From the Desk of General Secretary

67th Foundation Day Celebration

Above was organized at the Auditorium of Freya Design Studio, Kolkata Leather Complex on Monday the 14th August, 2017.

The programme commenced with Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA requesting the following dignitaries to please take their seats on the dias –

1) Mr. Arnab Jha, President, ILTA
2) Dr. B. Chandrasekaran, Director, CSIR – CLRI, Chennai
3) Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Hon’ble Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board
4) Mr. Imran Ahmed Khan, General Secretary, CLCTA

Dr. B. Chandrasekaran was presented a bouquet by Mr. Arnab Jha, President, ILTA.

Dr. Kalyan Rudra was greeted with a bouquet by Dr. Sanjoy Chakraborty, Principal, Govt. College of Engineering & Leather Technology, Kolkata.

Mr. Imran Ahmed Khan was greeted with a bouquet by Mr. B. C. Jana, Executive Committee Member, ILTA.

Mr. Mallick, then requested Mr. Arnab Jha to deliver his welcome address.

Highlighting the immense contribution of Prof. B. M. Das, our founder President for Leather Science and the industry, the president in his address elaborated how successfully ILTA jointly with CSIR – CLRI organized IULTCS Congress XXXIV at Chennai from 5th to 8th February, 2017.

The portrait of late Prof. B. M. Das was then garlanded by the following :-

1) Mr. Arnab Jha, President, ILTA
2) Dr. B. Chandrasekaran
3) Dr. Kalyan Rudra
4) Mr. Imran Ahmed Khan
5) Mr. Soumik Halder, representative from CFTC, Budge Budge
6) Mr. Arijit Chakraborty, representative from RCED, CLRI, Kolkata
7) Mr. Zia Nafis, representative from Industry & Jt. Secretary, CLCTA
8) Dr. Dipankar Choudhuri, representative from Representative from FDDI, Kolkata
9) Dr. A. B. Mondal, Ex-Director, CSIR – CLRI, Chennai
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11) Representative from FDDI, Kolkata

Dr. B. Chandrasekaran, the Chief Guest then addressed the gathering which was followed by address of Mr. Imran Ahmed Khan, the Guest of Honour.

President, ILTA then introduced Dr. Kalyan Rudra to the gathering and requested him to deliver B. M. Das Memorial Lecture titled “Longitudinal Disconnectivity, Diminishing Flow and Pollution Management of the Ganga”.

Dr. Rudra was presented a Memento by Mr. Susanta Mallick after the lecture.

After giving thanks to Dr. Rudra for his extremely interesting lecture, G.S. mentioned that every year on this day ILTA presents different awards to motivate and appreciate the students and authors of Articles on Leather & Footwear Science covering almost all the Institutions where diploma / degree / post graduate courses on Leather & Footwear Science are running. G.S. then announced the names of the award winners and requested them to come to the dias to receive their awards.

a) Mr. N. Prashanth – Winner of B. M. Das Memorial Medal for securing 1st Class 1st Position in B.Tech, Leather Technology examination of Anna University in 2017 received the award from Mr. Arnab Jha.
b) Miss Hema Nagalakshmi – Winner of B. M. Das Memorial Medal for securing 1st Class 1st Position in M.Tech, Leather Technology examination of Anna University in 2017 received the award from Dr. B. Chandrasekaran.

c) Mr. C. M. Rajesh – Winner of B. M. Das Memorial Medal for securing 1st Class 1st Position in M.Tech, Footwear Science & Engineering examination of Anna University in 2017 received the award from Dr. Kalyan Rudra.

d) Mr. Santosh Kr. Mukherjee – Winner of B. M. Das Memorial Medal for securing 1st Class 1st Position in M.Tech, Leather Technology examination of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal in 2016 received the award from Mr. Imran Ahmed Khan.

e) Mr. Sourav Sarkar – Winner of both B. M. Das Memorial Medal & J. M. Dey Memorial Medal for securing 1st Class 1st position in B.Tech, Leather Technology examination of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal in 2017. Sri Sarkar’s father received the awards from Mr. Arnab Jha and Dr. Sanjoy Chakraborty respectively, Sri Sarkar having been away to Chennai.

f) Prof. Dr. E. H. A. Nashy – Winner of J. Sinha Roy Memorial Award for his article titled “Bio-Technology in Leather Industry” published in Oct, Nov & Dec, 2016 issues of JILTA adjudged the Best of all articles published in JILTA in calendar year 2016 by a committee consisting of Dr. Sanjoy Chakraborty, Principal, GCETL and Dr. Dipankar Chaudhuri, Scientist & Head, RCED, CLRI, Kolkata.

Since the author is Egypt based, the award will be forwarded to him by airmail.

Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA then offered Vote of Thanks.

While giving thanks, Mr. Mallick expressed gratitude to the industry for their presence today and wished bright future for the award winners. He concluded the programme after remembering those dedicated members who contributed for the successful journey of our Association in the last six and a half decades.

After completion of the programme, lunch was served to all participants.

The 67th Foundation Day Celebration was a grand success with overwhelming support of 190 participants from industry, our members, lecturers & students from GCETL, CFTC, FDDI and members of ILPA & CLCTA.

59th Annual General Meeting

Due to non-receipt on time audited statement of accounts of the Southern Region for the F.Y. 2016-2017, the 59th AGM could not be organized within September, 2017. Efforts are on to see that the AGM is arranged within October, 2017.
An Appeal

Shri Subal Kumar Das, a student of GC ELT during the session 1990 – 94 and a member of ILTA till 4 years ago was found some 3/4 months ago to have been suffering from cancer.

With his own resources and financial help received from other sources, treatment has already commenced but is unlikely to continue unless immediate more financial help is received. Shri Das appealed to ILTA for such help.

We appeal to all our Members to extend a helping hand and forward urgently whatever financial help is possible to the Bank Account of either Shri Subal Kumar Das or that of Alumni Association, GC ELT details of which are given below.

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(Susanta Mallick)
General Secretary
You are requested to :-

a) Kindly inform us your ‘E-Mail ID’, ‘Mobile No’, ‘Phone No’, through E-Mail ID: 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.

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