



From the desk of **General Secretary**

First S. S. Dutta Memorial Lecture

The 5th Seminar (since 2014 on the occasion of IILF at Chennai) named as the 1st S. S. Dutta Memorial Lecture was organized by Indian Leather Technologists Association (ILTA) in collaboration with 'CSIR-CLRI', CLCTA & ILPA and also Indian Leather & Leather Age as media partners at the Hall-A of Convention Center in the Chennai Trade Center campus on Saturday the 2nd February' 2019 during 34th India International Leather Fair (IILF – 2019).

Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary commenced the programme by inviting the dignitaries present for garlanding the portrait of Late Prof. S. S. Dutta and then handed over the podium to Dr. Goutam Mukherjee for mastering the event.

Dignitaries who adorned the programme were as follows:

1. Mr. N. Safeeq Ahmed, Chairman, Indian Finished Leather Manufacturers & Exporters Association
2. Padmashree & Padmabhushan Dr. T. Ramasami, Former Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India.
3. Mr. Sothi Selvam, Director, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.
4. Dr. Peter Amann, CEO – TFL Group, Management, TFL Ledertechnik AG
5. Mr. Diganta Ghosh, Director, TFL Quinn India Pvt. Ltd.
6. Mr. Maduri Prasanna, Campus Manager, Stahl India (Pvt.) Ltd in lieu of Mr. Tuncay Deriner, Managing Director, Stahl India.
7. Mr. Tapan Nandy, President, ILPA Leather Goods Park.
8. Mr. Tatheer Zaidi, Senior Programme Manager, Solidaridad – Asia
9. Dr. B. Chandrasekaran, Director, CSIR – CLRI and the Speaker of the 1st S. S. Dutta Memorial Lecture
10. Dr. B. Chattopadhyay, Ex-Principal, GCELT, Kolkata & now Principal, MCKV Institute of Engineering, Howrah and Speaker of the Memorabilia Lecture.
11. Mr. S. Ranganathan, Editor & Publisher of Indian Leather Magazine, Chennai.

A good audience consisting of around 120 persons were present in the audience.

The event commenced with delivering of the Welcome address by Mr. N. R. Jagannathan, the President, Southern Regional Committee of ILTA. He sincerely remembered the great soul of Late Prof. S. S. Dutta as a teacher of leather technology during his student hood. He also remembered few remarkable activities undertaken by ILTA in past, during Presidentship of Late Sanjoy Sen. He remarkably expressed his opinion that the span of ILTA activities should be spread over countrywide, especially at those places where leather clusters are more active. He welcomed all the dignitaries present who responded ILTA to join hands with the activity and interested to play active role in development of modern Leather Industry. He expressed hope that this way ILTA could be able to remain and develop more relevancies to the Industry.

All the Guests were then honoured with Swags and Mementoes followed by delivering of a few words by each of them.

Mr. N. Safeeq Ahmed, the Chief Guest of the programme, in his address offered thanks to ILTA for inviting him followed by offering his homage to Prof. S. S. Dutta. He elaborately explained the situation of current Indian leather industry including the status of export market. He also suggested certain things; ILTA can do for the industry. He suggested that ILTA should play more intensive role in coordination the R & D and Industry.

Dr. Ramasami in his address very emotionally recalled the attitude of Prof. S. S. Dutta towards his students. He also described his relation with Prof. S. S. Dutta as it was between 'Guru Dronacharyya' and 'Eklabya'. Like Mr. Jagannathan he also advised that ILTA should spread its network to the remote corners of the country and implement its activities, as mentioned in JILTA, especially in the cities of Kanpur, Jalandhar, Agra etc.

Mr. Sothi Selvam, Dr. Peter Amann, Mr. Diganta Ghosh, Mr. Maduri Prasanna, Mr. Tapan Nandy, Mr. Tatheer Zaidi and Mr. Ranganathan also in their addresses expressed their heartiest gratitude to ILTA for inviting them to attend the programme and all of them assured continuous support to ILTA from their

part to empower the activities of ILTA on the way of becoming a bridge between Academy – Industry partnership.

Thereafter, Prof. S. S. Dutta Memorial Medals presented to the following by Dr. T. Ramasami and Dr. B. Chandrasekaran respectively :-

- a. Bhuvanesh S, Lokesh Kumar and Pradeep M, all from Anna University, for their most innovative project “Application of aloe-vera in Leather Processing”.
- b. Aarthy AJ, Rajeshwari R, Vignesh R, all from Anna University, for their most innovative project “Chameleon effect in leather finishing”.

