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### 66<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Celebration

Up to now Foundation Day Celebration Sub-Committee have met thrice and have decided as follows with E.C.'s concurrence:

The Foundation Day Celebration main programme has been arranged on Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 at the Mini Auditorium of the Science City, Kolkata.

Tentative programme schedule is as follows :-

- 01.00 PM : Registration
- 02.00 PM to 05.00 PM : Foundation Day Celebration Programme -:
- (1) **Chief Guest :**  
Dr. Ashish Banerjee  
Hon'ble Minister – in – Charge  
Dept. of Science & Technology, Development & Training and  
Statistics & Programme implementation  
Govt. of West Bengal
  - (2) **B. M. Das Memorial Lecture :**  
Dr. B. Chandrasekaran  
Director, CSIR – CLRI, Chennai
  - (3) **Lecture by :**  
Mr. Nari Kalwani  
Chairman & Managing Director  
Asian Leather Limited, Kolkata
  - (4) **Presentation of B. M. Das Memorial Awards :**  
To the Toppers in Leather/Footwear Technology Examinations  
of various universities.
- 05.00 PM to 05.30 PM : High Tea
- 05.30 PM to 06.00 PM : Quiz Contest
- 06.00 PM : Drama / Play titled “MANUSH BHOOT” by the  
group “Mangolik”
- 08.30 PM : Dinner

In addition to above a Foundation Day Celebration will be arranged on the actual Foundation Day i.e. Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> August at ILTA Registered Office at 11.30 AM. All members are requested to attend this event.

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### **LEXPOs**

LEXPO Sub-Committee have met thrice since its formation and subject to availability of the venue, have drawn up a tentative plan of holding LEXPOs during F.Y. 2016-17 as follows :-

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| Durgapur IV    | : | Fair Period – 31.12.2016 to 15.01.2017 |
| Kolkata XXXX   | : | Fair Period – 04.02.2017 to 19.02.2017 |
| Siliguri XXIII | : | Fair Period – 11.03.2017 to 26.03.2017 |

Letters have already been sent to the competent authorities requesting for allocation of ground accordingly. Replies are awaited.

### **Downfall of Exports**

We had a meeting of all associations involved in leather and leather goods industries, exports and managing the leather complex in Kolkata.

We discussed thoroughly the probable reasons behind the downfall of exports of leather, leather goods & it's allied products from eastern part of India as well as from other states as a whole. The reasons could be :-

1. Scarcity of availability of raw hides – due to several reasons like, banned of slaughtering of cow in several states, problems faced by raw hides suppliers in transportation of fallen hides from one state to other as well as buffalo hides, lack of motivation in organized farming, cross border illegal exports, etc.
2. On going recession throughout Europe and rest of the World which is our main importer.
3. Devaluation of foreign currency like Euro & Pound.
4. Complication in customs clearance of any sample coming from Europe, USA, any other country by courier mainly at Delhi customs. There is lot of harassment & delay kills the purpose of sending by courier which is one of the main criteria for business development & growth.
5. Very old norms for customs clearance of finished leather / leather goods are still prevailing – needs to update.
6. Several govt. formalities like licensing, port clearance, customs clearance and many other statutory obligations are taking huge unproductive time. Single point clearance of many of those obligations could be a solution.

There may be other reasons as well. Industry is expecting some initiatives from the Govt. to resolve many of the issues mentioned above.

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**— From the Desk of General Secretary — *ILTA News* —**

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- a) Kindly inform us your '**E-Mail ID**', '**Mobile No**', '**Phone No**', through E-Mail ID: [admin@iltaonleather.org](mailto:admin@iltaonleather.org) or over Telephone Nos. : **24413459 / 3429 / 7320**. 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.
- c) **Kindly obtain an Acknowledgement Slip (available at ILTA Office) for any document handed over to ILTA Office.**

**Susanta Mallick**  
General Secretary

**Executive Committee Members meet every Thursday  
at 18-30 hrs. at ILTA Office.  
Members willing to participate are most welcome.**