

From the desk of **General Secretary**



Dear all Members of ILTA and Indian Leather Fraternity,

Due to wide spread of COVID-19 throughout the world, we are passing through a pandemic disaster. We have learned to take as many precautions as we can in order to “flatten the curve,” by reducing the transmission of this virus.

Following advices of the World Health Organization, Govt. of India and State, we are practicing “social distancing” and other precautions while on duty.

Out of our some major activities, we have planned to postpone the followings till further notice :-

- ◆ Organizing Kolkata LEXPO – XXXI, which was proposed to be held in May’ 2020.
- ◆ Organizing Management Talk Shop on last Thursday of every month.
- ◆ Organizing Health Camp / Health Talk on last Friday in alternative month.
- ◆ Publishing Hard Copy of JILTA, the technical monthly journal of our association.

We could not publish the JILTA issues of April and May 2020 due to lockdown since 23rd of March up to 31st May. We are extremely sorry for the inconvenience caused to you.

However, as soon as Govt. relaxed the restrictions and allowed to open office under few conditions, some of our staffs who are staying nearby, started coming to office in spite of numerous problems in transportation and did hard work to publish this issue of JILTA - a combined issue of April, May and June 2020.

By the 1st week of June’ 20, it will be sent to you by email and will also be uploaded in our website: www.iltaonleather.org.

At this situation, it may not be possible to come out with the printed version, but it will be printed out as soon as the situation becomes normal for printing and posting. Kindly bear with us till then.

Henceforth, we are planning on organizing our events on digital platform as far as practical. In this transformation process we will need your kind support and participation.

9th MONI BANERJEE MEMORIAL LECTURE

Above was organized at 03.00 PM on Saturday the 14th March, 2020 at Freya Design Studio, ILPA Leather Goods Park, Kolkata Leather Complex, Bantala, 24 Parganas (South).

The programme commenced with Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA requesting the following dignitaries to garland the portrait of Late Prof. Moni Banerjee.

- 1) Mr. Arnab Jha, President, ILTA
- 2) Mr. & Mrs. Gopal Chatterjee – elder daughter of Late Prof. Moni Banerjee and her husband
- 3) Mr. Alope Kr. Basu – Ex-Editor, JILTA & a senior member of ILTA
- 4) Mr. Bibhas Ch. Jana – Representative of CLRI
- 5) Mr. Kanak Kr. Mitra – Ex-President, Alumni Association of GCELT
- 6) Mr. Arka Mukherjee – Representative of GCELT
- 7) Md. Asif – Representative of FDDI
- 8) Mr. Satya Narayan Moitra – Director, Stahl India Pvt. Ltd., honorable speaker.

After Mr. Arnab Jha and Mr. Satya Narayan Moitra took their seats on the dias as per request of Mr. Mallick, Mr. Arnab Jha delivered his Welcome Address briefly recapitulating life and achievements of Late Prof. Moni Banerjee. Mrs. Maitreyee Chatterjee, elder daughter of Late Prof. Moni Banerjee was then requested to say a few words about her late father. She recalled a few incidents revealing how his attitude towards the students was the same as towards members of his family.

Names of the recipients of Moni Banerjee Memorial Medal were then declared as follows :

Mr. Tarun Kumar, topper, Diploma in Footwear Manufacturer & Design Course Examination, 2019 from Central Footwear Training Institute, Agra, U.P. who was unable to come. His brother Mr. Prashant Chanchal received the medal and certificate from Mr. Arnab Jha.

Miss Shalini, topper, Diploma in Engineering, Leather & Footwear Technology Examination, 2019 from University Polytechnic, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, U.P. who was unable to come. Her uncle Mr. Jagdish Mathuria received the medal & certificate from Mr. Satya Narayan Moitra.

Mr. Arnab Jha then greeted Mr. Satya Narayan Moitra with a bouquet, introduced him to the gathering and requested him to deliver his memorial lecture titled “**DESIGNING SUSTAINABLE LEATHER PRODUCTION**”. The lecture lasted for nearly an hour and was most informative. Mr. Moitra was presented a memento by Mr. Mallick.

Mr. Susanta Mallick then offered sincere thanks to the speakers, members, faculties and students of GCELT & FDDI. Thanks were also expressed to ILPA for their kind permission to organize the event in their auditorium and to the family members of Late Prof. Moni Banerjee for their kind presence. Mr. Mallick reminded the members present of the 2nd Health

Camp being organized on 26th March, 2020 by ILTA in collaboration with R. N. Tagore Hospital (Narayana Health) & Indian Medical Association, Dum Dum wing.

Wishing a bright future to the award winners, Mr. Mallick requested all present to proceed to the dining hall for tea & refreshments.

