

## From the desk of General Secretary



#### **ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS SUB-COMMITTEES FOR THE TERM 2024-2026**

The Executive Committee of ILTA have finalized forming of various sub-committees along with their Co-Ordinator & Members in the 567<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2024. Details & Scope of work for every committee have already been published in the previous issues of JILTA.

However, the Executive Committee of ILTA in its 570<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 has decided to submit some remarkable steps have been undertaken by different sub committees since last 4-5 months.

#### 1. ESTATE MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE:

Mr. B. C. Jana, Coordinator of this committee and his team has undertaken the following jobs:

- a) One Licensee has taken the possession of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in 2 separate names i.e. M/s Safe Haven Survey & Pest Control on 1<sup>st</sup> floor and M/s Inspection Resource Associates Pvt. Ltd. on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of ILTA building on Leave & License basis w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.
- b) Renovation to habitable condition of 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of ILTA building has been completed for handing over the possession of the floor to the new Licensee.
- c) A separate Security Room would be built up behind the main building as the fire exit could not be blocked by the security personals.
- d) The committee has undertaken the initiative for obtaining the renewal of the fire NOC from the Fire department, Govt. of West Bengal as it has been pending to obtain due to some technical reasons.
- e) The committee has undertaken a planning for Repairing, Painting and external Beautification of the ILTA building in view of the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee Celebration of our association and 14th AICLST at Kolkata. Also, a complete Pest Control including severe Termite Treatment has been undertaken by the committee.

#### 2. REGIONAL ACTIVITIES SUB-COMMITTEE:

Regional committees have already been requested by the Platinum Jubilee Celebration Committee and AICLST Committee to organize seminars, workshops and webinars on the occasion of above celebrations. This committee is working with the regional committees as planned.

Mr. Pradipta Konar, Coordinator of the committee has been requested to take care of the above and submit proposals before the Executive Committee. The committee is also taking initiative to open bank account in Northern Region.



#### 3. FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE:

Coordinator of this committee Mr. Aniruddh Day and his team has submitted some proposals which are as follows:

- a) Number of Advertisements in JILTA should be increased immediately. At least 7-10 annual advertisements and few short-term advertisements for JILTA should be collected and continue with immediate effect.
- b) Skill development program and training program should be undertaken as much as possible. To get financial support for these programs, Common Facility Centre could be installed in the Kolkata Leather Complex area.

#### 4. PROJECTS IN CALCUTTA LEATHER COMPLEX SUB-COMMITTEE:

Mr. Susanta Mallick the Coordinator of this committee has been trying since a long day to purchase a land for ILTA in Calcutta Leather Complex area. But no such suitable plot under suitable T & C has been available till now, on which ILTA can do something as per its memorandum.

However, very recently he had a meeting with Mr. Tapan Nandi, Sr. Life Member of ILTA and Chairman, ILPA Leather Goods Park regarding the issue. Mr. Nandi has assured him that he would help ILTA to purchase the land of around 1000 sq. mtr in the complex area for few promotional activities for the industry.

#### 5. MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE:

Mr. Abhijit Das, Coordinator of this committee and his team has been trying to get into a drive for collection of new members for our association and also trying to update the members database.

#### 6. SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS SUB-COMMITTEE:

Mr. Satyanarayan Maitra, Coordinator of this committee and his team has been working continuously on this subject and planning that how knowledge sharing could be spread out among the stakeholders of Leather fraternity. As their maiden activity they are going to organize an important webinar on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025, details of which are as follow:

#### Webinar on Future of Bisphenols in Leather Industry -

The above would be organized by the Seminar Committee on  $9^{th}$  May, 2025 at 07.30 PM IST (Registration from 07.00 PM) on the digital platform of Zoom.

Ms. Olga Ballus, Ph.D., Leather Laboratory – Wet Process, Cromogenia Units, S.A. / Group Units, has kindly consented to deliver the lecture titled "Future of Bisphenols in Leather Industry – An Overview" in the webinar.

Formal invitation along with e-invitation card has already been sent to all through email.

The video of this webinar would be uploaded in the official YouTube Channel of ILTA "ILTA Online" after the webinar.

#### 7. HRD & SOCIAL WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ratan Choudhury, Coordinator of this committee and his team has been working spontaneously in this field and planning that how knowledge sharing as well as welfare activities could be spread out among the stakeholders of Leather fraternity. This committee is going to organize an important webinar on 24th May 2025, details of which are as follow:



#### a. Webinar on Cyber Security

The above would be organized on the topic of Cyber Security on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at 07.00 PM IST (Registration from 06.30 PM) on the digital platform of Zoom.

