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Seminar organized by ILTA at 33rd IILF' 2018 at Chennai – A Report

Keeping up the trend of previous three years a seminar was organized jointly by the Central and Southern regional committee of Indian Leather Technologists Association (ILTA) in collaboration with 'GCELT', 'CSIR-CLRI' and 'Indian Leather' at the Hall-A of Convention Center in the Chennai Trade Center campus on Friday the 2nd February' 2018 during 33rd India International Leather Fair (IILF – 2018).

This was the fourth successful outreach programme by ILTA on the occasion of India International Leather Fair at Chennai.

Dignitaries who adorned the programme as well as the dais were as follows:

1. Mr. Arnab Jha, President, ILTA.
2. Mr. N. R. Jagannathan, President, Southern Regional Committee, ILTA.
3. Padmashree & Padmabhushan Dr. T. Ramasami, Former Secretary, Deptt of Science & Technology, Govt. of India and the Chief Guest of the function.
4. Mr. D. Sothi Selvam, Director (Manufacturing Business), Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. and the Guest of Honour of the function.
5. Mr. Ivan Kral, Industrial Development Officer, UNIDO and the Speaker of the day.
6. Dr. J. Raghava Rao, Chief Scientist, CSIR-CLRI, and the Speaker of the day.
7. Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA.

Other dignitaries present on the occasion were Dr. Sahasranaman, Mr. S. S. Kumar, Dr. M. Mwinyihija (Ethiopia), Dr. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay, Dr. James Fennen (TFL International), Dr. S. Rajamani.

The Master of Ceremony was Dr. Goutam Mukherjee, Professor, GCELT and Hony' Editor, JILTA. The audience consisted of around 100 persons.

The event commenced with Welcome address offered by Mr. N. R. Jagannathan, President, Southern Regional Committee, ILTA. He sincerely remembered the earlier several activities undertaken by ILTA during Presidentship of Late Sanjoy Sen and also remembered the role of the

past renowned members of ILTA who had taken a leading role in development of Indian Leather Industry. He welcomed all the dignitaries and participants present on this event. He expressed hope that in this way ILTA would be able to remain and develop more relevancies to the Industry.

In his address, Mr. Arnab Jha, President, ILTA highlighted the joint role of ILTA and CLRI in successfully organizing the event of 34th IULTCS Congress taken place at Chennai last year. He especially mentioned that the last IULTCS congress was another plume on the crown of these two pioneer organizations in Indian Leather Industry in last 15 years which are: (1) IULTCS Congress in 1999, (2) Congress on Leather Science & Technology in 2000 (3) Asia International Congress of Leather Science & Technology 2010 and (4) 34th IULTCS Congress' 2017.

All the Guests and Speakers were then honoured with Bouquets, Swags and Mementoes followed by formal release of the 'IILF-2018 Special Issue' of Journal of Indian Leather Technologists' Association (JILTA), February' 2018 by Dr. T. Ramasami, Mr. Sothi Selvam and other dignitaries on the dais with join hands.

In his address Dr. Ramasami very emotionally recalled the past pioneer figures including Late Prof. B. M. Das, the father of Indian Leather Industry and their role in Indian Leather Sector. He very remarkably pointed out the recent development of the Journal of Indian Leather Technologists' Association (JILTA). He highly appreciated the enhancement in rating of this one of the oldest journals in International Standard. He also advised that ILTA should follow and spread out more and more the Mission Vision and its activities, as mentioned in JILTA, throughout the country especially in the cities of Kanpur, Jalandhar, Agra etc.

Mr. Sothi Selvam in his address expressed heartiest gratitude to ILTA for inviting him to attend the programme and expressed hope that only ILTA can take a role of bridge between Leather Industry and Leather academies in India. He assured continuous support to ILTA from his esteemed organization Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.

Dr. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay highlighted role of GCELT along with ILTA in developing the Indian Leather Industry since its inception. He principally stressed upon the



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necessity for sustainable training, education and skill development programmes to be initiated for making the Indian Leather Industry vibrant in true sense.

Mr. Susanta Mallick then announced the names of the three export houses who would be felicitated by ILTA for securing 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively as Best Export Award Winners 2016-17 for their overall export performance in the country declared by Council for Leather Exports (CLE).

The 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

The first speaker of the event **Mr. Ivan Král**, Industrial Development Officer, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), then delivered his lecture titled "**e-Learning in Leather Industry**". His captivating presentations were really asset to the audience through which new marketing management system for leather industry was elaborated. It was a lesson to the new entrepreneurs by which marketing of their products could be globalized easily. He put some examples from Italy, German, Australia, China and US the correct implementation and impact of this new online marketing system. It seems that the system would reduce the global market volume in near future to the Industry.

Dr. Raghava Rao, the second speaker of the event started his lecture with '*Guru Vandana*' (Worship of Master) to respect his teacher Dr. T. Ramasami. He mesmerized the audience with his fascinating lecture titled "**Waterless Chrome Tanning: Treading the Road Not Taken**". He rightly pointed out the parameters of the prospective journey of R & D activities in Indian leather industry, especially chrome free tanning process. In view of 'Sustainability', a global term now a days in interest of human being, how the greener and cleaner technology could be more and more implemented properly, was the main theorem of the subject.

Mr. Susanta Mallick concluded the event with offering a Vote of Thanks to the gathering, especially to the Southern part of ILTA for their all out support to make the event grand success and requested all to have some tea & refreshment arranged outside the seminar hall.

7TH MONI BANERJEE MEMORIAL LECTURE

This will be held on Thursday the 15th March, 2018 at 03.00 PM (Registration from 02.30 PM) at the Seminar Hall – CVR of Science City, J. B. S. Haldane Avenue, Kolkata - 700046 as per the programme given follows :-

- 14.30 Hrs : Registration
- 15.00 Hrs : Welcome Address by Mr. Arnab Jha, President, ILTA
- 15.10 Hrs : Award of Moni Banerjee Memorial Medal to the toppers of the Leather/Footwear Technology Diploma Exams 2017 of various institutes
- 15.15 Hrs : Project Presentation by the Award Winners
- 15.25 Hrs : 7th Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture
- 16.25 Hrs : Vote of Thanks by Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA
- 16.30 Hrs : Refreshment

All are most cordially invited to participate.

Individual Invitation Cards were posted on Saturday the 24th February' 2018.

CONDOLENCE MEETING

A condolence meeting has been organized jointly by Indian Leather Technologists' Association, Govt. College of Engineering & Leather Technology and Alumni Association of Govt. College of Engineering & Leather Technology at 5.30 pmon Wednesday the 7th March' 2018 at the Conference Room of GCELT to pay respect to the departed souls of the following Life Members of our Association who left for their heavenly adobs in recent past :-

1. Sasanka Sekhar Dutta
2. Sudhir Kumar Das
3. Ashoke Kumar Sen
4. Probodh Kumar Bhattacharjee

All are requested to attend. This information has been communicated by email on 24.02.2018 to all our members who have provided their email IDs to us.



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- 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.