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FDDI CAMPUSES IN INDIA





“Our efforts would be in the direction, which makes this Institute the world leader in the field of fashion, design, technology & retail management due to the quality of our products & services, response and cost effectiveness.”

“In our endeavor to make India the leading hub for Footwear Design, Technology and Management in the world, we shall take necessary steps for creating quality infrastructure for design, development, production and support service system for the Indian industry.”

GLOBAL INTERVENTIONS IN DESIGN & TRAINING BY FDDI



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Message from Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

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PIYUSH GOYAL



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भारत सरकार
MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



MESSAGE

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) for advancing its mandate and serving the Indian Footwear, Leather and Leather Products' Industries, while also making significant contributions to major national schemes and programs. By building sectoral capacities and influencing policies that shape livelihoods, FDDI is making a lasting impact on both the industry and the broader economy.

The Indian footwear industry stands at a pivotal point, where design excellence can become the defining factor that propels the sector onto the global stage. By overcoming current challenges and tapping into India's rich cultural heritage, the industry has the potential to craft iconic designs that not only capture global attention but also set new standards of creativity and craftsmanship in the international market.

In his 78th Independence Day address, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji unveiled the vision of 'Design in India, Design for the World', with the goal of positioning India as a global hub for leather, footwear and accessories. Under his leadership, initiatives such as the PLI Scheme, Indian Footwear and Leather Development Policy are driving design-led product development, building scale and focusing on skill development to create a highly employable workforce, thus fostering innovation, sustainability and global competitiveness in the sector.

Aligned with these visionary goals, FDDI, by focusing on design excellence, advanced technologies and strategic partnerships, is setting new benchmarks for quality and creativity, strengthening India's position as a global leader in the sector. The institute's efforts in value chain synergies, sustainable practices, and skill development are driving large-scale employability through its professional programs. I also acknowledge FDDI's pivotal role in setting standards and implementing BIS guidelines in the industry.

I am confident that FDDI will continue to display the same vigour and spirit it has shown in the past, overcoming challenges, excelling and leading by example in the years to come. I wish FDDI great success in all its future endeavors.

Piyush Goyal

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Message from the Chairman

The FY 2023 -24 has been a particularly busy and productive year for the Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) where it has marked a series of major achievements for the development and promotion of Leather & Leather Product Industries.

The Institute's performance during the FY 2023 -24 in terms of operational and financial parameters, has shown a marked improvement over the previous years in all the area of operations.



To make mark on the educational spectrum, FDDI is in the process of consolidating its twelve campuses located at Noida, Fursatganj, Chennai, Kolkata, Rohtak, Chhindwara, Guna, Jodhpur Ankleshwar, Banur, Patna and Hyderabad and establishing FDDI as a brand in the educational landscape.

The information in this annual report highlights the accomplishments of Institute's dedicated & talented faculty, staff, and shows the results of their continued engagement at the Institute, with the industry, and with the world.

Space is too short here to catalogue them, but I may simply say that the FY 2023-24 has been a particularly busy and productive year for the FDDI.

I would like to greatly appreciate Dr. Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, IAS, Managing Director, FDDI (Additional Charge) and his team whose continual dedication & contribution has been invaluable to the growth of the Institute.

Wishing you all the best in your endeavours.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ashish Dikshit'.

Ashish Dikshit
Chairman,
FDDI - Governing Council

Message from the Joint Secretary, DPIIT

Research, Training & Product Development, and Design Support Institutions have contributed considerably to the growth of the Indian Leather & Footwear Sectors over the years and there is no denying fact that FDDI – as an 'Institution of National Importance' has played a pivotal role in this steady growth.

FDDI has been a front runner in providing skilled manpower to the leather, footwear, fashion industry and also to the retail industry, which is indeed a revolutionary step.



Srinivas E, IRSSE

FDDI is fully engaged in and committed to applying its expertise not only to the organized sector, but, similarly to the un-organized sector also.

Steadily growing from strength to strength, FDDI has indeed come a long way, be it in terms of its number of programmes, establishment of new campus and Centre of Excellence (CoEs) on different 'Thematic Area', handling of various projects, skills and utilities, recognition from the industry, in educational landscape and its role in nation building.

The academic curriculum of the FDDI is designed by experts and is also upgraded from time to time in consultation with the industry.

As always, the Annual Report of FDDI provides a glimpse of the breadth of its work and accomplishments this past year. As you review the Annual Report of FDDI for the year 2023 -24, I hope it will quickly become apparent to you that the institute has seen another year of positive growth and impressive accomplishments.

This has been possible only because of the keen interest taken by the Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister, Secretary - DPIIT, and other officials of the Ministry, and the Governing Council (GC) of FDDI.

These accomplishments are possible due to the talent and dedication of its faculty, students, and staff. I would like to thank the employees of FDDI for their hard work and dedicated efforts for excellent performance of the Institute.

I wish here to acknowledge the efforts of Dr. Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, IAS, Managing Director, FDDI for taking the organization forward.

Wishing you all the best in your endeavours. May success and fulfillment accompany the Institute every step of the way.

**Srinivas E, IRSSE,
Joint Secretary, DPIIT,
Ministry of Commerce & Industry,
Government of India**

Message from the Managing Director

It is indeed a matter of great pleasure for me to present the Annual Report of Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) together with the Audited Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report for the FY 2023-24 which reflects on a selection of business activities undertaken by the institute during the FY 2023-24.

FY 2023-24 has been a year of consolidation for the FDDI.

Leading to numerous MoUs and MoAs signed during the FY 2023-24, our collaborations with industry and



Dr. Sumeet K Jarangal, IAS

academia have strengthened significantly. These partnerships underscore our commitment to fostering innovation, research, and technological advancements that address global challenges and contribute to make Leather & Footwear Sector a US\$ 50 Bn industry by 2030.

I take this opportunity to place on record my sincerely thanks to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOC&I), Government of India (GoI), the State Governments, our valued customers, all the authorities & agencies who provide valuable guidance, unstinted support and prudent counsel in bringing the FDDI to its present position.

Their continued encouragement has indeed given shape to our shared aspiration of creating one of India's most admired institutions in the areas of its operation.

Let me also convey my hearty compliments and sincere appreciation to all the officers & staff of the FDDI for their sustained and dedicated efforts in consistently earning all the success for the Institute.

Let us continue this journey together with the same zeal and determination to achieve even greater milestones in the years to come.

Dr. Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, IAS
Managing Director, FDDI

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Governing Council (GC) places on record its gratitude to the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Government of India (GoI), Mr. Piyush Goyal for his various initiatives in framing industry friendly policies and his constant support to the Leather and Footwear Industry.

The GC also expresses its gratitude to Mr. Jitin Prasada, Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS), Commerce and Industry (C&I), GoI for the invariable support provided to the Indian Leather and Footwear Industry.

The GC also expresses its gratitude to both the Ex- Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS), Commerce and Industry (C&I), GoI, Ms. Anupriya Patel and Mr. Som Prakash for their regular guidance and co-operation.

The GC expresses its gratitude to Hon'ble Finance Minister, Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman for her support to the Indian Leather and Footwear Industry.

The GC expresses its gratitude to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and in particular thanks Mr. Amardeep Singh Bhatia, IAS, Secretary, DPIIT for implementation of various schemes in promoting the Leather and Footwear Industry and for the cooperation & assistance given to FDDI.

The GC also expresses its gratitude to Ex-Secretary, DPIIT, Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh, IAS for his regular guidance and co-operation in solving the problems of the footwear & leather products industry.

The GC expresses its gratitude to Mr. Srinivas E, IRSSE, Joint Secretary, DPIIT for his prudent guidance and assistance given to FDDI and for implementation of various schemes in promoting the Indian Leather and Footwear Industry.

The GC expresses its gratitude to Ex-Additional Secretary, DPIIT, Mr. Rajeev Singh Thakur, IAS, for his regular guidance, cooperation & assistance given to FDDI and for implementation of various schemes in promoting the sector.

The GC expresses its gratitude to the Leather and Footwear Industry and the retail sector for giving their valuable suggestions for the improvement of the various services of FDDI, for the up-gradation of the course syllabus and training programmes being conducted by FDDI & also for the placement of the students. We look forward for the same co-operation & assistance in the future also.

The GC also extends its thanks to the Officers and Staff in the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Ministry of Finance and other State Governments for their valuable co-operation and assistance rendered to the cause of promotion of Indian Leather and Footwear Products Industry.

NOTICE

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Footwear Design & Development Institute

(An Institution of National Importance)

Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Government of India

NOTICE FOR 85th MEETING OF GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC) OF FDDI

FDDI/HO/SECY /85-GC Meeting Notice/2024-25

Dated: 14.08.2024

Dear Madam/Sir,

The 85th Meeting of the Governing Council (GC) of the Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) has been scheduled to be held on 23.08.2024 from 10:30 AM onwards through Online Mode.

The meeting link for attending the same is given herewith:

**Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI)
Hosted by FDDI NOIDA**

<https://fddi.webex.com/fddi/j.php?MTID=m36e9fe34072fe5998c868aa3b185cd32>

Friday, August 23, 2024 10:30 AM | 2 hours | (UTC+05:30) Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi

Meeting number: 2641 5155794

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Agenda: 85th Meeting of the Governing Council (GC) of the Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI)

Join by video system

Dial 2641 5155794@fddi.webex.com

You can also dial 210,4,202,4 and enter your meeting number.

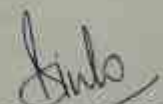
Join by phone

Use VoIP only

The Agenda of the meeting will be sent separately.

You are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting as per the scheduled as mentioned above.

A line of confirmation is highly solicited.


Secretary, FDDI
(Secretary to the GC)

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FDDI

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Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
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F.No. FDDI/HO/SECY OFF/85 GC Meeting/2024
Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Subject: NOTE OF APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EIGHTY FIFTH (85th) GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC) MEETING OF FDDI- reg.

NOTE

The 85th Governing Council Meeting of FDDI was held on 23rd August 2024 from 10:30 AM onwards in online mode. The following agendas were listed:

Item No.	Description	Page No.
85.1	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 84 th GC Meeting held on 24 th June 2024	03
85.2	Dr. Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, IAS, Director (Startup India), DPIIT takes on additional charge of MD, FDDI	04
ACCOUNTS & FINANCE		
85.3	Annual Audited Financial Statement for the FY 2023-24	05
HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT		
85.4	Proposal for Assigning Postcodes for various already approved posts for 'Centre of Excellence' (CoEs) Department	06
STUDENT AFFAIRS & EXAMINATION DEPARTMENT		
85.5	Two Agenda Point of 10 th Senate Meeting of FDDI held on 17 th May 2024	08
ANNEXURES		
	Consolidated Financial Statement (CFS) for the FY 2023-24 is attached separately as 'FDDI - CFS - FY 2023-24'	
	Annexures of the other relevant agenda points	10 - 20

Item No. 85.6.- Proposal for Terms & Conditions of the post- Managing Director in Additional Charge (Additional Agenda):

Item No. 84.7 - Introduction of MBA in Retail and Fashion Merchandising at FDDI Guna Campus from 2024-2025 (Additional Agenda):

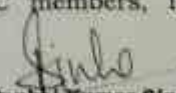
The 85th GC, during its meeting, deliberated on the agenda points and based thereon the Minutes of the meeting are placed opposite for approval.

The same shall be subsequently circulated to the GC members, for confirmation.

Submitted for approval, please.

Managing Director:

Chairman-GC:

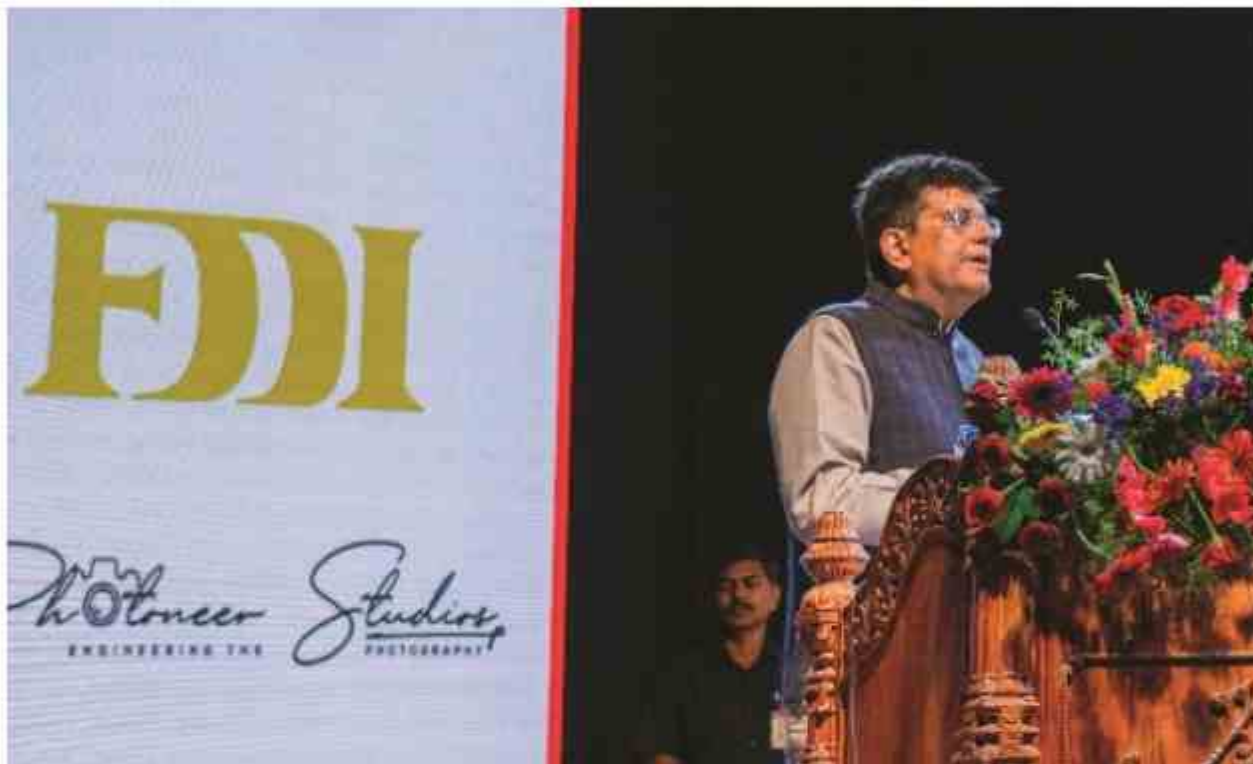

Pankaj Kumar Sinha
(Secretary to the GC)

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Sl. No.	In the Committee as	Name
1	Chairperson (Nominated by Central Government)	Mr. Ashish Dikshit Managing Director, Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd
2	Member (<i>ex officio</i>)	Dr. Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, IAS, Managing Director, FDDI (Additional Charge)
3	Member (<i>ex officio</i>)	Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary (in-charge of Leather and Footwear Division) in DPIIT
4	Member (<i>ex officio</i>)	Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary (in-charge of EPLSG Division) in DOC
5	Member (<i>ex officio</i>)	Director/Deputy Secretary Finance Wing, DPIIT
6	Member (<i>ex officio</i>)	Mr. Shantanu Mitra Sr. Economic Advisor, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)
7	Member (Nominated by Central Government)	Mr. Rajendra Kumar Jalan Chairman, Council for Leather Export (CLE)
8	Member (Nominated by Central Government)	Mr. Motilal Sethi President, Indian Leather Garments Association (ILGA)
9	Member (Nominated by Central Government)	Mr. Sanjay Gupta President, Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA)
10	Member (Nominated by Central Government)	Mr. Gautam Nair Chairman, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), National Committee on Footwear & Leather Products and CEO, Tangerine Designs Pvt. Ltd
11	Member (Nominated by Central Government)	Prof. Dr. Shinju Mahajan National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), New Delhi
12	Member (Nominated by Central Government)	Mr. Praveen Nahar Director, NID, Ahmedabad
13	Member (Nominated by Central Government)	Mr. K J Shreeram Director, Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Chennai
14	Member (Nominated by Central Government)	Prof. Sumer Singh Department of Design, IIT Delhi
15	Member (Nominated by Central Government) Vide F.No. P-27011/2/2022-Leather dt. 23 rd September 2024)	Prof. Alok Kumar Singh, Indian Institute of Management, Nagpur
	Secretary, Governing Council	Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha Secretary, FDDI

FDDI PROFILE

Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) was set-up by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in the year 1986 for the development and promotion of Footwear and Allied Product Industries.



Over the years, FDDI expanded into education in fashion, leather products, and retail & fashion merchandise and has been playing a pivotal role in facilitating Indian industry by bridging skill gaps in the areas of footwear, leather, fashion, retail and management.



FDDI has been functioning as an interface between the untapped talent and industry and its global counterparts, by fulfilling the demand of skilled manpower with its specific curriculum, state of the art laboratories, world class infrastructure and experienced faculty.



The Institute was given the status of 'Institution of National Importance' as per FDDI Act, 2017 for its contribution towards nation building by producing industry ready professionals and is serving as a 'One stop solutions provider' for footwear, leather and allied industry.



FDDI is imparting skill base training and education through its four schools namely, School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), School of Fashion Design (FD), School of Leather Goods and Accessories Design (LGAD), and School of Retail and Fashion Merchandise (RFM).



SCHOOL OF FOOTWEAR DESIGN & PRODUCTION:

The School of Footwear Design & Production, established in 1986, is the oldest at FDDI. It has been at the fore-front of providing skilled based technical education and expertise in this sector propelling India to become second largest producer of footwear. The School actively contributes to developing the footwear sector in India and neighbouring countries/continents while focusing on competency building. Design Research & Innovation fosters an ideal atmosphere facilitated by the high-end infrastructure equipped with the latest Design Software & CAD, 3D Printing, and related integrated technology.

SCHOOL OF FASHION DESIGN:

The School of Fashion Design at FDDI provides trained human resource by conducting training programs to suit the dynamic and fast-paced creative, and energetic fashion and apparel industry. The education program nurtures creativity while providing rigorous grounding in practical and technical skills needed for career success. With industry connections, we expose students to the latest trends and demands, preparing them for the real challenges of the fashion world.

SCHOOL OF LEATHER GOODS & ACCESSORIES DESIGN:

The training programs are designed and conducted at the school of Leather Goods & Accessories Design to suit varied human resource needs of the leather industry. As the demand for leather goods and garments has reached an all-time high, this school conducts training programmes which are intended to bridge the prevailing skill gap which impacts the quality of the product, reduce wastage, thereby bringing in process efficiency and business results. It combines core design subjects with interdisciplinary courses, allowing students to specialize in design and technology.

SCHOOL OF RETAIL & FASHION MERCHANDISE:

The programmes at the School of Retail and Fashion Merchandise are designed to improve retail operations & performance. It is aligned to improve retail operations consisting of supply chain and customer relations followed by merchandising, facilities management, vendor development etc. The school not only provides formal education but, also imparts practical job skills so as to make human resource functional on the very first day of work in the retail industry.



Through these Schools, FDDI is conducting the following long-term programmes at its 12 well-designed campuses located at Noida, Fursatganj, Chennai, Kolkata, Rohtak, Chhindwara, Guna, Jodhpur Ankleshwar, Banur, Patna and Hyderabad:

Master Degree Programmes (PG Programmes)		
Sr. No.	Name of Programme	Duration
1.	Master of Design - Footwear Design & Production - (M.Des.- FDP)	2 Years (4 Semesters)
2.	Master of Design - Fashion Design - (M.Des.-FD)	2 Years (4 Semesters)
3.	Master of Business Administration - Retail & Fashion Merchandise (MBA-RFM)	2 Years (4 Semesters)
Bachelor Degree Programmes (UG Programmes)		
1.	Bachelor of Design - Footwear Design & Production - (B.Des.- FDP)	4 Years (8 Semesters)
2.	Bachelor of Design - Leather Lifestyle & Product Design - (B.Des.- LLPD)	4 Years (8 Semesters)
3.	Bachelor of Design - Fashion Design- (B.Des.- FD)	4 Years (8 Semesters)
4.	Bachelor of Business Administration - Retail & Fashion Merchandise- (BBA-RFM)	4 Years (8 Semesters)

Besides the long-term programmes, for the Technological Upgradation & Competence Building of the Sector, the Institute conducts short-term Industry Specific Certificate Programmes also.

FDDI follows well researched and updated industry oriented curriculum. This methodology helps students nurture their skills and ambitions in a professional manner with the help of advanced learning material, practical experience through internships, job counselling, placement activities, and overall grooming of students into future executives.

For the purpose of upgrading the skill at grass route level, for the unorganized sector, FDDI has provided training to the artisans in remote villages/ SMEs clusters engaged in the leather/footwear sector by 'spreading & sustaining a technology culture in the leather sector'.

It provided training to more than 20,000 artisans/SME's engaged in the leather sector from Saharanpur, Jaipur, Alwar, Patiala, Abohar, Fazialka, Muktsar & Malot.

FDDI is committed to provide all possible assistance to artisans related to footwear, handicrafts, handloom and leather industries in terms of promotion, design & technology for their products and other desired necessary training.

FDDI has completed 38 eventful years making significant contributions to the footwear, leather and allied industry through its academic programmes in design, technology and management, capacity building through skill up gradation to compete globally and offering technical assistance and support to the leather industry for product development, quality assurance, technology enhancement and other managerial, environmental and business solutions.



FDDI is known for nurturing high end trained specialized professionals through its programmes. The Institute has a strong Alumni base and strong industry linkage. Almost all the leading Industries of the country are associated with the Institute and have a key participation in academic matters such as Programme design, curriculum upgradation, expertise lectures, etc.



FDDI, after becoming an INI has the autonomy to design its courses, leading to Graduate, Post-graduate, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Degrees, as per the requirement of the industry. With this new development, students would be able to apply for higher study and also apply for Central / State Government jobs.



Post-INI, the curriculum of FDDI has been upgraded by the faculty members based on the Industry inputs and further International Experts were roped-in to ensure that the various curriculums are in sync with the industry requirements and are of international standards.

To ensure international standards of education at FDDI, the Institute has entered into academic alliances with institutions of international repute like University of

Northampton – United Kingdom, ARSutoria School – Milan (Italy).

FDDI has crossed the national boundaries and created a niche for itself in the area of Training and Consultancy in Asian countries like Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and many African countries like Ethiopia, Botswana, Nigeria, South Africa etc.

For acquiring new capabilities, developing skills and producing an intelligent human resource pool, FDDI, as an Institution of National Importance (INI) encourages students, faculty and staff to participate in conferences, training programmes etc.

Under the Establishment of Institutional Facilities, Sub-Scheme of Indian Footwear, Leather and Accessories Development Programme (IFLADP) of Department for Promotion of Industries and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, FDDI has brought up world class infrastructure and the skills second to none through upgradation of seven of the existing campuses of FDDI into 'Centre of Excellence' (CoEs).

Sr. No.	CoEs established on 'Thematic Area'	@ FDDI Campus
1.	Center for Design, Development & Fabric Interface	Chennai
2.	Design, Development & Fabric Interface for Leather Products & Accessories- Extended	Hyderabad
3.	Center for Leather Finishing Innovation & Product Retailing	Patna
4.	Center for Leather Goods, Garments & Accessories	Kolkata
5.	High Performance/ Specialized Footwear & Products and Start Ups	Jodhpur
6.	Center for R&D, Course Development and Leather Fashion Footwear & Products Innovation	Noida
7.	Center for Non-Leather Footwear, Products & Accessories	Rohtak

To meet the cutting edge technologies requirement such as additive manufacturing, AI application in design and data analysis, latest software's, and augmented reality application, digital enterprise, FDDI has initiated the processes of Industry 4.0 application through operationalization of these CoEs which are having the best available infrastructure and skills to not only aid research and development, but also to address concerns of the industry like product development, technological assistance and centres for incubation and entrepreneurship development.



Keeping in view of the future technical requirement and to promote innovation at these CoEs, FDDI is signing Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with renowned academic institutions and leading industry players.



These CoEs paves way in fulfilling the goals of Hon'ble Prime Minister's 'Vocal for Local', 'Make in India', 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', 'Skill India', and 'Start-up India' Programmes.

ABOUT FDDI CAMPUSES

All the campuses of FDDI conduct the professional programmes having well-designed industry oriented curriculum which is a fine combination of theory & practice supported with world-class-machineries and equipments and training aids to remain international competitive and comparable.



FDDI campuses have been developed keeping balance between concrete structure and natural ambience, in line with mandate of holistic development.



The fervor with which every festival and social event is celebrated is a reflection of the close bonding in the FDDI community. Fashion shows organized by FDDI are very popular.



The sports and cultural activities in all the campuses ensure the overall grooming of the students.

FDDI, NOIDA CAMPUS

Spurred by the surge in demand for trained human resource that were expected to shape the destiny of contemporary India & to harmonize the country's interests with the rest of the world in the area of footwear, leather goods and emerging marketing sector, this campus was set up in the year 1996.



The campus spread over 9 acres of land area has white dome structure with a lush green cover. Powerful beams of light and strong shadows create a dramatic and serene ambience that has inspired generations of students to achieve excellence while retaining humility.

lasting, finishing operations all equipped with state-of-art-machineries and equipments. It is also having Product Development Centre (PDC), Library, Classrooms, Information Technology Service Center (ITSC), International Testing Centre (ITC) etc.

For practical training FDDI has a full- fledged workshop for cutting, closing, components,

FDDI, CHENNAI CAMPUS

The campus is located at Irungattukottai near SIPCOT Footwear and Component Park, 40 minutes drive from Chennai. The most appealing campus area spread over 15 acres of land, located in calm and serene lake view which is surrounding with the ancient state of art cities like Kanchipuram, Thiruvallur and Sriperumbudur.



The campus having a built-up area of more than 4 lakhs sq. Ft including Admin Block, workshop building, Retail Block, Resource Centre, Boys and Girls Hostel and with the Staff quarters. An excellent infrastructure and modern facilities of the campus, assists in conducting the various academic programmes. A hi-tech computer lab and the Design Studio, well-furnished and centrally air-conditioned

building, for class rooms and lecture halls, latest multimedia audio-video, educational support for teaching and a fully well-equipped auditorium.

FDDI, JODHPUR CAMPUS

This full-fledged campus of the FDDI is surrounded by two sides from Agriculture University and Ambedkar school and in front is the national highway 65 connecting Jodhpur with Nagaur / Bikaner. The campus is spread in area of 15 acres of land.



latest Machines and Equipment's, High-tech IT Lab, Library, Hostels for boy's & girl's etc.

The FDDI Jodhpur is having state-of-the-art machineries and world-class infrastructure, Smart Class Rooms, Workshops with

FDDI, ROHTAK CAMPUS

The FDDI Rohtak campus area spread over 15 acres of land is intensively focusing on Design and Fashion related requirement of the industry.

