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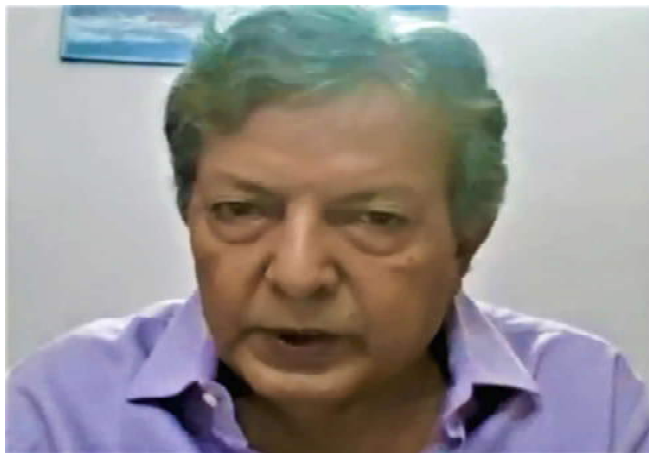


71ST FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION & PROF. B. M. DAS MEMORIAL LECTURE



At the present scenario due to pandemic COVID – 19 and frequent Lock down, the above was organized on virtual platform (Web based Zoom Cloud), on Saturday the 14th August, 2021 at 05.00 PM onwards.

The programme commenced with the introductory speech by Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA, followed by Welcome Address by the President of ILTA Mr. Arnab Jha.



In his address Mr. Jha recalled the 71 years old history of the association and welcomed to all the Dignitaries, Awardees, Speaker and the Participants in the program.

Thereafter Mr. Mallick announced the names of the award winners and informed them that the respective awards would be sent to them through courier.



a) **Mr. Debdeep Bhattacharya** – Winner of both B. M. Das Memorial Medal & J. M. Dey Memorial Medal for securing 1st Class 1st Position in B. Tech, Leather Technology Examination of Moulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal in 2021.

b) **Ms. P. Amirtha** – Winner of B. M. Das Memorial Medal for securing 1st Class 1st Position in B. Tech, Leather Technology Examination of Anna University, Chennai in 2021.



c) **Ms. T. Shwetha** – Winner of B. M. Das Memorial Medal for securing 1st Class 1st Position in M. Tech, Footwear Science & Engineering Examination of Anna University, Chennai in 2021.

d) **Prof. Pankaj Kumar Tyagi**

– Winner of J. Sinha Roy Memorial Award for his article titled “Socio-Environmentally Sustainable Practices - A Review on Research Methodologies and Research Gaps” published in August, 2020 issue of JILTA adjudged the Best of all articles published in JILTA in calendar



year 2020 by a committee consisting of Prof. (Dr.) Sanjoy Chakraborty, OIC, GCELT and Dr. Dipankar Chaudhuri, former Scientist & Head, RCED, CLRI, Kolkata.

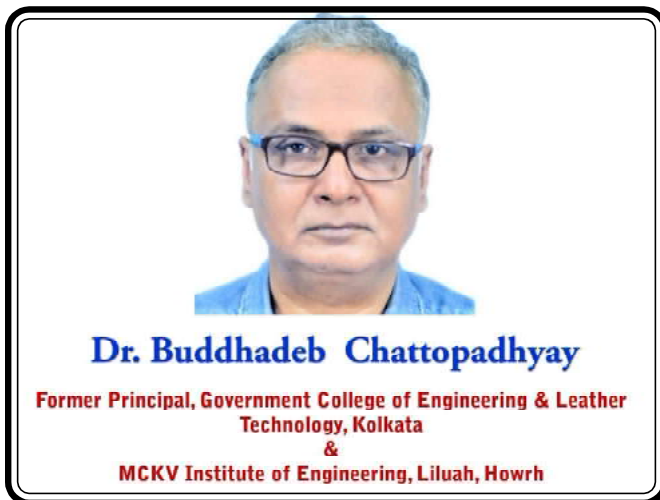


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Mr. Mallick then introduced two dignitaries namely, Dr. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay, former Principal of Govt. College of Engineering & Leather Technology, Kolkata and former Principal of MCKV Institute of Engineering, Howrah and Dr. J. Raghava Rao, Chief Scientist & Head, Anna University, Chennai and Professor, AcSIR, who were felicitated for their lifetime achievements in their respective field during this prestigious occasion.



Biography of Dr. Chattopadhyay & Dr. Raghava Rao was read out by Mr. Mallick followed by digital presentations on their Remarkable Achievements in their carrier. Mr. Mallick then requested them to deliver few words on themselves. After completion, Mr. Mallick announced to send the Mementos, Shawls & Citations to their respective correspondence address in due course.



Highlights from the Biography of both the renowned personalities above are extracted under “Felicitation Corner” in this issue. (Page no19)

Mr. Jha then introduced **Dr. K. J. Sreeram, Director, CSIR-CLRI, Chennai & Vice President, Southern Region of ILTA** & the hon’ble Speaker of the day to the participants and requested him to deliver the Prof. B. M. Das Memorial Lecture.