Ms. Riveta Das, a Professional Consultant in Cyber Security, has kindly consented to deliver the lecture titled "Cyber Security Essentials: Safeguarding Business in the Digital Age".

Formal invitation along with e-invitation card has already been sent to all through email.

Also, the video of this webinar will be uploaded in the official YouTube Channel of ILTA "ILTA Online" soon.

#### b. Health Care Benefits for ILTA Members

This initiative has been undertaken by the HRD committee under approval of the Executive Committee of ILTA to introduce Health Care Benefits for all the Members of the Association in collaboration with M/s Narayana Health, Kolkata. Initially the scheme is applicable for the members of Eastern Region only as the Pilot Project.

For benefits and other details about this project, you may kindly follow the HRD Corner.

#### 8. JILTA SUB-COMMITTEE:

Dr. Goutam Mukherjee, Coordinator of this committee has been trying to upgrade the quality of our monthly technical journal JILTA with new informative articles, write ups, news, presentations etc. to enhance the knowledge sharing about the modern leather industry. He has proposed a new active Editorial Board for JILTA.

This new Editorial Board would be published in the next issue of JILTA.

#### 9. DIGITALIZATION OF ILTA PUBLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE:

ILTA is going to launch a digital platform for availing all its publications including Text Books, JILTA and other publications online.

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

Mr. Kunal Naskar, Coordinator of this committee has been requested to take initative regarding this matter and to submit a report to the Executive Committee.

#### 10. PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION SUB-COMMITTEE:

Mr. Asit Baran Kanungo, coordinator of this committee and his team has been doing hard jobs to make the event successful and memorable in all respects.

Mr. Kanungo has been trying to arrange to observe the celebration in all regions of ILTA at a time on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025. He has already contacted with both the regional committee of ILTA regarding this matter. He also requested Mr. Konar, Coordinator of the Regional Activities Committee to get regular follow up with the regional committees, so that the mission could be successful.

Mr. Kanungo has also proposed few other events during this year-long celebration program.



The Science City Mini Auditorium in Kolkata has been booked for the said Platinum Jubilee Celebration which is going to be started along with 75th Foundation Day Celebration of ILTA on 14th August 2025 from 10.00 am onwards.

#### 11. 14TH ASIAN CONGRESS (AICLST) SUB-COMMITTEE:

Mr. Arnab Jha as the Co-ordinator along with Mr. A. B. Kanungo, Dr. S. Rajamani, Dr. K. J. Sreeram & Mr. Susanta Mallick trying to make the above event a grand success. This event would be organized as a part of the year-long Platinum Jubilee Celebration of our association.

The event would be organized from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March'2026 at Hotel The Stadel, Kolkata. Number of meetings of the Steering Committee have been organized to prepare an accurate roadmap for organizing the conference. Also, the Theme, No and title of the Sessions, arrangement of the sponsorship and advertisement has also been discussed and would be finalized within a short while.

#### 12. LEXPO SUB-COMMITTEE:

No actins have been initiated by this committee in view of the work load due to forthcoming Platinum Jubilee Celebration of our association and 14th Asia International Conference.

#### **IDENTITY CARD FOR LIFE MEMBERS OF ILTA**

The Executive Committee of ILTA has decided to issue a unique Plastic Identity Card to all the Life Member of ILTA against their Membership.

Hence, all the Life Members are advised to send the following information through official Email ID - admin@iltaonleather.org and/or WhatsApp No. - 9432553949 to ILTA office as soon as possible.

- 1) Name of the Member (In capital letter)
- 2) Full Residential Address of the Member
- 3) AADHAR No. (Masked) of the Member
- 4) Blood Group of the Member
- 5) A HD quality Photo of the Member
- 6) Mobile No. of the Member
- 7) Email ID of the Member

(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.

We use to offer an honorarium of Rs. 1,000/- for a single issue against any article selected for publication.

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 / iltaonleather1950@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



#### Step 10 : Accounting for Off-Site Wastes

Our process may produce wastes which cannot be treated on-site. These need to be transported off-site for treatment and disposal. Wastes of this type are usually non-aqueous liquids, sludges or solids. Often, wastes for off-site disposal are costly to transport and to treat. Therefore, minimization of these wastes yields a direct cost benefit.