Haryana has great potential in leather and footwear clusters. The present clusters of Haryana like Bahadurgarh, Faridabad, Karnal and Ambala etc. are expanding fast and have promising future and this institute is working as a catalyst in their growth process.



FDDI Rohtak centre provides critical support to the industry in the area of Design, Fashion & Trend Forecasting, Technology and Management so the Indian industries can become more competitive, in terms of

Design, Cost, Quality and Delivery Time, in the global market.

FDDI, KOLKATA CAMPUS

Keeping into account the dire need of trained professional and other Technical services for the overall growth of leather industry in India, a centre of FDDI has been established at Calcutta Leather Complex, Kolkata.



Kolkata is known for its rich cultural heritage. With Kantha stitch in one hand and leather designing & export on the other, Kolkata has always marked its presence in the world of fashion and lifestyle.

Kolkata being the centre of leather goods and accessories, this campus is focusing on the design of leather goods and accessories intensively along with the Footwear Design, Retail and Merchandising Programmes to provide a fillip through trained manpower by the Institute. The campus is spread in area of 15 acres of land.

FDDI, FURSATGANJ CAMPUS

FDDI-Fursatganj campus is located in area of 9.4 acres of land next to Indira Gandhi Udaan Academy, Fursatganj, C.S.M. Nagar, U.P., 80 minutes drive from Lucknow.



The state-of-the-art campus ensures international standards of training and high end support services to the industry in the domain of Footwear & Leather Goods Products Design, Retail Management & Fashion Merchandising.

This campus is in closer proximity to Kanpur & Unnao clusters of leather products and footwear. The retail sector is also growing very fast in the region of Lucknow and Kanpur which makes FDDI as favorite destination for the aspirant youth seeking qualitative global career.

FDDI, CHHINDWARA CAMPUS



The FDDI campus at Chhindwara has been established in 20 acres of land area at Imlikhera in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh on Chhindwara Nagpur Road.

The institute is capable to assist those who want to set up their own industry and help the organization to grow the business.

FDDI, GUNA CAMPUS

This campus of FDDI is located in 20 acres of land area at Gram Maharajpura Panchhyat, Haripur, Gram Puraposar Road, District - Guna, Madhya Pradesh.



The FDDI campus at Guna have been conceived with an objective to train managers, designers, supervisors and retail professionals to meet the acute shortage of trained manpower in the industry.

FDDI, PATNA CAMPUS

This campus of FDDI is located in 10 acres of land area at Plot no. B-6 (P), Mega Industrial Park, Bihta, next to Indian Institute of Technology, Patna a 30 minutes drive from Patna, Bihar.



The campus is having state-of-the-art centers for imparting quality education in the field of Footwear Technology & Management, Leather Goods & Accessories Design, Manufacturing and Retail Management.

FDDI, ANKLESHWAR CAMPUS

This campus of FDDI is located at Plot No. H-3301, Near ESIC Hospital, GIDC, Ankleshwar Industrial Estate, adjacent to the NH-8 Mumbai-Ahmedabad Highway next to Surat in the Bharuch district of Gujarat State.



encourage interactive and practical oriented training in the FDDI Ankleshwar campus.

The campus spread over 10 acres of land area is having state-of-the-art centers in the area of Footwear Technology & Management, Leather Goods & Accessories Design, Manufacturing and Retail Management. Smart class rooms along with adequate number of exclusive workshops in each area of Manufacturing Technology have been created to

FDDI, HYDERABAD CAMPUS

This campus of FDDI is located in 14 acres of land area in Telangana State Leather Industries Promotional Corporation (TSLIPC) Nilex campus, HS Dargah, Gachibowli, Bidar-Hyderabad Road, Hyderabad, Telangana.



It is situated in the heart of city surrounded by IT Industry, Academic Institutions like Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad Central University (HCU), Gachibowli stadium and also sought after townships like Film

Nagar, Banjara hills and Jubilee hills etc.

The campus is having full-fledged state-of-the-art training infrastructure along with support facilities for ensuring international standards of training & services for the development and promotion of Footwear and Allied Product Industries.

FDDI, BANUR (CHANDIGARH) CAMPUS



This FDDI campus located at Banur on National Highway 07, Chandigarh-Patiala Highway, Distt. S.A.S. Nagar Mohali (Chandigarh), Punjab is spread over 7.2 acres of land and is situated in the heart of Institutional Area of Chandigarh/Mohali City with the state-of-the-art housing & buildings. Besides ample air-conditioned classrooms, technical workshops

equipped with modern state-of-art machineries, it has conference halls, seminar halls, auditorium, ITSC, Design Studio, CAD-CAM lab and the Digital E-library.

FACULTY |||

The faculty of FDDI consists of subject-matter specialist with a tremendous knowledge in the field of Footwear, Fashion Design, Technology, Management & Retail who acquired training from some of the leading Institutions in India & abroad.

These faculties have hands on experience on consultancy assignments to the industries across India and countries in the Indian sub-continent and South-East Asia to assist the Footwear Industry for boosting the productivity, product development and solving their problems.

The visiting faculty consists of top professionals in the industry from the field of Fashion Design, Footwear Design & Production Management, Visual Merchandising and Retail. The methods of instructions are based on interactive learning system.

CLASS ROOMS |||

The classrooms at FDDI campuses are made not only to just create an atmosphere that is conducive to learning but, in a sense to nurture the quest for knowledge that the students possess.



INTERNATIONAL TESTING CENTRE (ITC) |||

FDDI has two International Testing Centre (ITC) one in North India (Noida) & other in South India (Chennai). ITC Noida is accredited by SATRA, United Kingdom (UK), & Bureau of Indian Standards. The ITC Chennai is also having accreditation from SATRA U.K.



The centre specializes in testing of leather, leather products, footwear (Safety, Fashion and Sports), footwear components, textile products & plastics.



It has been awarded the ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 and is approved by:

- Bureau of Indian Standards
- RITES
- DGAQA
- DGS & D

The ITC has full-fledged Chemical and Physical Laboratories, where all kind of chemicals and physical tests like AZO, PCP; Formaldehyde, Slip Resistance Hydrolysis etc., are performed within given Turn Around Time (TAT). The Physical laboratory was set up in collaboration with BALLY Switzerland under UNDP assistance.



Chemical laboratory has been set up in technical collaboration with PFI, Germany and is a leading testing laboratory of Asia. Both the labs have a complement of state-of-art testing equipments, duly calibrated and at par with the most demanding Industry standards.

The chemical laboratory is equipped with sophisticated instruments like High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), UV-Visible Spectrometer, Gas Chromatography Coupled with Mass Spectrometer (GC-MS), Inductively Coupled

Plasma with Mass Spectrometer (ICP-MS), Gas Chromatography with ECD & processing equipment for analysis.

The tests at the laboratory are conducted as per various standards depending on the customer's requirement. Reliability and authenticity is the watchword at these centres.

Through these labs, it provides testing services to leading brands like REEBOK, NIKE, ADIDAS, PUMA, FILA, BATA, Liberty, Red Chief, Khadim, Paragon, Super House, Sketchers and many more.

To ensure right and safe purchase of Tactical Boots, Jungle Boots, Snow Boot, Ankle Boot, Sports/PT & Running Shoes, it is also providing testing services to:

1. Indian Army
2. Paramilitary forces (CRPF, BSF, ITBP, SSB & CISF).
3. Indian Air Force,
4. Indian Navy
5. Indian Coast Guard
6. PSU's like NTPC, ONGC, IOC and others.

Its testing services are also availed by various other countries like Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and UAE.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICE CENTER (ITSC) |||

The IT Service Centre (ITSC) at FDDI is well-equipped to meet the technological needs of its various departments, offering a broad range of IT-related services to enhance productivity and operational efficiency. The center provides centralized email services from NIC to all faculty and staff across FDDI's branches, ensuring seamless communication.

In line with its commitment to e-Governance, FDDI has implemented eOffice and ERP applications. These initiatives aim to create a paperless office environment and make data easily accessible for enhanced decision-making and workflow management.

The ITSC is supported by robust infrastructure, including dual dedicated leased line connections (100 Mbps and 50 Mbps) from a leading Internet Service Provider in India, operating in High Availability mode for uninterrupted service. This connectivity is vital for the campus's digital ecosystem, including remote learning initiatives.



To promote remote learning, every FDDI campus is equipped with Digital Classroom facilities and a real-time, two-way conferencing solution. This ensures that students and staff can access quality education and collaborate from any location, enhancing learning experiences.

Each FDDI campus also hosts a dedicated IT lab with over 100 nodes, equipped with the latest hardware and software to support educational and research activities. Additionally, wireless internet connectivity is available throughout the campus, providing continuous access to the internet for both students and staff, ensuring they are always connected.

Through these initiatives, ITSC ensures that FDDI remains at the forefront of technological innovation and offers a conducive learning environment for all its stakeholders.

WORKSHOPS |||

To give the students hands on training, FDDI campuses are having well-equipped workshop with adequate number of latest machines and equipment.



State-of-the-art machines are available in the Cutting, Closing, Component, Lasting and Finishing Workshops.



The International Design Studio at FDDI is equipped with most modern and sophisticated machinery and CAD/CAM to develop a product and translating the concept, creativity to a virtual product and further more to prototype and final product to nurture the world-class designers for the Industry.

LIBRARY

All the campuses of FDDI are having fully furnished air-conditioned Library which has calm atmosphere so that the students can concentrate on their work. FDDI's library provides an exhaustive and unparalleled resource and information base specific to the Fashion, Design, Technology, Retail and Management related industry.



The library has excellent collection of encyclopaedias, latest national and international journals, magazines, newspapers & other standard reading materials. It also has a wide collection of project reports and case studies. The library is accessible even on holidays. All the resources are available for the use of faculty and students.

CAMPUS LIFE

FDDI provides an opportunity to the students where one gets full freedom to prepare his own path to success and lead a much confident life ahead.



Campus life of FDDI in its unique way has shaped not only the future of its students but, also given them a polished and skilled personality.



Talents like dancing, music, drama, art, organizing, managing, inventing, researching are an integral and important part of personality grooming at FDDI.



Sporting events, intramurals, recreational activities, fresher's party, fashion shows, commemorative events provide a lot of new experiences to the students.

AUDITORIUM



The campuses of FDDI enjoy fully air- conditioned world-class Auditorium. In addition to air-conditioning, it is also equipped with a ultra-modern, professional level light and sound systems, Overhead LCD, recording system, spacious dais and solar lights etc. for lectures, discourses, conferences, company meetings, educational, cultural and recreational activities.

HOSTEL

FDDI offers spacious, hygienic and secure hostel facility both for boys & girls separately. The rooms are properly ventilated and provided with fans, tube lights and necessary furniture.

Each student is provided a cot, a chair, a table and cupboard (locker). It has recreation rooms, colour T.V. set, music system, facilities like clean drinking water, generator power back up, dining halls and indoor games to enhance the physical activities of the students.



IN-CAMPUS MESS & CAFETERIA



To suit the tastes of the students, in-campus Mess facility is available at FDDI campus which provides healthy and hygienic food for students at reasonable rates. Adequate facilities are available to provide the students clean drinking water.

In addition to the Mess, FDDI has a cafeteria where day scholars

and others who feel like having refreshments between classes can enjoy the beverages and snacks of many varieties.

AMPHITHEATRE

An innovative set-up with open-air seating, the Amphitheatre provides a platform for students to showcase their artistic and creative talents among other things. This venue is used for entertainment, performances and different kinds of interactive programs.



In the process, they get an opportunity to improve their public speaking abilities, enhance communication skills & develop their overall personality.

SPORTS COMPLEX

The campus has Sports Complex having Tennis, Basketball and Badminton Courts for the benefit of students

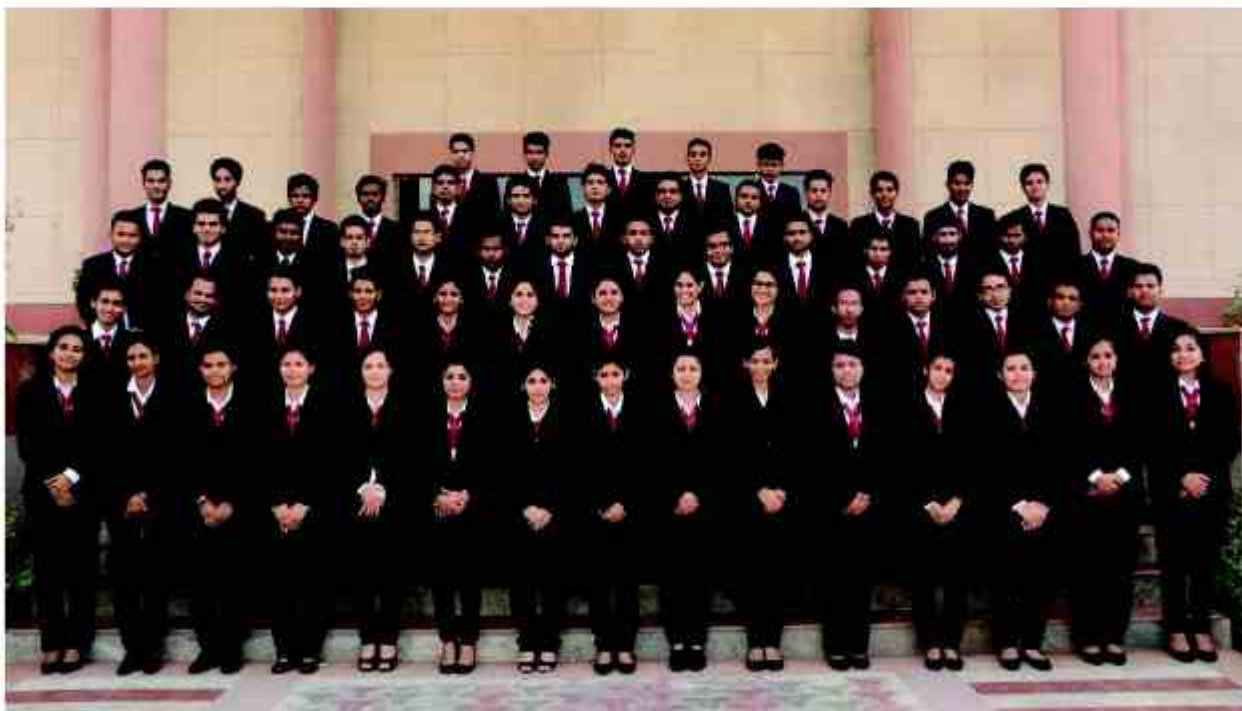


MEDICAL SUPPORT FACILITIES

FDDI takes issue of wellbeing of its students very seriously & provides health care facility to the students when required in order to ensure utmost care of all.

INDUSTRY ASSOCIATES

Adidas, Aditya Birla, April Sourcing Private Limited, Abraham & Thakore, Action, Apparel Group- Dubai, AVT, Bata India Ltd., Carlton London, Clarks, Da-Milano, Farida Group, Future Group, Gaurav Gupta, Genesis, Luxury, Globus, H&M, Hi-Design, inditex, Iconic, Impulse, Impactiva, Khadims, Landmark, Liberty, Lifestyle, Li & Fung, M&B, Madura Garments, Marks & Spencers, Max Lifestyle, Mirza International, Puma, Pidilite, Rajesh Pratap, Raisons, Reebok, Relaxo, Reliance Brands LTD, Reliance Retail Ltd., Sabyasachi, Samarth Lifestyle, Saroj Intl., Skechers, SSIPL, Snapdeal, Strutts, Superhouse, Tangerine Designs, Tata International, Woodland, Wilhelm, Zara



PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

➤ REVENUE & EXPENDITURE:

With respect to financial performance in FY 2023-24, the revenue was Rs. 128.22 Crores as against the total expenditure of Rs. 132.49 Crores. The total income from student fee is Rs.46,91,54,026.00.



One of the major challenges that the Institute faces is that FDDI being a self-financed Institute, receives grant for Capital Expenditure only. No Revenue grant is provided resulting in operational issues. Implementation charges of Government Schemes by FDDI and continuing education programmes contribute a small portion to meet our annual expenditure.

➤ ADMISSION 2023-24:

To enhance admissions for the 2024 session, FDDI implemented a centralized admission team in Noida to oversee processes across campuses, ensuring efficiency and effectiveness. Awareness was amplified through school seminars, career fairs, coaching tie-ups, free counseling workshops, and participation in the UP International Trade Fair 2024 and India International Trade Fair 2024.

A robust multi-channel marketing strategy was deployed, leveraging social media platforms (Google Ads, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, X). Partnerships with educational portals like College Dekho and College Duniya created detailed listings, while registrations with CUET, UCEED, and AIMA targeted UG and PG aspirants. Personalized communication through SMS, WhatsApp, and email campaigns enhanced engagement.

Financial support was prioritized through Canara Bank's Vidya Turant Scheme. Workshops, high-quality campus videos, and influencer collaborations further highlighted FDDI's unique value proposition, driving strong brand presence and lead generation.

These efforts resulted in a 22% growth in admissions compared to the 2023 session, marking a significant achievement in expanding the student base.

➤ **TRANSFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN E-GOVERNANCE:**

In line with its commitment to e-Governance, FDDI has implemented Campus Management Solution (CMS), an Academic ERP application, across all FDDI Campuses. The initiative aims to create a paperless office environment and make data easily accessible for enhanced decision-making and workflow management.

➤ **CONVOCATION OF PASS OUT BATCHES IN SESSION 2023:**

Convocation for the award of Degree was held for 755 students who passed out in Session 2023 from various campuses of FDDI.

S. NO.	FDDI CAMPUS	TOTAL NO. OF STUDENT	CONVOCATION DATE
1	NOIDA	205	16.12.2023
2	KOLKATA	123	04.12.2023
3	ROHTAK	80	25.11.2022
4	ANKLESHWAR	15	01.11.2023
5	FURSATGANJ	70	20.12.2023
6	HYDERABAD	181	10.10.2022
7	CHENNAI	81	10.10.2022
TOTAL		755	



The data of the above mentioned 755 students is successfully uploaded online on National Academic Depository (NAD) portal.

➤ **STUDENTS PLACEMENT:**

FDDI placements saw participation from over 164 recruiters, including legacy and first-time recruiters, offering a wide range of job opportunities and diverse job profiles. Despite the challenging economic climate, the placement drive was a resounding success achieving an impressive 84% placement rate.

Key Recruiters	Major Profiles Offered
• International Footwear Brands: Puma India, Skechers South Asia, and Reebok (in collaboration with ABFRL). • Global Fashion & Apparel Brands: Zara (Inditex), Mango, and Landmark Group. • Indian Footwear Brands: RedTape, Mirza International, VKC, D'Lords Footwear, and Farida Group, Superhouse Ltd., Liener Shoes, Liberty Shoes. • Indian Conglomerates: Reliance Brands, Tata Trent Limited, and Aditya Birla Retail & Fashion Limited. • Emerging Footwear Brands: Bacca Bucci (first-time recruiter) and The Souled Store. • National Brands: Shopper's Stop, Lenskart, Rare Rabbit, Arvind Fashion, Hidesign, Da Milano, and Atul Ltd. • Fashion & Apparel Designers: House of Raisons, Pizalli Creations, Saundh, and Divya Kocher, 43188 by Shweta Kapoor. • Alumni Entrepreneurs: Atleata Sports Pvt. Ltd., Mochiko Shoes Pvt. Ltd., and Ravanni Exports.	• Buying & Merchandising • Technical Sales Executive • Trainee Designer • Production Executive • Sourcing Executive • E-Commerce Executive • Quality Assurance Executive • Social Media Executive • Visual Merchandiser • Trainee Department Manager • Retail Associate • Product Development Executive • Graphic Designer Executive

➤ **WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, WEBINARS & INDUSTRIAL VISITS:**

To meet industry expectations and ensure that students remain informed about current trends while deepening their understanding of essential concepts, FDDI has proactively organized a series of workshops, seminars and webinars throughout the year. These events have served as a platform for students to gain valuable insights into various facets of the industry, including design innovation, sustainable practices, financial literacy, market dynamics, and entrepreneurial strategies.

Each session was designed with a dual purpose: to enhance theoretical knowledge and provide practical exposure. Industry veterans, entrepreneurs, and subject matter

experts were invited to lead these engagements, ensuring students had direct access to real-world expertise.

These initiatives underscore FDDI's commitment to bridging the gap between education and industry while nurturing future-ready professionals equipped to excel in their chosen fields.



➤ **IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF LEATHER SECTOR (IDLS) SCHEME:**

FDDI and CLRI are the two arms of Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) working as Project Implementation Unit (PIU) for the Product Sector for the Integrated Development of Leather Sector (IDLS) scheme.

During the year 2023-24, total 371 IDLS applications were received. PIU processed 325 applications and 235 applications were approved with total IDLS grant of 168.95 Cr.

➤ **INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANCY:**

Under Study in India Scheme of the Government of India, FDDI and Education Consultant of India Ltd., (EdCIL) have extended MoU for 2 years further up to 31st March 2024 for enhancing the reach of FDDI to the international students. Under this scheme, FDDI has offered 125 seats to international students in different programs.

FDDI has developed website targeting international student under Study in India scheme (https://www.studyinindia.gov.in/institute_details?institute_ID=SII-I-0269&active_tab_index=0).

FDDI had also joined the EducationIndia platform of the Ministry of External Affairs for synchronization of the foreign students related activities and expansion of the scope. FDDI has already become member for Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

FDDI had conducted short term program in Footwear Design and Pattern Engineering for the design professionals of Leather Goods and Footwear Manufacturing Association of Bangladesh (LGFMA) at Bangladesh for 10 students under FDDI-LFMEAB institutional collaboration program.

Another program for Leather Goods design is planned at FDDI, Kolkata.

FDDI had entered in to collaboration with Tomas Bata University for student exchange program, faculty exchange and joint research in the field of footwear technology and design. In addition to this, FDDI is also planning to commence international Ph.D. program in association with Tomas Bata University.

➤ **MoU/MoA SIGNED:**

FDDI's collaborations with industry and academia have strengthened significantly. MoUs and MoAs have been signed with Muzaffarpur Institute of Technology (MIT), Muzaffarpur & under the Convergence of Institutes with NIFT, Patna, Bihar for institutional collaboration in education, research outreach programmes, student exchange programme, faculty exchange and many more; with AIIMS, Hyderabad to Redefine Healthcare Footwear through research and innovation benefitting both healthcare professionals and patients.

Similarly, with Sharda University to work together for promotion of quality education, research & development with LCGC Resolute Group of Companies for IPR Training and Industrial Design Filing Facilitation Services to create a strong IP culture in the institution and appreciate new innovations and designs and seek timely registration of Ips.

➤ **UPGRADATION OF FDDI'S INTERNATIONAL TESTING CENTRE (ITC):**

FDDI has undertaken a significant initiative to enhance its International Testing Centres (ITC) located at Noida and Chennai. These centres have been restructured and equipped with state-of-the-art advanced testing machines, reflecting FDDI's commitment to providing cutting edge testing and inspection services. This modernization aims to ensure that the industry receives reliable, precise, and timely results, thereby supporting the manufacturing and production processes with world-class quality assurance.

To further bolster the capabilities of these centres and explore avenues for international collaboration in research and testing, FDDI engaged in meaningful discussions with Kerstin Schulte, Director - PFI (Prüf- und Forschungsinstitut), Germany, a globally recognized institute for testing and research in footwear and related industries. These discussions focused on potential partnerships to share expertise, improve methodologies, and jointly develop innovative testing solutions that meet global standards.

➤ **HINDI DEPARTMENT:**

Recognizing its significant contribution for the progress of the Official Language Hindi, FDDI, Noida has been awarded with Consolation prize under the 'Rajbhasha Shield Yojna' for the outstanding work of the Official Language Hindi. The prize was given during the 45th meeting of the Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC) Office, Noida on August 23, 2023 which was held with the support of Directorate of Oil Industry Safety, OIBD Bhawan, Sector-73, Noida.

under the aegis of TOLIC, Noida, 'Ashu Bhashan' (Extempore Speech) Competition was organized by Directorate General of Lighthouse and Deepspot, Sector-24, Noida, on 09th August 2023 in which Mr. Saurabh Srivastava, Junior Faculty, FDDI participated on



behalf of the institute and received Consolation prize in 'Ashu Bhashan' competition.

As per the direction of Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, FDDI organized Hindi Pakhwada from 14th September 2023 to 28th September 2023 in all its campuses.

With the objective to encourage officials/employees to perform their official work in Hindi, one-day workshop on 'Kanthasth 2.0 – Anuvad Sarthi' was held at the FDDI, Noida campus on 31st January, 2024.

MILESTONES

Institutional collaboration between FDDI, Hyderabad and TSLIPC

FDDI, Hyderabad and Telangana State Leather Industries Promotion Corporation Ltd. (TSLIPC)- a government undertaking focused on advancing leather and related industries in Telangana have entered into institutional collaboration on 19th March 2024.

This institutional collaboration which serves as a collaborative framework in multiple critical areas aims to facilitate various endeavors such as consultancy, design, R&D projects, skill development, and training programs. Within this institutional collaboration, FDDI Hyderabad is tasked with conducting research and consultancy projects according to the specific



A view of the Exchange of Agreement

requirements identified by both parties. These projects are tailored to encompass a wide range of aspects within the footwear and leather industry and related sectors, covering innovation, design, technological advancements, and market analysis.

On behalf of FDDI Hyderabad, Dr. Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS, Executive Director signed the agreement whereas Mr. Srinivas Naik, Vice-Chairman of TSLIPC, signed the agreement. The event was attended by other HoDs from various Schools of FDDI, as well as the General Manager and Deputy Director of TSLIPC.

Institutional collaboration between FDDI, India and LFMEAB, Bangladesh

FDDI, India and Leather Goods and Footwear Manufacturing and Exporters Association of Bangladesh (LFMEAB) have entered into institutional collaboration on 18th March 2024.

The primary aim of this institutional collaboration is to assist LFMEAB by means of preparing, developing and building capacities and competency for the delivery of the training and other related services to the footwear, leather goods sector of Bangladesh.



From Left: Major Md. Rafiqul Islam (Retd.), Secretary General, LFMEAB and Col. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/MD, FDDI signing the Agreement

Exchange of Agreement

The Government of Bangladesh has identified the leather industry as one of the 'highest priority sectors' for its growth potential and its contribution to export diversification and employment generation.

On behalf of FDDI, Col. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/ Managing Director(MD) signed the agreement whereas on behalf of LFMEAB, Major Md. Rafiqul Islam (Retd.), Secretary General signed the agreement at a meeting which was held at Conference Hall, Administrative Building, Noida.

