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XIII Asia International Conference of Leather Science & Technology

6 - 8 MARCH 2026

at Hotel The Stadel, Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Salt Lake, Kolkata, India

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ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

Indian Leather Technologists' Association (ILTA), formerly known as "Leather Technologists' Association (India)", was formed in the year 1950 under Presidentship of Prof. B. M. Das. It was incorporated in the year 1957 under the Companies Act. During the last seventy-five years ILTA has been working towards weaving all segments of people sincerely devoted to the cause of Leather and allied Technology as well as the whole leather fraternity all over the country. ILTA represents India in the 'International Union of Leather Technologists and Chemists Societies (IULTCS)', the foremost body of its kind in the world and has been doing so ever since 1956.

Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) was established in 1948 under the auspices of the Council of Scientific Industrial Research (CSIR) in Chennai and under first directorship of Prof. B. M. Das, to cater to the needs of the Indian leather sector. The institute since its establishment has paved the way for the move of Indian leather sector from a predominant raw material exporter to that of finished leather and leather products. Through strategic interventions with cleaner leather processing technologies, bio-based leather processing methods, composite based leather products, fashion forecasting etc. CLRI today strives to enable the global leather sector meet its challenges and seek opportunities in global leather trade.

ILTA and CLRI in association with the tanner bodies of the country take pride in being part of a massive effort in establishing Asia's largest leather complex in Kolkata, which is complete with all environmental safeguards. In the year 1999 ILTA and CLRI conducted the most successful IULTCS Congress in Chennai for the first time in an Asian country and VIII Asia International Conference of Leather Science & Technology (AICLST) in Kolkata in 2010 during the Diamond Jubilee Year of ILTA and IULTCS Congress again at Chennai in 2017.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

This time ILTA with the support of IULTCS's Asian Members China, Japan, Taiwan, Turkiye, New Zealand along with UNIDO and others has again been selected as the host of 13th AICLST which will be held at Kolkata, India as a part of its yearlong PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION during 6th–8th March, 2026.

THEME OF THE CONFERENCE

As per the Mission, Vision and Objectives of ILTA, the theme for this conference would be -

LEATHER 2050 : CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

ABOUT THE TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Leather 2050 plans for sustained development of leather sector in its march towards 2050. The major focus for this Conference would be to address the challenges and the opportunities arising out of meeting effectively in the following areas :

(A) Live Stock Analysis & Quality Appropriation

- Livestock population dynamics through cluster creation and rural skill-based entrepreneurship;
- Genetic potential of livestock breeds and strategy for skin quality enhancement;
- Transmission of bacteria and viruses from hides/skin;
- Traceability and quality labelling of hides & skins – digital and AI initiatives;
- Animal husbandry systems and disease controlling measures;
- Quality control measures from farm to tanneries;
- Livestock slaughter and preservation strategies for hygienic & effective output;
- Role of animal husbandry in carbon footprint and livestock health interventions for quality upgradations;

(B) Marketing Policy & Strategy

- Marketing environment analysis;
- Market research and customer understanding;
- Policy advocaey for country specific marketing;
- Product innovations and development vis-a-vis marketing;
- Digital content marketing for leather and leather products;

(C) AI and Productivity

- AI in leather and product manufacturing;
- Process monitoring and control;
- AI powered ERP;
- AI for fashion and design trends;
- Inputs for machine learning, AI for quality, grading and sorting;
- Predictive maintenance;
- AI and sustainability;
- Data driven decision making at all stages;

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(D) Carbon Capture & Utilization

- CCU in leather manufacturing stages;
- Innovations in CC technology for leather industry use;
- Waste treatment plants and CCU;
- Carbon footprint assessment and reduction strategies;
- Challenges and opportunities for CCU in leather sector;
- Circular economy and carbon utilization;

(E) Innovative Process Technology

- Nanotechnology applications;
- Sustainable chemistries, materials and processes;
- Leather processing from batch to continuous;
- Turning wastes to value added chemicals and products;
- Automation and robotics;
- Process intensification and green chemistry;
- Sustainable environment management practices;

(F) Footwear - Future & Roadmap

- Raw material availability and leather footwear consumption matching;
- Upcycled, recycled and environmentally friendly processes for footwear materials;
- Cost of leather processing to footwear needs matching - challenges and opportunities;
- Innovations in footwear manufacturing and sustainability;
- Leather - non-leather mix of materials in footwear manufacture;
- Automation & AI in footwear production;

ABOUT THE VENUE

Kolkata, popularly known as 'City of Joy' is located in Eastern India at 22°33'N, 88°20'E, 22.55°N, 88.333°E in the Ganges Delta at an elevation ranging between 1.5 m (5 ft) to 9 m (30 ft). It is spread linearly along the banks of the River Hooghly in a north-south direction. Kolkata has a tropical wet and dry climate. The annual mean temperature is 26.8° C (80.2 °F).

