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

### A. 5<sup>th</sup> Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture

As communicated through individual invitation cards posted on 29.02.2016, the 5<sup>th</sup> Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture was organized at 3.00 PM on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at the auditorium of Freya Design Studio, ILPA Leather Goods Park, Calcutta Leather Complex, Bantala.

The programme commenced with garlanding the portrait of Late Prof. Moni Banerjee by the President, ILTA a Senior member of ILTA, Son-in-law of Late Prof. Moni Banerjee, representatives from GCELT, CFTC, CLRI, FDDI, Alumni Association of GCELT, Mr. Tapan Nandi & Mr. Mukund Kulkarni – the Guests of Honour and Prof. Somenath Mukherjee, the Chief Guest.



After garlanding was over, G. S. Invited Mr. Arnab Jha, Prof. Somenath Mukherjee, Mr. Tapan Nandi and Mr. Mukund Kulkarni to the dais. Mr. Arnab Jha, President, ILTA was then requested to deliver his welcome address. Mr. Jha while welcoming all present, briefly touched upon the life and achievements of Late Prof. Moni Banerjee and also his contributions as the Founder Secretary of ILTA.

Prof. Somenath Mukherjee was then greeted with a bouquet by Mr. Arnab Jha, Mr. Tapan Nandi by Mr. Asit Baran Kanungo, Vice President of ILTA and Mr. Mukund Kulkarni by Mr. Gopal Chatterjee, son-in-law of Late Prof. Moni Banerjee.

On request to say a few words Mr. Tapan Nandy recollected the contribution of Late Prof. Moni Banerjee to leather industry. Mr. Kulkarni stated that his family has been associated with leather industry for nearly 105 years and his father's guidelines must have been picked up from Late Prof. Moni Banerjee. He also stated that Late Prof. Moni Banerjee believed in working with his own hands and followed his heart.

G.S. then read out the names of the recipients of "Moni Banerjee Memorial Medals" and they were presented the medals in the following order :-

- 1) Mr. B. Prashanth, Topper, Diploma in Leather Technology Examination, 2015, Govt. Institute of Leather Technology, Hyderabad, A.P. by Mr. Arnab Jha.
- 2) Mr. S. Koteswara Rao, Topper, Diploma in Footwear Technology Examination, 2015, Govt. Institute of Leather Technology, Hyderabad, A.P. by Prof. Somenath Mukherjee.



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- 3) Mr. Purnendu Adhya, Topper, Diploma in Footwear Technology Examination, 2015, Central Footwear Training Centre, Budge Budge, West Bengal by Mr. Mukund Kulkarni.
- 4) Mr. Nilotpal Roy Chowdhury, Topper, Diploma in Leather Goods Technology Examination, 2015, Central Footwear Training Centre, Budge Budge, West Bengal by Mr. Tapan Nandi.
- 5) Mr. Karampal Singh, Topper, Diploma in Leather Technology Examination, 2015, Govt. Institute of Leather & Technology, Jalandhar, Punjab by Mr. Arnab Jha.
- 6) Ms. Sangeeta Rani, Topper, Diploma in Footwear Technology Examination, 2015, Govt. Institute of Leather & Technology, Jalandhar, Punjab by Prof. Somenath Mukherjee.

Short presentation/speech were then made by two of the recipients of the Moni Banerjee Memorial Medal namely Mr. B. Prashanth & Ms. Sangeeta Rani.

Mr. Jha then introduced Prof. Somenath Mukherjee to the gathering and requested him to deliver the 5<sup>th</sup> Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture titled "PARADIGM OF TANNERY AND LEATHER HOUSE WASTE POLLUTION PROBLEMS AND ITS ABATEMENT".



Question – Answer session followed after which a Memento was presented to Prof. Somenath Mukherjee by Mr. Susanta Mallick.

While offering vote of thanks, Mr. Mallick stated that we had the very first 'Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture' delivered on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 along with the Valedictory Programme of Diamond Jubilee Celebration of ILTA.

Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture has now become one of our annual events like B. M. Das Memorial Lecture and Sanjoy Sen Memorial Lecture. On this occasion we felicitate the toppers of Diploma in Footwear / Leather / Leather Goods Technology Examinations from various Institutes all over India running such courses.

ILTA would remain grateful to Dr. Somnath Mukherjee for kindly delivering the Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture titled "PARADIGM OF TANNERY AND LEATHER HOUSE WASTE POLLUTION



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PROBLEMS AND ITS ABATEMENT" and to Mr. Tapan Nandi & Mr. Mukund Kulkarni for gracing the occasion as the Guests of Honour.

He expressed heartfelt thanks to all members and guests who have attended the Memorial Lecture, prayed for good healthy of Mrs banerjee and invited all present for tea and refreshment

## **B. LEXPO Siliguri – XXII**

At the time of going to press (30.03.2016) as scheduled, the Inauguration Ceremony will be held on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 at 5.00 PM at Kanchunjungha Krirangan adjacent ground. Swami Akshayananda' Ji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramkrishna Mission Ashrama, Jalpaiguri has been requested to inaugurate the fair as the Chief Guest.

Mr. Anshuman Chakraborty, General Secretary, Journalist Club (North Bengal). Siliguri has been requested to grace the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

Detailed report will be published in the next issue of JILTA.

## **C. Formation of Various Committees / Sub-Committees**

The present Executive Committee has so far formed two committees as detailed below :-

### **LEXPO Siliguri – XXII Committee**

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Mr. Jiban Dasgupta       | 2. Mr. Mrinal Kanti Chakraborty |
| 3. Mr. Paresh Ch. Mukherjee | 4. Mr. Sudhansu Kumar Biswas    |
| 5. Mr. Bani Prasad Garai    | 6. Mr. Bibhas Chandra Jana      |
| 7. Mr. Prabir Kr. Dasgupta  | 8. Mr. Debasish Chakraborty     |
| 9. Mr. Aniruddha De         |                                 |

Ex-Officio Members will be the following :-

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Mr. Arnab Jha       | 2. Mr. Asit Baran Kanungo |
| 3. Mr. Susanta Mallick | 4. Mr. Kaushik Bhuiyan    |

### **Library Committee**

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| 1. Mr. Jiban Dasgupta | 2. Mr. Shiladitya Deb Choudhury |
| 3. Mr. Tarak Ch. Saha | 4. Mr. Alope Kumar Dey          |

Some more committees/sub-committees are proposed to be formed in the next Executive Committee Meeting tentatively scheduled on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2016.



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#### D. IULTCS Congress 2017

Under the theme "Science and Technology for Sustainability of Leather", IULTCS Congress – 2017 will be organized in February, 2017.

ILTA has already announced the following dates :

- March 1, 2016 – Abstract submission open
- October 31, 2016 – Close of abstract submission
- November 15, 2016 – Result announcement
- November 30, 2016 – Full paper submission

Abstracts and full papers must be submitted in English and will be reviewed by an International Scientific Committee. Further details of the event will be communicated to you in due course of time.

#### You are requested to :-

- 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.**