The training will be provided by FDDI, India for institutional capacity building, training, technology transfer and innovation to enhance efficiency and competitiveness of Bangladesh leather footwear and products industries.

Faculty from School of Footwear Design, FDDI receives 'Best International Researcher Award 2024'

Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena, Faculty at the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), FDDI, Chhindwara campus has been honored with the prestigious 'Best International Researcher Award 2024' by the Asia Research Awards 2024.

This esteemed accolade was conferred upon Mr. Prashant during the International Congress for Research Excellence (ICRE 2024), a globally acclaimed event held in Trichy, Tamil Nadu, on 16th March 2024 during which eminent personalities and Chief Guests from various countries including Turkey, Japan, Greece, Mexico, Norway, Angola, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh were present.

The Asia International Research Awards, accredited by renowned institutions including the American Chamber of Research and the International Journal for Science, Technology, and Academic Research, the United Medical Council, and the World Research Council, as well as prominent publications such as Times of Research and Chronical Times, celebrates excellence in the innovative field of footwear technologies.



Golden Medal , Certificate, Award Trophy being awarded by Chief Guests to Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena, FDDI



Certifications given to Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena

Mr. Prashant remarkable achievements in footwear design and production have placed him among the first Indians to receive such international accolades with 17 international papers and 02 design patents as the selection for the category was based on the weightage of the quality metrics of the research work done in innovative fields.

Mr. Prashant captivated the audience with his presentation, shedding light on the ground breaking research conducted at FDDI. His presentation focused on the pioneering study titled 'The Future of Footwear: Exploring the Transformative Potential'.

This research delves deep into the revolutionary impact of 3D printing technology on the footwear industry. His work explores the customization capabilities offered by 3D printing, enabling the creation of personalized footwear tailored to individual preferences and specifications. Such customization not only enhances comfort and performance but, also fosters avenues for personal expression and style as well as special need and medical support required in foot abnormalities.

FDDI, Hyderabad campus students visits IIIT Hyderabad's Interconnect R&D Showcase

On 16th March, 2024, students of School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) FDDI, Hyderabad campus embarked on a visit to the R&D Showcase hosted by IIIT, Hyderabad.

This year's showcase revolves around the theme "Interconnect," exploring the intricate relationships between algorithms, ethics, and society. Featuring over 300 research posters, demos, and models curated from IIIT's 28 research centers, the event encompasses diverse perspectives, confluences, and reflections on cutting-edge research. Additionally, the showcase highlights a selection of innovative research startups through the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE).



Students at IIIT Hyderabad



Students watching IIIT Hyderabad's Interconnect R&D Showcase

The visit offered a distinctive platform for attendees to engage directly with faculty and students, gaining insights into their research endeavours through live demonstrations, prototypes, and presentations.

FDDI participates in insightful session and panel discussion conducted by IIM-CIP

FDDI participated in an insightful session and panel discussion on the topic 'Strategies and approaches to scale up startups' conducted by Indian Institute of Management - Calcutta Innovation Park (IIM-CIP) under the aegis of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

Startup Bihar, Department of Industries, Government of Bihar has associated with IIM-CIP as an ecosystem partner for this significant networking event.



Panel discussion in progress



Dignitaries sharing their views

During the session, panelists shared insights on strategy execution, need of cultivating a mindset that sets the stage for exponential growth what makes or breaks a startup in the initial years, seeking help and sharing ideas, monitoring progress etc.

This insightful session which was held on 15th March 2024 at Mourya Lok, Patna was attended by Col.Abhay Kumar (Retd.), Consultant, FDDI- Business Development & Promotion and Mr. Sanjeev Mishra, Center Incharge- FDDI, Patna campus.

FDDI, Chhindwara staff felicitated during International Women's Day Celebration

Mrs. Pooja Rajput a staff of FDDI, Chhindwara campus was felicitated during International Women's Day Celebration organized by Adhaar Foundation on 14th March 2024.

During International Women's Day Celebration, Adhaar Foundation, Chhindwara have called various dignified distinguished women's working in various field/sector in Chhindwara towards the upliftment of the society.

Mrs. Pooja Rajput was felicitated by Dr. Lila Bhalavi, Vice Chancellor, Chhindwara University for her contribution in educational awareness and social guidance towards career to the underprivileged part of society.



From Left: Mrs. Pooja Rajput of FDDI, Chhindwara campus being felicitated by Dr. Lila Bhalavi, Vice Chancellor, Chhindwara University

Certificate given to Mrs. Pooja Rajput

'Special Vendor Development Program' organized at FDDI, Chandigarh (Banur) campus

A 'Special Vendor Development Program' (SVDP) was organized at FDDI, Chandigarh (Banur) campus on 12th March, 2024 in association with National SC-ST Hub, Ludhiana.

Punjab State Council for Science and Technology (PSCS&T) also participated in this program and extended assurance for help in technological upgradations of the MSMEs.

The objective of organizing the SVDP was to create a platform for potential SC/ST suppliers of the MSME units of footwear manufacturers of Punjab State to enroll to be the part of respective supply chains and to identify the training needs for enhancing the skill capacity of the MSME units of footwear manufacturers.



Ms. Navsudeep Kaur, Project Manager, PSCS&T explaining about SVDP



A view of display by footwear manufacturers

Ms. Navsudeep Kaur, Project Manager, Punjab State Counsel for Science & Technology along with her colleague Ms. Anshul joined the event. Mr. Vishal Bhatnagar, Branch Manager, National SC-ST Hub, Ludhiana, Mr. Puneet from Relaxo Limited and Mr. Shailesh Varshney, Owner Magnum Footwear participated in the event.

Few footwear traders, companies and retailers also attended the program with the aim of connecting with footwear manufacturers for helping them in marketing of their products.

About fifty small scale footwear manufacturers from Ludhiana participated in this program and exhibited their products.

Educational excursion to Guda Bishnoi and Kankani Village clusters for FDDI, Jodhpur students

Under educational excursion, the students of School of Fashion Design (FD) of FDDI, Jodhpur campus were taken to Guda Bishnoi and Kankani Village clusters on 9th March 2024 which are famous for their sustainable lifestyle, traditional weaving and natural dying & printing techniques.

The objective was to inculcate 'out of the box' thinking approach and enhance the creative potential of the students.

At Guda Bishnoi village, the students learned about world's strongest and famous Panja Dari weaving technique from Mr. Mohammad Hasam, a renowned artisan. Panja Dari is now innovatively also being used in making lifestyle goods such as bags, upholstery and other interior products.



Students learning the weaving technique of Panja Dari and watching home décor product

Further, the students learned about world famous Bagru Dying from Mr. Haider Ali, a master artisan. Bagru Dying is 100% natural resist dying & printing technique used in making variety of home linen and apparel material.

FDDI participates in 05th edition of Delhi International Leather Expo (DILEX)

FDDI participated in the 05th edition of Delhi International Leather Expo (DILEX) Reverse Buyer Seller Meet which was held at India International Convention and Expo Center (IICC), Dwarka, New Delhi from 04th to 05th March 2024.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by senior officials from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India, Office bearers of Council for Leather Exports (CLE), industrialists, dignitaries from various Embassies, Buyers from various countries, press and media.

During the DILEX, students of FDDI displayed a wide range of creations at its stall which included ladies and gents shoes, casual and formal footwear and sports shoes, fashion accessories, leather goods - travelware, belts, portfolios, handbags and wallets.



Dignitaries at the stall of FDDI

Workshop on 'Sport Footwear Designing' held at FDDI, Rohtak campus

To hone the designing skills and to provide an opportunity to dive deeper into the world of sports footwear design, a workshop for the students of School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) was held at FDDI, Rohtak campus on 04th March, 2024.

Mr. Milind Gautam, General Manager- Development & Designing, Abros Tirupati, Manesar, Gurgaon and Mr. Tamal Bagchi, Development Head, Vomax Sports Pvt. Ltd., Udyog Nagar, New Delhi were the experts from the industry who conducted the workshop and provided in-depth knowledge about the aesthetic and functional aspects of sports footwear designing.



Students attending the workshop on 'Sport Footwear Designing'

During the workshop, they briefed about latest sport footwear designing techniques, masking and standard development & pattern engineering.

The workshops provided hands-on experience to the students to develop or enhance their skills in footwear design techniques, materials, and construction methods. The students gained valuable insights into the latest trends, technologies, and best practices within the footwear industry.

FDDI, Rohtak students participates in Fashion Show organized by Hero Honda Company

On 01st March 2024, Mr. Amit Sain-HoD Fashion Design & Mr. Anil Kumar, Faculty - FD, accompanied with team of 12 students participated and presented their collection in a Fashion Show event which was organized at Hero Honda Company owned - BML Munjal University, Gurugram.

Students presented their collection on the theme 'Shringar' which was based on the celebration of beauty and tradition, & runway unfolds like a love story, where every garment whispers tales of allure and grace.



FDDI, Rohtak students along with their faculty during the Fashion Show

Inspired by the timeless concept of Shringar, the collection pays homage to the art of adornment, where every detail is a brushstroke in the portrait of femininity.

'Confluence of FDDI-CLE-ECGC-CIFI-IFCOMA' conference held at FDDI, Noida campus

An unparalleled gathering of industry visionaries unfolded on 29th February 2024 during the conference 'Confluence of FDDI-CLE-ECGC-CIFI-IFCOMA' that ignited innovation and collaboration at FDDI, Noida campus.

The event was attended by officials from DPIIT, CLE, ECGC, CIFI, IFCOMA, industry representatives, staff and students of FDDI.

On this occasion, sessions were conducted that deliberated the interflow of thoughts pertaining to designing, production and marketing of leather, non-leather and footwear domestic and internationally.



Official from ECGC and CLE sharing their thoughts

The idea of the conference was to bring the scholars, industrialists to a common platform to share their experiences, new ideas and perspectives and exposing the audience to the need for more development and research in the field of leather, non-leather and footwear.



A view of the audience

The conference, coupled with the opportunity to network with peers brought together industry leaders and experts to brainstorm on synergizing export potential and exploring ECGC solutions for leather, non-leather and footwear businesses, while also highlighting FDDI's pivotal role as an institution in this domain.

Insightful Sessions held at FDDI, Hyderabad campus

Knowledge-packed sessions which provided insights on 'Financial Planning for Young Entrepreneurs' and 'UI in E-Commerce' was conducted for the students of MBA'23 Batch of Noida, Hyderabad & Chhindwara campuses.

The sessions were conducted by the School of Retail & Fashion Merchandise (RFM) of FDDI, Hyderabad campus during which experts from institution and industry shared their expertise.

Sr. No.	Topic	Expert Detail	Date
1	Financial Planning for Young Entrepreneurs	Mr. Ram Mohan. N, Retd. Chief Manager (ARM), Indian Bank	29 th February 2024
2	UI in E-Commerce	Ms. Tanushree Nath, Product Designer in Bild - a world's leading Start-up from USA.	27 th February 2024

During the session on 'Financial Planning for Young Entrepreneurs', Mr. Ram Mohan. N, (Retd.) Chief Manager, Asset Recovery Management (ARM), Indian Bank briefed about the need for financial planning for entrepreneurs and the significance of financial forecasting to fulfill the fund requirements for the short- and long-term goals of the firm.



Mr. Ram Mohan. N, Retd. Chief Manager - ARM, Indian Bank taking the session



Ms. Tanushree Nath taking the session

During the session on 'UI in E-Commerce', Ms. Tanushree Nath briefed about the importance of having an efficient User Interface (UI) for having an effective User Experience (UX). She also explained the importance of UI/UX in all kind of marketing and how it plays a crucial role in web and mobile application.

FDDI, Rohtak and Chhindwara students visit 'Bharat Tex-2024'

On 27th February 2024, the students of the School of Fashion Design of FDDI, Rohtak campus and FDDI, Chhindwara campus visited 'Bharat Tex -2024' which was held at New Delhi.

Bharat Tex is India's biggest textile, home, handicraft & fashion fair which is being organized by a consortium of 11 Textile Export Promotion Councils and supported by the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.



FDDI, Rohtak students alongwith their faculty during 'Bharat Tex-2024'



FDDI, Chhinwara students alongwith their faculty during 'Bharat Tex-2024'

The students of FDDI, Rohtak campus who were accompanied by their faculty namely Mr. Amit Sain-HoD Fashion Design & Mr. Anil Kumar and of FDDI, Chhinwara campus who were accompanied by Dr. Pradeep Kumar Mandal, HoD -FD, Ms. Shraddha Jhaloya, Faculty- FD explored the fair to enhance their exposure to complete value chain associated in the area of Indian Textile Industry and interacted with various industry representatives like Shahi Industries, Impulse buying house & Modelama exports etc.

During the visit, students interacted with and received guidance from the owners, general managers, designers and production team. Students had the opportunity to network with professionals, fostering connections that could potentially lead to collaborations, internships, and future opportunities for students.

Workshop on 'Entrepreneurship Awareness' program held at FDDI Kolkata in association with MSME

Aimed to provide opportunities to the students to enrich their entrepreneur development skills in starting a business, 'Entrepreneurship Awareness' program was organized at FDDI, Kolkata campus in association with my MSME DFO, Kolkata on 22nd February 2024.

The program commenced with an inaugural session graced by the Chief Guest, Mr. Sitanath Mukherjee, Assistant Director MSME DFO.



Mr. Sitanath Mukherjee, Assistant Director, MSME-DFO briefing the students



Ms. Asha Sarkar from Titliya Fashions, delivering the speech

Mr. Sitanath Mukherjee, briefed about the policies and program of Govt. of India for the promotion and development of micro, small and medium scale industries all over the country through MSME. He explained about the different schemes, geographical locations, loans, collaterals, Trade license, TDS etc. for a new entrepreneur.

Ms. Asha Sarkar, owner of Titliya Fashions Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata shared her inspiring journey business experiences as an entrepreneur who started her garments manufacturing unit through MSME, Kolkata. She also briefed about the facilities of MSME schemes and the functions. The student enriched the knowledge from the awareness program.

Training program on 'Fabric Dyeing and Printing' for FDDI, Hyderabad students

The 2022 cohort of B.Des. Fashion Design (FD) students at FDDI - Hyderabad campus have successfully completed a 15-days training program focused on 'Fabric Dyeing and Printing' within the subject "Fabric Artistry and Enrichment Techniques," facilitated by the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

Throughout the training, students gained practical, hands-on experience in fabric dyeing techniques such as Tie and Dye, Batik dyeing, as well as Printing methods including Block Printing and Khadi Paste Printing.



Students batch of FD

Students with their creativity

The meticulously designed training programme which was held from 05th to 24th February 2024, helped the students in understanding every fabric, and choosing the right materials, pattern and surface decoration to enhance its richness.

BIS Orientation Programme & SWC held at FDDI, Hyderabad campus

With the objective of nurturing the next generation of industry leaders, FDDI, Hyderabad, in collaboration with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Hyderabad Branch Office (HYBO) organized a dynamic orientation program coupled with an exciting Standard Writing Competition (SWC) on 22nd February, 2024.

The event proved to be a melting pot of ideas, expertise and enthusiasm as students delved into the realm of standards and innovation with fervor.

Mr. ANSP Shastry and Ms. Jaishree Kataria were the Key speaker of the BIS orientation programme. Mr. ANSP Shastry is a retired scientist from BIS who during his tenure has served as a member of various standard formation and certification committees and represented Indian Standards globally.



Mr. ANSP Shastry, Key speaker briefing about BIS standards to the participants

Certificates distribution ceremony of SWC

Ms. Jaishree Kataria has been working as a Standards Promotion Consultant at the BIS Hyderabad Branch Office since October 2023. She pursued her MBA from SRGI Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh.

During the orientation programme Mr. ANSP Shastry shed light on the role of BIS standards in ensuring quality, safety, and sustainability. He further demonstrated to the students how to write the new standards in detail.

FDDI, Chennai students shine at TexFash'24

On 20th February 2024, the students of B.Des of the School of Fashion Design of FDDI, Chennai campus showcased their creativity and innovation at the Intercollegiate TexFash '24 and clinched the prestigious Winner Award.

TexFash'24 was hosted by the Department of Fashion Technology and Textile Technology of Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Sathyamangalam, Erode, Tamil Nadu during which Paper Presentation, Project Presentation, Technical Quiz, Fabric Painting, Fashion Illustration, Draping, Fashion Show and Trend Hunt were held.

Ms. Chandrika and her team, comprising Ms. Mafreena, Ms. Manasa, Mr. Ritik, Ms. Amruthakala, Ms. Theresa, Mr. Gangadhran, Ms. Tanishka Solanki, Ms. Dharshita, and Ms. Ivanjalin presented their collection and emerged triumphant in Fashion Show, leaving an indelible mark of excellence.

The collection was inspired by the metamorphosis from the chrysalis (cocoon) stage to a butterfly (moth). It symbolizes the journey of transformation, where one undergoes a profound change to emerge as a beautiful and evolved being. The garments featured futuristic colors and textures, reflecting the trends of the 2025 Spring and Summer seasons.



Ms. Chandrika and her team



Students of FDDI, Chennai campus presenting their collection

Seminar on 'Move People through Wonders of Sports' organized by FDDI Hyderabad campus in collaboration with Decathlon

On 20th February 2024, an interactive seminar on the topic 'Move People through Wonders of Sports' was organized by School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) at FDDI, Hyderabad Campus in collaboration with Decathlon.

Ms. G. Bhavana, Recruitment Referent Manager (Decathlon, Hyderabad) and Ms. Srivalli, Sport Lead were the key speaker of the seminar who captivated the audience with their insights into Decathlon's core values, illustrious history, and transformative journey over the decades. They shed light on Decathlon's significant presence and influence in the sporting goods industry and their commendable contributions to the sports sector worldwide.



Mr. Srivalli, Sports Lead at Decathlon making presentation



View of participants

Attendees were provided with valuable information about importance of footwear and retail segments at Decathlon, strategies like quality over prices, as well as exciting job opportunities within the organization. They emphasized that playing regular sports reduces stress and tension in an individual.

The seminar concluded with the screening of documentary videos featuring firsthand accounts from Decathlon employees, offering a glimpse into their rewarding experiences within the company. It also provided attendees with the opportunity to seek clarification and gain further insights into Decathlon's ethos and operations.

FDDI, Ankleshwar students visit Platinum Tannery

On 17th February 2024, the students of B.Des. Foundation Batch of FDDI Ankleshwar campus visited to the Platinum Tannery, Ankleshwar which offered unparalleled insights into the intricate process of leather production.

Platinum Tannery, known for their expertise in chrome, vegetable, and semi-chrome tanned fine quality leathers, was the perfect destination for the students to understand the nuances of the tanning process.

During the visit, the students were provided with a practical understanding of the various stages involved in leather processing and production by the technical expert of tannery.



FDDI students at Platinum Tannery



Students being briefed by technical expert of tannery

The students who were accompanied by their faculty, Mr. Rajesh Parashar, witnessed the entire process and got first-hand experience of the processes like soaking, unhairing, fleshing, splitting, dyeing, and finishing required in leather production.

FDDI's representation during 4th CORE Professional Meet at NIFT, Bengaluru

The 4th CORE Professional Meet held at NIFT, Bengaluru on 16th February 2024, brought together alumni from the top five Institutes of the Convergence Group namely, FDDI, NID, IIFT, IIP and NIFT.

This event was a pivotal component of a visionary initiative launched by the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Textile, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Mr. Piyush Goyal, aimed at fostering a robust Industry-Academic interface.



Mr. Prashant Kr. Saxena, FDDI, presenting FDDI Core Values



Ms. Tanu Kashyap, IAS, DG- NIFT with FDDI officials & Alumni's

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Ms. Tanu Kashyap, IAS, Director General (DG), Ministry of Textile, NIFT. Other dignitaries representing top leading PUNCH (5 Institutes) were Prof. Dr. Niti Chatnani- IIFT, Prof. Dr. Nilay, Deputy Director, IIP, Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena, Head – FDP, FDDI, Prof. Vibha Kumar- NIFT and Professor Jonalee Bajpai - Head Industry & Alumni Affairs, NIFT.



Industry, Guests, Alumni of IIFT/FDDI/NID/IIP/NIFT attending the 4th CORE Professional Meet

Mr. Prashant, representing FDDI, presented an insightful overview of the core values and strengths of FDDI. He emphasized FDDI's Pan-India presence, spanning from North to South India, and highlighted the institution's world-class infrastructure for Centers of Excellence (CoEs) and Research Centers. He also underlined the visionary approach of the Managing Director FDDI in connecting alumni directly through initiatives as such holding regular events and meets like INI, Talk Shows & Founders Day, emphasizing the importance of fostering lasting connections.

Comprehensive overviews of the other four institutions, NID, IIFT, NIFT, and IIP, were also provided by their respective representatives during the discussions. The collective strengths and unique attributes of each institute were showcased, creating a holistic picture of the diverse talents and capabilities within the Convergence Group.

FDDI, Noida & Rohtak students visit '37th Surajkund International Crafts Mela'

The students of FDDI Noida & Rohtak campus visited the 37th Surajkund International Crafts Mela (SICF) which was held from 2nd to 18th February, 2024 at Surajkund in Faridabad, Haryana.

Students of School of Fashion Design, Noida and Rohtak campus visited SICF on 16th February, 2024 which provided the students with a plethora of inspirations and insights into indigenous artistry.

From intricate embroidery to exquisite handwoven fabrics, wooden blocks used for printing, each stall at the SICF showcased the unparalleled craftsmanship and artistic heritage of various regions.



Students of FDDI at SICF



Students of FDDI visiting stall/ fair

The students had the unique opportunity to interact with skilled artisans and craftsmen, observing firsthand the meticulous techniques and time-honored traditions behind each creation. They delved into block printing, tie-dyeing, and intricate hand embroidery, gaining a deeper appreciation for the labor-intensive processes that go into crafting each piece.

These experiences will undoubtedly serve as a wellspring of inspiration for their upcoming design projects and collections.

Design Patent Granted for 'Leather - Wood Bird Toy' to Faculty of FDDI, Hyderabad campus

Mr. Rambabu Muppidi, Design Faculty of FDDI, Hyderabad campus submitted his innovative design title 'Leather - Wood Bird Toy' to Indian Patent Office, Intellectual Property Building, Kolkata, India.

Mr. Rambabu Muppidi,
Faculty, LGAD, FDDI,
Hyderabad CampusDesign Work: Leather -
Wood Bird ToyCertificate of Registration of
Design

The design of the Leather-Wood Bird Toy is based on his handicrafts studies on wooden handicrafts where it was found that the white wood toy craft is very famous for wooden accessories in Godavari coastal zone of Andhra Pradesh. Innovating with leather, wood, cloth, and pull papers, he thought differently and did his design in Sketch, CAD, and manual. Innovatively, making use of various materials, he thought of toys, papers, pulp, POP, Darmacol, wood, plaster of Paris, dry grass, coconut, acrylic, cloth, jute, etc.

This innovative design of Mr. Rambabu, Faculty of FDDI School of Leather Goods & Accessories Design (LGAD), has been applied for design protection of the title bearing Design Number: 401826-001, Class: 21-01 with registration date 11.12.2023.

Industrial visit for FDDI, Kolkata students at Bata India Limited

An industrial visit for a group of 20 students of 2021 & 2022 batch of School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP) of FDDI, Kolkata campus was organized at Bata India Limited on 8th February 2024.



Students at Bata India Limited, Kolkata



Students being briefed about the manufacturing process

The group of students who were accompanied by Mr. Kailash Chandra, Faculty, and Mr. Mukesh Ram, Craftsman, FDDI visited the plant located in Bata Nagar, Kolkata where a wide variety of shoes are manufactured.

Mr. Bhasker-HR personnel briefed about the entire functioning of the organization.

The students were briefed about the various manufacturing process of PVC & EVA, Rubber compounding, PVC Injection, PU poring, DVP, Printing. They also got exposure of different type of materials used in manufacturing of shoes and their manufacturing process.

FDDI attends 'Youth for Quality Bharat Fest' at Bharat Mandapam

FDDI attended the 'Youth for Quality Bharat Fest' at the iconic Bharat Mandapam in Pragati, Maidan, New Delhi on 07th February 2024.

Aligned with the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi vision of transitioning from Amrit Kaal to Kartavya Kaal, the Quality Council of India (QCI), has conceptualized the Quality Bharat @100 Mission.

This mission focuses on India's growth narrative, aspiring to become Viksit by focusing on quality in all aspects of life by the year 2047 by empowering the youth of India, engaging them in the nation's growth story, and encouraging a quality-conscious living.



FDDI students during the 'Youth for Quality Bharat Fest'

Drawing the participation of 3000 youth from schools, colleges universities and educational institutions, the event marks the finale of Rashtriya Gunvatta Pakhwada.

While addressing at the 'Youth for Quality Bharat Festival 2024', the Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Mr. Piyush Goyal, said that Quality is important in all the aspects of life. He said that 'Zero defect zero effect' as enunciated by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi is essential for sustainable development as quality consciousness is important to combat climate change adapt.

The staff and students of FDDI attended the fest that featured a series of inspirational talks, live performances, and the launch of the Youth for Quality Bharat Mission video, which highlights the importance of quality in all aspects of life and how young people can play a role in making India a better place.

Tailor made training for NTH scientists by FDDI, Jodhpur campus

A meticulously designed training programme for scientists of National Testing House (NTH), Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India was conducted by FDDI, Jodhpur campus in association with FDDI's Center of Excellence (CoE) from 31st January to 2nd February 2024.

The 15-member team of scientists and technical staff of NTH underwent the three-days training programme on 'Basic Footwear Testing' (Physical) during which the experts of FDDI explained about the tests that are to be carried out on the different components of the shoe.



A view of training programme on 'Basic Footwear Testing' (Physical)



Officials of FDDI & participants of training programme

The participants were given basic information about footwear testing by the experts of FDDI, so that they can develop their efficiency in quality assessment of footwear as per IS-15298 standards.

The scientist were exposed to the training methods and been demonstrated on the sample. The training also focused upon the safety footwear along with testing requirement and method of conducting the tests. During the training, the scientist were also explained about the foot scanning and gait aspect.

3rd prize for FDDI, Jodhpur campus

FDDI Jodhpur won the third place in Rajasthan's largest Western Handicraft Industry Fair which was organized by Laghu Udyog Bharti & District Industries Centre (DIC) from 24th January to 04th February 2024 at Jodhpur.

The fair was inaugurated by Mr. Bhajan Lal Sharma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Rajasthan who visited the stall of FDDI and appreciated the student's work.

At its stall in Atal Pandal, various footwear & fashion design related creative items made by students were displayed which was highly appreciated by the visitors.