During the British Rule the East India Company established a strong foundation of Industrial growth based on Kolkata. The Premier and oldest Institute on Leather Technology was established at Kolkata in the year 1919 and presently this institute is known as Govt. College of Engineering & Leather Technology which has completed its Centenary Year in 2019.

Calcutta Leather Complex is the Asia's Largest Leather Complex which is complete with all environmental safe guards. Kolkata scores high in the export sector of Leather Industries in Asia. The head office of ILTA is also situated in this metro city of India. Here the prospect of enormous growth in Leather Industry makes Kolkata an important land mark in Leather World.

It has long been known for its literary, artistic and revolutionary heritage. Kolkatans tend to have a special appreciation for art and literature, its tradition of welcoming new talent has made it a "city of exceptional creative energy". For these reasons, Kolkata has often been dubbed as the "Cultural Capital of India".

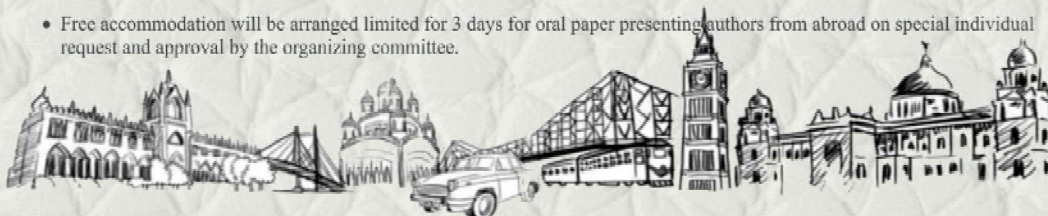
REGISTRATION DETAILS

- General Participants (India) : Rs. 5000/- (INR)
- ILTA Members (India) : Rs. 4000/- (INR)
- Students (India) : Rs. 2000/- (INR)
- Overseas Participants - IULTCS : \$250 (USD)
- Overseas Participants - Others : \$300 (USD)
- Overseas Students - \$100 (USD)

***For Early Bird Registration by 30th November, 2025

For On Line payment please follow the payment menu under AICLST page on ILTA Website www.iltaonleather.org

- Please add \$ 50/- (USD) & Rs. 500/- (INR) for Indian delegates) after early bird registration period.
- Registration fee includes conference proceedings, lunch on conference dates and to & fro travel from selected hotels to conference venues.
- Free accommodation will be arranged limited for 3 days for oral paper presenting authors from abroad on special individual request and approval by the organizing committee.



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Early bird registration : 15th December, 2025
- Communication to authors on acceptance: 5th January, 2026
- Freezing of final program schedule : 10th February, 2026
- Last date for submission of abstracts : 15th December, 2025
- Receipt of final camera-ready paper : 5th February, 2026

MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- ❖ Chief Patron : Padma Bhusan Dr. T. Ramasami, Former Secretary, DST, Govt. of India
- ❖ Chairman Organizing Committee : Mr. Arnab Jha, President, ILTA
- ❖ Conference Chair : Dr. K. J. Sreeram, Former Director, CSIR-CLRI
- ❖ Chairman Technical Committee : Dr. S. Rajamani, Vice President, ILTA
- ❖ Principal Associate : Chairman, Council for Leather Exports

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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- International Union of Leather Technologists and Chemists Societies (IULTCS)
- China Leather Industry Association (CLIA)
- Taiwanese International Leather Association (TILA)
- Japan Leather and Leather Goods Industries Association (JILA)
- Leather Associations & Institutes from Asia, Europe, Africa, America & Australia
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- Leather & Fur Technology Institute-East Siberia, Russian Federation
- Asian International Union of Environment (AIUE) Commission
- New Zealand Leather and Shoe Research Association (LASRA)

INFORMATION FOR PAPER PRESENTING AUTHORS

Submission of the Abstracts of the article on the subject covered under the theme should give a good summary (maximum within 250 words) of the content of the paper. Kindly note that the Abstract will determine whether or not the paper will be selected for presentation.

Papers to be submitted to the following Email Ids:
aiclstkol26@iltaonleather.org
mailtoilta@rediffmail.com

A detailed guideline will be circulated for preparation and presentation of the final paper after acceptance within a week or so, through ILTA website: www.iltaonleather.org and by mail to the authors.