Measure the quantity and note the composition of any wastes associated with our process which need to be sent for off-site disposal. Record our results in a table (see Table 8).

Table 8: Wastes for Off-site Disposal

Unit Operation	Liqui d		Si udge		Solid	
	Qty	Composito n	Qty	Composition	Qty	Composition
Unit Operation A						
Unit Operation B						
Unit Operation C						
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We should ask several questions during the data collection stage.

- Where does the waste originate?
- Could the manufacturing operations be optimized to produce less waste?

- Could alternative raw materials be used which would produce less waste?
- Is there a particular component that renders the whole waste hazardous could this component be isolated?
- Does the waste contain valuable materials?

Wastes for off-site disposal need to be stored on-site prior to dispatch. Does storage of these wastes cause additional emission problems? For example, are solvent wastes stored in closed tanks? How long are wastes stored on-site? Are stockpiles of solid waste secure or are dust storms a regular occurrence?

#### Summary of Steps 7, 8, 9 and 10

At the end of Step 10 the waste audit team should have collated all the information required for evaluating a material balance for each unit operation and for a whole process.

All actual and potential wastes should be quantified. Where direct measurement is impossible, estimates based on stoichiometric information should be made. The data should be arranged in clear tables with standardized units. Throughout the data collection phase, the auditors should make notes regarding actions, procedures and operations that could be improved.

.....To be continued in the next issue







# FINANCE MINISTRY RELEASES DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPING CLIMATE FINANCE TAXONOMY



The Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), under the Ministry of Finance, has prepared a draft framework to develop 'India's Climate Finance Taxonomy'. The draft, released for public review on Wednesday, outlines the approach, objectives, and principles that will guide the taxonomy, an official release said.

"It also details the methodology for classifying activities, projects, and measures that contribute to India's climate commitments, while also taking into account goals associated with achieving 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047," it said. The DEA has sought comments on the framework till June 25, following which the official framework will be released.

India's climate finance taxonomy aims to facilitate greater resource flow to climate-friendly technologies and activities, enabling the country to achieve the vision of being 'net zero' by 2070 while also ensuring long-term access to reliable and affordable energy. "The Climate Finance Taxonomy will serve as a tool to identify activities consistent with a country's climate action goals and transition pathway," the release said.

India's climate ambitions are reflected through the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the announcement of net zero emissions by 2070, the draft said. India requires around \$2.5 trillion (at 2014-15 prices) to meet the NDC targets till 2030. As per NITI Aayog, the total investment required for energy transition is estimated at \$250 billion per year till 2047.

Finance for adaptation action is, therefore, vital for addressing climate change impacts, building resilience and achieving India's development goals. Preliminary estimates indicated that about \$206 billion (at 2014-15 prices) would be required from 2015 to 2030 to implement adaptation actions in agriculture,

forestry, fisheries, infrastructure, water resources and ecosystems, the draft said.

At present, India's energy consumption per capita is about onefifth of the developed countries and would need to appreciate significantly during the Amrit Kaal, a period of rapid economic growth. "Estimates suggest that the minimum level of per capita final energy requirement for India to become a developed country with an HDI of 0.9 must be in the range of 45.7 to 75 gigajoules per year, when the total final consumption of energy per capita for FY23 was 16.7 gigajoules only," the draft noted.

Given the size of resources required for financing India's ambitious climate action, Union Budget 2024-25 announced that the taxonomy for Climate Finance would be developed for "enhancing the availability of capital for climate adaptation and mitigation", it said.

The framework further says that due to the complexity of the exercise and in alignment with international experience, the proposed work will be conducted in two distinct phases. "The first phase will establish the foundational framework and the approach. Following this, the second phase will involve the classification of activities, measures, and projects that are climate-supportive, along with those facilitating transition in specific sectors and industries."

This phased approach aims to enhance clarity and transparency for investors while ensuring that the taxonomy remains aligned with India's developmental goals and climate commitments. "Acknowledging that taxonomy must continually evolve in scope and depth to reflect the dynamic nature of the economy, it will be a living document that will be reviewed and updated from time to time," the draft said.

#### Objective of the taxonomy

Broadly, the climate finance taxonomy is a tool to identify activities consistent with India's climate action goals and transition pathway. "The objective is to facilitate greater resource flow to climate-friendly technologies and activities, enabling achievement of the country's vision to be Net Zero by 2070 while also ensuring long-term access to reliable and affordable energy," the draft said.