A view of the stall of FDDI



Certificate awarded to FDDI, Jodhpur campus

During the 12 days of fair, around 10,000 visitors visited the FDDI stall and interacted with the FDDI Team regarding admissions and future scope.

All the stalls were assessed on the basis of the visual display and creativity during which FDDI bagged third place under government sector category.

Hindi workshop on 'Kanthasth 2.0 – Anuvad Sarathi' held at FDDI Noida campus

With the objective to encourage officials/employees to perform their official work in Hindi, a workshop on 'Kanthasth 2.0 – Anuvad Sarathi' was held at the FDDI, Noida campus on 31st January, 2024.

Mr. Lalit Bhushan, Member Secretary, Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC) Ghaziabad was the key speaker who is the authorized for training by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

The speaker acquainted all the participants to the Kanthastha 2.0 –Anuvad Sarathi tool and highlighted its features. He said that translation is a problem in official work, to solve which the Department of Official Language and C-DAC, Pune have developed Kanthasth 2.0 – Anuvad Sarathi Tool. It is memory based, useful and absolutely free.



Mr. Lalit Bhushan,
elaborating on 'Kanthash
2.0- Anuvad Sarth'

A view of the participants

Through this tool, the translation work can be made easier and the employee can translate by uploading their files.

Delegation from University of Northampton, UK visits FDDI, Noida campus

Ms. Vicki Dean, Head of Fashion, Leather and Foundation from Faculty of Arts (LFFS), Science and Technology (S&T), University of Northampton (UoN), United Kingdom (UK) along with Mr. Puneet Malhotra, Regional Director (RD), UoN, UK visited FDDI, Noida on 31st January 2024.

The purpose of the visit to develop closure relationship and explore potential collaborations with FDDI.

During their visit, the delegation met Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha Secretary/ Managing Director (MD), FDDI and had detailed discussion on exploring possible common area of interest and creating mutually beneficial relationship between both the institution.



From Left: Ms. Vicki Dean, LFFS, S&T, UoN, UK, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/MD, FDDI & Mr. Puneet Malhotra, RD, UoN, UK

Meeting in Progress

During a meeting, discussion about faculty exchange, student exchange programs, joint research programs was also held. Ms. Vicky also made presentation to the students of FDDI and explained about the University and its various intake processes.

Productivity Improvement Consultancy at KH Exports India Pvt. Ltd. (Footwear Division) by FDDI, Chennai

Productivity improvement consultancy was provided by FDDI, Chennai at the new shoe manufacturing unit of KH Exports India Pvt. Ltd., (Footwear Division) in Sathuperi Village, Vellore.

KH Exports an internal part of the leather belt of the Ranipet & Vellore District, was established in the year 1947, and is one of the highly successful business enterprise in the country making leather Footwear, Leather Goods and Fashion Gloves.



Experts imparting productivity improvement consultancy



Batch of Operators

The experts of FDDI, namely Mr. SD Ananda Raj, Sr. Instructor, Mr. D Ramesh Associate Faculty, Mr. Dinesh Kumar –Sr. Faculty & Center Incharge, Mr. Prince Joseph - Sr. Faculty & HoD - Footwear Design and Production (FDP), and Mr. Vishva Kumar – Sr. Faculty conducted an impactful consultancy program for 15 days.

The consultancy program resulted in optimization of the effective time of operators, a 20% increase in production of cut components, and substantial reduction in rework & rejection.

Industrial visit & sourcing expedition for FDDI, Noida students at Agra

A meticulously planned industrial visit coupled with an insightful sourcing expedition, aimed at unraveling the various methods of manufacturing and procurement processes in the footwear was held on 29th & 30 January 2024.

During the visit, the 3rd year students of School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP) who were accompanied by the faculty of FDDI visited Dawar Footwear P Ltd., a leading manufacturer, retailer and exporter of Agra.



Students at Dawar Footwear P Ltd., Agra



The objective of the visit was to gain practical insights, foster industry interaction, and unravel the dynamics of sourcing in a real-world setting.

The students had a real time exposure and understanding of various processes and operational challenges. They engaged with floor managers, craftsmen, and industry experts, absorbing their wisdom and experiences. Through dialogue and observation, they decoded the nuances of production, distribution, and market trends.

Online training session on RTI Act, 2005 held at FDDI

An online training session on the various aspects of the RTI Act, 2005, was conducted on 24th January 2024 which was attended by approximately 40 employees across FDDI campuses, including CPIOs, Heads of School, Heads of Department, and other key personnel working across different functional of management including administration, purchase, placements, finance, IT etc.

The three-hour session, led by Mr. Jitender Bhatti, a former faculty member of ISTM, was extremely informative and comprehensive.

Mr. Bhatti meticulously covered all 31 sections of the RTI Act, elucidating the roles and responsibilities of CPIOs/APIOs, discussing exemptions granted under the RTI Act, and emphasizing the significance of suo-moto disclosure under Section 04.



Participants at FDDI, Noida campus



Other campus attending the online training session

He also explained on the RTI-MIS, which is instrumental in the effective implementation and monitoring of the RTI Act and plays a crucial role in ensuring compliance and transparency in the processes.

Mr. Bhatti's explained about the procedures and actions to be taken on appeal, along with the crucial role of the First Appellate Authority, besides providingvaluable insights into navigating the appeal process effectively.

Industry Interactive Session 'Soleful Craftsmanship: A Dialogue on Handmade Footwear Excellence' held at FDDI, Hyderabad campus

A powerful and engaging learning experience was provided to the students of School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) of FDDI, Hyderabad campus through an industry interactive session, 'Soleful Craftsmanship: A Dialogue on Handmade Footwear Excellence' on 17 January, 2024.

During the session, Mr. Tarun Oblum, Founder of Oblum Shoes, shared the intricacies of crafting exceptional handmade footwear and insights into the world of handmade footwear.



Mr. Tarun Oblum, Oblum
Bespoke Shoes & Accessories



A view of the interactive session with students of FDP

Mr. Tarun Oblum's entrepreneurial spirit also shone through as he discussed his role in ideating and launching Urban Mochi, a unique initiative that serves as a one-stop solution for leather care and repair, particularly for high-end goods. His commitment to quality and craftsmanship extends beyond his own label, contributing to the broader ecosystem of leather and handmade goods.

Describing himself as a high energy, creative individual, Mr. Tarun Oblum shared some of his most intriguing ideas that he believes can evolve into successful businesses. His passion for innovation and commitment to excellence were evident throughout the session, leaving attendees inspired and motivated.

'Founder's Day' celebrated at FDDI, Noida campus

On 14th January 2024, FDDI celebrated 'Founder's Day' at its Noida campus with great gusto and vigor.

On this occasion, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/Managing Director (MD)- FDDI, Dr. Narasimhugari Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS, Executive Director (ED), FDDI Hyderabad campus, Mr. Anil Kumar, AFHQCS, Executive Director (ED), FDDI, Jodhpur campus staff and students of FDDI were present.



Lighting of the inaugural lamp by the dignitaries



Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha,
Secretary/MD-FDDI delivering the
'Welcome Address'

The Day marks a significant milestone in FDDI's journey as it was on this date in the year 1986 when Mr. Premnath Seth was appointed as the first Chairman of FDDI.



Standing (From Left) Mr. Ajay Kumar, IRS (Retd.), Ex-Secy., Mr. Alok Sinha, IAS (Retd.), Ex-MD, Col. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary / MD, Mr. Arvind Ray, IAS (Retd.), Ex-MD, Mr. Rajeev Lakhara, IRS (Retd.), Ex MD



Mr. Rajeev Kumar Jain, Deputy Secretary-DPIIT being felicitated

Ex-Managing Directors, Ex- Secretary, alumni, and industry stalwarts, were felicitated by Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, MD-FDDI for their foresight, unwavering commitment and invaluable contributions to the institute.

Ex-Managing Directors of FDDI namely, Mr. Arvind Ray, IAS (Retd.), Mr. Alok Sinha, IAS (Retd.), Mr. Rajeev Lakhara, IRS (Retd.), Ex- Secretary of FDDI. Mr. Ajay Kumar, IRS (Retd.), Deputy Secretary-DPIIT, Mr. Rajeev Kumar Jain graced the occasion.



A view of unveiling of the inaugural conceptual advertisement of FDDI



Dignitaries launching the magazine, 'Textile Business Digest' containing 'Role of FDDI in shaping Footwear Industry'

Eminent industry experts including Mr. Motilal Sethi, Member- FDDI Governing Council (GC) & President, Indian Leather Goods Association (ILGA), Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Member-FDDI GC & President, Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA), Mr. Dharmender Singh- Business Head at Gopsun Leather and Footwear Pvt., Ltd., Mr. Suman Nayak- Chief General Manager, Nippon Audiotronix Pvt., Ltd., Mohammad Yunus – Proprietor, East West Tanners, Mr. Yogesh Mankar, Director 24 Colourkicks Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Aarush Mehta, Business Head - Chemico Processing, Mr. Rishi Chaudhary, Founder –Ritambh, Mr. Sandeep Priyadarshi, Sr. Associate –EY, Eshu Gupta, BDM - Elmo Export, Rajveer Singh Sr. Merchandiser Flawless Buying, Mr. Biplab Bhattacharjee, Sr. Designer - SR Leathers, Mr. Simran Raj, E Com Manager NappaDori and other alumni and industry stalwarts were also present.



Student explaining her concept to the dignitaries at 'Meraki'

Besides this, the inaugural conceptual advertisement of FDDI, featuring the compelling tagline "Empowering Dreams, Empowering Passion" was unveiled by Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/MD-FDDI and Ex-Managing Directors of FDDI namely, Mr. Arvind Ray, IAS (Retd.), Mr. Alok Sinha, IAS (Retd.).

The theme for the celebration was 'Seed of Life: Creation-Inspiration-Growth' that commenced with 'Meraki'; a captivating fashion show, followed by melodious music that added a dynamic touch to the celebration, generating excitement among the participants.



Song performance by a student

Just as the 'Seed of Life' signifies both the culmination and the ever-expanding possibilities of creation, the inception of FDDI was a culmination of diverse contributions from individuals across diverse backgrounds.

Through 'Meraki', the students of FDDI, from the Foundation batch 2023 2027 semester 1 Design Project 1, presented their discoveries and explorations of significant historical eras through handmade crafts and lifestyle products such as garments, footwear, accessories, decor, and a lot more which successfully brought together diverse departments of FDDI.



Cultural performance by students



A view of the Fashion Show by Leather Goods and Accessories Department

During the event, cultural performances and fashion shows also featured, highlighting the fusion of traditional and contemporary designs, and showcasing India's rich culture and heritage.

Additionally, the celebration included 'Talk Show' on the topic 'FDDI's Education: A Roadmap to Business Success' During this, the panelist which included prominent alumni/industry experts, provided valuable insights into the entrepreneurial education provided by FDDI that caused the successful entrepreneurial behaviour.

The event was sponsored by Nine k Nanotech, M.B. Rubber P. Ltd., Footwear Klick (Lancer), Derpa Industries, East West Tanners, Superhouse Ltd., XO Footwear, Alpine Apparels Private Limited, AFPL Global Private Limited, Today Footwear Private Limited, Super House Limited, Sibrama Newage, K H Exports India Private Limited, Savi Global Fashion, Rehman Industry Ltd., Harman Sales Private Limited, Corporate Infotech Private Limited, Allure Enterprises P Ltd., P & O International Private Limited, Star International Private Limited, Elixir, Singh Graphics, Unique, Midia Service, Ninex Nenotech P. Ltd., Sandhya Office Automation, Himalayan Traders, Lakme Academy, Raynold Stepcare, Punjab and Sind Bank.



'Talk Show' in progress

FDDI & KSIDC organize 'Investor Conclave 2024' at Calicut

Expanding its reach, the FDDI alongwith Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Limited (KSIDC) organized the 'Investor Conclave 2024' at Chaliyaar Hall, The Raviz Kadavu, Calicut on 13th January 2024.



Participants at 'Investor Conclave 2024', Calicut

During the 'Investor Conclave 2024' key players in the industry, institution united to discuss, deliberate, and to foster the growth and development of Kerala. On this occasion, Mr. P Rajeev – Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Law and Coir, Government of Kerala, Mr. S Harikishore, IAS, Managing Director (MD), KSIDC & Director, DIC, Mr. Suman Billa, IAS, Principal Secretary, Industries and NORKA, Government of Kerala, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary

/Managing Director (MD)-FDDI and Dr. Narasimhugari Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS, Executive Director (ED), FDDI Hyderabad campus, Mr. V K C Razzak, Chairman, All India MSME Footwear Council & Director, KSIDC and Mr. Ranjith Babu, General Manager, DIC – Calicut were present. The event addressed a multitude of relevant topics, including fostering Start-Ups and Scale-Ups, charting paths for sustainable growth, and understanding the government's role in enhancing the ecosystem.

Seminar on 'Cyber Security Awareness' held at FDDI, Jodhpur campus

Seminar on 'Cyber Security Awareness' was held at FDDI, Jodhpur campus on 12th January 2024, in which all the officers, employees as well as the students participated enthusiastically.

The main objective of this seminar was to understand the current increasing cybercrimes and the possible threats arising from it.

Dr. Arjun Choudhary, Assistant Professor, Sardar Patel Police University (SPPU), Jodhpur, an expert in cyber security briefed about the online security best practices, taking proactive steps to enhance cybersecurity at home and workplace. Detailed discussion and guidance on emerging trends in security, and some practical tips to avoid cyber threats were also provided by him.



Dr. Arjun Choudhary, Assistant Professor, SPPU, Jodhpur briefing about Cyber Security

FDDI attends inaugural session of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Utsav' at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

FDDI attended the inaugural session of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Utsav' which was held at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 3rd to 10th January 2024 showcasing India's rich heritage and diverse cultural traditions.

It was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Union Minister of External Affairs, Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, and Guest of Honour, the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles (HCIM, CA, F&PD&T), GoI, Mr. Piyush Goyal during which Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh, IAS, Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT); Ms. Rachna Singh, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Textile; and Pradeep Singh Kharola, CMD -ITPO were also present.

The Aatmanirbhar Bharat Utsav, was a dynamic platform to showcase and celebrate the strides made towards self-reliance in India during which National One District One Product (ODOP) Awards 2023 were presented in three categories – District, State and Indian mission abroad, to the winners at the inaugural function.

During the inauguration, the HCIM, CA, F&PD&T emphasized the government's commitment to a better future for the 140 crore Indians under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi.



The HCIM, CA, F&PD&T addressing during the inaugural session of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Utsav'



Officials of FDDI attending the inauguration ceremony

The Aatmanirbhar Bharat Utsav 2024, hosted by DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is a celebration of India's journey towards self-reliance, showcasing cultural heritage, talents, and innovation that provided an opportunity for FDDI to attend this significant & historic ceremony.

Paper presented by the Faculty of FDDI, Hyderabad during national conference at Andhra Pradesh History of Congress

Mr. Rambabu Muppidi, Faculty- LGAD, FDDI, Hyderabad campus presented a research paper on the topic 'The Wooden Handicrafts in Andhra Pradesh: Historical Perspective (with special reference to Kondapalli Toys)' during the two days national conference of Andhra Pradesh History of Congress (APHC), Andhra University, Obullaiah College, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh held on 6th – 7th January 2024.



Mr. Rambabu Muppidi, Faculty, LGAD, FDDI-Hyderabad presenting the research paper



Mr. Rambabu Muppidi receiving Certificate of presentation of paper

The paper addresses the current status of Kondapalli wooden toy accessories and how to preserve product design processes, techniques, and how future generations artisans can be engaged in this product.

FDDI, Chhindwara student awarded 'Best Upcoming Designer' at 'World Design Forum'

Ms. Teena Khaidait, a final year student from School of Fashion Design (FD), at FDDI Chhindwara, secured the award for 'Best Upcoming Designer' in the Indo-Western category.

Her Indo-Western designs, inspired by 'Prakriti/Nature,' showcased a perfect blend of form and function, earning her acclaim among the top 25 designers in the Emerging Talent category. Ms. Teena's design collection focused on celebrating the craftsmanship of handloom weavers, seamlessly merging tradition with contemporary aesthetics.

The accolade was presented at an event hosted by the 'World Design Forum' in Delhi which was organized on 29th - 30th December 2023, where finalists were chosen from 500 design aspirants across India.

Paper presented by the Faculty of FDDI, Hyderabad during national conference

Mr. Rambabu Muppidi, Faculty of School of Leather Goods & Accessories Design (LGAD) of FDDI, Hyderabad campus presented a joint paper on the topic 'Bangle Artisan in Telangana With Special Reference to Hyderabad' during the three days national conference of Indian History of Congress, Kakathiya University, Warangal, Telangana.

It was organized by Puducherry World History Congress (PWHC) from 28th to 30th December 2023.



He presented a joint paper with Ph.D. Guide Dr. Musugu Srinivasa Rao, Dean & Associate Professor, P. S. Telugu University.

The paper addresses the current status of bangle artisans and their craftsmanship and how future generations artisans can be engaged to improve their lifestyle and performance and digitize the designs and preserve.

Two-days training program for Master Artisan held at FDDI, Jodhpur campus

To upgrade the skills of master artisans of footwear and leather goods product & design, a two-days 'Training of Artisan Trainers' programme was conducted at FDDI, Jodhpur campus on 20th-21st December 2023.

More than 20 artisans participated in this training programme who are associated with leather craft, especially footwear and Mozari production. The participation of women was also significant as 12 participants were women entrepreneurs who are not only involved in textile embroidery, but, also leather craft and other small scale industries.



Training programme in progress

The objective of this training programme is to equip the master trainers with modern technology, skills and entrepreneurial knowledge so that they adapt to contemporary practices.

The experts of FDDI in the field of product design & development imparted the training targeting various topics like product diversification, design development, branding, packaging, material procurement and digital marketing etc.

Paper presented by the Faculty of FDDI, Noida at NID, Bhopal during 1st Design Conference

Dr. Aastha Garg (Sr. Faculty) and Dr. Jyoti Bhasin Chudhary (Jr. Consultant), School of Retail and Fashion Merchandise (RFM), Noida, presented their research paper titled "Sustainable Fashion: Exploring the impact of environmental concerns and consumer's perceived self-image in ecological protection on purchase intention towards sustainable apparel products", at the First Design Conference on Insight, Inclusions and Innovations (Ist), held at National Institute of Design (NID), Bhopal on 15th & December 2023.



Mr. Anoop Singh Rana HoS, LGAD delivering 'Keynote Address' on 'Sustainable Leather'



Dr. Aastha Garg (Sr. Faculty) and Dr. Jyoti Bhasin Chudhary (Jr. Consultant), RFM, Noida presenting paper

During the conference, Mr. Anoop Singh Rana HoS, Leather Goods and Accessories Design (LGAD) was invited as a 'Keynote Speaker'. In his address on the topic 'Sustainable Leather', he said that "Sustainably produced leather which is existing in vogue has become an important aspect of the fashion industry. The ever increasing role of Science & Technology help brands & manufacturers understand their impact on the environment and mitigate outputs through testing, certification, and consultation to support towards increasingly sustainable leather production."

Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh, IAS, Secretary, DPIIT, MOC&I, GoI graces the 'Convocation ceremony' as 'Chief Guest' at FDDI, Noida campus

On 16th December 2023, FDDI, Noida campus held its Convocation ceremony for the passing out students of the Session 2022 & 2023.

The event was graced by Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh, IAS, Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOC&I), Government of India (GoI) as the 'Chief Guest', whereas the other distinguished guests of the event who graced the occasion were Mr. Motilal Sethi, Managing Director, M/s. Saroj International, President Indian Leather Garments Association (ILGA) and Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Director, M/s. Sandeep Rubber, President - Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA).



Lighting-up of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries



Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/MD, FDDI giving memento to Secretary, DPIIT

On behalf of FDDI, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/Managing Director (MD), FDDI welcomed the 'Chief Guest' and all the other delegates including person from the print and electronic media during which the staff & students were also present.



Secretary, DPIIT delivering the 'Keynote Address'



A graduating student receiving medal from Secretary, DPIIT

Marking the successful completion of their respective professional programme, a total of 496 students belonging to the Session 2022 & 2023 were awarded their Degrees, out of which 310 attended the historic ceremony held at the institute premises.

Secretary, DPIIT in his 'Keynote Address' said that, "You are obtaining your Degrees at a time when India stands on the cusp of Change. India has emerged as the fastest growing economy in the world."



A graduating student receiving Degree from Secretary, DPIIT



The graduating batch along with the dignitaries

Secretary, DPIIT encouraged the students to be catalysts for change, contributing to the growth and development of the country.



A student briefing about the concept of footwear to the Secretary, DPIIT



Secretary, DPIIT watching the display by LGAD

In a spectacular display of academic prowess and innovation, the students of FDDI School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), School of Fashion Design (FD), School of Leather Goods & Accessories Design (LGAD), and School of Retail and Fashion Merchandise (RFM) displayed their works in the form of presentations. They had put up stalls where a display of footwear, leather art crafts, designs, sketches etc. was made.



Secretary, DPIIT watching the display by FD



Secretary, DPIIT briefing the media

Research paper presented by faculty of FDDI, Noida during ICTN 2023 held at IIT, Delhi

Dr. Krishi Sarin, Chief faculty at FDDI, Noida presented a research paper during 7th International Conference on Technical Textiles and Nonwovens–(ICTN 2023) "Sustainable Technologies and Entrepreneurship: Pioneering the Future of Technical Textiles" hosted by IIT, Delhi and held at IIT, Delhi from 12th -14th December 2023.

ICTN 2023 aimed at bringing leading entrepreneurs, researchers, academicians, and experts from all over the world to share and present recent technological advancements and exchange ideas.

During the ICTN 2023, Dr. Krishi Sarin, Chief Faculty, School of Fashion Design (FD) presented the research paper titled 'Acrylic Colours: A sustainable alternative for direct dyes, which was well received by the participants and the novelty of the concept was appreciated by the delegates present.



Dr. Krishi Sarin, Chief Faculty, FD



'Certificate of Participation' given to Dr. Krishi Sarin

The aim of the paper was to establish that Acrylic colours have a potential substitute to direct dyes, making it an environment-friendly and sustainable approach to the colouration of cotton fabric as it can be done very easily at home as well.

FDDI participates in two days National Workshop on 'Design Education and NEP 2020'

FDDI participated in the two days National Workshop on 'Design Education and NEP 2020' which was inaugurated by Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh, IAS, Secretary, DPIIT on 01st December 2023 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi during which Ms. Arti Bhatnagar, Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, DPIIT, MOC was also present.

On this occasion, the Hon'ble Secretary, DPIIT released the report "Design Education - Now and Ahead" prepared by NID Haryana which forwards a Vision for Design Education in the country that shall equip designers with the skills and perspectives to design at the global level more inclusive, sustainable, equitable, and responsible future products, systems, organizations, and societies that are embedded in technological inventions of the times.



Lighting-up of the lamp by the dignitaries



Faculties of FDDI alongwith Dr. Vanita Ahuja, Director, NID, Haryana at National Workshop

Engaging sessions and panel discussions brought together experts, educators, and stakeholders from across the country to delve into the nuances of the subject of discussion.

Industrial exposure for FDDI, Chennai students at NMZ Group and Shangavi Last Manufacturing Unit

On 28th November 2023, under industrial exposure, 55 students from B. Des (FDP) 7th Semester & M.Des. (FDP) 1st Semester who were accompanied by faculties of School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) visited NMZ Group and Shangavi Last Manufacturing Unit located at Ambur.

NMZ Group produces different finished leathers from cow, buff leather for US and European market. The students visited both the tannery and shoe factory where the company executives explained not only about the functions of their respective

departments, but also the contribution of the said departments in the entire value chain relating to the finished product.



Factory experts at Shangavi Last Manufacturing Unit briefing the students



Mr. Thameem Ahamed, General Manager, NMZ Group briefing the students

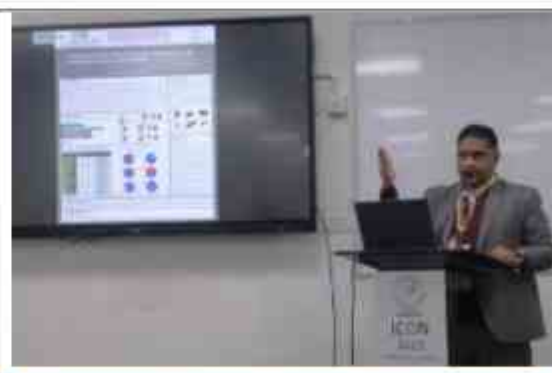
The students visited Shangavi Last Manufacturing Unit during which they were guided by the factory experts who highlighted the relevance of 'Last' in shoe making and they were also exposed to the entire manufacturing process of 'Last' manufacturing right from the raw material to the final product.

Papers presented by Faculty of FDDI during ICON 2023 International Conference on 'Sustainable Design Practices'

The faculties of Leather Goods and Accessories Design (LGAD), School of Fashion Design (FD) and School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) of FDDI, presented research papers during ICON 2023 International Conference on 'Sustainable Design Practices' which was held from 25th - 27th November, 2023 at National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Kangra.



A view of ICON 2023 International Conference on 'Sustainable Design Practices'



Presentation by Mr. Anoop Singh Rana, Senior Faculty & Head of School - LGAD

The other design institutes such as NIFT, NID, IIT Design, UID, and more actively participated in the conference which provided a platform for the exchange of research work, papers, and design applications, focusing on identifying different sustainable design practices.

Themes and subthemes covered a wide array of domains related to sustainability in design, technology, management, and allied areas.

Faculty and students from different domains at FDDI made a notable impact by presenting a total of 7 papers and posters. The screening committee acknowledged the quality of their contributions and approved the publication of these papers in the esteemed conference proceedings.

Third combined 'Alumni Meet' for FDDI, IIFT, IIP, NID & NIFT under the Ministry of Textiles and Commerce & Industry held at FDDI, Kolkata

With the objective to meet, connect, share experiences & achievements, re-live the splendid moments of togetherness and explore opportunities for collaboration and networking, the third combined 'Alumni Meet' for five institutes namely, FDDI, IIFT, IIP, NID and NIFT was held at FDDI, Kolkata campus on 24th November 2023.

The event was a part of the convergence initiative launched by the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles (HCIM, CA, F&PD&T), Government of India (GoI), Mr. Piyush Goyal to foster an industry-academia interface and build a global professional network through engagement with the alumni of the five eminent institutes that work under the aegis of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.



