



From the desk of General Secretary

5TH PROF. S. S. DUTTA MEMORIAL LECTURE



The 5th Prof. S. S. Dutta Memorial Lecture (the 10th Seminar since 2014 on the occasion of IILF at Chennai) was organized by the Southern Regional committee of Indian Leather Technologists Association (ILTA) in association with CSIR-CLRI, GCELT, ILPA and Indian Leather magazine as media partners at the Hall-A of Convention Center in the Chennai Trade Center campus on Friday the 2nd February' 2024 during 37th India International Leather Fair (IILF – 2024).

Program commenced with invitation to the following dignitaries on the dais for their respective seats.

1. Mr. M. Abdul Wahab, Managing Director, K. H. Exports India Private Limited, Chennai.
2. Dr. B. Chandrasekaran, former Director, CSIR – CLRI.
3. Dr. J. Raghava Rao, former Principal Scientist, CSIR – CLRI.
4. Dr. R. Mohan, Secretary, Southern Region (ILTA).
5. Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA

After rendition of the State Song of Tamilnadu, Mr. Susanta Mallick was requested to deliver Introductory Speech. In his address Mr. Mallick remembered Prof. S. S. Dutta as one of the great teachers of Leather Technology in his student hood at GCELT. He stated that the book authored by Prof. Dutta titled "An Introduction to the Principals of Leather Manufacture" has been most popular among the different leather institutes

throughout the country and ILTA has already printed 2500 copies of this book since its publication around 40 years ago. He remembered the contribution of Prof. Dutta to our beloved association as well as the whole leather fraternity. He also mentioned in brief the activities of ILTA related to Indian Leather Fraternity.

After ending his speech, Mr. Mallick requested Dr. S. Rajamani to honour the hon'ble chief guest Dr. B. Chandrasekaran with a bouquet and swal followed by honouring the speaker Mr. M. Abdul Wahab with shawl & bouquets by Dr. J. Raghava Rao respectively. Thereafter, the dignitaries and the representatives of various Associations, Organizations, Institutes and Industry was requested for garlanding to the portrait of Prof. S. S. Dutta, followed by the Welcome Address delivered by Dr. J. Raghava Rao.

In his address Dr. Rao sincerely remembered the contribution of Late Prof. S. S. Dutta as a teacher of leather technology during his student hood. He welcomed all the dignitaries present who responded ILTA to join hands with the activities and interested to play active role in development of modern Leather Industry. He especially welcomed and offered thanks to Mr. Wahab, hon'ble speaker of the day and the Director of M/s K. H. Group, who is playing a leading role in modern leather industry. He expressed hope that this way ILTA could be able to remain and develop more relevancies to the industry.

Dr. B. Chandrasekaran, Chief Guest of the program expressed his heartfelt thanks to ILTA for inviting him in the program. In his lecture Dr. Chandrasekaran briefed his experience related to technical growth of leather industry during his tenure as the Director of CLRI. He also recalled the measures started to be taken by CLRI by that time for sustainable and greener technology in leather industry. He especially mentioned that we should be more careful before intervention in the present debate on Leather Vs Non – Leather.

Thereafter, the name of the students was announced who were nominated for felicitation with Prof. S. S. Dutta Memorial

Medal for submitting their projects in M. Tech and B. Tech, Leather and Leather Footwear Technology Examination – 2023 and adjudged as the ‘Best Project’. All the awards were handed over to the awardees by the dignitaries present in the event.

- a) **Mr. Gokul Ganesh V, Mr. Mohammed Yaser M & Mr. Rudra Shekaran S**, B.Tech, Leather Technology, Anna University, Chennai, project titled **“Enhancing Nap Effect on Nubuck Leather with the help of Foaming Machine”**
- b) **Mr. Jeyas Kandhan S**, M.Tech, Leather Technology, Anna University, Chennai, project titled **“Development of Collagen based Bioink from Raw Trimming Waste”**
- c) **Mr. Niklesh C, M. Tech**, Footwear Engineering & Management, Anna University, Chennai, project titled **“Designing & Development of Hyper-Elastic Natural Fibre Material for Footwear”**
- d) **Mr. Debjit Sen**, B.Tech, GCELT, Kolkata, project titled **“Isolation and Identification of Pigment causing Chrome Resistant Fungi from Wet Blue”**
- e) **Mr. Premjit Biswas**, M.Tech, Leather Technology, GCELT, Kolkata, project titled **“An Essential Study on Arsenic Contamination in Raw Goat Skin & Chromium-Tanned Leather”**

Then the names of the three export houses, who would be felicitated by ILTA for securing 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively as winner of Best Export Award 2022-23 for their overall export performance in the country as declared by Council for Leather Exports (CLE). It was declared that the Mementoes and certificates would be sent to their registered office by courier within a fortnight.

