From the desk of General Secretary

72nd Foundation Day Celebration & Prof. B. M. Das Memorial Lecture

The Foundation Day Celebration of our association was organized at the Seminar Hall, Science City, JBS Haldane Avenue, Kolkata – 700 046 on Sunday the 14th August, 2022 at 03.00 PM onwards.

After the Welcome Address Mr. Mallick invited the Speaker of the day, Senior Members of ILTA, Representatives of GCELT, Alumni of GCELT, CLRI, CFTC, FDDI, ILPA and from Industry for garlanding the portrait of Prof. B. M. Das.

The program commenced with the introductory speech by Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA followed by Welcome Address by the President of ILTA Mr. Arnab Jha.
Thereafter Mr. Mallick announced the names of the award winners and informed that the respective awards would be sent to them through courier.


b) Due to some unavoidable circumstances, result of B.Tech, Leather Technology Examination & M. Tech, Footwear Science & Engineering Examination of Anna University, Chennai for the year 2022 could not be published in time and as per information from Anna University, it will get delayed. So ILTA will send Medals, & Certificates of toppers in 2022 later by courier, once the names are available from Anna University.

c) **Mr. Abdul Rahuman M** – Winner of J. Sinha Roy Memorial Award for his article titled “A Creative Design Process Model - The Creative Visualization for Footwear Design & Development” published in September, 2021 issue of JILTA adjudged the Best of all articles published in JILTA in calendar year 2021 by a committee consisting of Prof. (Dr.) Sanjoy Chakraborty, OIC, GCEL and Dr. Dipankar Chaudhuri, former Scientist & Head, RCED, CLRI, Kolkata.

Mr. Mallick then declared that this year the Executive Committee of ILTA has unanimously decided to felicitate following four renowned personalities for their super excellence in their respective fields:

a) **Dr. Asit Baran Mandal**, former Director, CSIR-CLRI & a senior Life Member of ILTA for his excellent contribution to the leather science & technology.

b) **Dr. G. Thyagarajan**, former Director, CSIR-CLRI & a senior Life Member of ILTA for his excellent contribution to the leather science & technology.

c) **Mr. Amlaan Bhaumick**, an eminent industrialist of leather fraternity & former General Secretary of ILTA for his life time achievement and remarkable contribution to our association.
d) Mr. A. K. Chandra, an eminent industrialist of leather fraternity for his lifetime achievements and remarkable contribution to our association.

Biography of Dr. A. B. Mandal along with some Remarkable Achievements in his carrier was then read out by Mr. Mallick for the audience. Due to health constraints, Dr. Thyagarajan, Mr. Bhaumick & Mr. Chandra were unable to attend the event. But they sent their heartfelt thanks and best wishes as a token acknowledgement of this honour.

Mr. Kaushik Bhuiyan was requested to read out their biography and achievements. The Mementos, Shawls & Citations would be sent to their addresses in due course. Mr. Mallick then requested Dr. Mandal to say few words.

Mr. Jha then introduced Mr. Subrata Das, Freelance Leather Technologist & Consultant and the hon’ble Speaker of the day to the participants and requested him to deliver the Prof. B. M. Das Memorial Lecture.

Mr. Das then delivered his valuable lecture titled “Newer Trends, Opportunities and Pathways in The Application and Marketability of Leather in A Post-Covid World”.

After completion of the lecture, Mr. Jha offered heartiest gratitude to Mr. Subrata Das and requested Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA, to present Memento, Shawl & Citation to Mr. Subrata Das. At the same time,
Mr. Mallick also offered the formal Vote of Thanks to the participants, members, industry and ILTA office, for successful completion of the event and their participation in large numbers and requested the audience for a High Tea.

There were about 120 - 130 participants in the event.

In the evening session of the Celebration program there was an awesome rendition of cultural events.

The eminent orchestra group namely “Harbola” was welcomed and greeted by Mr. Mallick with a bouquet and they presented a nice musical evening to the audience.

Video recording of the entire program is available on the official YouTube Channel of ILTA (ILTA Online), Facebook Page of ILTA (Indian Leather Technologists’ Association) & Website of the Association – www.iltaconleather.org.

The whole cultural program was anchored by Mr. Prabir Dasgupta, a Senior Life Member of or our association.

64TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ILTA

The 64th Annual General Meeting of ILTA will be organized on Friday the 14th October, 2022 at 03.00 PM IST (Registration from 02.30 pm IST) at the Seminar Hall, of Science City, Kolkata.

The Printed Annual Report & Audited Statement of Accounts for 2021-22 along with the Notice of the 64th AGM and Proceedings of the last i.e. 63rd AGM will be posted for the members through Indian Post and also soft copy of the same will be sent to Members via email in due course.

LEXPO – XXXXI AT KOLKATA

The Kolkata LEXPO – XXXXI which has been rescheduling repeatedly due to COVID 19 situation since last two years has now been proposed to be organized at Kolkata Ice Skating Rink from 23rd December to 1st January’ 2022.

Booking money of the venue for the fair had already been deposited to the KISR authority earlier.

However, latest progress and status report regarding the proposed fair will be informed in due course.

(Susanta Mallick)
General Secretary

Around 150 spectators were the witness of the colourful event and participated in a gala dinner at the conclusion.
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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.

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, Symposiaums & Webinars on both of these social medias along with our website www.ilstaonleather.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.

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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@ilstaonleather.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@ilstaonleather.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.

General Secretary and the Members of the Executive Committee are available to interact with members at 19.30 hrs, at our Registered Office on every Thursday.