A view of the meet

The event was attended by eminent dignitaries from the five institutes, such as Prof. Bidhan Das, Deputy Director of IIP, Kolkata, Prof. Dr. Nilay Kr Pramanik – Deputy Director, IIP-Kolkata, Dr. K. Rangarajan, Head of IIFT, Kolkata Centre, Prof. Dr. Niti Chatnani, Professor at IIFT, Delhi, Mr. Brijesh Deore, Director of NIFT, Kolkata, Mr. Rajesh Chatterjee Deputy Director (Head of Office) Weavers Service Centre and Mr. Sunil Kumar Ullattuthodiyil, Executive Director (ED), FDDI Kolkata.

The meet was attended by almost 100 attendees of the five institutes along with dignitaries during which presentation on the idea of convergence by Prof. Jonalee Bajpai, Professor, NIFT - Bangalore, Head of Industry & Alumni Affairs Pan India was made. An open house discussion on 'Importance of Convergence among the 5 Institutes' was also organized discussions were held on enhancing their contribution to their alma mater.

The event featured cultural performances, interactive sessions and networking opportunities for the alumni. The alumni also participated in various cultural activities.

5th Convocation ceremony of FDDI, Kolkata campus held

FDDI, Kolkata campus held its 5th Convocation ceremony on 04th December 2023 at its premise. The event was graced by Chief Guest, Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose, the Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal.



Graduating students-alongwith dignitaries



A student receiving scholarship

The 'Passing Out Oath' was administered by Mr. Sunilkumar U.- Executive Director, FDDI-Kolkata to the passing out students. Marking the successful completion of the young graduates, a total of 122 students were honoured during the ceremony out of which 46 were from School of Fashion Design (FD), 37 were from School of Leather Goods and Accessories Design (LGAD) and 39 students were from School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP).

The overall topper of the Class of 2023, Ms. Anushka Banerjee was awarded the Gold medal, while Ms. Anushka Banerjee, Ms. Anchita Ghosh and Ms. Ritu Gupta received silver medals earning the title of departmental toppers for their exceptional performance.

As announced by Chandra Chemicals (an unit of P.C Chandra Group), an scholarship of Rs. 30,000 for the gold medallist and Rs. 25,000 each for the silver medalists was provided. Mr. Amitabh Chandra, Director Chandra Chemicals alongwith the Hon'ble Governor, Secretary/MD FDDI gave away the scholarships.

MoU signed between FDDI, Patna & MIT, Muzaffarpur

On 02nd December 2023, FDDI, Patna signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Muzaffarpur Institute of Technology (MIT), Muzaffarpur for institutional collaboration in education, research outreach programmes, student exchange programme, faculty exchange and many more.

The primary objective of this collaboration is to promote teaching and research collaboration involving faculty members and students of FDDI Patna and MIT Muzaffarpur to ensure teaching and research of highest standard, carry out joint academic and research programmes, as well as collaborative research projects.

The signing ceremony took place at the FDDI Patna campus and was attended by prominent figures from both the institutions. The MoU was signed by Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Mishra - Center Incharge, FDDI Patna and Dr. Mithilesh Kumar Jha, Principal,



Exchange of the MoU

MIT, Muzaffarpur, in the esteemed presence of Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/Managing Director (MD), FDDI and other faculty members and officials.

The MoU would also facilitate the exchange of students, scholars, and faculty in the common subjects of both the institute. Both the institutes have agreed to participate and jointly organize international conference, meetings, submit research proposals and provide training to students and scholars.

‘Craft Cluster’ visit for students of FDDI, Chhindwara campus

To provide exposure to the handicraft cluster, fifty-five students of B.Des. Fashion Design from semester III and semester V of the School of Fashion Design (FD) of FDDI, Chhindwara campus were taken to Aid & Survival of Handicraft Artisans (ASHA), Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh on 29th November 2023.

ASHA is practicing since more than ten years, inspiring from tribal art and regional motifs to retain the essence of the art and artisan's artwork that is working for client like Mrignayani –Retail outlet situated branches in New Delhi, Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Rewa and Kolkata setup by M.P. Govt. Emporium, TRIFED-Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India, selling variety of products in international retail stores specially in USA and Australia.

Headed by Mr. Rohit G Rusia as Co Founder- ASHA and Co-Founder of Hastshilp is working for revival of Chhipa Block Printing craft in Central region of India.



Mr. Rohit Rusia Co-Founder of Bhartiya Silp and ASHA briefing students about history of “Chhipa Kala - Wooden Hand Block Printing”.

Master artisan, Mrs. Aarti and Mr. Rohit Rusia briefed and demonstrated the students & faculty about the block printing techniques of Chhipa Traditional Art. They explained

them about the entire process starting from block making, designing, clour making & fixing, tracing, curing, impression techniques to finishing of the products.

FDDI, Jodhpur curated 2-days Craft Carnival

On 28th-29th November 2023, FDDI Jodhpur organized 'Craft Carnival' in institute premises.

During the carnival, about 20-25 artisans from different areas of Rajasthan participated, some of which are National Awardees and have been very popular in their art like Zakir Hussain of Bone & Horn Art, Jyotiswarup of Swarnameenakari, Saifali Khan of Usta Art of Bikaner, Jodhpuri Bandhej.

During the two day craft carnival, FDDI encouraged the artisans of handloom, handicraft, leather and related business and industry to join hands with the institute and students. This will help the students to understand the intricacies of their products, promote them and create new designs.

The stalls promoting art and handicraft were the focal point for visiting students which consisted of more than 700 students from 08 different schools & Institutes across the city who saw the intricacies of embroidery and various types of handicrafts. They were introduced to various handicrafts, handlooms and leather artefacts products.



A view of the stall

The closing ceremony of the two-day craft carnival was summarized in the hospitality of Deputy Commandant Ammunition Depot of the Army and Mr. Kiran V.N, Assistant Director – DC Handicraft as the 'Guest of Honour'.

Artisans from different art fields like Mohanlal Chauhan of leather embroidery, Manohar Lal Chaudhary of applique work, Gopal Prajapat of terracotta art, Tamanna Bhati of fabric artwork, Deepak Tyagi of carpet industry etc. shared the experience of this two-day carnival.

Insightful session held at FDDI, Jodhpur campus on 73rd Constitution Day

By organizing an insightful session, FDDI, Jodhpur campus celebrated the 73rd Constitution Day on 26th November 2023.



Mr. Anil Kumar, AFHQCS, ED, FDDI,
Jodhpur campus felicitating the dignitaries



A view of the session

During the session, Mr. Kishan Singh Yadav, Central Government Senior Standing Counsel (CAT) shared his views on the theme i.e., 'India - Mother of Democracy'. He explained the importance of the Indian Constitution and emphasized on implementing its usefulness at the grassroots level. He appealed to implement one's rights and above all one's duties properly.

Mr. Rajendra Kataria, Advocate, Rajasthan High Court, Jodhpur has also graced the occasion with his esteemed presence.

Footwear Innovation takes center stage: Eleven Research Papers from FDDI Chhindwara presented and published at International Conference - ICSETI 2023

Making FDDI proud, the faculty and students research group from the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) of FDDI Chhindwaraparticipated, presented eleven ground breaking research papers at the International Conference on Science, Engineering and Technology Innovations (ICSETI) 2023 which was conducted through Hybrid Mode from 25th – 26th November 2023.

They showcased their prowess in the field of Design Thinking, Footwear Design, Sustainable Development, Technological Innovations presenting a diverse array of research papers that got published at ICSETI 2023. The conference was a premier platform for global academia, provided an ideal stage for FDDI to contribute the discourse on cutting-edge advancements in the footwear industry.

Research Titled "Augmented Reality (AR) & Virtual Reality (VR) Application in Footwear Retail & Design" presented by Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena, Faculty Footwear Design & Production and final year student of B.Design FDP as co-author Ms. Somya Borkar received the "Best Research Presentation Award" of ICSETI 2023 Conference.



Research Group of FDDI presenting their Research Papers at ICSETI – 2023 (Hybrid Mode)

Best Presentation Awarded to FDDI

Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena, Faculty, FDP had participated & presented nine research papers along with seven final year students as co-author of footwear & fashion batches. In continuation, Dr. Pankaj Dubey, Faculty FDP participated with two more research papers along with two students as co-authors from third semester footwear batches.



Certificates of Participations and Presentations Awarded to Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena

The eleven research papers covered a spectrum of topics, ranging from sustainable materials in footwear to innovations in diabetic footwear design etc. The faculty and student researchers delved into crucial aspects of the industry, presenting insights that promise to shape the future of innovative technologies in footwear and product designing.

Sl. No.	Title of Research Papers Presented	Detail of 1 st Author	Detail of Co-Author
1	An Overview of the Indian Footwear Industry: Trends, Challenges and Opportunities	Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena Faculty, Footwear Design	
2	Augmented Reality (AR) & Virtual Reality (VR) Application in Footwear Retail & Design	Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena Faculty, Footwear Design	Ms. Soumya Borkar Student, B.Design, FDP
3	Footwear Design For Special Population: A Focus on Diabetic Solutions		Mr. Sajal Sangole Student, B.Design, FDP
4	Striding Beyond Limits: A Survey of Smart Material in Next Generation Clothing & Footwear		Mr. Simrant Baghel Student, B.Design, FDP
5	Digital Transformation in Indian Footwear Retail: E-Commerce Platforms		Mr. Mohit Vishwakarma Student, B.Design, FDP
6	A.I. Into Footwear Industry: Impact of Industry 4.0 in Product Design		Ms. Nandini Khatarkar Student, B.Design, FDP
7	Material Innovation in Sustainable Fashion, Footwear & Leather Goods Garments: A Cross-Industry		Ms. Teena Khandait Student, B.Design, FD
8	Footwear Design for Extreme Environment Challenges & Innovation		Mr. Gravit Turkar Student, B.Design, FDP
9	Sustainable Materials for Footwear: A Comprehensive Review & Analysis	Dr. Pankaj Dubey Faculty, Footwear	Ms. Shifa Mansuri Student, B.Design, FDP
10	Recycling of Waste Material from Footwear Industry		Ms. Sakshi Pathe Student, B.Design, FDP
11	The Impact of Design Thinking on Innovations: Insight view on Product Design Industries	Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena Faculty, Footwear Design	

The success of FDDI Chhindwara's research group underscores the collaborative spirit that thrives within the institute. The faculty's expertise and the students' fresh perspectives converged to create a synergy that resulted in impactful research contributions.

Transformative pact between FDDI, Hyderabad and LEPRO Society

In a landmark pact that bridges the worlds of healthcare and fashion, the FDDI, Hyderabad and the LEPRO Society signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on November 21, 2023, at FDDI Hyderabad campus.

LEPRO Society is a non-governmental organization established in 1989 to serve the needs of people affected by leprosy. Its strategic priorities include strengthening public health systems, providing direct services, fostering Research & Innovation, empowering individuals, and promoting equity for women and children.

Representing FDDI, Dr. Narasimhugari Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS, Executive Director (ED) of FDDI Hyderabad, signed the MoU. On behalf of LEPRO Society, Mr. Prasant Naik, Chief Executive signed the MoU during the presence of senior officers from both sides.



Dr. Narasimhugari Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS,
ED - FDDI Hyderabad & Mr. Prasant Naik,
Chief Executive, LEPRAsociety



Exchange of MoU

The commitment to benefiting both healthcare professionals and individuals with disabilities, marking a pivotal step towards innovation and inclusivity that sets the stage for impactful and transformative initiatives in disabilities support is the mainstay of the MoU.

The signing ceremony symbolized a significant moment as FDDI Hyderabad and LEPRAsociety, hailing from diverse sectors—footwear design and societal well-being—came together. This collaboration holds the potential to revolutionize the landscape of medical footwear and disabilities support, transcending traditional boundaries.

FDDI, Rohtak holds its 5th Convocation ceremony

FDDI, Rohtak conducted its 5th Convocation ceremony on 25th November 2023.

Mr. Verinder Kumar- VP-Manufacturing, M/s. Relaxo Footwears Ltd., was the 'Chief Guest' during the convocation where as Mr. Sachin - Deputy Director, Sports Authority of India, Mr. Bhushan Singhal - Sr. General Manager-Works at M/s. Relaxo Footwears Ltd. and Mr. Kuldeep Kumar- Chairman, Birla International School were among the 'Guest of Honor'.



Lighting-up of the ceremonial lamp by the
dignitaries



Graduating batch alongwith the dignitaries

A total of 61 students were awarded degrees from the School of Footwear Design & Production and the School of Fashion Design.

Mr. Verinder Kumar, the 'Chief Guest' and Mr. Sachin, the 'Guest of Honor' in their speech extended heartiest congratulations to all the students on their achievements.

Seminar on 'Future of Leather Industry in Manufacturing Excellency' held at CoE - FDDI, Kolkata campus in collaboration with GLOFormax, Italy

With a vision to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange at national and international levels and to provide cutting-edge infrastructure and expertise for research and training, the Center of Excellence (CoE) at FDDI Kolkata organized a seminar, on 'Future of Leather Industry in Manufacturing Excellency' on 14th November 2023.

It was organized for the Leather Goods industry and the faculties of FDDI Kolkata, in the CoE building, in collaboration with GLOFormax, an Italian consultancy firm in leather products.

The seminar intended to provide an insight into what kind of disruption technology has brought in and how we could make a difference.

Sr. No.	Expert	Provided Insight on
1	Mr. Paolo, a renowned consultant from GLFormax, Italy	The current technology being used in Italy to make Leather more competitive.
2	Mr. Massimo a production engineer from GLFormax Italy, (Specializing on dies & knives)	Demonstrated the use of latest technology in bag making, in order to bring down the lead time for production thus making the products cost effective.
3	Mr. Sanjoy Sen, a partner of GLFormax who is in the process of setting up a company in India called GLFORMAX India	Explained about the objectives of the Indian company i.e. a. Work as a bridge between international brands and Indian manufacturers; b. Assist Indian manufacturers to optimize time and efficiency with our suggestions of - Process flow control -Process time study.

The purpose of this seminar was to assess the efficiencies of the participating organizations in manufacturing excellency, in order to gauge if the leather goods industry of Kolkata may be capable of attracting new business from the big brands who are shifting their base from China to India.



Mr. Paolo addressing (online) the gathering on Manufacturing Excellency in leather finishes



GLFormax representatives Mr. Massimo and Mr. Sanjoy Sen giving presentation

More than 20 representatives from well-known Leather Goods export houses of Kolkata, attended the seminar.

FDDI, Jodhpur campus students bagged 3rd Position during 'Inter-College Debate Competition' held at NIFT, Jodhpur

In the spirit of Vigilance Awareness Week, NIFT Jodhpur organized an exhilarating 'Inter-College Debate Competition' on 9th November 2023 at NIFT, Jodhpur Auditorium, sponsored by the Union Bank of India and coordinated by the Literary Club.

FDDI Jodhpur students namely, Ms. Kastoori Saxena & Ms. Aditi Singh of B.Des-Fashion Design-2020 batch enthusiastically deliberated on the topic "Can Advanced Technologies Revolutionize Governance & Reduce Corruption" and impressed the judges and audiences with their facts and arguments.

FDDI students bagged 3rd Position with their passion as per their performance & ratings given by the esteemed panelists whereas NIFT was the winning team & IIT claimed the second spot, showcasing their insightful arguments, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Rajasthan Ayurved University secured the consolation prize.



A view of 'Inter-College Debate Competition'



Ms. Kastoori Saxena & Ms. Aditi Singh receiving the prize

The winners were awarded cash prizes and trophies by the Chief Guests and Director NIFT Jodhpur, Dr. G.H.S.Prasad and Mr. Sanjeev Ranjan Sahai, Regional Head, Union Bank of India.

Technical session on 'Footwear Adhesive and Chemicals' organized at FDDI, Fursatganj campus

Footwear manufacturing involves the essential process of transforming and assembling diverse components crafted from various materials, where distinct adhesives and chemicals play a pivotal role. Without these, the shoe would lack both its intended shape and structural integrity.

In line with this, to provide insight on new developments and technologies in footwear adhesives & chemicals, an informative technical session on 'Footwear Adhesives and Chemicals' was organized at FDDI Fursatganj campus on 6th November, 2023 for the students.

It was conducted by Henkel Adhesives Technologies India Pvt. Ltd., during which Mr. T.S. Elango and Mr. Brijesh Sharma, who are Technical Manager, India at Henkel explained about the importance of adhesives and chemicals in the footwear industry.



A view of technical session on 'Footwear Adhesive and Chemicals'

They explained about such chemicals which are environment friendly whose application is also easy which increases the productivity of the manufacturers and also reduces the costing.

Workshop on 'Generative AI Changing Creative Workflow' and 'Design Thinking' held at FDDI, Noida campus

The School of Leather Goods & Accessories Design (LGAD) at FDDI, Noida organized two insightful workshops at the Digital classroom during which the students & faculties of other campuses were connected virtually from the virtual classroom facilities.

Sr. No.	Topic	Speaker	Date
1	Generative AI Changing Creative Workflow	Ms. Urvashi Gupta, Director-WGSN	3 rd November 2023
2	Design Thinking	Mr. Vishal Srivastava - Research Scholar IIT, Delhi	31 st October 2023

During the workshop on 'Generative AI Changing Creative Workflow', Ms. Urvashi Gupta, Director-WGSN provided an insight on how AI algorithms can assist and enhance creativity across various industries. Urvashi's expertise and practical insights provided valuable perspectives on the fusion of art and technology.



A view of the workshop, 'Generative AI Changing Creative Workflow'



'Design Thinking' workshop in progress

During the workshop on 'Design Thinking', Mr. Vishal Srivastava a research scholar at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi briefed about the core principles of design thinking, emphasizing empathy, innovation, and user-centric design.

Book authored by Faculty of FDDI, Hyderabad campus gets published

Mr. Loganathan T, a faculty member at the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) at FDDI, Hyderabad campus has recently authored a book titled 'Research Methodology and Statistical Analysis' having ISBN: 9788196581244.

His 12 research papers have been published in reputed international journals covering topics like Biodegradability, Tanning systems, Sports footwear, Environmental science, evaluation study about leather etc. He has participated in five different international conferences as a speaker and also attended industrial programs in Malaysia and China prior to his research in robotic systems. He also invented different new soling materials and new shoe constructions techniques based on insole.

This book guides researchers through the various stages of the research process, from formulating research questions to selecting appropriate methodologies and collecting data. It elucidates on the role of statistical analysis in drawing meaningful conclusions from empirical findings, providing readers with a solid foundation in quantitative research methods.



Mr. Loganathan T,
Faculty, FDDI
Hyderabad



Cover page of book titled 'Research
Methodology and Statistical Analysis'

'BIS Standards Club for Students' inaugurated in collaboration with FDDI Hyderabad and BIS HYBO

To foster awareness and appreciation of standards among the youth, 'BIS Standards Clubs for students', (Approved ID: SC-8240) was inaugurated on 27th October, 2023 at FDDI, Hyderabad campus in collaboration with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Hyderabad Branch Office (HYBO).

Dr. Narasimhugari Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS, Executive Director (ED), FDDI Hyderabad and Mr. K.V. Rao, Senior Director of BIS HYBO, were the driving forces behind this strategic development.

The newly formed BIS Standard Club at FDDI Hyderabad is an exciting development, consisting of twenty enthusiastic students from various academic departments. Senior Faculty member at the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), Hyderabad, is also an integral part of the club with the aim to sensitize young members of society about the critical role that standards play in improving the quality of life.



Dr. Narasimhugari Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS, ED, FDDI Hyderabad and Mr. K.V. Rao, Senior Director of BIS HYBO



Members of BIS Standard club for Students along with BIS HYBO officials at Lucid Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad

Subsequent to this, on 07 November, 2023, an exposure visit was organized for the members of the 'BIS Standards Club for Students' to Lucid Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., a renowned establishment in Hyderabad known for its commitment to quality and adherence to national standards. As a part of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) initiative, this visit served as a valuable opportunity for the students to witness real-world applications of standards in a professional setting.

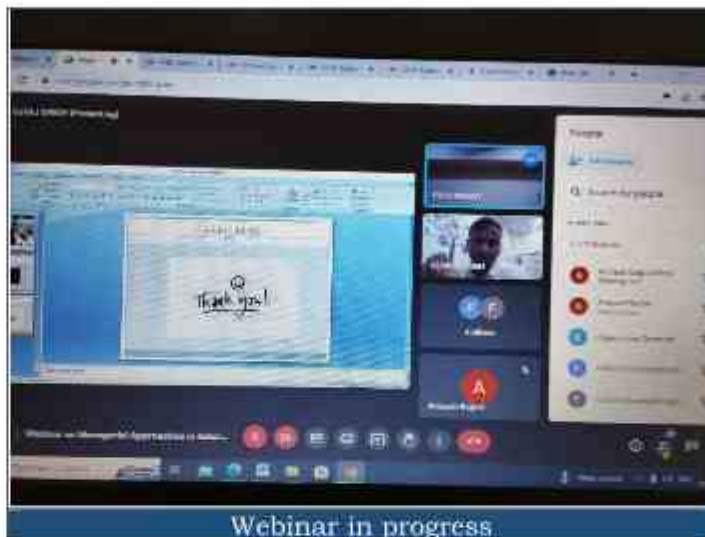
During the visit, the students had the privilege of observing the state-of-the-art laboratory facilities at Lucid Laboratories. They were guided through various quality control processes and witnessed the critical role that standards play in ensuring the precision and reliability of products. The lab technicians shared their expertise and insights, providing a comprehensive understanding of the importance of adherence to standards and the positive impact it has on quality and safety in the industry.

Webinar on 'Managerial Approaches in Retail Software' held at FDDI, Chandigarh (Banur) campus

To discover how to leverage Managerial Approaches in Retail Software for both customers and vendors, an insightful webinar was organized by School of Retail & Fashion Merchandise (RFM) at FDDI, Chandigarh (Banur) campus on 07th November, 2023 during which Mr. Suraj Singh, Store Manager, Bharti Airtel Ltd., addressed as subject expert.

He explained about the various software used in the retail sector for invoice generations, inventory management, customer relationship management and vendor management. He provided inputs on various aspects like Integrated POS software, it's usefulness, sales report generation and retrieving inferences, sales window on software etc.

The students of FDDI Noida, Chhindwara and Hyderabad campuses also joined the webinar through digital classroom.



Exhibition of 'Khadi & Creative Products' held at FDDI, Chandigarh (Banur) campus

An exhibition of vibrant and culturally enriching 'Khadi & Creative Products' which unveiled the essence of tradition and innovation was held at Chandigarh (Banur) campus on 07th November 2023. The event was open for local community.



A view of the exhibition of 'Khadi & Creative Products'



Visitors at the exhibition

Creative products designed & developed by students of FDDI, Banur campus including clothing, accessories, home decor and more showcased the rich heritage and

contemporary adaptations of Khadi, the fabric of India. The students of S.D. College and ITI, Banur also participated in the event and showcased the products developed by them.

Visitors to the exhibition were captivated by the diverse range of Khadi products on display. The enthusiasm was not limited to customers alone; officials from nearby departments also visited the stall with keen interest, gaining insights into the intricate craftsmanship and the sustainable practices behind creative and Khadi products.

FDDI, Chennai student wins 2nd Runner up prize during International Footwear Design Competition held in Guangzhou, China

Mr. Mohammed Rayyan - a final year student of B. Des. Footwear Design & Production Batch of FDDI Chennai campus won 2nd Runner up prize in Children Shoe Category in the 12th International Footwear Design Competition conducted by Confederation of International Footwear Association during the 31st International Exhibition on Shoes and Leather Industry held in in Guangzhou, China.



'The Sunrise' – a shoe design which has been designed and developed by Mr. Mohammed during the internship in Pakkar Leather Exports Pvt. Ltd., won the prize during the exhibition which is one of the most important and leading events for the shoe and leather industry.

Seminar on 'IPR Essentials: Understanding & Safe Guarding Your Innovations & Creative Works' held at FDDI, Hyderabad in collaboration with ResoluteIP, Hyderabad

A seminar on 'IPR Essentials: Understanding & Safe Guarding Your Innovations & Creative Works' was held at FDDI, Hyderabad campus on 3rd November, 2023.

It was organized by School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP), Hyderabad campus in collaboration with ResoluteIP, Hyderabad with an aim to raise awareness about the critical importance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs), covering areas such as patents, trademarks, industrial design, trade secrets, geographical indications, and copyright.

Mr. Subhajit Saha, Head of Legal and IPR, Resolute Group of Companies was the Key Speaker. He has worked as Director & Head of CII at Hyderabad on IPRs, policy advocacy and capacity building across all sectors. He also has experience of working with MSME'S and Artisans in protecting several handicrafts and textile products for GI registration from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu in India.



Key Speaker: Mr. Subhajit Saha making the presentation



Students & faculties attending the seminar

Mr. Subhajit delivered a comprehensive presentation that shed light on contemporary intellectual property issues spanning various industries. His talk covered the fundamentals of intellectual property, the significance of intangible assets, the necessity of IPR, the different categories of intellectual property, industrial design, and the intricate world of multiple IPs associated with a single product. He illustrated the real-world implications of neglecting IPR by using examples from renowned companies such as Nike, Apple, and Greensole. These case studies served as eye-openers, emphasizing the importance of intellectual property protection for future entrepreneurs and designers.

FDDI, Ankleshwar & FDDI, Fursatganj holds its Convocation ceremony

The students from the pass out batches of FDDI, Ankleshwar and of FDDI, Fursatganj campus received their UG and PG Degrees during the Convocation ceremony held at their respective campuses. It was the 5th Convocation ceremony of FDDI, Fursatganj campus and the 3rd Convocation ceremony of FDDI, Ankleshwar campus.

Sr. No.	Campus	Chief Guest	Guest of Honour	Convocation Date	No. of Students
1	Ankleshwar	Dr. Kishorsinh N. Chavda Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (VNSGU)	Mr. Rakesh Rai, Director P.P Savani Group	1 st November 2023	15
2	Fursatganj	Ms. Sunanda Singh, Director- Red Tape Limited	Mr. Nirbhay Kapoor, Managing - NineK Nanotech Private Limited, Kanpur	20 th October 2023	70

The convocation ceremony began with the lighting-up of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest at both the campuses of FDDI in the presence of officials from FDDI and an audience comprising of the Graduating batch, the entire student & staff body and media persons.



Lighting-up of the inaugural lamp by the Chief Guest at FDDI, Ankleshwar campus



Passing out batch at FDDI, Ankleshwar campus

Delivering the 'Keynote Address' at FDDI, Ankleshwar campus, Dr. Kishorsinh N. Chavda Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, VNSGU urged the students to carry out research & development work to increase quality of work for design field.

All the meritorious students who stood 1st in their respective programme at their respective campuses were awarded with gold medal and 'Certificate of Excellence' in academics.

