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SILIGURI LEXPO – XXIV

The 24th LEXPO at Siliguri was held from 23rd December' 2017 to 7th January' 2018 at Kanchanjungha Stadium adjacent ground, as was scheduled and declared earlier.

The Inauguration ceremony was held on 22nd December' 2017 at 5.00 pm. Dignitaries present on the dais were Mr. Nantu Paul, Hon'ble Councilor, Siliguri Municipal Corporation, Mr. Asit Baran Kanungo, Vice President, ILTA and Mr. Kaushik Bhuiyan, Treasurer, ILTA.

Programme commenced with the Welcome address delivered by Mr. A. B. Kanungo. On the occasion of pre-silver jubilee year of Siliguri LEXPO, he recalled his past experience of the beginning days of the event. He also highlighted the possibilities of the growth of leather goods business in North-East states, for which Siliguri is the gateway. Also he requested to the Government authorities for simplification of the documents and other formalities to organize the fair in future at a large scale and smoothly.

Mr. Nantu Paul, in his address recalled his long involvement since inception of Siliguri LEXPO. He offered thanks to the Indian Leather Technologists' Association for honoring him by requesting to grace the function with his presence. He promised that he would tried his level best to ensure presence of a few dignitaries from the Government's side to make the Silver Jubilee year memorable.

The event was then inaugurated by lighting the lamp by all the dignitaries present on the dais.

Mr. Kaushik Bhuiyan then in his Vote of thanks especially offered thanks to Mr. Nantu Paul for his kind initiative to avail the ground in such a prime time. He also offered thanks to few local dignitaries for their kind cooperation to organize the fair smoothly. The stall holders and all present were also thanked by Mr. Bhuiyan and requested them to help themselves to refreshments being served.

16TH SANJOY SEN MEMORIAL LECTURE

Above was organized at Freya Design Studio, ILPA Leather Goods Park, Calcutta Leather Complex at 11.00 Hrs on Saturday the 13th January, 2018.

The programme commenced with garlanding of portrait of Late Sanjoy Sen by the following :-

1. Mr. Arnab Jha, President of ILTA
2. Mr. S. S. Kumar, Chairman of the Governing Council, GCELT, Kolkata and Ex-Chairman, CLE
3. Dr. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay, Principal, MCKV Institute of Engineering & Ex-Principal, GCELT, Kolkata
4. Mr. B. C. Jana – representative of CLRI, Kolkata
5. Dr. Goutam Mukherjee – representative of GCELT
6. Mr. Patrick Lee – representative of Industry
7. A student from CFTC, Budge Budge
8. Miss Sweta Shalini, Award Winner
9. A student from GCELT, Kolkata

Above was followed by Welcome Address of Mr. Arnab Jha who briefly recapitulated various posts held by Late Sanjoy Sen and also in respect of good relations which existed between both Dr. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay / Mr. S. S. Kumar and Late Sanjoy Sen. Mr. Jha also spoke about Late Sen's contribution to ILTA during the three and a half decades when he was President of the Association.

The names of the recipients of Sanjoy Sen Memorial Medal were then declared.

- ❖ Miss Sweta Shalini : Topper in B. Tech Leather Technology examination of MIT, Muzaffarpur in 2017.

Medal & Certificate were handed over to her by Mr. Arnab Jha.

- ❖ Mr. Prince Babu : Topper in B. Tech Leather Technology examination of HBTI, Kanpur in 2017 who was unable to come & requested for the Medal & Certificate to be sent to him.

On behalf of the Govt. College of Engineering & Leather Technology, Dr. Goutam Mukherjee, Associate Professor announced the following Award Winners :-

- ❖ Gold Medal to Composite Topper of 4 years in Leather Technology, 2016 – Mr. Sayandip Rana who received the Medal from Mr. Arnab Jha.

Dr. P. K. Basu Memorial Scholarships were received by the following :-

- ❖ Mr. Arnab Sarkar received the award from Mr. S. S. Kumar



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- ❖ Mr. Subhankar Dutta received the award from Dr. Buddhadeb Charopadhyay
- ❖ Sk. Sahadat Ali received the award from Mr. Susanta Mallick

Miss Pamela Panja, another recipient of the Award suggested that the award money be given to another person since she has already got an employment to finance her further studies which was appreciated by the gathering.

Mr. S. S. Kumar was then introduced to the gathering by Mr. Arnab Jha and Mr. Kumar was requested to deliver his lecture titled **"Sustainability of the Industry"**.

Miss Sweta Shalini then made presentation which was highly appreciated by the gathering.

Dr. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay was then requested to deliver his lecture titled **"Forward Looking Plan for the Tanning Sector"**.

Mr. S. S. Kumar & Dr. B. Chattopadhyay were then each presented with a memento.

Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA commenced offering Vote of Thanks stating that, Late Sanjoy Sen was our President for over three decades with his immense contribution to the Industry and our Association before passing away on 31st August' 2001. From 2003 we have been organizing 'Sanjoy Sen Memorial Lecture' on his birthday. That way this has been the 16th Sanjoy Sen Memorial Lecture where we felicitate the Toppers in B.Tech Leather Technology examination of HBTL- Kanpur, and MIT-Muzaffarpur.

He expressed his heartiest thanks to the Dignitaries, Guests and Members present and particularly to Mr. S. S. Kumar & Dr. B. Chattopadhyay who so kind to accept our last minute request to deliver lectures in memory of late Sanjoy Sen.

He also expressed his appreciation to the award winners for their achievements and wished a bright future for them.

He stated that as during three successive years from 2014 to 2016, this year also we are organizing a Seminar at Chennai on the second day of IILF-2018.

On behalf of ILTA, he extended a most cordial invitation to all to this event in Chennai.

He thanked all again and wishing a Happy, Prosperous & Peaceful 2018, requested them to join for the working lunch.

SEMINAR AT IILF-2018, CHENNAI

We have already booked Seminar Hall "A" at IILF 2018 from 10.00 hrs. on 2nd February' 2018 for the Seminar.

Due to some unavoidable circumstances Dr. B. Chandrasekaran regret his inability to deliver his lecture what we declared earlier. The name of Dr. J. Raghava Rao, Chief Scientist, CSIR - CLRI was then proposed by Dr. Chandrasekaran in lieu of himself. We have received the confirmation from Dr. Raghava Rao in respect of his delivering a lecture at the seminar titled **"Waterless Chrome Tanning: Treading the Road Not Taken"**. Mr. Ivan Kral, Industrial Development Officer, UNIDO has also consented to deliver a lecture titled **"e-Learning in Leather Industry"** as another speaker.

Padmashri & Padmabhushan Dr. T. Ramasami and Mr. D. Sothi Selvam, Director (Manufacturing Business), Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. have been confirmed to be the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour respectively, on this occasion.

Mr. N. Shafeeq Ahmed, Chairman, Indian Leather Manufacturers & Exporters Association has been approached to grace the occasion as the Guests of Honour. His consent is awaited.

7TH MONI BANERJEE MEMORIAL LECTURE

This is scheduled to be held on Thursday the 15th March, 2018. Time, Venue & other details will be communicated in due course. All are most cordially invited to participate.



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BEREAVEMENT

With profound grief and a heavy heart we announce the sad demise of **Mr. Ashok Sen**, on 26th December' 2017 and **Prof. S. S. Dutta** on 14th January' 2018. Both were Life Members of ILTA.

May their soul rest in peace and may God give strength to the members of the bereaved families to bear the irreparable loss.

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 / 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.

(Susanta Mallick)
General Secretary

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