

From the desk of General Secretary



INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF SILIGURI LEXPO' XXV

This was held at Kanchanjungha Stadium adjacent ground on 22nd December' 2018 at 5.00 pm.



The dignitaries present on the dais were Mr. Goutam Deb, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Tourism, Govt. of West Bengal as the **Chief Guest**. Mr. Rajat Sarkar, Hon'ble councilor & opposition leader, Siliguri Municipal Corporation, Mr. Nantu Paul, Hon'ble councilor, Siliguri Municipal Corporation and Vice Chairman, North Bengal Sports & Games Board, Govt. of West Bengal, as the **Guests of Honour**. Also present on the dais were Mr. Asit Baran Kanungo, Vice President, ILTA and Mr. B. C. Jana, Jt. Secretary, ILTA.



The programme started with the Welcome address delivered by Mr. A. B. Kanungo.

In his address Mr. Kanungo recalled his experience during the early years of the event. He also highlighted on how ILTA is thinking and working on the rising possibilities of the growth of leather goods business in North-East states, for which Siliguri is the gateway. He requested through the MiC to the Government authorities for simplification of the documents and other formalities to organize the fair in future at a large scale and smoothly. He welcomed the local artisans who are showing their interest in this business. He welcomed the citizens of the Siliguri and adjacent areas who are the key stakeholders of this glorious event since its commencement.



Mr. Ranjan Sarkar, briefly shared his experience with the Siliguri LEXPO during his college hood when he started visiting this fair with his parents and family members 25 years ago. He advised the organizers for organizing trainings and to offer assistance to the upcoming generations in this trade. He promised that all cooperation and assistance would be provided from the local administrations, if this venture is initiated by ILTA.





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Mr. Nantu Paul, in his address recalled his long involvement since inception of LEXPO at Siliguri 25 years ago. He strongly supported Mr. Ranjan Sarkar regarding the training and assistance to the new generation for growth of the leather industry. He urged the MiC on behalf of ILTA, for providing more financial and infrastructural support for organizing leather fair more and more in Bengal as well as in other states of India and simultaneously he advised ILTA to take necessary actions so that unemployed young generation become more interested in this trade.



Mr. Goutam Deb, in his Inaugural speech, first offered thanks to the organizers for inviting him as the Chief Guest of the Silver Jubilee celebration of the event. Then he acknowledged the income generation scope from this trade for the new generation and he promised whole hearted support to the organizers in future. He also acknowledged the lacuna from the Govt.'s side in respect of more involvement and responsibility in this type of venture. Parallely he promised to help, if the organizers come to him with any specific proposals.



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



Mr. B. C. Jana thereafter offered Vote of Thanks to the Hon'ble Guests for gracing the function and making the Silver Jubilee event memorable and glorious. He also offered thanks to the local dignitaries for their kind cooperation in organizing the fair smoothly. The stall holders and all people present were also thanked by Mr. Jana who requested them to help themselves with refreshments being served.

A few years ago, ILTA organized in collaboration with MSME a workshop in fairground of LEXPO at Siliguri, to help interested participants to develop themselves as Entrepreneurs. Mrs. Sampa Sarkar was one such participant in the programme who put up a stall "Sampa Handicrafts" in this year's LEXPO. This is a good achievement of ILTA.

SEMINAR AT CHENNAI DURING IILF' 2019 : THE 1ST S. S. DUTTA MEMORIAL LECTURE

Above is scheduled to be held on Saturday the 2nd February, 2019, i.e. the second day of IILF – 2019 at Seminar Hall 'A' of Chennai Trade Centre.

Mr. N. Safeeq Ahmed, Chairman, Indian Finished Leather Manufacturers and Exporters Association, Chennai has kindly consented to grace the occasion as the **Chief Guest**.

Padmashri & Padmabhushan Dr. T. Ramasami, Ex-Secretary, Dept. of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, Mr. Sothi Selvam, Director, Balmer Lawrie & Co. and Mr. Tuncay Deriner, M.D., Stahl India, have kindly consented to grace the occasion as the **Guests of Honour**.

Dr. B. Chandrasekaran, Director, CSIR-CLRI, Chennai, has kindly consented to deliver the very first Prof. Sasanka Sekhar Dutta Memorial Lecture.



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Dr. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay, Ex-Principal, GCELT & at present Principal, MCKV Institute of Engineering, Howrah, West Bengal, has kindly consented to deliver a lecture in memorabilia.

17TH SANJOY SEN MEMORIAL LECTURE

Above is scheduled to be held on Monday 14th January, 2019 at Freya Design Studio, Calcutta Leather Complex, Bantala.

Mr. Asok Banerjee, President, Calcutta Management Association has kindly consented to deliver the Sanjoy Sen Memorial Lecture titled "Management Challenges in today's turbulent economy: Case Study approach in Indian Leather and allied Industries".

Mr. Ramesh Kumar Jujeja, Regional Chairman (E), CLE, Mr. Imran Ahmed Khan, General Secretary, CLCTA, and Mr. Adhar Sahni, President, ILPA have kindly consented to grace the occasion as Guests of Honour.

Individual Invitation Cards were posted on 22nd December' 2018.

Depending on the number of requests received, ILTA will arrange transport from Science City (Parama Island Police Station) to Calcutta Leather Complex and back on 14/01/2019 for which members are requested to positively let ILTA office know their requirement over telephone no. (033) 2441-3429 / 2441-3459, latest by Tuesday 8th January, 2019.

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.**