lighting of the 'Inaugural Lamp' by Hon'ble C&IM, Mr. Suresh Prabhu

Delivering the 'Welcome Address', Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, Managing Director, FDDI said, "Inauguration of Ankaleshwar campus

becomes all the more significant as this is the first campus getting inaugurated after the grant of Status of an 'Institution of National Importance' (INI) to FDDI in October 2017. The campus and the facilities in this campus bears the testimony of FDDI to stand proud to the distinguished status that has been accorded to us and to provide the students of FDDI with the best of the academics and facilities that is expected of an INI."



Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, MD-FDDI delivering the 'Welcome Address'

He further said, "One of the key missions at FDDI is the upgradation of syllabus and the method of delivery of the same. We at FDDI are committed to provide the best possible curriculum in the respective courses and are leaving no stone unturned for this."

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The state-of-the-art campus is having a capacity to train 700-750 students and ensures international standards of training and high end support services to the Industry in the domain of Footwear & Leather Products Design Technology, Retail Management and Fashion Merchandising.



Dignitaries on the Dias

Delivering the 'Keynote Address', the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, Mr. Suresh Prabhu said, "As the population of our country is growing very fast which constitutes majority of youth, there is a rising need to provide them employment for which the economy of the country needs to grow and in this regard, the present government is trying its level best. This is evident as during the last three and half years, since Mr. Narendra Modi Ji's became the Prime Minister of India, the economy is growing very fast."

"Footwear is one sector which keeps growing constantly and is one of the thrust area of the Government for which this beautiful campus has been established" added Mr. Prabhu.



Mr. Suresh Prabhu Hon'ble C&IM delivering the 'Keynote Address'

Considering the long felt demand of trained manpower of the Footwear and Leather Product Industry and to ensure the presence of FDDI in Western India, a full-fledged campus of FDDI at Ankleshwar was established under the Mission Mode Programme of the Government of India with a total project outlay of Rs. 100 Crores. The leather sector is given utmost importance considering its huge potential in generating employment and export. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India has sanctioned to establish the full-fledged campus at Ankleshwar in Gujarat.

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