Ms. Sunanda Singh, Director- Red Tape Limited in her 'Keynote Address' at FDDI, Fursatganj campus said that "India is next manufacturing hub in coming years and footwear is going to have big pie of it. Footwear technologist must be prepared to harness this opportunity and this could happen only when our graduates are skilled enough.



A graduating student receiving Degree during the Convocation ceremony at FDDI, Fursatganj campus



Passing out batch at FDDI, Fursatganj campus

The ceremony was graced by the presence of the doyens of the Footwear, Leather Goods, Fashion industry and the emerging Retail sector.

FDDI, Kolkata celebrates 'Khadi Mahotsav'

On 26th October 2023, a day-long 'Khadi Mahotsav' event was organized at FDDI, Kolkata campus in collaboration with Khadi Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Kolkata. The theme of the event revolved around 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', 'Swadeshi' and 'Vocal for Local'.

A seminar on 'Khadi Mahotsav' was held during the event which was addressed by Mr. A.P. Chobin, Assistant Director, KVIC, Kolkata. Mr. Sunil Kumar, Exective Director (ED), FDDI, Kolkata and Mr. Abhinav Kumar Mishra, Executive Technical, KVIC, Kolkata were also present.



A view of the seminar



Exhibition-cum-sales

In his 'Keynote Address', Mr. A. P. Chobin said, "Khadi is not only a fabric, it represents nation, fashion and transformation. Khadi is the fabric of freedom struggle and Father of nation, Mahatma Gandhi developed the concept of Khadi as a means to provide employment to the unemployed rural population and make them self-reliant."

The seminar was attended by all staff members and students of FDDI, Kolkata along with people from neighboring areas. In concurrence, Pledge, Rally and exhibition-cum-sales, were also organized.

Insightful seminars held at FDDI, Rohtak campus

The footwear and fashion industry is undergoing rapid development & transformation and in order to provide updated information to the students, two insightful seminars were held at FDDI, Rohtak campus.

Sr. No.	Topic	Resource Person	Date
1	Applications of Threads in Footwear and Textile Industry	Mr. Bimal Pandey – AGM, Sales & Marketing, Threads India Pvt. Ltd. (North)	17 th October 2023
2	Innovative and Sustainable Bonding Solutions for Footwear and Textile Industries	Mr. Brijesh Sharma - Application Engineer, Henkel Adhesives Technologies India Pvt., Ltd.	18 th October 2023

Mr. Bimal Pandey briefed about the ever increasing role of threads in footwear and apparel industry and through demonstration explained about the types of threads, calculation of number of threads, differences between threads, raw materials used for making threads, He explained about the criteria to be maintained while selecting threads for various products like leather, footwear and various garments.

The seminars were held with the objective to provide valuable opportunity for the participants to learn on how to utilize advanced technologies and solutions to enhance competitiveness and efficiency.

Mr. Brijesh Sharma, Application Engineer explained about the science behind bonding solutions. He briefed about Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and elucidated about the challenges faced by the footwear in today's environmentally conscious world. He also pointed out that the textile sector provides valuable insights into sustainable solutions, which are becoming increasingly important in the industry.



Participants attending the seminar on Applications of Threads in Footwear and Textile Industry



A view of seminar on Innovative and Sustainable Bonding Solutions for Footwear and Textile Industries

The seminars helped the participants to acquire knowledge for improving productivity & product quality.

Design Patent Granted for 'Artificial Intelligence' to Faculty of FDDI, Chhindwara



Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena, Faculty, FDP



Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena, Faculty, School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), at FDDI Chhindwara campus has received a patent grant for title, 'Artificial Intelligence: Enabled Facilities for Logistic Management System for Skilled Workers' like footwear, automobile etc.

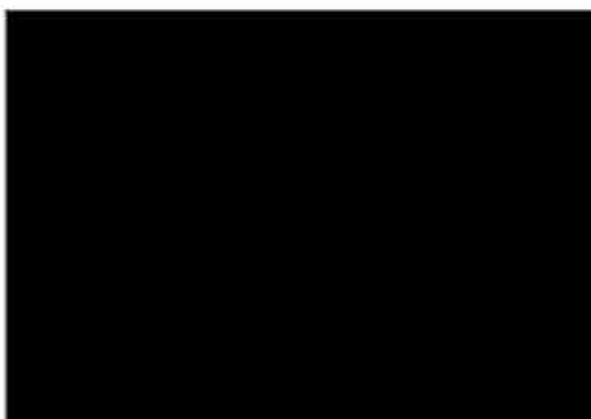
The title suggests a system that harnesses the power of artificial intelligence to improve facilities management in heavy industries. It's a forward-thinking concept that can offer several benefits, such as enhanced efficiency,

safety, and cost-effectiveness in industrial settings. The use of AI can help in predictive maintenance, workforce optimization, and data-driven decision-making to ensure the smooth functioning of facilities and the well-being of skilled workers. This title provides a clear overview of the system's purpose and target audience, making it an effective way to communicate the core idea.

The design patent was filed by understanding the requirement of heavy industries like automobile, footwear etc. for the logistic management which has successfully been granted, the design number is 392134-001 dated 18.10.2023 for which the 'Certificate of Registration of Design Patent' has been issued by the Patent Office, Government of India.

Additional Secretary, DPIIT, Government of India visits FDDI, Chennai campus & International Testing Center

Mr. Rajeev Singh Thakur, IAS, Additional Secretary (AS), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India visited FDDI, Chennai campus and & International Testing Center on 21st October, 2023.



AS, DPIIT being welcomed at FDDI, Chennai



AS, DPIIT visiting the ITC, Chennai

On this occasion, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/Managing Director (MD), FDDI, the Centre In-charge, FDDI Chennai and the staff of the institute welcomed him.

AS, DPIIT visited the International Testing Center (ITC) of FDDI having Physical & Chemical Laboratory and saw various testing-cum-quality control services being provided by it.

He suggested that since the Government of India has issued Quality Control Order (QCOs) for the leather and footwear sector, it is an opportunity for the ITC to take benefit out of it. He further said that with its new advanced machines, ITC is equipped for improving and conducting testing & inspection so as to help in increasing production of quality footwear and establishing Indian brands in the global markets.

During his visit at the Chennai campus, he inspected Footwear and Fashion Design Department workshops, CoE building for Footwear Design equipped with modern state-

of-art machineries, Design Studio, CAD-CAM lab, Digital Classroom, etc., and also reviewed the footwear and garments designed and developed by the students.



Mr. Mohammed Rayyan - a final year B.Des Footwear Design & Production Batch student of FDDI Chennai campus being felicitated by AS, DPIIT



AS, DPIIT interacting with the footwear industry representatives

AS, DPIIT also felicitated Mr. Mohammed Rayyan - a final year B.Des Footwear Design & Production Batch student of FDDI Chennai campus who won 2nd Runner up prize in Children Shoe Category in the 12th International Footwear Design Competition conducted by Confederation of International Footwear Association during the 31st International Exhibition on Shoes and Leather Industry held in Guangzhou, China.

AS, DPIIT also interacted with footwear industry representatives which paved way for fostering strong partnerships between the FDDI, Chennai campus and the footwear industry.



AS, DPIIT visiting the class room and interacting with the students



Presentation of memento to AS, DPIIT

A memento was presented to Mr. Rajeev Singh Thakur AS, DPIIT which was designed and fabricated by the faculties using the CoE machineries having laser engraved image of Mr. Rajeev Singh Thakur in nubuck leather.

FDDI, Chennai student receives 'The Most Inventive' award at NEWAVE'23 Design Fest

Ms. Anaswara K a student from B.Des Fashion Design of FDDI, Chennai campus received 'The Most Inventive' award for her Screwpine handcrafted project presented

under 'Sustainability through Biomimicry in Design' at NEWAVE'23 Design Fest held at RV University, Bangalore on 20th October 2023.

She developed handcraft products footwear, garment, accessories using screwpine leaves which is recognized under traditional cottage industry in Kerala.



Ms. Anaswara K, student of FDDI
Chennai campus



Certificate received

The research focuses on the three aspects such as design, technique and sustainability in the fashion industry, where researcher came with new ideas by adapting screwpine craft which is traditional cottage handicraft which has more than 800 years of history, falls under the topic sustainability through biomimicry in design.

Seminar on 'Innovative and Sustainable Bonding Solutions for Footwear and Textile Industries' held at FDDI, Noida campus

An insightful seminar on the topic 'Innovative and Sustainable Bonding Solutions for Footwear and Textile Industries' was held at FDDI, Noida campus on 19th October 2023 with the objective to showcase the latest innovations in adhesive technologies in the Footwear and Textile industries to the students of M.Des. FDP and B.Des. FDP.



A view of the seminar

Industry experts namely, Mr. T S Elango, Manager, Application Engineering and Mr. Brijesh Sharma, Application Engineer from Henkel Sports & Fashion India briefed the participants about sustainable and environmentally friendly bonding solutions used in industry towards greener products and processes, and the challenges and opportunities encountered in the development and application of innovative adhesives in these industries.

Workshop on 'Photography' held at FDDI, Kolkata campus

With the objective to provide an in-depth practical knowledge in fashion photography, product photography and street photography, a workshop was conducted for the 2020 batch students of FDDI, Kolkata campus from 16th to 20th October 2023.



Valuable tips being provided by Mr. Akhil Ranjan

A view of the workshop

The five-day module was conducted by Mr. Akhil Ranjan, a seasoned professional with over 14 years of experience, known for his work in numerous celebrity shoots and India's most prestigious Fashion Weeks.

The workshop emphasized the intricacies of capturing product images optimized for online retail platforms, ensuring students acquired practical knowledge for efficient e-commerce photography.

Mr. Akhil Ranjan briefed the fundamentals of photography concepts, including camera settings, lighting techniques and actively applied these skills during hands-on sessions.

Research Papers of Faculties FDDI Chhindwara, Chennai & Fursatganj published in various International Journals

Faculties from School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) of FDDI Chhindwara, Chennai & Fursatganj published research papers in various International Journals like IJRCS, International Journal of Science Academic Research (IJSAR), International Journal of Scientific and Research Publications (IJSRP), International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research (IJMR) in the subscriptions of October 2023.

Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena, Faculty from FDP, has recently made significant strides by publishing four research papers on latest footwear development in various international journal in October 2023 subscriptions. Two of them were jointly published with Co-Authors namely, Mr. Prince Joseph (Sr. Faculty) & Mr. Mukesh Saini (Sr. Faculty), each delving into diverse areas of expertise.

These research contributions bring a wealth of knowledge to the forefront of academia and Footwear industry. Research paper titled "The Future of Footwear: Exploring the Transformative Potential of 3D Printing" published by Author him in IJRCS, ISSN 2456-6683 examines the game-changing potential of 3D printing technology in the footwear manufacturing process. This exploration into 3D printing's applications in the industry opens up exciting new possibilities for the future of footwear design and production. Another paper titled "Revolutionizing Footwear Design and Production a Comprehensive exploration of Artificial Intelligence Applications" published by him in International

Journal of Science Academic Research (IJSAR) Iraq ISSN 2582-6425 has a comprehensive exploration delves into the applications of AI in the footwear industry, highlighting how it is revolutionizing design and production processes.

Topic of Research & Details	
 Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena, Faculty FDP	Title: The Future of Footwear: Exploring the Transformative Potential of 3D Printing. Publisher: International Journal of Research Cultural Society (IJRCS – 2023) ISSN: 2456-6683
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Third Research paper “Foot Abnormalities: Understanding Prevalence, Impact and Innovation Solutions” was jointly written by Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena & Mr. Prince Joseph, Sr. Faculty in IJSRP, ISSN 2250-3153 focusing invaluable insights for crafting more comfortable and supportive footwear solutions, especially for those with specific foot conditions. Fourth Research paper “Sculpting The Perfect Shoe: A Deep Dive into AI-driven Footwear Design and Production” was jointly written by Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena & Mr. Mukesh Saini, Sr. Faculty in IJMR ISSN 2582-2160 explores the evolving role of AI in the footwear industry, with a focus on its applications in design, manufacturing, and marketing. This work is set to influence the future of AI in the field.



These research papers are available on International Journal of Scientific and Research Publications (IJSRP) <https://www.ijsrp.org/research-journal-1023.php> , **International Journal of Science Academic Research (IJSAR)** International Journal of Research Culture Society (IJRCS) <https://ijrscs.org/volume-7-issue-10-published-in-oct-2023/> , International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research (IJMR) <https://www.ijfmr.com/publication-archive.php?volume=5&issue=5#papers-index>

International Webinar on ‘Custom Comfort: The Benefits of Tailored Orthopaedic Footwear’ organized by FDDI, Hyderabad campus in collaboration with Bill Bird Shoes Ltd., England

With the objective to explore the advantages and innovations in orthopaedic footwear design, an international Webinar on ‘Custom Comfort: The Benefits of Tailored Orthopaedic Footwear’ was organized by FDDI, Hyderabad campus in collaboration with Bill Bird Shoes Ltd., England on 16th October, 2023.

The webinar was held in cooperation with School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) of FDDI, Hyderabad campus during which Mr. William Robert Bird, a distinguished figure in the footwear industry with over three decades of experience was the ‘Key Speaker’.



Mr. Bird served as a lecturer in the B.A. in Footwear Design and Illustration at De Montfort University in Leicester, enriching the minds of aspiring footwear designers.

Beyond academia, Mr. Bird has actively participated as a panelist in numerous events, showcasing his commitment to advancing the discourse on footwear design and orthopaedic solutions.

Mr. William Robert Bird began the session by discussing the evolving trends and advancements in orthopaedic shoe design, addressing the unique requirements of individuals with various foot conditions. He shared valuable insights into the challenges faced in the industry and how tailored solutions contribute to improving the quality of life for individuals with foot-related concerns, factors to be consider while design a sport injury and so on.

The international webinar was attended by more than 100 participants including students, faculty members, and professionals.

Seminar on 'Product Costing & Planning' held at FDDI, Rohtak campus

With the objective to enhance the knowledge related to 'Product Costing & Planning' a seminar was organized on 12th October 2023 at FDDI, Rohtak.

Mr. Snehasis Bose, HoD of Production Planning & Control unit of JQR Footwear located at Bahadurgarh, Haryana having 10 years of experience in footwear field was the 'Key Speaker'.



Mr. Snehasis Bose explaining about 'Product Costing & Planning' during the seminar

He explained about product planning and how to calculate their cost, material cost estimate method, how to plan costs for materials without reference to orders. He also explained about industry concepts like Product costing sheets, BOM, PPV, PPH, material costing, labour costing, MRP Fixations without compromising product quality or customer satisfaction.

Industrial visit for FDDI, Hyderabad students at Footwear & Allied Factories of Tamil Nadu

An industrial visit for the students of FDDI, Hyderabad campus was organized at Footwear & Allied Factories of Tamil Nadu from 12th to 14th October, 2023.

The students of School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP) of B. Des FDP 2022-26 batch who were accompanied by their faculty visited the companies with an objective to acquire knowledge about the latest technology trend and the working process of a factory so that they can better understand the intricacies involved when they apply the theoretical concepts learned.

Sr. No.	Factory Detail	Date of Visit
1	Sanghavi Shoe Accessories Pvt. Ltd., Chennai	12 th October 2023
2	Noor & Sons Tanners, Chennai	12 th October 2023
3	RK Shoes, Chennai	12 th October 2023
4	Sanghavi Shoe Accessories Pvt. Ltd., Vellore	13 th October 2023

On the 12th October 2023 at Sanghavi Shoe Accessories Pvt. Ltd., Chennai students delved into the intricacies of shoe last design and development wherein Mr. Afsar Syed, Dy. General provided insight on shoe last design and measurements, shoe-last design principles, future trends, innovations, and so on. Students saw the company's state-of-the-art facilities and got firsthand glimpse into the innovative processes that shape the footwear industry.

Post-lunch on the same day, the students explored Noor & Sons Tanners where they were familiarized with the leather processing, post-tanning processes, future shifts in leather manufacturing, and quality control in leather making.



Mr. Afsar Syed, Dy. General Manager at Sanghavi Shoe Accessories Pvt. Ltd., briefing about importance of shoe-last development



Familiarization with the post-tanning process of leather manufacturing at Noor & Sons Tanners

On the same day, the students visited RK Shoes in Chromepet where Mr. Ranjith Kumar, Managing Director and Mr. Tamil, General Manager familiarized them on upper

making of shoe production which deepened their understanding of the craftsmanship involved.

On 13th of October, 2023, the students visited Sanghavi Shoe Accessories Pvt. Ltd., Vellore where they had the unique opportunity to witness India's largest shoe-last manufacturing facility with a capacity of producing more than 1000 pairs of shoe-lasts.

Mr. Natarajan, Vice President of Sanghavi Shoe Accessories Pvt. Ltd., briefed the students about the company and elucidated technical details of shoe-last making, and more.

FDDI, Hyderabad and AIIMS, Hyderabad signs MoU to Redefine Healthcare Footwear

In a landmark partnership that bridges the worlds of healthcare and fashion, the FDDI, Hyderabad and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Hyderabad signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 13th October 2023 at the AIIMS Hyderabad campus.

On behalf of FDDI, Dr. Narasimhugari Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS, Executive Director (ED), FDDI Hyderabad signed the MoU, whereas, on behalf of AIIMS, Hyderabad, Prof. (Dr.) Vikas Bhatia, ED, signed the MoU during which the senior officers from both the sides were present.



A view of the exchange of MoU



Media coverage

The signing ceremony was a moment of promise, as two diverse domains, healthcare and fashion, came together to create a symbiotic relationship with the potential to reshape the healthcare industry and to ensure teaching and research of highest medical standard. FDDI's unparalleled expertise in footwear design will complement AIIMS Hyderabad's commitment to excellence in healthcare, fostering the development of specialized, comfortable, and ergonomic footwear for healthcare professionals.

Industrial visit for FDDI, Chhindwara students at Tridant Ltd., Budhni, Madhya Pradesh

On 12th October 2023, thirty-eight students of B.Des. Fashion Design from semester III and semester V of the School of Fashion Design (FD) of FDDI, Chhindwara campus were taken on the industrial visit at Tridant Ltd, Budhni, Madhya Pradesh.

Headed by Mr. Rajinder Gupta as Chairman and Mr. Abhishek Gupta as Vice Chairman, Tridant Ltd., is known for its expertise in organic cotton based bath linen segment, having multiple international certificate of recognition for their quality product such as OEKO-TEX, ISO, SUPIMA, Higgs Index, Sedex BCI etc., and is offering product to many well-known national and international brands and organizations such as Walmart, Metro, IKEA, Myntra, Homestop, Shoppers Stop, Reliance Brands, etc.

The purpose of the visit was to provide an opportunity to the students to know about various compliances and processing techniques that are widely used in the international home textile segments, along with standard procedures and practices.



Students getting operational exposure at production plant of Tridant Ltd.



Technical employee briefing the students

Students visited the two separate production units at the facility one dedicated for 'Home Textile' and other for 'Bath Linen Segment' which is world's largest Towel manufacturing unit.

During the visit the Department Experts interacted with the students and explained them about the entire process of textile manufacturing starting from fiber to yarn followed by various aspects of weaving process in Home Furnishing Unit and Knitting process in Bath Linen (Towel) manufacturing unit where they follow international compliance and standards.

The students also observed the process of blending the material as per the requirement of order received at the Unit internally or from specifications received from international buyer.

Workshop on 'Design & Drawing Techniques' held at FDDI, Fursatganj

A workshop on 'Design & Drawing Techniques' was organized for Foundation Year Batch -2023, FD batch 2022 and 2020 students at FDDI, Fursatganj campus from October 5-7, 2023.

Mr. Mandeep Singh, a Delhi based artist, imparted knowledge to the student and explained the techniques involved to creatively outline a proposal to its development, detailing, and presentation to the client and/or production.



Workshop in progress



Students with their creative outcome

Mr. Mandeep Singh is a national award – Artist Residency by Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi. He is Master of Fine Arts, College of Art, Chandigarh and is a regular practicing artist.

Workshop covered the module of drawing skills and nature drawing during which the students handled different materials & colour medium such as paper, paper plates and watercolor for creating new composition. Paper plates and weaving was done by students to develop art works.

Webinar on 'Conducting Quality Research' held at FDDI, Chandigarh (Banur) campus

An insightful webinar on 'Conducting Quality Research' was held at FDDI, Chandigarh (Banur) campus on 29th September, 2023 during which Dr. Mahesh Singh, Associate Professor, Kebri Dehar University, Ethiopia addressed as subject expert.

He explained the techniques of doing quality research, and also gave a broad outline of the job opportunities in MNCs in field of research.



Dr. Mahesh explaining through a presentation



Students & Faculties attending the webinar

The students of FDDI Noida, Chhindwara and Hyderabad campuses also joined the webinar through digital classroom.

Industrial exposure for FDDI, Kolkata students and for Patna students of Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Training Program at Nirwan International Pvt. Ltd., & Excellent Footwear Pvt. Ltd.

In order to cater the creative minds of School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) and to make them abreast with the practical side of their coursework, the students of 2022 batch of FDDI, Kolkata campus & students of FDDI Patna, campus of Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Training Program were taken for industrial visit at Nirwan International Pvt. Ltd., & Excellent Footwear Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata.

Entrepreneur & Skill Development Programme is being conducted for training of 47 participants at FDDI Patna campus under Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojna, Department of Industry, Govt. of Bihar.

During the visit at Nirwan International Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Amit Nirwan-Director briefed about the entire functioning of the organization including various manufacturing process of PVC, PU and Leather sandals- for both men and women, and different type of materials.



Students at Nirwan International Pvt. Ltd.,
Kolkata



Students at Excellent Footwear Pvt. Ltd.,
Kolkata

During the visit at Excellent Footwear Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Vishal Magan-Director briefed about the entire functioning of the organization including various manufacturing process of both stock on and handmade shoes and sandals in PVC, PU and Leather –for both men and women, packaging standard and different type of materials uses for shoe manufacturing.

‘Swachhata Hi Seva’ Campaign held at FDDI campuses

‘Swachhata Hi Seva’ Campaign was held at all the campuses of FDDI from 15th September, 2023 to 2nd October, 2023 during which ‘Swachhata Pledge’ was administered by the senior officers of the campuses in the presence of all the staff & students.



Cleanliness drive at FDDI, Noida campus and felicitation of 'Safai Mitras'

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi had launched the ambitious Clean India Programme, popularly known as 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' on 2nd October 2014.



Staff taking 'Swachhata Pledge' at FDDI, Kolkata campus



A view of cleanliness drive at FDDI, Banur campus

With the aim of creating a clean India, it is necessary to bring change in our behaviour and mindset as this activity is not one time but, a continuous exercise. Following this as its guiding philosophy, 'Swachhata Hi Seva' Campaign was held during which the staff of FDDI enthusiastically participated in the cleanliness drive.



A view of cleanliness drive at FDDI, Noida campus



Poster made by students at FDDI, Jodhpur campus

Under the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' Campaign, activities like Swachhata Pledge and pledge to weed out plastic, Poster making competition, Outdoor cleanliness drive, Indoor cleanliness drive with deep cleaning, Displayed Swachhta banner on the website, Sanitization of office premises, Felicitation of 'Safai Mitras' were undertaken.

Faculty of FDDI Hyderabad campus gets certificate of 'TAS Appreciation Peacock Award'

Mr. Rambabu Muppidi, Faculty of School of Leather Goods & Accessories Design (LGAD) of FDDI, Hyderabad campus participated in the national painting competition (online) which was organized by Tirupati Art Society, Andhra Pradesh.

He submitted the drawing in leather goods and accessories product illustration work to the jury which was awarded with certificate of 'TAS Appreciation Peacock Award' on 9th October, 2023.



Faculty of FDDI invited for online review of 'Research Paper'



Mr. Anoop Singh Rana, HoS, LGAD



Certificate of 'Excellence in Reviewing'

Mr. Anoop Singh Rana, Head of School (HoS), Leather Goods and Accessories Design (LGAD) of FDDI was invited for online review of research paper in listed journal "ShodhKosh: Journal of Visual and Performing Arts" ISSN: 2582-7472.

The research paper titled "Hindu Mythological Artworks at Airports of Asia" was reviewed by Mr. Rana

for which he has been provided a 'Certificate of Excellence in Reviewing' on 04th October 2023.

Industrial visit at Competence Exports Pvt. Ltd., Hajipur for FDDI, Patna students

Under the industrial visit, 18 students of the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) of FDDI, Patna campus were taken to the factory at Competence Exports Pvt. Ltd., located at Hajipur, Bihar on 29th September 2023.



The visit provided an opportunity to the students to acquire knowledge regarding selection and usages of synthetic materials & products, chemical compositions, compounding, mixing, designing, production & marketing.

The students saw the production facilities and the real working environment located at the company where Mr. Dhanesh Prasad, Managing Director, Competence Exports Pvt. Ltd., was also present who interacted with the students and solved all their queries regarding footwear industry.

Workshop on 'Fashion Illustration (Colour Rendering)' & technical exposure at Shahpur Market for FDDI, Noida students

To provide a better understanding and to educate the 3rd semester students of School of Fashion Design (FD) on various colour techniques and different mediums used for colour application, a workshop on 'Fashion Illustration (Colour Rendering)' was held on September 29, 2023 at FDDI, Noida.

The workshop was conducted by Mr. Nikhilesh Kumar Prajapati, an accomplished artist hailing from Varanasi who has earned numerous awards from prestigious art galleries, including recognition from the State Lalit Kala Academy and IFACS.

He provided insights into the process of developing fabric swatches through the use of colour. The students also received instruction on the art of capturing body gestures in their illustrations.

On 26th September, 2023, a group of 29 students of 3rd semester students of FD, accompanied by their faculty were provided technical exposure at Shahpur Market, Delhi during their visit at functional stores who are doing jobs from pattern making, dyeing to embroidery, Swarovski onto a lace red saree.



A view of Workshop



Student at Shahpur Market

The Master Craftsmen at these at functional stores taught the students how to do embroidery on Zardozi using pearls and sequins and also provided technical inputs to them.

This hands on exposure proved to be an enriching and informative experience for the students allowing them to acquire a deeper understanding and proficiency in these essential aspects of fashion design.

Session on 'Bridging Creativity and Business Success' under ETIC programme held at FDDI, Kolkata campus

With the objective to bridge the gap between creative ideas and the corporate world, a session on 'Bridging Creativity and Business Success' was held at FDDI, Kolkata campus on 27th September 2023.

The session was organized by the Times Group under 'Economic Times in Campus' (ETIC) programme which provided a lively platform tailored for budding entrepreneurs and design school students.



A view of the session

It served as a valuable resource for those interested in staying updated with current business trends. It nurtured talent, allowing future business leaders to showcase their innovative ideas.