Specifically, the taxonomy will cover technologies, measures, projects and activities that are aligned to: (a) mitigation-which

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includes improvements in energy efficiency or reduction in emission intensity, and avoidance of GHG emissions; (b) adaptation- action that enhances resilience, including sustainable water management, ecosystem protection and restoration; and (c) support transition of hard-to-abate sectors-transition activities in line with the specific pathway for hard-to-abate industries, innovation and R&D facilitate low carbon pathways.

#### Design of the taxonomy

The draft further explains two broad aspects to framing a taxonomy - qualitative and quantitative. Qualitative elements can define the core principles guiding green activities and align with India's NDCs and SDGs, while quantitative elements—such as GHG intensity reduction thresholds and sustainability performance metrics—can provide measurable targets for transparency and accountability.

"A hybrid approach that combines qualitative principles with quantitative metrics ensures that the taxonomy remains inclusive, addressing India's diverse industrial structure and responding to new targets, regulatory changes, and policy dynamics while promoting a science-based trajectory for climate transition," said the draft.

The classification of activities contributing towards India's climate commitments will be into two baskets - climate supportive and climate transition. Climate-supportive activities would include either of these activities: avoiding GHG emissions, reducing emission intensity, or deploying adaptation solutions that reduce the risk of adverse impacts of climate change.

Additionally, to begin with, the following sectors will be considered: power, mobility, and buildings in the context of climate mitigation and adaptation co-benefits; agriculture, food and water security will be in the context of climate adaptation and resilience building; and addressing transition, in line with country circumstances, in hard-to-abate sectors. "Iron and Steel and Cement shall be considered at the outset," the framework said.

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# INDIA'S SERVICES SECTOR GROWTH IMPROVES SLIGHTLY IN APRIL ON NEW ORDER INFLOWS

India's service sector activity grew marginally in April as compared to the previous month, according to a survey of private sector companies. The improved activity was driven by a surge in new orders, notably from the U.S., and an easing of cost pressures.



The HSBC India Services PMI Business Activity Index, calculated based on a single question of how the level of business activity compares with the situation the month before, came in at 58.7 in April, up from 58.5 in March. This, HSBC India said in its report, continued to remain higher than India's long-term average of 54.2. "The overall expansion in output was fuelled by a significant rise in new business intakes, the joint-best in eight months, with many firms noting favourable demand conditions and successful marketing efforts," the report said. "In some instances, efficiency gains reportedly enabled companies to take on more work." Orders placed with Indian companies originated in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and with the US "particularly cited as sources of strength". "New export orders gained momentum after taking a breather in March, accelerating at its fastest pace since July 2024," Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC said in the report. "Margins improved as cost pressures eased and prices charged rose at a faster pace."

Notably, the strong export demand for Indian services comes on the back of a similar trend for India's manufacturing sector in April. According to HSBC's India Manufacturing PMI, released on May 2, new business from abroad in April for the manufacturing sector grew at its second-fastest rate in over 14 years.

However, Ms Bhandari added that, while Indian services firms remained optimistic about future growth, their confidence "waned slightly".

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# History and Activities Indian Leather Technologists' Association



The Indian Leather Technologists' Association (ILTA) was founded by Late Prof. B. M. Das, the originator of Das-Stiasnay theory and father of Indian Leather Science on 14 th August' 1950. ILTA is the Member Society of IULTCS (International Union of Leather Technologists & Chemists Societies) representing India.

The primary objectives of the oldest Leather Technologists' Association which celebrated its Diamond Jubilee year in the 2010, are:

- To bring all concerned with the broad spectrum of the leather industry under one umbrella.
- To organize seminar, symposium, workshop in order to create information, knowledge and latest development for the benefit of all concerned. To offer a common platform for all to interact with each other in order to understand each other's problems and prospects.
- To publish monthly journal as a supplement to those above objectives. The monthly journal of ILTA is known as journal of Indian Leather Technologists' Association and is the most widely circulated technical journal concerning leather technology.
- To publish text books for the benefit of students at various levels of study, for the researchers and industry.
- To have interface between urban and rural sector.
- To assist Planning Commission, various Government Institutions, Ministry and autonomous bodies to formulate appropriate policies acceptable and adoptable to the industry.
- To organize practical training and to provide skilled manpower and to motivate good students for study.
- To conduct activities related to the growth of the export of leather and leather goods from India.