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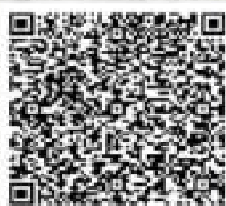
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Programmes during the Platinum Jubilee Celebration

- ❖ **14th August, 2025** : Inauguration of Platinum Jubilee Celebration, Prof. B. M. Das Memorial Lecture, Panel Discussion and National Seminar
- ❖ **14th January, 2026** : Sanjoy Sen Memorial Lecture and National Seminar.
- ❖ **2nd February, 2026** : Prof. S. S. Dutta Memorial Lecture and National Seminar.
- ❖ **6th to 8th March, 2026** : 13th Asia International Conference on Leather Science & Technology (AICLST) on **Leather 2050 : Challenges and Opportunities**. An affiliated program of IULTCS.
- ❖ **15th March, 2026** : Prof. Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture and National Seminar.
- ❖ **13th August, 2026** : Valedictory Programme.
- ❖ **Other Activities during the Yearlong Platinum Jubilee Celebration**
 - Starting Digital ILTA for availing the benefits of online reading of ILTA publications.
 - Publication of the 2nd edition of Comprehensive Footwear Technology by Mr. Shome Nath Ganguly.
 - Introducing a common Job Portal platform for interaction of Employers and Employees in Leather sector.
 - Organizing various Regional Programme by ILTA regional chapters in South, North & North-West India.
 - Undertaking more HRD Programmes like Health Talk, Motivational Talk, Health Camp etc.
 - Extending our activities PAN India for the benefit of leather fraternity.

RECONSTRUCTION OF ILTA WEBSITE

The official website of ILTA i.e., www.iltaonleather.org has been reconstructed and launched successfully on 5th November, 2025.

Some new pages have been added in this newly constructed website like Digital ILTA, 13th AICLST and some new features in the Membership Corner.

The review of the smooth accessibility of the website is under observation and will be fully accessible within a short while.

PAYMENT GATEWAY OF ILTA

ILTA is in the process of launching its Digital Payment Portal for all type of payment transactions.

The details of the same will be published in due course.

SANJOY SEN MEMORIAL LECTURE (24TH EDITION)

The 24th Sanjoy Sen Memorial Lecture will be organized by our Association on Wednesday, the 14th January, 2026 at the Seminar Hall of Science City, Kolkata.

Update of the progress will be shared in due course.

PROF. S. S. DUTTA MEMORIAL LECTURE (7TH EDITION)

The 7th Prof. S. S. Dutta Memorial Lecture will be organized by the Southern Regional Committee of ILTA on Monday, the 2nd February, 2026 at the Chennai Trade Centre during India International Leather Fair, 2026.

Update of the progress will be shared in due course.

DIGITALIZATION OF ILTA PUBLICATIONS

ILTA has launched its digital platform for accessing its publication like monthly technical journal JILTA and other textbooks on leather & footwear technology.

The full online accessibility of the said publications will be intergrated along with payment details & process shortly on our official website - www.iltaonleather.org.

ILTA TO LAUNCH JOB PORTAL FOR LEATHER INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

The Indian Leather Technologists' Association (ILTA) on Friday said it will launch a job portal for graduates and professionals in the sector.

The portal will aim to act as a bridge between talents and industry needs, a statement said.

The portal will help meet the sector's growing demand for skilled manpower, it said.

It will complement ILTA's other digital initiatives, including newly-launched website, which provide members with access journals, books, and technical resources, the statement said.

The ILTA, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, organizes the LEXPO fairs to support small & medium entrepreneurs in accessing markets, it said.

IDENTITY CARD FOR LIFE MEMBERS OF ILTA

The Executive Committee of ILTA had taken decision in its 566th i.e., 1st meeting of the newly elected committee, to issue a unique Plastic Identity Card to all the Life Member of ILTA against their Membership.

Accordingly, the job has been undertaken by ILTA office and around 70 Identity Cards have already been issued to the members from whom desired data has been received so far.

Hence, all the Life Members are advised to send the following information through official Email ID - admin@iltaonleather.org and/or WhatsApp No. – **9432553949 / 9123885422** to ILTA office as soon as possible in order to get their Identity Cards.

- 1) Name of the Member (In capital letter)
- 2) Full Residential Address of the Member
- 3) AADHAR No. (Masked) of the Member
- 4) Blood Group of the Member
- 5) A HD quality PP size Photo of the Member
- 6) Mobile No. of the Member
- 7) Email ID of the Member



(Susanta Mallick)
General Secretary

YOUTUBE CHANNEL & FACEBOOK PAGE OF ILTA

An official **YouTube Channel** namely **ILTA Online** and a **Face Book Page** namely **Indian Leather Technologists' Association** has been launched for sharing the activities of our Association since November' 2020 and July' 2021 respectively.

You may find all the Lives / Video recordings of different Seminar, Symposiums & Webinars on both of these social medias along with our website www.iltaonline.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.

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.

We use to offer an honorarium of Rs. 1,000/- for a single issue against any article selected for publication.

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@iltaonline.org / iltaonline1950@gmail.com

Members are requested to :-

- a) Kindly inform us your '**E-Mail ID**', '**Mobile No**', '**Land Line No**', through E-Mail ID: admin@iltaonline.org or over Telephone Nos. : 24413429 / 3459. 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.

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General Secretary and the Members of the Executive Committee are available to interact with members at 18.30 hrs, at our Registered Office on every Thursday