Dr. Sreeram then delivered his most valuable lecture titled “Sustainability in Leather and Footwear Sector”.



After completion of the lecture, Mr. Mallick offered heartiest gratitude to Dr. Sreeram and informed him that the Memento & Citation will be sent to him by courier in due course. At the same time, he also offered the formal Vote of Thanks to the participants, members, industry and ILTA office, for successful completion

of the Webinar and their participation in large numbers.

There were about 80 - 90 participants in the event.

Video recording of the entire programme is available on the official YouTube Channel of ILTA (ILTA Online), Facebook Page of ILTA (Indian Leather Technologists’ Association) & Website of the Association – www.iltaonleather.org.

FELICITATION PROGRAM JOINTLY CONDUCTED BY ILTA (SR) AND ALFA

Indian Leather Technologists Association-Southern Region (ILTA-SR) and AC Tech Leather and Footwear Alumni Association (ALFA) jointly conducted a felicitation function on the eve of superannuation of Dr. J Raghava Rao, Chief Scientist, CSIR-CLRI at 4 pm, on 30th August 2021 at COSTED Hall, CSIR-CLRI. Shri NR Jagannathan, President ALFA & ILTA-SR



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welcomed the gathering and, in his address, he highlighted the unique qualities of Dr J Raghava Rao and felicitated him on his superannuation as well for receiving the AC Tech Distinguished Alumni Award for the year 2020. He also felicitated Shri Raja Seenivasan for receiving the AC Tech Distinguished Alumni Award for the year 2021. Dr T Ramasami in his address reminisced the student days of Dr JR Rao. He also highlighted the contributions of Shri Raja Seenivasan both in industry front as well as for society. He then felicitated Dr Rao with an *Angavastram*. Shri NR Jagannathan presented a Memento to Dr JR Rao. Dr B Chandrasekaran, Former Director, CSIR-CLRI presented an *Angavastram* to Dr T Ramasami. Dr KJ Sreeram, Director, CSIR-CLRI presented an *Angavastram* to Shri Raja Seenivasan.



63RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ILTA

The 63rd Annual General Meeting of ILTA will be organized on 30th September, 2021 at 03.00 PM IST (Registration from 02.30 pm IST) on Zoom Cloud app.

The Printed Annual Report & Audited Statement of Accounts for 2020-21, Notice of the 63rd AGM and Proceedings of the last i.e. 62nd AGM was posted for the members through Indian Post on 6th / 7th September' 2021 and also sent the soft copy of the same via email on 8th September, 2021 respectively.

The Meeting Link, Id & Passcode for joining the meeting has been sent via a letter and also through email.

LEXPO IN KOLKATA AND SILIGURI

- ❖ The Kolkata LEXPO – XXXXI which was proposed to be organized at Kolkata Ice Skating Rink from 18th to 26th September' 2021, has been postponed and likely to be rescheduled due to pandemic COVID-19 situation, as the decision has been taken in the 541st meeting of the Executive Committee held on 8th July' 2021. This was reviewed in the 544th E. C. Meeting held on 20th August, 2021 where it was proposed that a convenient schedule between January to March, 2022 would be asked for organizing the event from KISR authority.



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❖ The Siliguri LEXPO – XXVI has been proposed to be organized at Kanchanjunga Krirangan adjacent Ground, Siliguri from 26th December'2021 to 10th January' 2022. Provisional allotment of the ground has been obtained. In view of the Pandemic situation further decision will be taken accordingly. We have proposed to Indian Leather Products Association (ILPA), if any of their Members is interested to participate in the event, may contact ILTA Office at the earliest.

However, latest progress and status report regarding organizing both the proposed fairs will be informed in due course.

(Susanta Mallick)
General Secretary

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PUBLISH YOUR TECHNICAL ARTICLE

Faculties, Research Scholars and students of various Leather Institutes may wish to publish their Research / Project papers in an Article form in this monthly technical journal, JILTA.

Interested author may sent their paper (in MS Word format) along with a PP Photograph and Contact details like Email, Mobile etc. to our email IDs : admin@iltaonleather.org / jiltaeditor@gmail.com

YOUTUBE CHANNEL & FACEBOOK PAGE OF ILTA

An official **YouTube Channel** of our Association (**ILTA Online**) has been launched since November' 2020.

Also a **FaceBook Page** of our Association (**Indian Leather Technologists' Association**) has been launched since July'2021.

You may find all the Lives / Video recordings of different Seminar & Symposiums on both of these social medias along with our website **www.iltaonleather.org** time to time.

You are requested to kindly do **Like & Subscribe** the Youtube Channel and "**Follow**" the FaceBook Page to get regular updates on the activities of our Association.

General Secretary and the Members of the Executive Committee are available to interact with members at 19.30 hrs, over Phone / Conference call on every Thursday