ILTA also organizes Prof. B. M. Das Memorial Lecture every year during the Foundation Day Celebrations on 14 th August and Sanjoy Sen Memorial Lecture on 14 th January, the birthday of our late President for several decades. Many reputed scientists, industrialists and educationists have delivered these prestigious lectures. Foreign dignitaries during their visits to India have addressed the members of ILTA at various times.

#### ILTA have published the following books:

- 1. An Introduction to the Principles of Physical Testing of Leather by Prof. S.S. Dutta
- 2. Practical Aspects of Manufacture of Upper Leathers by J. M. Dey
- 3. An Introduction to the Principles of Leather Manufacture by Prof. S. S. Dutta
- 4. Analytical Chemistry of Leather Manufacture by P. K. Sarkar
- 5. Comprehensive Footwear Technology by Mr. Shomenath Ganguly
- 6. Treatise on Fatliquors and Fatliquoring of Leather by Dr. Samir Dasgupta
- 7. Synthetic Tanning Agents by Dr. Samir Dasgupta
- 8. Hand Book of Tanning by Prof. B. M. Das

ILTA presents awards in the name of Prof. B. M. Das Memorial, Sanjoy Sen Memorial and J. M. Dey Memorial Medals to the top rankers at the University graduate and post graduate levels. J. Sinha Roy Memorial Award for the author of the best contribution for the entire year published in the monthly journal of the Indian Leather Technologists' Association (JILTA). From the year 2023 ILTA has started to present a Scholarship namely Prof. Moni Banerjee Memorial Scholarship to a Student of B. Tech / M. Tech Leather Technology who is meritorious but financially crippled.



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The International Congress of IULTCS used to held in different locations of the world once in two years. In its 125 years history, for the first time the Congress was held in January 1999 outside the developed countries and that too in India at CLRI, Chennai. Indian Leather Technologists' Association organized the Congress under the able leadership and guidance of Late Sanjoy Sen, the then President of ILTA and IULTCS and Dr. T. Ramasami, the then Vice-President of ILTA and Director, CLRI, Chennai. In 2017 IULTCS Congress was successfully held again at Chennai, India for the second time.

In order to promote and provide marketing facilities, to keep pace with the latest design and technology, to have better interaction with the domestic buyers, ILTA has been organizing LEXPO fairs at Kolkata from 1977, Siliguri from 1992 and Durgapur from 2010. To help the tiny, cottage and small-scale sectors industries in marketing, LEXPO fairs give the exposure for their products. Apart from Kolkata, Siliguri and Durgapur, ILTA have held LEXPO at Bhubaneswar, Gangtok, Guwahati, Jamshedpur and Ranchi. In commensurate with the time, demand and new perspective of the modern leather users, ILTA has started to organize LEXPO in Kolkata from 2022 in a new shape with the Manufacturers and Exporters of Leather Goods from all over India.

■ ILTA has celebrated its Golden Jubilee with a year long programme from 14 th August' 2000 to 13 th August' 2001 along with the first conference of South East Asian Countries at Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata.



- ILTA has also celebrated its Diamond Jubilee with a year long programme from 14 th August' 2010 to 13 th August' 2011 along with the 8th Asia International Conference on Leather Science and Technology (AICLST) at Hotel 'The Stadle', Kolkata.
- ■ILTA is going to celebrate its Platinum Jubilee with a year long programme from 14th August, 2025 to 13th August, 2026 along with the 14th Asia International Conference on Leather Science & Technology (AICLST) in Kolkata.

The Association's present (as on 31.03.2024) strength of members is around 550 from all over India and abroad. Primarily the members are leather technologists passed out from Govt. College of Engineering and Leather Technology – Kolkata, Anna University – Chennai, Harcourt Butler Technological Institute – Kanpur, B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology – Jalandhar and Scientists and Research Scholars from Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI).

In order to strengthen its activities, ILTA have constructed its own six storied building at 44, Shanti Pally, Kasba, Kolkata – 700107, West Bengal, India and have named it as "Sanjoy Bhavan".

This Association is managed by an Executive Committee duly elected by the members of the Association. It is absolutely a non-profit making voluntary organization working for the betterment of the Leather Industry. None of the Executive Committee members draws any remuneration for their services rendered but they get the satisfaction of being a part of this esteemed organization.



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