

FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION PROGRAMME

The last of the five year-long Diamond Jubilee celebration Programmes, namely “Valedictory Programme, Prof. Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture and National Seminar” on the theme “Standardization Designing and Marketability of Leather Goods and Footwear” was held on Saturday the 13th August, 2011 at the Mini Auditorium of the Science City.

The Inaugural Programme commenced with the Welcome Address of Mr. Arnab Jha, President, ILTA. After welcoming Dr. Rabiranjana Chattopadhyay, the Hon’ble Minister, Technical Education & Training, Science and Technology and Bio-Technology, Govt. of West Bengal, present as the Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. A.B.Mandal, Director, CLRI, Chennai present as Guest of Honour, Dr. Parijat Dey, Director (Technical Education) Govt. of West Bengal, the Guests and the Members present, Mr. Jha briefly recalled the milestones in the journey of ILTA through the past 60 years and the contributions of its members for the growth of ILTA. He acknowledged the whole hearted support of CLRI and various other organizations in all ventures of ILTA.

Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA in his address briefly recapitulated the four programmes of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration already concluded successfully.

Dr. A.B. Mandal, Director, CLRI present as Guest of Honour in his address recalled the many instances where CLRI and ILTA had worked hand in hand which contributed to the growth of Indian Leather Industry. He also praised GCELT for the services rendered and drew parallels to the students trained from CLRI. Dr. Mandal stated that being able to attend the function was like home coming to him and wished all success to ILTA.

Dr. Parijat Dey, Director (Technical Education) in his address advocated the setting up of a programme to train common man in Leather to help the Industry. He also requested the Hon’ble Minister to encourage the development of vocational education programmes for the Leather Industry, as this industry has massive employment generation opportunity. He also urged the leather industry to come forward and suggest suitable training programmes that the department of Technical Education could formulate and offer.

Dr. Rabiranjana Chattopadhyay, the Hon’ble Minister in his address congratulated ILTA on its Diamond Jubilee and stated that the monthly journal brought out by ILTA has been instrumental in spreading knowledge in the field of Leather Science and Technology. He highlighted the employment potential of the Indian Leather Industry and praised the roles played by the many institutions in the country for imparting skills to the people manning the industry and singled out GCELT and CFTC for their contributions in this area.

The Inaugural Programme concluded with offering of vote of thanks by Mr. Asit Baran Kanungo, Chief coordinator, Diamond Jubilee celebration Committee.

Garlanding of portrait of Prof. Moni Banerjee took place after the Inaugural Programme. Mrs. Ila Banerjee, wife of Late Prof. Moni Banerjee was the first to garland the portrait. Dr. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay, Principal, Govt. College of engineering & Leather Technology then delivered the very first “Prof. Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture” titled “Lessons from Mumbai Dabbawala”. The lecture was most informative and interesting and kept the audience spell bound.

After high tea break, the National Seminar commenced and consisted of the following lectures :-

1. Lecture titled “The Journey of Footwear Design from the traditional to the Modern” by Dr. Bhabendra Nath Das, Scientist and Head, SDDC, CLRI, Chennai.

Dr. Das traced the journey of Footwear Design from the Traditional to the modern. He highlighted the design of the traditional Footwear through the design interventions made in the development of Kohlapuri Footwear. He also traced the various methodologies of Shoe Design. He then highlighted the benefits of using modern tools like CAD-CAM software for footwear design and pattern engineering.

He then proceeded to underline the science behind footwear design and spoke about the role of the foot anatomy, foot arches and muscles in the weight transfer mechanism. He also talked about the shoe as an engineered product and highlighted the role of material Science in Shoe Design & Manufacture. He concluded his presentation by defining how ‘Shoe Comfort’ could be quantified.

2. Lecture titled “Journey, INNOVATION” by Mr. Md. Sadiq, Scientist, SDDC, CLRI, Chennai Mr. Md. Sadiq in his presentation touched upon INNOVATION and India’s ranking in INNOVATION. He defined INNOVATION and the various dimensions of Innovation.

