

## From the desk of General Secretary



### WEBINAR ON “3<sup>RD</sup> PROF. S. S. DUTTA MEMORIAL LECTURE”



Due to Pandemic COVID this year “Prof. S. S. Dutta Memorial Lecture” was organized by our association through digital platform at 7.00 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> February’ 2021. It was an initiative of Southern Regional Committee of ILTA.

The program resumed with the introductory speech delivered by Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA. Mr. Mallick briefed the biography of Prof. S. S. Dutta and described in short, the procedure of the webinar followed by the Welcome Address delivered by Dr. J. Raghava Rao, Vice-President, Southern Regional Committee of ILTA.

Dr. Raghava Rao in his address welcomed all the dignitaries and the participants of the event. He mentioned Prof. Dutta as the Author of the Bible of Leather Fraternity. He also mentioned that in his student hood the book authored by Prof. Dutta titled ‘An Introduction to the Principals of Leather Manufacture’ and the Students Corner also authored by Prof. Dutta in JILTA was the main references of their study. Dr. Rao welcomed to Dr. P. V. Sambasiva Rao, Executive Director, Alpharama Ltd., Kenya, East Africa, an alumnus of CSIR – CLRI, the Hon’ble Speaker of the day.

On his conclusion, Mr. Mallick expressed heartfelt thanks to Dr. V. K. Paul, Hon’ble High Commissioner of India in Kenya and requested him to deliver few words to the audience. Dr. Paul offered thanks to Mr. Mallick and Dr. P. S. Rao for inviting him in the webinar. He very emotionally recalled the Contribution of Prof. Dutta to the Indian leather fraternity. He also praised the speaker Dr. P. V. S. Rao, as a great scholar and a successful Indian entrepreneur who has been taking an important role in Indo-African business relationship. He briefed that how the economic relation between India and Kenya has been gradually increasing through Leather Industry and its entrepreneurs like Dr. P.V.S Rao.

Mr. Mallick then invited Dr. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay, Former Principal of GCELT, Kolkata and MCKV College of Engineering to deliver few words. Dr. Chattopadhyay in his deliberation recalled Prof. Dutta as a Nobel teacher. He said that authoring of the book was only for his students and not for business. In the age of manual press and when Google was not on fingertips for information, it was a very hard task to compose and proof reading of the book manually with the help of his students only and not with other big scholars. In a word Prof. Dutta was a self-thought person, he added.



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Mr. Mallick then declared the name of the following students of B.Tech & M.Tech Leather Technology Examination who's project work has been adjudged the best in year 2020 from different institutes :-

- a) Ms. Pranita Chakraborty, B.Tech, Leather Technology, GCELT-Kolkata, project titled **"Synthesis and Application of Functionalized Activated Carbon from Leather Trimming Waste in Dye Removal – A Waste to Wealth Approach"**
- b) Ms. Mohammed Kathija Beevi S, M.Tech, Leather Technology, Anna University, Chennai, project titled **"Studies on Superhydrophobic Self-cleaning Leathers"**
- c) Mr. Lingareddy Hari Sainath, M.Tech, Footwear Science & Engineering, Anna University, Chennai, project titled **"Design Innovation of Inverted Cleats in Footwear Suitable for Icy Surface"**
- d) Mr. Ankush Jain K, B.Tech, Leather Technology, Anna University, Chennai, project titled **"Process Standardization of Chrome Free Leather Manufacture for High End Application"**
- e) Mr. Deepak Awasthi, B.Tech, Leather Technology, HBTU-Kanpur, project titled **"Tannery Effluent Treatment and Zero Liquid Discharge"**

Due to Pandemic Covid, the name of the Best Exporter Awardees for overall Export performance for F.Y.2019-20 was not declared by Council for Leather Exports.



After conclusion of the award declaration session Mr. Mallick introduced the honorable speaker Dr. P. V. S Rao, Executive Director, Alpharama Ltd., Kenya and called on him for delivering the prestigious Prof. S. S. Dutta Memorial Lecture titled **"Repositioning the Indian Leather Sector to the Global Needs & Scenario – Post Covid"**.

Before starting his lecture, Dr. Rao offered his homage to Late Prof. S. S. Dutta. He recalled his student hood when the book authored by Late Prof. Dutta was his main course of study. He explained that the current generation should understand the difference between study and knowledge gathering, what Prof. Dutta had tried in during his livelihood. Then he explained the current situation and upgradations of industrial relationship between Kenya and India. He informed that Kenya Govt is much interested to grow their leather sector in order to play a major role in Kenyan Economy with the help of Indian Leather Technological Institute like CSIR – CLRI.

However, after conclusion of the lecture Dr. Rao replied a number of questions from audience.

The programme came to end with offering Vote of Thanks by Dr. R. Mohan, Secretary, Southern Regional Committee of ILTA.

There were around 100 participants over Zoom platform and more than 100 viewers participated on the ILTA HR Face Book Live.

This video recording of the entire program is also available on the official YouTube channel of ILTA (**ILTA Online**) and the website of the Association – [www.iltaonline.org](http://www.iltaonline.org)

### WEBINAR ON "MOTIVATIONAL SPEECH"

Indian Leather Technologists' Association  
(A Member Society of IULTCS)

26th  
February' 21  
7.00 PM  
India

What do  
you care  
What other  
people think

Speaker :-  
Dr. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay



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A Webinar with a Motivational Speech titled “**What do you Care, What Other People Think**” was organized by ILTA with it’s HR Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> February’2021 at 7.00 pm on digital platform.

Dr. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay, Former Principal, Govt. College of Engg. & Leather Technology and MCKV Inst. of Engg. was the hon’ble Speaker of the webinar.

The programme started with the Introductory Speech delivered by Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA followed by the Welcome Address delivered by Mr. Asit Baran Kanungo, Vice President, ILTA.

On conclusion of the Welcome Address, Mr. Susanta Mallick,

introduced Dr. Chattopadhyay with the audience and called him on for delivering his lecture. It was really an enthusiastic presentation from Dr. Chattopadhyay. After ending his lecture Dr. Chattopadhyay replied a number of questions from audience.

Mr. Subir Dutta, Coordinator, Seminar Committee then offered the Vote of Thanks and declared the programme over.

There were around 45 - 50 participants over Zoom platform and more than 70 viewers participated on the ILTA HR Face Book Live.

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(*Susanta Mallick*)

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