

From the desk of **General Secretary**



2nd Prof. S. S. Dutta Memorial Lecture

The 7th Seminar (since 2014 on the occasion of IILF at Chennai) named as the **2nd S. S. Dutta Memorial Lecture** was organized by Indian Leather Technologists Association (ILTA) in association with CSIR-CLRI, GCELT, CLCTA & ILPA and also Indian Leather & Leather Age magazine as media partners at the Hall-A of Convention Center in the Chennai Trade Center campus on Saturday the 2nd February' 2020 during 35th India International Leather Fair (IILF – 2020).

Dr. Nishad Fatima, Scientist, CSIR – CLRI commenced the programme by inviting the dignitaries to offer flower tribute to the portrait of Prof. S. S. Dutta and invited the following dignitaries on the dais for their respective seats.

1. Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA
2. Mr. Tapan Nandy, Chairman, ILPA Leather Goods Park.
3. Padmashree & Padmabhushan Dr. T. Ramasami, Former Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India.
4. Mr. S. Rajasekaran, Auditor / Consultant – Management System and the Speaker of the day
5. Mr. M. Vijayan, President, IFLEAMA and the Guest of Honour of the day
6. Mr. R. M. Uthayaraja, COO (LC), Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. and the Guest of Honour of the day
7. Mr. N. R. Jagannathan, President, ILTA (SR)

A good audience consisting of around 100 people were present in the audience.

The event commenced with delivering of the Welcome address by Mr. N. R. Jagannathan. He sincerely remembered the contribution of Late Prof. S. S. Dutta as a teacher of leather technology during his student hood. Like previous year, he again opined that this type of seminar & symposiums should be organized in different parts of country for sake of development of Indian Leather Industry. He welcomed all the

dignitaries present who responded ILTA to join hands with the activities and interested to play active role in development of modern Leather Industry. He expressed hope that this way ILTA would be able to remain and develop more relevancies to the Industry.

All the Guests were then welcomed and honoured with 'Angabastrams' and Roses followed by delivering of a few words by each of them.

Mr. Mallick in his address informed that among many of the books authored by Prof. S. S. Dutta, one book titled "An Introduction to the Principals of Leather Manufacture" has been most popular among the different leather institutes throughout the country and ILTA has already printed 2500 copies of this book since its publication around 40 years ago. He remembered the contribution of Prof. Dutta to our beloved association.

Dr. Ramasami in his address very emotionally mentioned that Indian Leather Industry is Indebted to Prof. S. S. Dutta not for only as a stakeholder but also a Devoted Guru to the students of Leather Science & Technology. In this respect he recalled that in beginning of his career he was keenly interested to get the 'Student Corner' through the Journal of Indian Leather Technologists' Association (JILTA), where Prof. Dutta was a routine author of this segment and was highly useful for the students of leather technology. In relation with this he wholeheartedly praised the Journal (JILTA) for its rapid development and he advised that JILTA team should now focus to increase its 'Impact Factor'. He wished a great success of the program and assured that he would remain a part of ILTA forever, not as a Guest but as a Host.

Mr. Vijayan, in his address offered thanks to ILTA for inviting him followed by offering his homage to Prof. S. S. Dutta. He elaborately explained the life time achievement of Prof. S. S. Dutta and described him as a legendary Guru of Leather Technology. He mentioned that some 200 technical papers for

the students and more than 35 Research Papers authored by him and published in different technical journals worldwide, made him a real Guru and Scientist of Leather Technology. He suggested that ILTA should play more intensive role in coordination with R & D and Industry.

Mr. Uthayaraja offered his heartfelt gratitude to ILTA for inviting him for this kind of program and paid his homage to Prof. Dutta for his limitless contribution to his students and the students of leather technology as a whole. He assured that his organization would always remain with ILTA for organizing this type of programmes in future also even countrywide.

Mr. Nandi in his address offered his tribute to Prof Dutta and recalled the role of Prof. Dutta for building up the career of his students. He even recalled how Prof. Dutta motivated him to start his own export business and how he provided different technical helps at the start of his business. He also shortly briefed how his organization ILPA and ILTA are associated in different activities undertaken for development of Indian Leather Industry.

Mr. Sothi Selvam, Ex-Director, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. expressed his heartiest gratitude to ILTA for inviting them to attend the programme and assured his support to ILTA for playing a role of bridge between Academy – Industry partnership.

Thereafter, Dr. Fatima announced the following details of the students who were nominated for felicitation with Prof. S. S. Dutta Memorial Medal for submitting their projects in M. Tech and B. Tech, Leather Technology Examination – 2019 and adjudged as the 'Best Project'.