Asking the question, “Where do we slot the Innovation in the Indian Leather Industry” he moved on to answer Innovation in the Indian Leather Industry through the Industry’s endeavour in catapulting INDIA in to the foreyards of leather fashion with CSIR-CLRI playing the role of a catalyst.

He described the Value Engineering chain from ‘concept’ to ‘market’ that encapsulates the stages of Shoe Engineering in a value chain and India’s position in these developments. He urged to move up the value chain by focusing on conceptual designing and brand building.

He presented “Travel of India in Fashion Forecasting for LEATHER” & the MODEUROP endeavour as a case study ; while emphasizing the usefulness of ‘scientific analysis’ of retail and marker trends.

He described some of the outputs of CSIR-CLRI like the development of the global shade card – 1st globally which has helped the Indian Leather Industry tremendous lead time advantage. He expressed pleasure in demonstrating on how Innovation meets Reality through Industry's acceptance of CLRI's endeavours.

3. Lecture titled "Standards – Tool for Trade Facilitation and Promotion" by Mr. Sanjoy Dasgupta, Ex-Dy. Director General & Activity Head, Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS). Mr Dasgupta elaborated the importance of achieving the Standards both for export and domestic market.
4. Lecture titled "Global Marketing of Leather Goods" by Mr. Paresh Rajda, Regional Chairman (ER), Council for Leather Export, Kolkata.

Mr. Rajda highlighted that Kolkata is the hub of Leather Goods and Gloves exports. He expressed regret that Kolkata's share of exports of the above commodities had fallen down to 55% from 70% in the previous years.

He attributed this fall to attrition of work force to other regions as the Kolkata Industry had shown no signs of growth.

He drew a nine-point programme for the industry and urged that every exporter must focus on these areas; Design & Development, Fair participation, social Compliance, skill Development, Time Management, Reliability & Relationship, getting certified, market our factories and e-marketing.

He presented lessons learnt from his own experience wherein he and a group of like-minded companies have successfully carved a niche for themselves as 'quality fashion gloves exporters' whilst also establishing their technology foresightedness by e-selling gloves to the consumer through their company's portal.

Dr. Sanjay Chakraborty, Coordinator – Seminar summed up the entire year long Diamond Jubilee Celebration Programme.

Vote of Thanks was offered by Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA after which Lunch was served.

The sponsors for the year long Diamond Jubilee Celebration Programmes were :-

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We acknowledge their financial assistance and also of the advertisers.

61st FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION

This was held at the auditorium of Jagadis Bose National Science Talent Search, 1300 Rajdanga Main Road, Kasba, Kolkata-700 107 on Sunday the 14th August, 2011.

The programme commenced with garlanding portrait of Prof. B. M. Das which was followed by Welcome Address of Dr. A. B. Mandal, Director, CLRI, Chennai who was present as a Special Guest. After welcoming the gathering Dr. Mandal briefly outlined the life and achievements of Prof. B. M. Das, Founder of ILTA and recalled that he himself had delivered the prestigious B.M.Das Memorial Lecture in 2008.

Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA then invited the Award Winners and requested Dr. Mandal to present the following Awards :

1. Mr. Shailesh Upadhyay - B. M. Das Memorial Medal for 1st Class 1st position in M. Tech. Leather Technology Examination of West Bengal University of Technology in 2010.
2. Mr. K. Srinivasan - B. M. Das Memorial Medal for 1st Class 1st position in M. Tech, Foot-wear Science and Engineering Examination of Anna University in 2011.
3. Mr. Bilal Ahmed Bhat - B. M. Das Memorial Medal for 1st Class 1st position in B. Tech. Leather Technology Examination of West Bengal University of Technology in 2011.
4. Ms. Anupama Prakash - B. M. Das Memorial Medal for 1st Class 1st position in B. Tech. Leather Technology Examination of Anna University in 2011.
5. Mr. Bilal Ahmed Bhat - J. M. Dey Memorial Medal for 1st Class 1st position in B. Tech. Leather Technology Examination of West Bengal University of Technology in 2011.
6. Dr. Anupam Bag - Asstt Professor, Adams Institute of Technology, Barasat, J. Sinha Roy Memorial Award for being the author of the best article published in JILTA in 2010.