The key takeaways from the session were understanding one's role, knowing core marketing concepts to help communicate better in business settings,

systematic way to handle the chaos that often comes with the creative process.

'Hindi Pakhwara' held at FDDI campuses

'Hindi Pakhwara' was held at all the campuses of FDDI from 14-28, September, 2023.



Competition in progress at FDDI, Noida campus



Ms. Pragya Singh, IRS, ED - FDDI, Bannur campus giving prize to winners

In order to promote the knowledge and skills in use of official language- Hindi among the faculty, staff and the students in consonance with the policy of Government of India, four competitions were organized during the 'Hindi Pakhwara'.



Mr. Sunil Kumar Ullattuthodiyil, Executive Director (ED), FDDI, Kolkata addressing during the 'Hindi Pakhwara'



Dr. Narasimhugari Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS, ED - FDDI, Hyderabad campus giving prize to winners

The competitions witnessed the oratory, logical skills and the literary acumen of the faculty, staff and students in Hindi.

Sr. No.	Name of Competition	Held For
1.	कहानी वाचन (Story Telling)	Officers & Staff
2.	संक्षेप लेखन (Precis Writing)	
3.	निबंध लेखन (Essay Writing)	Students
4.	वाद-विवाद (Debate)	

Besides this, in accordance with the Department of Official Language Incentive Scheme, under the FDDI Rajbhasha Protshahan Yojna, Teaching as well to the Non-Teaching departments received cash prizes and certificates for the maximum percentage of work done by the department in Hindi throughout the year.



A view of 'Hindi Pakhwara' at FDDI, Fursatganj campus



A winner receiving the prize at FDDI, Noida campus by Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/MD – FDDI

During all the competitions, a large number of both teaching and non-teaching staff as well as students participated enthusiastically in the competitions.

FDDI, Hyderabad students visit IIP

With an objective to provide an insight on design, material, manufacturing, quality and logistics aspects of packaging, the students of third & fourth year of B.Des School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) of FDDI, Hyderabad campus visited Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), Hyderabad on 26th September, 2023.

Mr. N. Nataraj, Deputy Director & Regional Officer briefed about IIP, and its mission, physical and chemical testing procedures of various packaging materials, understanding of packaging's functional aspects, Pictogram, important of logo safety and best practices in packaging industry etc.



Students & faculties being briefed about testing procedures

Students and faculties of FDDI observed the physical and chemical testing procedures of various packaging materials used for footwear, leather, and other related products.

Seminar on 'Dendrite Adhesives & Footwear Chemicals' held at FDDI, Kolkata campus

With the objective to familiarize the students about the recent advances and future prospects of 'Dendrite Adhesives & Footwear Chemicals', a seminar was organized at FDDI, Kolkata campus on 26th September 2023.

It was conducted by the specialist representatives of Chandras' Chemical Enterprises (Pvt.) Ltd., namely, Dr. B Nayak- Senior Vice President, R & D, Mr. Suman Basu - Head, Sales & Marketing & Mrs. Sriparna Mitra-Head HR and Mr. Biswajit Ray-Marketing Coordinator.



Participants attending the seminar

Through presentation and interactive session, they briefed about the different types of products – different type of adhesives uses in footwear industries & their application, hardener, primer, their technical aspects, uses, safety precaution etc.

Invention by Faculty of FDDI, Hyderabad campus Filed & Published in Indian Patent Office Journal

Mr. Loganathan T, a Faculty of School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), of FDDI, Hyderabad campus has filed and published an invention in the Indian Patent Office Journal.

Mr. Loganathan. T, having more than 8 years of experience in academia and industry is M. Tech, Footwear Science and Engineering at Department of Leather Technology, Anna University, Chennai and is currently pursuing Ph.D in sport footwear at Department of Sports Technology, Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University.

Sr. No.	Author(s)	Title	Name of Agency who awarded Patent/ Patent Number
Patents – Published			
1.	1. Mr. Loganathan. T (Faculty-FDP, FDDI- Hyderabad) 2. Dr. R. Ramakrishnan 3. Dr. Muralidhar B A 4. Dr. G. Nallavan 5. Mr. Akshayaraman M	Design and Development of Sustainable Sports Shoes using Natural Plant based alternative	202341055036/ Indian Patent Office

His 12 research papers have been published in reputed international journals covering topics like Biodegradability, Tanning systems, Sports footwear, Environmental science, evaluation study about leather etc. He has participated in five different international conferences as a speaker and also attended industrial programs in Malaysia and China prior to his research in robotic systems. He also invented different new soling materials and new shoe constructions techniques based on insole.

Mr. Loganathan filed his invention of Design and Development of Sustainable Sports Shoes using natural plant based alternative.

The invention pertains to the development, design, and manufacturing of sustainable footwear using plant-based alternatives to traditional animal leather. It involves the utilization of materials such as Muskin (Mushroom Leather alternative), Piñatex (Pineapple Leather alternative), Mango Leather alternative, Coconut water Leather alternative, and other vegan leathers alternative. The invention focuses on environmental sustainability, cruelty-free production, and incorporation into fashion and athletic products such as dress and sports.



Mr. Loganathan, T
(Faculty- FDP, FDDI-
Hyderabad)



Design and Development of
Sustainable Sports Shoes
using natural plant based
alternative

The invention emphasizes sustainability by incorporating energy efficient production processes and potential recycling or biodegradation options, aligning with the growing demand for eco-friendly and cruelty-free products. In essence, this groundbreaking invention seeks to revolutionize the footwear industry by combining sustainability, style, and performance.

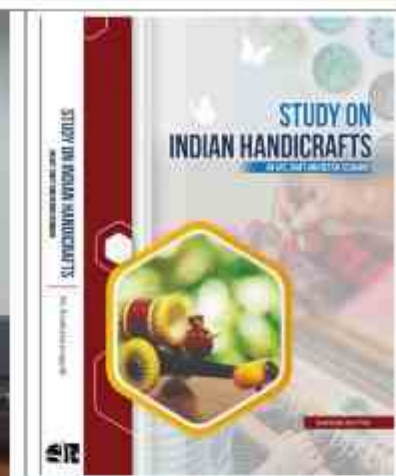
‘Study on Indian Handicrafts: An Art, Craft, and Design Scenario’, book edited by Faculty of FDDI, Hyderabad launched

A book titled ‘Study on Indian Handicrafts: An Art, Craft, and Design Scenario’ which has been edited by Mr. Rambabu Muppidi, Faculty of School of Leather Goods & Accessories Design (LGAD) of FDDI, Hyderabad campus was launched on 25th September 2023 by Dr. Narasimhugari Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS, Executive Director (ED), FDDI Hyderabad.

On this occasion, Dr. Musugu Srinivas a Rao, Associate Professor, Potti Sri Ramulu Telugu University, Hyderabad, all the Heads of Departments and faculties, staff, and students of FDDI, Hyderabad campus and media persons were present.



Dignitaries present during the launching of book



Cover page of the book

This book having ISBN: 978-93 83729-32-6 covers study on Indian handicrafts of various places and methods such as Tamil Nadu - Aruppukottai Handloom, Telangana-Narayanapet Handloom, and Textiles, Pochampalli - Ikat Cluster, Nirmal Craft Design, Folk Handicrafts of Telanagana, Kolhapur -Chappals, Etikoppaka, and Kondapalli Toys and Leather Puppetry in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and the Wall Paintings of Bhuj, Karnataka - Surpur Painting, Study on Leather Craft (Jammu and Kashmir), Hot Wax Metal Craft in Himachal Pradesh, The Physical Properties of Recycled Fibers, Varanasi Toys in Uttar Pradesh, and Baroda in Printmaking in India Colors of Life.

Overall, 24 authors and 25 coauthors collaborated and contributed to this book which includes Mr. Anoop Singh Rana, Dr. Anupriya, Dr. Chandan Kumar Vemana, Dr. Govind Soni, Dr. Ravindrababu Veguri, Mr. Nitin Kulkarni, Mrs. Priyadhrsgini, Ms. Saurabhi from various prestigious institutions like NIFT, FDDI, GITAM and Manipal Universities.

FDDI faculties, Mr. Abdul Rahuman M, Mr. Loganathan. T, Mr. Ilayaraja, Mr. Naresh Kumar, Mr. Harish Kumar, Mr. Satish Kumar, Ms. Ruchi Singh, Ms. Shika, and Ms. Priya and some alumni and current students have contributed to chapters of this book.

The book is a boon for professionals, academics, experts, design students, and research scholars.

Workshop on 'Advanced Draping Techniques' held at FDDI, Kolkata students

A six days' workshop on 'Advanced Draping Techniques' was held at FDDI, Kolkata campus for the students of School of Fashion Design (FD) 2021 Batch, Semester 5, Session 2021 - 2025 and FD 2020 Batch, Semester 7, Session 2020 - 2024 from 18th to 23rd September 2023.

The workshop, was conducted by external faculty, Mr. Gaurav Govind, Design & Management Professional during which the students got an opportunity to learn the skills to make ball gown and lingerie. Through demonstration he explained about Customization as per client requirements, Various types of boning attachments, Identification and rectification of errors, Rectification of errors, attachment of stays and fusing, material and their usage acquaintance, types of lingerie, working out alternative methods during the shortage of resources etc.



A view of the workshop

This workshop has enriched the theoretical knowledge of the students through practical experiences which was a learning experience for them.

Industrial visit for FDDI, Kolkata students at garment manufacturing unit of Devoiler and at Webel-Fujisoft-Vara, CoE

With an objective to learn facing the real challenges as well as the actual working patterns of garment manufacturing, 40 students of the School of Fashion Design (SFD), Batch 2022, 2021 & 2020 of FDDI Kolkata campus were taken for the industrial visit to the garment manufacturing unit of Devoiler on 8th September 2022.

Devoiler is an Indian ethnic wear brand that combines traditional Indian textiles with contemporary elegance and unique designs. The brand was founded by Nisha Loyalka, an internationally recognized fashion designer who was deeply moved by the plight of underprivileged handcraft workers in Kolkata, and was determined to create a brand that would provide them with a sustainable livelihood while showcasing the beauty of traditional Indian clothing. Nisha have won New York fashion week and London fashion week competition. Devoiler has a strong online presence with various e-commerce platforms such as Myntra, Amazon, Nykaa and Dubai's Namshi.com.



Industrial cutting method demonstrated by technical expert to the students at garment manufacturing unit of Devoiler



Students interacting with 3D printing professionals at at Webel-Fujisoft-Vara, CoE

The students were guided by technical experts who briefed the students about the various steps involved in the manufacturing of garments. Apart from getting hands-on technical knowledge, the industrial visit also gave an opportunity to the students to explore various silhouette and materials as well.

Similarly, with an objective to provide practical exposure to its students, an industrial visit to Webel-Fujisoft-Vara, Centre of Excellence (CoE): Industry 4.0, Newtown, Kolkata was organized for FDDI, Kolkata on 6th September 2022 for 45 students of the School of Fashion Design (SFD), batch 2021 & 2020 and the Foundation, batch 2023.

Webel-Fujisoft-Vara is an initiative of the Government of West Bengal, the Centre of Excellence in Industry 4.0 is being developed by Webel, Fujisoft Inc, and Vara Technology. The CoE brings together graduate students, professionals, start-ups, corporates, technology providers and government to radically transform skill development as well foster innovation.

The students visited the 3D printing manufacturing facility of the company comprising of state-of-the-art machines, processes and professional environment. They had an opportunity to get technical knowledge, and an opportunity to explore various materials as well.

Adding another feather in FDDI's cap, its student of Chennai campus presented his research paper at 21st UITIC Congress - Milano, Italy

Mr. Hrishikesh Ranjith, a student of FDDI, Chennai campus of 2019 - 2023 batch of School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP) presented his groundbreaking research paper titled "Novel Running Shoe Design for Persons with Plantar Fasciitis" at the prestigious 21st UITIC Congress held in the vibrant city of Milano Italy from 20th to 22nd September 2023.

The 21st edition of UITIC featured a new addition i.e., the Innovation Showcase, a space where research centres, institutions and companies from China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Mexico, Portugal, Romania and Spain presented their work to showcase "the capability of the research and innovation network that supports the footwear world in its digital and sustainable transition".

Leveraging the benefit of digital communication, Mr. Hrishikesh Ranjith submitted the abstracts which was accepted.



Mr. Hrishikesh Ranjith, at
21st UITIC Congress
Milano, Italy

The commitment of Mr. Hrishikesh Ranjith to innovation & excellence in this field has led him to embark on a remarkable journey to address one of the most common yet challenging foot conditions, Plantar Fasciitis under the guidance of Dr. Priyadharshini, Senior Faculty and Head of Center of Excellence (CoE), Chennai.

Mr. Hrishikesh's research delves deep into the biomechanical aspects of Plantar Fasciitis, and he has developed a novel running shoe design aimed at providing substantial relief to those suffering from this condition. His research not only focuses on the comfort and support aspects of the shoe but also emphasizes the importance of style and aesthetics, ensuring that individuals with Plantar Fasciitis can confidently embrace an active lifestyle.

Mr. Vikram Singh, Strategic Head – Investment, British High Commission, visits FDDI, Noida campus

On 20th September 2023, Mr. Vikram Singh, Strategic Head – Investment, British High Commission (BHC) visited FDDI, Noida campus.

During his two hour stay, Mr. Vikram Singh visited the campus of the institute including the state-of-art facilities and infrastructure as established at its four schools.

The purpose of the visit was to have prospective discussion on reaching a common ground on issues of training & education and testing services in getting an alliance with the British Footwear Association, United Kingdom (UK), associating with the technical

committees of SATRA, UK and forging linkages for industry-academia as well institutional collaboration.



Discussion in progress between Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/ MD, FDDI and Mr. Vikram Singh, Strategic Head – Investment, BHC



Mr. Vikram Singh, Strategic Head – Investment, BHC at ITC

Mr. Vikram Singh also visited the newly established Physical & Chemical Laboratory of International Testing Center (ITC) of FDDI which are equipped with new advanced machines for improving testing and inspection in a transparent manner. He saw the various testing-cum-quality control services being provided by it for leather, plastics, rubbers, textiles, footwear, artificial limbs, sports goods & tests for harmful substances. He also saw the display of leather, lifestyle and fashion products designs and sketches and interacted with the faculty members.

‘Industrial Exposure’ for FDDI, Rohtak students at Grasim Bhiwani Textiles Ltd. (GBTL)

To provide an in-depth insight about spinning, weaving, processing and dyeing of textiles, the students of Fashion Design and Foundation batch of FDDI, Rohtak campus, under the ‘Industrial Exposure’ visited Grasim Bhiwani Textiles Ltd, (GBTL) on 14th September 2023.

Under the supervision of the highly experienced faculty of FDDI, the students of FDDI learned about how yarn is manufactured practically by different machines, dyeing process, laboratory testing, carding, drawing, fabric processing (Scouring, mending, rapier loom) packing, warehousing etc.



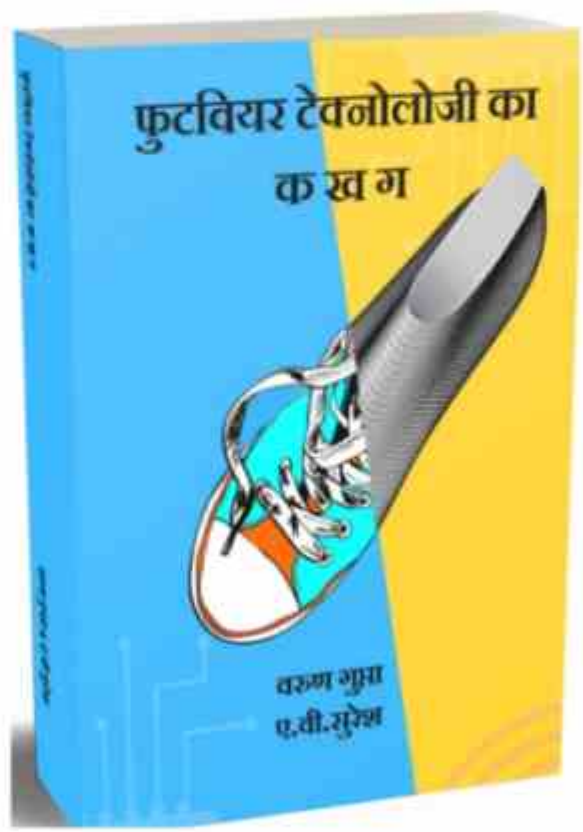
Students being briefed about the functionality of textile mill

The visit was informative as it provided an opportunity to the students to see the internal working environment of textile mill, as well as useful information related to the practical aspects of the spinning, weaving and dyeing which cannot be visualized in lectures.

‘फुटवियर टेक्नोलोजी का क ख ग’- a book jointly authored by Faculty of FDDI, Fursatganj campus gets published

A book titled, ‘फुटवियर टेक्नोलोजी का क ख ग’ jointly authored by Mr. Varun Gupta, Jr. Consultant- Footwear Technology (FT) and Center Incharge, FDDI Fursatganj and by Mr. A. V. Suresh, Senior Technical Consultant, Romans CAD (Strategies, France) –Pune has been published by Notion Press Publisher in September 2023.

The book brings practical knowledge along with theoretical aspects with the comprehensive approach in Hindi language. The USP of this book is that, it provides very minute to minute exposure of Footwear Industry through illustrations. The book is documented with chapters, segmented as Introduction, Foot & Last, Leather & Fabrics, Nesting, Grinders, Tools, Machines and Process of Footwear Manufacturing. These chapters are further divided in 30 units.

Sr. No.	Name of the Faculty	Cover page of the book
1.	 Mr. Varun Gupta, Jr. Consultant- FT, FDDI, Fursatganj	
2.	 Mr. A. V. Suresh, Senior Technical Consultant, Romans CAD (Strategies, France) Pune	

The contents of this book are also beneficial for faculties, technicians, supervisors, and managers of Footwear industry across the world. Thorough study will help the readers

to get solutions to day to day production situations. The book will be helpful for the aspirant candidates willing to face competitive exams and interview related in Corporates, Government organizations and PSU's.

The book having ISBN: 9798891331150 is available on Amazon, Flipkart and Notion Press website.

FDDI attends inaugural session of 'Yashobhoomi'

On 17th September 2023, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation 'Yashobhoomi' - International Exhibition & Convention Centre, at Dwarka, New Delhi.

On this occasion, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs (UMF&CA), Government of India (GoI), Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles (HCIM, CA, F&PD&T), GoI, Mr. Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mr. Narayan Tatu Rane, Hon'ble Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan and Hon'ble Minister of State, Housing and Urban Affairs, Mr. Kaushal Kishore were also present.

The Convention Center, built across more than 73,000 square metres of area, comprises 15 convention rooms including the Main Auditorium, the Grand Ballroom and 13 meeting rooms with a total capacity of holding 11,000 delegates. The wooden floors and the acoustic wall panels used in the auditorium of 'Yashobhoomi' ensures the world class experience for the visitor. It also demonstrates a strong commitment to sustainability as it is equipped with a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment system with 100% wastewater reuse, with the provisions of rainwater harvesting.

The operationalization of 'Yashobhoomi' will help India tap the growing Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) industry and to attract & promote business and industry.



Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurating the 'Yashobhoomi'



Officials of FDDI attending the inauguration ceremony

On this occasion, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India launched the PM Vishwakarma Scheme for providing collateral-free loans and skills training to 18 categories of traditional artisans and craftspersons. The scheme will cover traditional crafts of

carpenters; boat makers; armourers; blacksmiths; hammer and tool kit makers; locksmiths; goldsmiths; potters; sculptors, stone breakers; cobblers (Shoemith/Footwear artisan); masons (Rajmistri); Basket/Mat/Broom Makers/Coir Weavers; Doll & Toy Makers (Traditional); barbers; garland makers; washermen; tailors; and fishing net makers.

This provided an opportunity for FDDI to attend the joyous & historic ceremony.

MoU signed between FDDI & Sharda University

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between FDDI and Sharda University on 15th September 2023 which opens-up new vistas for both the Institutes which is quite broad, making it possible to work together for promotion of quality education, research & development.

On behalf of FDDI, Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, Managing Director signed the MoU, whereas, on behalf of Sharda University, Mr. Vivek Kumar Gupta, Registrar signed the MoU during which the senior officers from both the sides were present.

With the objective of sharing of knowledge and resources between the institutes in the academic interest of students & faculty members, the MoU has been signed.

The MoU will help to encourage collaboration and exchange between the two institutions at the national & international level to benefit from each other's strengths and provides scope for wider learning to the students & faculties of both the Institutes and impetus to the Centre of Excellence (COEs).



A view of the exchange of MoU

FDDI, Rohtak campus organizes seminar on 'Sewing Needles'

On 13th September 2023, FDDI, Rohtak campus organized a seminar on 'Sewing Needles' which was attended by all the students and faculties of School of Fashion Design (FP) and School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP).

The seminar was organized to equip the students with the technical knowledge of sewing needles which is a very small entity but, plays a very crucial role in improving the shop-floor productivity and the product quality especially in footwear, fabric & fashion world.

Mr. Tarun Munshi, Sales Manager, Groz-Beckert having 20 years of experience in marketing field was the resource person for the seminar. Mr. Tarun explained about the basics of needle, parts of needles, types of needles, working of needles, qualities of needle, role of needle in leathers and fashion fabrics.



Mr. Tarun Munshi briefing about the functionality of sewing needle

FDDI, Kolkata conducts seminar on 'EDP' & provides Industrial Exposure to students at Ajanta Shoes (India) Pvt. Ltd.

In order to provide adequate information about the required skills and knowledge needed for starting and running the enterprise, a seminar on Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) was conducted at FDDI, Kolkata campus on 13th September 2023.

During the seminar, Mr. Aniket Gupta, Founder of the renowned Start-up company, Padukey, shared his experiences which he faced during the establishment of his business. He briefed about the project planning, feasibility analysis, Start-up culture, sources of finance, Banking and Company law & others.



A view of the seminar on EDP



Students at Ajanta Shoes (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Besides this, on 14th September 2023, the students under the industrial exposure visited Ajanta Shoe's (India) Pvt. Ltd. Where Mr. Sandeep Kumar Maurya, GM-Manufacturing & Technical briefed the students about the entire functioning of the organization including various manufacturing process of PVC & EVA, Rubber compounding, PVC Injection, PU poring, Printing and different type of materials, manufacturing process and testing that gave the exposure to the students.

Technical seminar on 'ICad3D+RED21 CAD/CAM Technologies for Footwear Designing' held at FDDI, Chennai campus

On 12th September 2023, a seminar on topic 'ICad3D+RED21 CAD/CAM Technologies for Footwear Designing' was organized at FDDI, Chennai campus.

It was organized with the objective to equip the students with the technical knowledge on current research lines range from last customization to advanced tools for design and manufacture, such as 3D-2D connected design, virtual and augmented reality, and direct connection to additive manufacturing.



A view of the seminar

Mr. S. Baskar, Manager, Sales & Technical & Mr. Janarthan.R- Technical Engineer from CMI Machines Pvt. Ltd., were the key resource persons of the seminar. They briefed about the last and footwear customization, 3D printing of footwear lasts for footwear prototyping, flattening of complex surfaces following technical considerations of footwear, Design of customized insoles is currently being investigated, with the aim of adapting them to the morphology of the patient's foot and to treatments prescribed by podiatrists. Footwear models are designed upon digital lasts, resulting in a rigid appearance.

Honourable Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Mr. Som Prakash lays foundation stone of 'Girls Hostel' of FDDI, Banur campus

Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS), Commerce and Industry (C&I), Government of India (GoI), Mr. Som Parkash laid the foundation stone of the 'Girls Hostel' of FDDI, Banur campus on 11th September 2023.



A view of the foundation stone laying ceremony of 'Girls Hostel'



Ms. Pragya Singh, IRS, ED, FDDI, Banur campus delivering the 'Vote of Thanks'

On this occasion, Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, Managing Director (MD), FDDI, Ms. Pragya Singh, IRS, Executive Director (ED), FDDI, Banur campus, Mr. Abhishek Narang, IRS, PS to MoS, industrialists, academicians, staff & students, and media persons were present.

In his 'Keynote Address', the Hon'ble MoS, C&I, GoI, Mr. Som Parkash appreciated the efforts of FDDI in imparting professional education in the fields of footwear design, fashion design, leather and lifestyle product design, and retail and fashion merchandise.

He appreciated the exhibition of shoes, handbags, etc. designed by the students and also interacted with the industrialists of the footwear and leather industries.

The hostel with the capacity to accommodate 250 girl's student will be a boon for the girl's students as the hostel rooms will be located within a walking distance of the teaching departments & laboratories. Thus, the students will be in the position concentrate more upon their studies.

Under the Convergence of Institutes, MoU signed between FDDI, Patna & NIFT, Patna

Under the Convergence of Institutes, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 'Institutional Collaboration' was signed between FDDI, Patna and National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Patna on 9th September 2023 for institutional collaboration in education, research outreach programmes and faculty exchange.

The primary objective of this collaboration is to promote collective and collative teaching and research collaboration involving faculty members and students at FDDI Patna and at NIFT Patna to ensure teaching and research of highest standard, carry out joint academic and research programmes, as well as collaborative research projects.



Signing of the MoU in the presence of prominent figures from both the institutions



Exchange of the MoU

On behalf of FDDI, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Mishra, Center Incharge, FDDI-Patna campus and Prof. Colonel Rahul Sharma, Director, NIFT-Patna signed the MoU which is based on the strength of two premier Institutes of the country.

The signing ceremony took place at the FDDI-Patna campus wherein Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary FDDI and other prominent figures from both the institutions were present.

Webinar on 'Applications of Costing Software in Material Optimization' held at FDDI, Hyderabad campus

Leveraging the benefit of digital technology, an insightful webinar on 'Applications of Costing Software in Material Optimization' was held at FDDI, Hyderabad campus in collaboration with CMI Machines Pvt. Ltd., India on 8th September, 2023.

CMI Machines Pvt. Ltd., India was founded more than 20 years ago as a solution for the distribution and technical assistance of the software developed by the Footwear Technological Institute.

The webinar was organized by School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) during which Mr. S. Baskar, Manager, Sales & Technical & Mr. Ravi, Manager, Business Development & Technical, CMI Machines Pvt. Ltd., India discuss the various ways that users can optimize their processes to greatly reduce costs.



Mr. Ravi explaining through a presentation



Students & Faculties attending the webinar

Mr. Ravi, through a presentation explained the future design aspects about 3D Virtual, its types & applications, introduction of ICAD 3D+ software, applications in footwear design and how 3D+ applications are reshaping the sector. This innovative software streamlines material selection, minimizes waste, and significantly reduces costs throughout the production process.