Names of the houses are as follows:

- 1st Place - M/s Feng Tay India Group, Chennai
- 2nd Place - M/s Apache Footwear India Pvt. Ltd., Andhra Pradesh
- 3rd Place - M/s TATA International Group, Chennai

Thereafter, all the dignitaries lead by Dr. B. Chandrasekaran, joined hands to release the ‘IILF-2024 Special Issue’ of Journal

of Indian Leather Technologists’ Association (JILTA), February’ 2024 and the first copy was handed over by Dr. Chandrasekaran to Mr. M. Abdul Wahab.

Mr. M. Abdul Wahab was then invited to the podium for delivering the 5th Prof. S. S. Dutta Memorial Lecture titled **“Global Leather Sector: Revolutionizing Sustainability, Circularity and way forward”**. He started his lecture with offering heartfelt homage to Prof. S. S. Dutta and then he expressed his gratitude to ILTA for inviting him to deliver the prestigious Prof. S. S. Dutta Memorial Lecture. The whole audience was mesmerized with his highly informative and contemporary lecture. However, a short Q & A session was observed after completion of this highly informative lecture.

At the end of the lecture Mr. Wahab was honoured with a Memento and Citation by Mr. Susanta Mallick.

Due to some unavoidable circumstances, another speaker Mr. Anto Alan PJ was not able to attend this programme. He wished grand success for this programme.

Dr. R. Mohan then offered the Vote of Thanks to the gathering. He on behalf of ILTA offered heartfelt thanks to all the dignitaries present, CSIR-CLRI, GCELT, ILPA as the Co-organizers and to the Indian Leather and Leather Age Magazine as the media partner of the event. He also offered thanks to ITPO and the Event Management group for their all-out support to the event.

Md. Shoaib Khan, Project Associate in CSIR – CLRI acted as the master of the ceremony and he concluded the program with requesting all to join in refreshment arranged outside the seminar hall.

A good audience consisting of more than 100 people were present in the event

The video of the program will be available on the official YouTube Channel and the Facebook page of ILTA within a short while.

13TH MONI BANERJEE MEMORIAL LECTURE

This is scheduled to be held on Friday the 15th March’ 2024 at Seminar Hall 19-A of Science City, Kolkata, at 3.00 pm (Registration from 2.30 pm). **Mr. Satya Narayan Maitra**, Business Director, Leather Division – India, Cromogenia Units,

Spain has kindly consented to deliver the 13th Prof. Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture titled “**Challenges of the Tanners in the changing Socio-Economic Environment**”.



Toppers from different Leather & Footwear institutes would be felicitated with Moni Banerjee Memorial Medals and a student of GCELT, Kolkata nominated by a selection committee will be presented with Moni Banerjee Memorial Scholarship on this occasion.

Formal Invitation card through email has been forwarded to all concerned on 27/02/2024 and hard copy of the same has been posted to all on 29/02/2024 respectively.

Detailed report of the programme will be published in the April' 2024 issue of JILTA.

WEBINAR ON “LEATHER VS VEGAN” ORGANIZED BY ILTA



A webinar was organized by our association over digital platform, on a very contemporary issue related to leather fraternity, on 24th February' 2024. The topic of the webinar was

“whether Vegan should be considered as Leather”. **Mr. Gualtieri Gualberto, CEO, M/s C & E Ltd.** delivered a lecture titled “**Vegan is Leather?? Leather vis-à-vis Artificial Leather – A Technical Study**”. The lecture was highly informative and new way forward.

Many reputed industrialists and scholars from different institutes participated in the Q & A session of the webinar.

Summary of the discussion taken place in the webinar is described under the HRD corner of this issue (Page No.- 38)

The video of the program will be available on the official YouTube Channel and the Facebook page of ILTA within a short while.

HEALTH CARE BENEFIT FOR ILTA MEMBERS

As per decision taken in the 562nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, ILTA is going to launch Health Care Benefits for all the Members of our Association in collaboration with M/s Narayana Health w.e.f 1st April, 2024.

This is an initiative of the HRD Committee of ILTA.

For benefits and other details of this project kindly follow the HRD Corner (Page No. - 37).

DIGITALIZATION OF ILTA PUBLICATIONS

As per decision taken in the 562nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, ILTA is going to launch a digital platform for availing all its publications including Leather Text Books, JILTA and other different articles from renowned authors of Leather Fraternity online against a marginal cost.

This is also an initiative of the HRD Committee of ILTA.

Work on this project is under process. The details of the same will be published very soon.

MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

CSIR – Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) in association with ILTA, CLE (ER), ILPA and Ministry of MSME is going to organize a Management Development Training Program (MDP) for the Owners, CEOs, Managers, Supervisors of the Leather Fraternity for Technological Advancement in Greener Leather Sector.