The following Award Winners then presented their project papers :

1. Mr. K. Srinivasan

2. Mr. Bilal Ahmed Bhat

3. Miss. Anupama Prakash

General Secretary then introduced Dr. Balachandran Unni Nair, Director grade scientist from CLRI, Chennai – an internationally famous Scientist in leather field, to the gathering and requested him to deliver the prestigious B.M.Das Memorial Lecture titled “Mineral Tanning : Chromium and Alternatives”.

Dr. A.B.Mandal presented a flower bouquet and a memento to Dr. Nair after the Lecture:

The programme ended with offering of Vote of thanks by Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary ILTA which was followed by serving of Lunch.

53rd AGM of ILTA

The 53rd Annual General Meeting of ILTA will be held at 3-00 PM on Thursday the 22nd September, 2011 at the auditorium of Jagadis Bose National Science Talent Search, 1300 Rajdanga Main Road, Kasba, Kolkata-700 107.

AGM Notice along with Agenda, Annual Report, audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31.03.11 and minutes of the last (52nd) AGM was posted to all members on 29th August 2011.

All Members are requested to attend.

PRIVILEGE HEALTH CARD

The Calcutta Medical Research Institute (CMRI) 7/2, Diamond Harbour Road, Kolkata-700 027 after a series of discussions with ILTA Management has introduced a privilege Health Card **exclusively** for the Members of **Indian Leather Technologists' Association**.

CMRI is a 400 bedded multi-speciality hospital, has round the clock Pathology Department NABL and CAP (The College of American Pathologists) accredited, a Radiology Department completely digitalized and runs through picture archiving communication system (PACS). It has all the latest generation imaging facilities including 64 slice CT Scan and Eastern India's first 1.5 Tesla MRI with Ambience.

The privilege Health Card will provide certain special facilities in indoor and outdoor services mentioned below :-

• **Special Facilities :**

1. 15% Discount on outdoor investigations.
2. 15% Discount on indoor investigations.
3. Additional 10% discount on our existing subsidized Health Checkups packages on week days.
4. Deposit less admission during emergency.
5. Priority in hospitalization.
6. 24/7 ambulance on-call.
7. Free medical awareness program by senior consultant of CMRI.
8. Basic free medical screening programm at your premises.
9. Dedicated 24x7 relationship officers for any medical assistance.

Members wishing to avail the special facility offered may write to General Secretary, ILTA with his/her consent, so that the Association can issue Privilege Health Card in his/her name and also provide CMRI a list of such Members.

Susanta Mallick
General Secretary

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

Valedictory Programme of Diamond Jubilee Celebration



President & General Secretary, ILTA receiving the Hon'ble Minister



President, ILTA delivering Welcome Address



General Secretary addressing audience



Director, CLRI, addressing audience



Director, Technical Education & Training addressing audience



Section of Audience



Hon'ble Minister delivering Inaugural Address



Release of Valedictory Issue of JILTA



Ranendra Kr. Mukherjee addressing audience after being felicitated



Dr. Anjan Biswas introducing Speakers



Mr. Arijit Chakraborty introducing Speakers



Dr. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay delivering the very first Prof. Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture



Dr. B.N.Das delivering lecture



Mr. Md. Sadiq delivering lecture



Mr. Paresh Rajda delivering lecture



Mr. Sanjoy Dasgupta delivering lecture



Dr. Sanjoy Chakraborty summing up



Section of Audience

Foundation Day Celebration



Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary; ILTA addressing the audience



Dr. A. B. Mondal, Director; CLRI delivering Welcome Address



*Dr. Anupam Bag
- Award Winner*



*Mr. Sailesh Upadhyay
- Award Winner*



*Mr. K. Srinivasan making
presentation of Project Papers*



*Mr. Bilal Ahmad Bhat making
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*Miss Anupama Prakash making
presentation of Project Papers*



Dr. B. U. Nair delivering B.M. Das Memorial Lecture



Dr. Nair being felicitated



Section of Audience