All the dignitaries then lead by Dr. T. Ramasami, joined hands to release the ‘IILF-2019 Special Issue’ of Journal of Indian Leather Technologists’ Association (JILTA), February’ 2019.

Thereafter Dr. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay came to the podium to deliver his emotional memorabilia lecture on Prof. S. S. Dutta titled “Humble contribution of Prof. S S Dutta towards the students of Leather Technology”. In his lecture he very relevantly mentioned that in these days when relationship between Teachers and Students are gradually declining, relationship between Prof. Dutta and his students was ideal Guru-Shishya Parampora. He also recalled the way of teaching of Prof. Dutta of presenting the hardest chemical theories in a simple way to his students. Some ex-students of Prof. Dutta in the audience also recalled the same with Dr. Chattopadhyay. On completion of his lecture Dr. Chatopadhyay was honoured with Swal & Memento by his guru Dr. T. Ramasami.

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 winner of Best Export Award 2017-18 for their overall export performance in the country as 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, Mumbai

Dr. B. Chandrasekaran then came to podium to deliver the 1st S. S. Dutta Memorial Lecture titled “Concepts to Practice: Journey of CSIR-CLRI through translational path”.

He elaborately described the role of CSIR – CLRI in Indian as well as World Leather fraternity. He especially highlighted that now a days the R & D department of CLRI is highly acceptable to other countries of African continent and few others. He briefed the history and vision of CLRI in leather trade since its inception. He expressed his hope that other leather organizations would extend their hands to CLRI to spread its R & D outcomes with the Indian and foreign leather fraternity. On completion of his lecture Dr. Chandrasekaran was honoured with Swal & Memento by the General Secretary of ILTA, Mr. Susanta Mallick.

At last Mr. Mallick then concluded the event with offering of Vote of Thanks to the gathering, especially to the Southern Regional committee of ILTA for their all out support to make the event a grand success. He informed that ILTA would arrange a Health Camp for the Leather people at Kolkata within a short while. He expressed his heartfelt thanks to all the dignitaries present over there. He also offered his thanks to CSIR-CLRI, ILPA and CLCTA as the Co-organizers of the event and to Indian Leather and Leather Age as the media partner of the event. He concluded his speech with requesting all to have some tea & refreshment arranged outside the seminar hall.

8th Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture

This will be held on Friday the 15th March, 2019 at Freya Design Studio, ILPA Leather Goods Park, Calcutta Leather Complex, Bantala.

Dr. V. Vijayabaskar, Vice President, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., Chennai has kindly consented to deliver the memorial lecture titled “Exploring New Chemistries for Clean Leather processing”.

Mr. Tatheer Zaidi, Sr. Programme Manager, Solidaridad – Asia, New Delhi has also kindly consented to deliver a lecture.

Individual invitation cards have been posted on 28.02.2019.

Members/Guests wishing to avail transport arranged by ILTA from Parama Police Station to Freya Design Studio and back on 15th March are requested to inform ILTA Office (2441 3429 / 2441 3459) latest by 06.00 PM on Monday 11th March, 2019. It may not be possible to entertain such requests received after 11th March, 2019.

Transport will leave Parama Police Station at 01.00 PM sharp.



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Health Camp

A letter ref. no. ILTA/General/58/2018-19/170 dated 19.02.2019 addressed to all ILTA Members with Kolkata PIN Code address has been posted on 19.02.2019 itself. The letter reads as follows :

Quote

A Health Camp is proposed to be organized by ILTA in collaboration with R. N. Tagore Hospital (Narayana Health) and Dum Dum Branch of Indian Medical Association.

The following tests will be carried out at the Health Camp :- Blood Pressure, Blood Group, Blood Sugar, E C G, Haemoglobin, besides Cardiac consultation, Chest Test, recording height and weight.

The Health Camp is proposed to be held from 11.00 Hrs to 14.30 Hrs on Wednesday 17th April, 2019 at ILTA office.

If you are interested to participate in the camp, kindly inform ILTA office Tel. No. 2441 3429 / 2441 3459 latest by Friday 15th March, 2019 with your date of birth.

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BEREAVEMENT

With profound grief and a heavy heart we announce the sad demise of Mr. Dharmamoy Guha, a Life Member of our Association.

On January, 2019, we received an email from Late Guha's daughter advising us of her father's demise on 21st December, 2018.

May his soul rest in peace and may God give strength to the members of the bereaved family 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

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



68th Foundation Day Celebration



60th Annual General Meeting



17th Sanjoy Sen Memorial Lecture



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