- a) **Mr. Monimul Islam**, M.Tech, Leather Technology, GCELT-Kolkata, project titled "A Promising Novel Biocatalyst for Post-Tanning Operation in Leather Processing"
- b) **Mr. Subhankar Dutta** and **Ms. Juin Gorai**, B.Tech, Leather Technology, GCELT-Kolkata, project titled "Re-Tanning Agent from Leather Solid Waste : An Economic Recycling Approach for Leather Industry"
- c) **Mr. Shivam Singh Jadaun**, B.Tech, Leather Technology, HBTU-Kanpur, project titled "Manufacturing and Applications of Different Fatliquors"

- d) **Mr. Pradeep S**, M.Tech, Leather Technology, Anna University, Chennai, project titled "Studies on Development of Hyper-branched Tanning Agent and its Application in Leather Processing"
- e) **Mr. Aravindh P** and **Mr. Jagdeesan K**, B.Tech, Leather Technology, Anna University, project titled "Bio-catalytic Beam House Process for Leather Manufacture using Tripot System"

Dr. Fatima then announced the names of the three export houses who would be felicitated by ILTA for securing 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively as winner of Best Export Award 2018-19 for their overall export performance in the country as declared by Council for Leather Exports (CLE).

Names of the houses are as follows :

- 1st Place - M/s Farida Group, Chennai
- 2nd Place - M/s K. H. Exports (I) Pvt. Ltd., Chennai
- 3rd Place - M/s TATA International, Chennai

All the dignitaries then lead by Dr. T. Ramasami, joined hands to release the 'IILF-2020 Special Issue' of Journal of Indian Leather Technologists' Association (JILTA), February' 2020 and the first copy was handed over to Mr. M. Vijayan by Dr. Ramasami, followed by presentation of Mementoes to all the Guests and the Speaker.

Mr. S. Rajasekaran was then invited to podium to deliver the 2nd S. S. Dutta Memorial Lecture titled "**System and Safety in Industries**". He started his lecture with offering heartfelt homage to Prof. S. S. Dutta and then he expressed his gratitude to ILTA for inviting him to deliver the prestigious Prof. S. S. Dutta Memorial Lecture.

His way of talking mesmerized the whole audience. In that pin drop silence he described some highly important aspects, their pros & cons and prospective solutions regarding the Industrial Safety and management system might also be implicable to the Leather Industry as well. Number of the Industry persons agreed with him that they are really not well aware about these safety and management systems.

However due to limitation of time the highly charming lecture had to be shortened by just touching few important points to observe and follow.

On completion of his lecture Mr. Rajasekaran was honoured with a Memento and Citation by Mr. Jagannathan.

Dr. R. Mohan then concluded the event with offering of Vote of Thanks to the gathering. He expressed his heartfelt thanks to all the dignitaries present. He also offered his thanks to CSIR-CLRI, GCELT, ILPA and CLCTA as the Co-organizers of the event and to Indian Leather and Leather Age Magazine as the media partner of the event. He also offered thanks to ITPO and Event Management group for their all out support to the event. He concluded his speech with requesting all to join in Lunch arranged outside the seminar hall.

9th Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture

Above is scheduled to be held at the auditorium of Freya Design Studio, ILPA Leather Goods Park, Calcutta Leather Complex, Bantala, 24 Parganas (South) at 03.00 PM (Registration from 02.30 PM) on Saturday 14th March, 2020.

Mr. Satya Narayan Moitra, Director, Stahl India Pvt. Ltd. has kindly consented to deliver the memorial lecture titled “**Designing Sustainable Leather Production**”. Individual Invitation Cards were posted on 26th February, 2020.

LEXPO – XXXXI at Kolkata

The next LEXPO at Kolkata – LEXPO XXXXI will be organized at Kolkata Ice Skating Rink, 78, Syed Amir Ali Avenue, Kolkata – 700 019 from 20th to 27th May, 2020. The exhibition hall has

already been booked. There will be two types of stalls – 9 sqmt. & 12 sqmt. area. More details in respect of the fair in the next issue of JILTA.

Health Check Up / Health Talk

It has been decided that henceforth Health Check Up and Health Talks will be arranged in alternate month on the last Thursday of every month and that way the next health check up will be on Thursday the 26th March, 2020, from 12.00 noon (Registration from 11.30 am) at Freya Design Studio, ILPA Leather Goods Park, Calcutta Leather Complex, Bantala.

Cardiac and Pulmonological check up will be done in the camp.

Management Talk Shop

ILTA has introduced ‘Management Talk Shop’ for next generation of leather technologists. The main focus of this venture is to make the Students of Leather Technology and the Junior Leather Technologists understanding Management, which will assist them to work efficiently and effectively along with technological expertise in their professional career.

The first experimental Talk Shop was held on 17th January’ 2020 at the auditorium of Govt. College of Engineering and Leather Technology. Prof. Ashok Banerjee, Ex-Professor, IIM – Kolkata and immediate past President of Calcutta Management Association was the Mentor of the programme.

The next Management Talk shop by Mentor Prof. Asok Kr. Banerjee will be held at GCELT Conference Room from 03.00 PM on Friday 27th March, 2020. The title of the talk is “**Principles of Business and its Structure**”.

1) Health Check Ups and Health Talks will be held alternatively on the Last Thursday of every month.

2) Management Talk Shops will be held on the Last Friday of every month at GCELT.

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. Santipriya Das on 25th February, 2020. He was a Life Member of ILTA.

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

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