The program will be organized in two sessions. The first one from **5th – 8th March, 2024** and the second one from **11th – 15th March, 2024**. All the sessions will be conducted in the **Conference Room of ILTA** and of 2 hour's duration from **11.00 am to 01.00 pm**.

Details report of the program will be published in the JILTA April, 2024 issue.



(Susanta Mallick)
General Secretary

YOUTUBE CHANNEL & FACEBOOK PAGE OF ILTA

An official **YouTube Channel** namely **ILTA Online** and a **Face Book Page** namely **Indian Leather Technologists' Association** has been launched for sharing the activities of our Association since November' 2020 and July' 2021 respectively.

You may find all the Lives / Video recordings of different Seminar, Symposiums & Webinars on both of these social medias along with our website **www.iltaonleather.org** time to time.

You are requested to kindly do **Like & Subscribe** the YouTube Channel and "**Follow**" the FaceBook Page to get regular updates on the activities of our Association.

PUBLISH YOUR TECHNICAL ARTICLE

Faculties, Research Scholars and students of various Leather Institutes may wish to publish their Research / Project papers in an Article form in this monthly technical journal, JILTA.

Interested author may sent their paper (in MS Word format) along with a PP Photograph and Contact details like Email, Mobile etc. to our email IDs : **admin@iltaonleather.org** / **jiltaeditor@gmail.com**

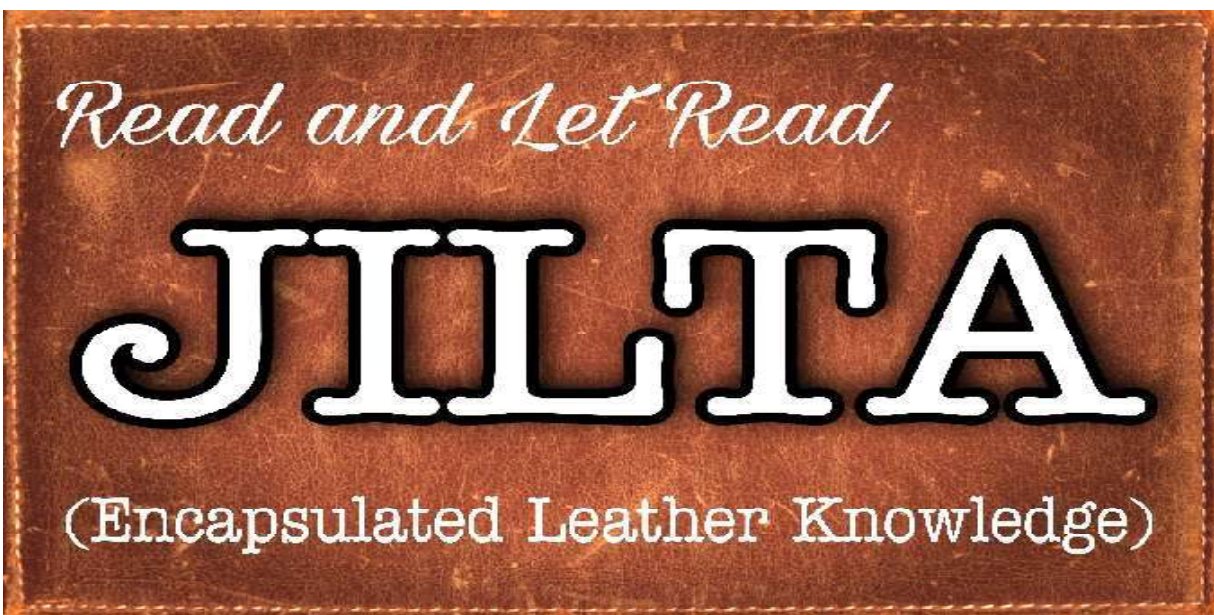
Members are requested to :-

- a) Kindly inform us your '**E-Mail ID**', '**Mobile No**', '**Land Line No**', through E-Mail ID: admin@iltaonleather.org or over Telephone Nos. : 24413429 / 3459. This will help us to communicate you directly without help of any outsiders like Postal Department / Courier etc.
- b) Kindly mention your **Membership No.** (If any) against your each and every communication, so that we can locate you easily in our record.

RECEIVING PRINTED COPY OF JILTA EVERY MONTH

We have started to post Printed copy of JILTA from April' 2022 to members and all concerned as it was before Covid period. Simultaneously we have been sending the e-copy of JILTA through email also to all the concerned receivers.

If you are not receiving JILTA by Post or through email, may please verify your Postal Address and/or Email Id with our office at the earliest.



General Secretary and the Members of the Executive Committee are available to interact with members at 18.30 hrs, at our Registered Office on every Thursday