LEXPO – XXXXI AT KOLKATA

The Kolkata – LEXPO XXXXI which was fixed to be organized at Kolkata Ice Skating Rink, from 20th to 27th May, 2020, has been postponed due to pandemic situation with Covid – 19. A request letter, asking postponement of the event has already been sent to the authority of KISR. Now it is under consideration whether we should go for postponement only or for cancellation for this Financial Year.

HEALTH CAMP / HEALTH TALK

As it was decided that henceforth Health Check Up camps and Health Talks would be arranged in alternate month on the last Thursday of the month, a health check up camp was proposed to be organized on Thursday 26th March, 2020 at Freya Design Studio, ILPA Leather Goods Park, Calcutta Leather Complex, Bantala.

Due to Lock Down announced for Covid-19, it was cancelled. This will be organized depending on the situation in future.

MANAGEMENT TALK SHOP

As it was decided that Management Talk Shop would be organized on the last Friday of every Month by its Mentor Prof. Asok Kr. Banerjee, a talk shop was proposed to be held at GCELT Conference Room on Friday 27th March, 2020.

This was also cancelled due to Lock Down declared for Covid-19. This will be re-planned after normalization of the situation.

We earnestly request you to take utmost precautions, so that we can overcome this crisis period successfully.

Wish a happy and healthy life for you, your family and friends.



ILTA HR COMMITTEE

An HR Committee has been formed under coordinatorship of Mr. Ratan Chowdhury. Members of the committee are as follows :-

Coordinator : Mr. Ratan Chowdhury.

Members :

- ❖ Prof. Dr. A. Banerjee.
- ❖ Prof. Dr. Sanjoy Chakroborty.
- ❖ Dr. Bhabendra Nath Das.
- ❖ Mr. Somenath Ganguly.
- ❖ Mr. C. K. Basu.
- ❖ Mr. B. D. Bhaiya.
- ❖ Mr. Tapas Biswas.

Joint Coordinator (Health Care)

- ❖ Mr. Kaushik Bhuiyan.
- ❖ Mr. Samaresh Sil.

Joint Coordinator (Management Talk Shop):

- ❖ Mr. Subir Dutta.
- ❖ Mr. Tarak Saha.

Ex-Officio :

- ❖ Mr. Arnab Jha (President)
- ❖ Mr. Asit Baran Kanungo (Vice President)
- ❖ Dr. K. J. Sreeram (Vice President – South)
- ❖ Dr. P. K. Bhattacharya (Vice President – North)
- ❖ Mr. Susanta Mallick. (General Secretary)

Admin-Social Platform

- ❖ Prof. Dr. B. Chattopadhyay.

Digital Host :

- ❖ Mr. Raj Kumar Maity.
[Student -3rd year (Leather) GCELT]

ILTA HR: THE DIGITAL PLATFORM

The digital platform for disseminating information, exchange of experience, cross-fertilization of knowledge, skill enhancement etc. has long been felt important with the proliferation of the Information Technology in every aspects of human survival; but it was never felt so strongly before the COVID pandemic throughout the world and likely to continue during the post COVID New Normal.

Indian Leather Technologists' Association (ILTA) being the professional association of the Leather Technologists' of India felt the necessity of launching its own interactive digital platform, where meeting, seminars, discussions etc. can be held with all the members and the stakeholders of the Industry across the country and also across the world almost regularly.

With this view in mind, the digital platform of ILTA HR was inaugurated with the members and the *avant garde* of the Industry within a short notice on 16/05/2020 at 7:00 pm in Webinar Zoom platform to nucleate and explore the potential.

None probably can ignore now a days that the virtual cloud is getting stronger and becoming less virtual but more reality. This platform will be used for the benefits of everybody, whosoever is interested to participate.

The special face book page is also being launched parallel to this platform, where the important information and also the audio-visual recordings are going to be uploaded for the archive and also for those, who might have missed the session due to preoccupation. The same will be uploaded in the YouTube also. All are requested to kindly "Like" the Face Book page & the YouTube uploads for obvious reasons. The pertinent questions, suggestions, comments and criticisms can be posted in the face book page by all concerned.

With all these opportunities let us kick start the beginning and try to explore with all of your whole-hearted cooperation our odyssey in digital world for the treasure hunt.

Arnab Jha (President)
 Susanta Mallick (General Secretary)
 Ratan Chowdhury (Coordinator)
 Bhudhadeb Chatterjee (Admin – Social platform)

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- 1) Health Check Up Camps / Health Talks will be held in alternative months on the last Thursday of every month.
- 2) Management Talk Shops will be held on the last Friday of every month.

B E R E A V E M E N T

With profound grief and a heavy heart we announce the sad demise of Mr. Umesh Kumar Sharma on 5th May 2020. He was a Life Member of ILTA from Northern Region.

May his soul rest in peace and may God give strength to the members of the bereaved family.

You 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.



(Susanta Mallick)
General Secretary

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