Secretary, FDDI invited as 'Guest of Honour' in IFCOMA's 'SHOETECH Mumbai 2023' - Buyer-Sellers Meet cum Exhibition

Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI was invited as a 'Guest of Honour' during the 'SHOETECH Mumbai 2023' - Buyer-Sellers Meet cum Exhibition organized by Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA) held on 4th & 5th September 2023 at Nehru Centre (2nd Floor), Worli, Mumbai.

Apart from Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI, the inauguration was attended by Mr. R Selvam Executive Director, Council for Leather Exports (CLE) Mr. Naresh

Bhasin, Chairman, Western Region, CLE, Mr. HR Malik, Chairman, Maliks Traders, Mr. Shaifullah Khan, Managing Director, Zara Footwear, Mumbai, Mr. Sanjay Gupta, President, IFCOMA, Mr. Dhammajyoti Gajbhiye, Managing Director, LIDCOM, Mr. Arman Ali Khan, President, Footwear Manufacturers Welfare Association, Mumbai, Mr. Tarachand P Paliya, President Thakkar Bap pa Footwear Materials Merchants Welfare Association, Mumbai and many other stalwarts of the industry.



Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI being felicitated



Dignitaries on the Dais

With the strong support of all trade institutions, it was IFCOMA's 55th event in series and 12th edition of Mumbai "SHOETECH 2023" during which exhibitors displayed various footwear components, accessories & machinery which included specialized Soles (TPR/TPU/PU etc.) of the latest design, Plastic shoe lasts, Insoles, Toe-puff & Counters, Linings & Interlinings, Threads, Finishes & Chemicals, Packaging Boxes, Shoe Machinery etc.

Industrial visit for FDDI, Noida students at CGS Apparel Private Limited

With the objective to make the students aware about the various activities related to printing, embroidery followed by garment production cycle, and the roles of textile workers, the students of FDDI, Noida campus visited CGS Apparel Private Limited on August 26, 2023.

CGS Apparel Private Limited is a leading Private Limited Indian Non-Government Company incorporated in India on 16th July 1999. Located at Hosiery Complex, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, the company is involved in manufacture of wearing apparel, knitting, production etc.



Students watching the plant & machinery



Department Head explaining about the production process

Mr. Bharat and Mrs. Khushbu, experts of the company briefed about the apparel industry. The students were taken to visit each and every department from Planning to Shipment that is "CUT – TO – PACK" including sampling, costing, knitting, cutting, production planning, sourcing of raw material and production pattern making, fabric cutting, printing, embroidery, sewing, thread trimming, washing, ironing, store department, folding and packing are the production functions.

Insightful industry interaction on 'Digitally Printed Leather Accessories' held at FDDI, Noida campus

To help the students to acquire the techniques that are used to print on leather, an insightful industry interaction on 'Digitally Printed Leather Accessories' was held at FDDI, Noida campus on 24th August 2023.

Mr. Vinod Iyer, Director of Fortuna Colors & Prints LLP (FCP) and Ms. Pooja Chopra, Founder of Flora were the 'Key Speaker' who briefed about the transformative impact of digital printing on leather accessory design and explained about Digital Printing. They also explained about the techniques



A view of the industry interaction

to print colourful designs, text or logos directly onto leather, artificial leather materials like leather, leatherette and sustainable materials.

They also briefed about sustainability in product development market trends & forecast and career opportunities available in Digitally Printed Leather Accessories segment.

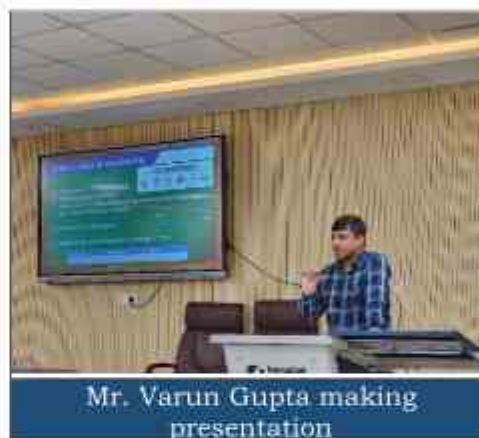
Faculty of FDDI Fursatganj invited as 'Guest Speaker' during 'Entrepreneurship Conclave' at Lucknow University

Mr. Varun Gupta, Jr. Consultant and Center In-Charge, FDDI Fursatganj campus was invited as a guest speaker during the Entrepreneurship Conclave which was held to foster innovation, collaboration and the spirit of Entrepreneurship and self-employment.

The one-week 'Entrepreneurship Conclave' was organized by Institute of Management Science, University of Lucknow from 21st August to 25th August 2023.

Mr. Varun Gupta, during a workshop, made a presentation on the topic of "MSME Sector: Marching towards Self-reliance" on 24th August 2023. The workshop contributed in the entrepreneurial and start-up business opportunities for youth.

He shared an important information on the topic and briefed the procedure for starting a new business. He advised the students to educate themselves to understand the policy and support given by the Government in establishing a startup and becoming an Entrepreneur.



Mr. Varun Gupta making presentation

Workshop on 'Liquid Embroidery' held at FDDI, Rohtak campus

With the objective to develop and enhance skills towards embroidery, a workshop on 'Liquid Embroidery' was organized on 23rd August 2023 for the students of Foundation Batch of FDDI, Rohtak campus.



A view of workshop



Final outcome by the students

Ms. Sonia Bhutani from Pidilite Industries Ltd., conducted the workshop which was attended by the students from Footwear Design & Production, Foundation Batch & Fashion Design with great zeal.

She briefed about the concept of 'Liquid Embroidery' and demonstrated how to use the 3d outliners to attain the embroidery

look. She explained that this art form can also be used on many kinds of fabrics, synthetics materials & products.

FDDI, Noida awarded with Consolation prize by TOLIC for its outstanding work in Official Language Hindi

For the progress of the Official Language Hindi, FDDI is committed and doing its level best to achieve the set goals given by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Recognizing its significant contribution, FDDI, Noida has been awarded with Consolation prize under the 'Rajbhasha Shield Yojna' for the outstanding work of the Official Language Hindi. The prize was given during the 45th meeting of the Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC) Office, Noida on August 23, 2023 which was held with the support of Directorate of Oil Industry Safety, OIIB Bhawan, Sector-73, Noida.



FDDI staff with the Consolation prize



FDDI faculty receiving Consolation prize

On behalf of FDDI, Mrs. Pooja Panwar, Faculty, Human Resource Department and Mr. Chandra Prakash, Hindi Officer participated in the meeting and received the Consolation prize.

Apart from this, under the aegis of TOLIC, Noida, 'Ashu Bhashan' (Extempore Speech) Competition was organized by Directorate General of Lighthouse and Deepspot, Sector-24, Noida, on August 09, 2023 in which Mr. Saurabh Srivastava, Junior Faculty, FDDI participated on behalf of the institute and received Consolation prize in 'Ashu Bhashan' competition.

Webinar under the 'Convergence of Institutes' on the topic 'How Technology Influences Fashion & Design Industry' held at FDDI, Noida campus

Under the Convergence of Institutes, an insightful webinar was held at FDDI, Noida. The five institutes are FDDI, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), National Institute of Design (NID) and National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT).

The convergence of the five institutes under the Ministry of Textiles and Commerce and Industry was initiated in the month of November 2022. The collaboration between these five institutes has the ability to build a more dynamic and integrated national design and business education ecosystem that benefits students, industries, and society.

In tandem with this, FDDI has taken the lead in hosting the first webinar on 23rd August 2023 on the topic 'How Technology Influences Fashion & Design Industry'.



Screenshot of the webinar

Mr. Vivek Pujari was the resource person of the webinar who is founder of learning 3D Design Institute.

During the webinar, Mr. Vivek provided valuable insights into the dynamic relationship between technology and the fashion and design industry and elucidated on Digital Design Tools and Virtual Prototyping, E-Commerce and Virtual Try-Ons, Sustainability and Smart Textiles and Data Analytics and Consumer Insights. The webinar was attended by faculty members of the five institutes.

Educational visit for FDDI, Hyderabad students at 'Weaver's Service Center', Hyderabad

To provide a comprehensive understanding of the design resource center, as well as the intricate processes of dyeing, printing, and weaving in the context of textile production, the students of B.Des. Fashion Design, 2022 batch of FDDI, Hyderabad campus under the educational trip visited 'Weavers Service Center' under the Ministry of Textiles located at Hyderabad on 23rd August 2023.

During the visit at design resource center which houses an extensive collection of patterns, motifs, and colour palettes, providing a wellspring of creativity, the students were exposed to an impressive array of traditional and contemporary designs that served as invaluable sources of inspiration.



FDDI students along with their faculty at Weaver's Service Center, Hyderabad

Expert briefing the group

Under the supervision of the faculty of FDDI, while visiting and observing the intricate processes of dyeing, printing, and weaving, the center's experts guided the students about the meticulous process of preparing dyes, applying them to fabrics, and achieving a diverse range of hues. This helped the students to gain an appreciation for the chemistry and artistry involved in obtaining the perfect shades, and how even slight variations in the dyeing process can yield distinct outcomes.

Workshop on 'Lippan Art' held at of FDDI, Rohtak campus

On 22nd August 2023, a workshop on 'Lippan Art' was organized for the students of Foundation Batch of FDDI, Rohtak campus.



A view of workshop



Final outcome by the students

Ms. Sonia Bhutani from Pidilite Industries Ltd., conducted the workshop who briefed about Lippan art, explained about colours and their role and taught how to use molding clay. She demonstrated how to use mirrors and stones (of different sizes) and further how to apply acrylic paint on the design. An assessment session was also conducted which helped the students to overcome their shortfalls.

The workshop helped the students to understand the intricate process of creating stunning Lippan art, from design conception to mirror embellishment.

Workshop on 'Application Lab' for students of FDDI, Chandigarh (Banur) campus at Chemcrown Group

In order to provide specific knowledge and skills related to testing procedures, a two days' workshop for the students of 5th semester, 3rd year of FDDI, Chandigarh (Banur) campus on 'Application Lab' was organized at the manufacturing plant of C & E Limited located at Industrial Area, Judikalan, Baddi, Distt. Solan, Himachal Pradesh and at the institute's premise.

The workshop which was organized on 21st August 2023 at the manufacturing plant of C & E Limited with the help of Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA) provided the students an opportunity to see facilities & equipment and procedures to produce valid results.

C&E Limited is a member of IFCOMA and India's leading manufacturer of leather and shoe finish chemicals. Mr. Gualberto an Italian technocrat and entrepreneur with 45 global experience leads the leather and shoe finish business for Chemcrown Group.



Students being briefed on 'Application Lab' at the manufacturing plant of C & E Limited



A view of training session conducted at FDDI, Chandigarh (Banur) campus

Technical team of Application Lab & shoe finish shared their experience with the students and briefed them on different types of tanning process, chemicals used in leather making, different types of leather, the various processes and application of shoe finish chemicals like Cleaning agent- (Dirtant & C- Mark), Dye cream- (Portofino Sensational Dye Cream), Base cream - (Matera Base), Top cream - (Matera Top), Self-shine PU - (APRETTO TOP EN) on crust as well as on upper & shoes, finishing of leather shoes & different types of mechanical operations, how to prevent and remove moulds and fungi from leather shoes etc.

Technical seminar on 'Shoe Last Development Technology' held at FDDI, Rohtak campus

With the objective to enhance the technical knowledge of the students on the development of 'Shoe Last' and the techniques used in 'Shoe Last' making, a technical seminar on 'Shoe Last Development Technology' was held at FDDI, Rohtak campus on 21st August 2023.

ER. Sunil Kumar, Managing Director, M/s. Euroasia Footform Pvt. Ltd., Agra having more than 30 years of experience in mechanical field shared his experiences with the students and faculties of Rohtak campus.

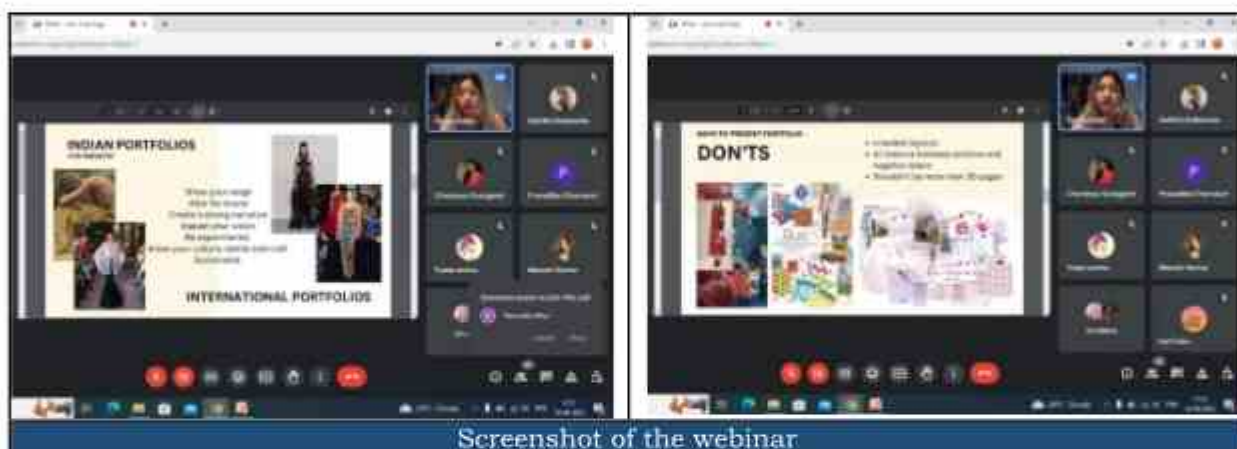


Students being briefed on 'Shoe Last Development Technology'

He briefed that Lasts are the most important part of the whole process of shoes designing and production. He explained the importance of last, its technical consideration and development of modern lasts, how to measure the last length correctly, types of last and its use in footwear industry. He also explained about the 3D development of Last by using 3-D CAD software and Last Modeling through CAD. He also briefed about how to become an entrepreneur and start one's own business.

International webinar on 'Portfolio Development: Crafting your Path to Success' held by FDDI, Hyderabad

On 19th August 2023, an international webinar on 'Portfolio Development: Crafting your Path to Success' was held by FDDI, Hyderabad during which Ms. Tasha Zafar and Ms. Sahithi K from Istituto Marangoni, London, United Kingdom were the key speakers.



Screenshot of the webinar

Students of B.Des. Fashion Design of 2020 batch attended this webinar which provided insight on the significance of a well-crafted portfolio in today's competitive landscape, Key elements of a successful portfolio, Tailoring portfolios for different industries and career paths, Do's and Don'ts of portfolio presentation and design, Realworld examples of standout portfolios and their impact etc.

The webinar provided technical inputs to the students for enhancing their portfolio development techniques which will help them in expressing and translating their product designs & creative thoughts.

Technical seminar on 'Innovative & Sustainable Bonding Solutions for Footwear, Sports & Fashion' held at FDDI, Chennai campus

With an objective to update the knowledge of the students on adhesives which has made the process of shoe construction easier & is playing a vital role in the modern shoe industry, a technical seminar on "Innovative & Sustainable Bonding Solutions for Footwear, Sports & Fashion" was held at FDDI, Chennai campus on 10th August 2023.

Mr. T.S. Elango, M. Tech., Manager - Technical Customer Service & Business Development (BD) and Mr. Balakumaran Selvam MBA, Manager Sales - South India, Sri

Lanka & Turkey, BD in Footwear, Intimate & Performance wear, Henkel Adhesives Technologies India Pvt. Ltd, were the key resource persons of the seminar.



A view of seminar



Participants of seminar

During the seminar, they briefed about the bonding materials, processing and properties of adhesives, pre-preparation of adhesive application on different types footwear materials & construction, uses of latest machineries and robotics for adhesives application process to improve the productivity and reduce the cost. They explained that using the right adhesive and application methods are important for the end results. During the seminar they conducted a quiz program for the students and distributed prizes to the winners.

FDDI, Hyderabad students visit T-Works

With an objective to provide an insightan opportunity to explore the cutting -edge facilities, innovation labs, and pioneering projects housed within, the students of second year, third year and fourth year of B.Des School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), FDDI Hyderabad visited T-Works which is located at Raidurgam, Hyderabad on 17th August, 2023.

T-Works, India's Largest Prototyping Center - a Government of Telangana Initiative is a thriving innovation ecosystem located in the heart of Hyderabad which has become a hub for tech enthusiasts, innovators, and entrepreneurs.



Mr. Poojithkaithi, CAD Designer, briefing about 3D Printing technology utilized by T-Works



Students and Faculty members with team of T-Works

Ms. Sharon, Technical Lead, Solutions Team, briefed about T-Works and its mission to foster collaboration and experimentation. Students and faculties embarked on a guided tour, where they will be able to witness the latest technologies in action, including additive manufacturing, woodworking, robotics, and rapid prototyping.

There was interactive workshops that offered the students and faculties a chance to engage hands-on with technology challenges and gain practical insights into its applications.

International Live Webinar on 'Footwear Design Unleashed: Pushing Boundaries and Creating Icons' by Creas F&C Co., Ltd., South Korea held in cooperation with FDDI, Hyderabad campus

On 10th August, 2023, an International Live Webinar on 'Footwear Design Unleashed: Pushing Boundaries and Creating Icons' by Creas F&C Co., Ltd., South Korea was held in cooperation with FDDI, Hyderabad campus.

Creas F&C CO., LTD, South Korea makes and sells golf apparel and golf balls and performance footwear. Its brands include Fantom, Ping, Master Bunny Edition and St. Andrews. The company was founded in 1998 and is headquartered in Seoul, South Korea.

Mr. Jaykay IM, Senior Footwear Designer & Design Lead at Creas F&C Co., Ltd., South Korea was the 'Key Speaker'. With over a decade of industry experience, Mr. JayKay IM stands as senior footwear designer lead at Creas F&C Co., Ltd., in Seoul, South Korea, while his journey has taken him from senior roles at K-Swiss in Xiamen, China, to his prestigious tenure as Chief Footwear Designer at Anta in Xiamen.



Mr. Jaykay IM, Senior Footwear Designer & Design Lead at Creas F&C Co., Ltd., South Korea making presentation & briefing on his latest collections



Students & faculties attending the international webinar

His creative brilliance has been recognized with awards like the IDA Design Gold, K Design Award, and Red Dot Award for projects ranging from golf shoes to football boots, underlining his ability to merge style and functionality. Holding a degree in Industrial and Environment Design from Konkuk University, Mr. JayKay's holistic approach to design is underscored by his eco-friendly concepts that garnered accolades like the Special Prize at the Seoul Design Olympiad. His outstanding career continues to reshape

the footwear landscape with a legacy of innovation and a commitment to pushing the boundaries of possibility.

The international webinar was attended by more than 120 participants including students, faculties, staff members across 12 campuses of FDDI and design studios.

'National Handloom Day' celebrated at FDDI, Hyderabad, Chennai & Chhindwara campus

'National Handloom Day' (NHD) was celebrated at FDDI, Hyderabad, Chennai & Chhindwara campus on 7th August, 2023.

In commemoration of NHD, FDDI Hyderabad campus hosted a spectacular fashion show-cum-class competition of 'Indian Traditional Drapes'. Aligning with this year's theme, a vibrant display of creativity and cultural heritage was organized by the School of Fashion Design (SFD) during which the students of the 2021 batch showcased a splendid collection of traditional drapes from across India, adorned in exquisite 'Handloom Sarees' & 'Dhotis'.

A distinguished panel of judges evaluated the students' creativity, craftsmanship, and presentation. The event not only celebrated the rich legacy of handloom weaving in India but, also highlighted the immense potential of the young fashion aspirants.



Students of FDDI, Hyderabad campus presenting their collection

On the occasion of NHD, FDDI Chennai campus organized an interactive session of FDDI students with Handloom Saree Artisan, Mrs. Sugnadi from Kancheepuram who briefed them about handloom weaving and developing sarees. Handloom saree were kept for

display and sales.



Mrs. Suganthi
explaining about
Handloom Saree



Students presenting 'Handloom Saree Styling'

Apart from this, various competitions were also organized for students such as Poster Design with the theme of HND, Saree Draping & Styling and Charkha Making.



Winners of Poster Design



Student team with Charakha Model

In commemoration of NHD, FDDI Chhindwara campus invited two distinguished



Dignitaries watching
presentations of students at
FDDI Chhindwara campus



Tribal dance by students of
FDDI Chhindwara campus

personalities at its campus, namely Mr. Rohit Rusia Co-Founder, ASHA (Aid & Survival of Handicraft Artisans) & Bhartiya Shilp, Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh (MP) and Mr. Rajiv Shrivastava, Director, NSDC International Skills Center, Chhindwara, MP, luminaries known for their contributions to the fields of art,

literature, and skill development.

NHD celebrations was a harmonious blend of heritage and innovation, showcasing the future of Indian fashion.

'INI Day' celebrated at FDDI, Noida campus

On 5th August 2023, FDDI celebrated 'INI Day' at its Noida campus.

As FDDI was declared "Institute of National Importance" vide Government of India gazette Notification No. 30, Ministry of Law & Justice (Legislative Department), New Delhi dated 5th August 2017, this date, i.e. 5th August has been considered for celebrating 'INI Day (Enactment)' of FDDI.

The event was attended by eminent industry experts including Mr. Motilal Sethi, Member- FDDI Governing Council (GC) & President, Indian Leather Goods Association (ILGA), Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Member- FDDI GC & President, Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA), Dr. Kumar Bijoy -Associate Director, Department of Distance and Continuing Education, University of Delhi, Mr. Dharmender Singh Business Head at Gopsun Leather and Footwear Pvt., Ltd., Mr. Sanjeev Batra- General Manager, New Age Sibrama, Ms. Kiran Joshi Sourcing Specialist, RS Lifestyle, Mr. Suman Nayak - Chief General Manager, Nippon Audiotronix Pvt., Ltd., Ms. Naveli Dixit - Assistant Buying Manager, Lenskart Solutions Pvt Ltd., Mr. Rishabh Shukla - Founder, Innocrazy Tech Services, Mr. Shashi Piyush Category Head (Footwear/ Accessories/ Innerwear) Blackberry. A large number of alumni attended this event.

Ms. Pragya Singh, Executive Director, FDDI, Banur campus, staff member of all the campuses of FDDI, media persons also attended the 'INI Day' celebration which was an inspiring confluence, honouring the legacy of FDDI and its pioneering contributions to the field of footwear design and production education in India.



Lighting of the inaugural lamp



Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, MD-FDDI delivering the 'Welcome Address'

Delivering the 'Welcome Address', Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha IAS, Managing Director-FDDI said, "With great pleasure and with great pleasure and humility, I congratulate you all on this memorable day of life that marks a significant milestone in FDDI's journey of nurturing individuals to excel and contribute to the growth and development of various

sectors, including fashion, leather, lifestyle, product design, and retail & fashion merchandise”.



Audience at the auditorium



Mr. Motilal Sethi, Member- FDDI, GC & President, ILGA addressing the audience

The event served as a platform to celebrate FDDI's achievement and provide an opportunity for its students, alumni, industry leaders, and academic experts to come together and share their experiences, insights, and visions for the future.

FDDI has constantly demonstrated an unwavering commitment to fostering positive change, and its journey of more than past 35 years has been marked by remarkable achievement in the global educational landscape in the areas of footwear, leather, fashion, retail and management.



Dance performance by students



Alumni sharing his 'Success Story'

Additionally, the celebration included panel discussion on the topic "Prospects of Footwear, Leather Goods, Fashion & Retail Industry in India & FDDI's Role in Mission LiFE" which was moderated by Mr. Amit Verma, Sr. Manager, Placement. During this, the panelist which included prominent industry experts, provided valuable insights into the latest trends, techniques, and advancements in the concerned industry.

During the event, cultural performances and fashion shows also featured, highlighting the fusion of traditional and contemporary designs, and showcasing India's rich culture and heritage.

Delivering the 'Vote of Thanks', Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary, FDDI said, "I extend special thanks to distinguished alumni who stand out from the crowd with their achievements and contributions. Your exceptional journey continues to inspire current and future generations present at the institution."



Panel discussion in progress



Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary, FDDI delivering the 'Vote of Thanks'

The event was sponsored by Ayyappa Enterprises, Corporate Infotech Pvt. Ltd., Yes Bank, Imaginarium Solutions (I) Private Limited, K H Exports India Pvt. Ltd., BBK Shoes, Sibrama Newage Pvt. Ltd., Euphoric Innovation Pvt. Ltd., Althaf Shoes Pvt. Ltd., West Wood Wears (P) Ltd., Mochiko Shoes Pvt. Ltd., Star International Pvt. Ltd., Orion Conmerx Pvt. Ltd., Adroitech Information Systems Pvt. Ltd., Kannan Plastic Products Pvt. Ltd., - (HR), Innocrazy Tech Services Private Limited and HDFC Bank.

FDDI attends the launch ceremony of 'Study in India' Portal

On 2nd August 2023, FDDI attended the launch ceremony of 'Study in India' Portal in New Delhi.

Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister, Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan and Union External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar jointly launch Study in India (SII) Portal which serves as a one-stop platform that simplifies international students' academic journey in India and will play a pivotal step in making India a preferred destination for higher education.

Minister of State for Education Dr. Subhas Sarkar; Minister of State for Education, Mrs. Annpurna Devi; Minister of State for Education and External Affairs, Mr. Rajkumar Singh; Member of Parliament, Dr Mahesh Sharma; senior officials of Ministry of Education and Skill Development and Ambassadors of more than 10 countries attended the event.

SII Portal is a dedicated website that will provide comprehensive information about the Indian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The vision for the portal is guided by the new National Education Policy (NEP).



Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister, Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan and Union External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar jointly launching SII Portal



Participants attending the launch ceremony of SII Portal

Representing FDDI, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary attended the launch of SII portal that will provide a fillip in establishing a strong international footprint of brand 'India' in the education sphere across the globe.

FDDI is partner institution for the SII Scheme of the Government of India.

FDDI has developed website targeting international student under Study in India scheme (https://www.studyinindia.gov.in/institute_details?institute_ID=SII-I-0269&active_tab_index=0) through which international students can pursue Under graduate and Post graduate programmes in areas of footwear, leather, fashion, retail and management.

FDDI organizes 'Fashion Show' during 7th IIFF

FDDI organized a 'Fashion Show' during the 7th edition of the India International Footwear Fair 2023 (IIFF), which was held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 27th to 29th July 2023.

IIFF was organized by India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) and co-organized by Confederation of Indian Footwear Industries (CIFI).

FDDI in association with CIFI organized the 'Fashion Show' on 28th July 2023 at 6:00 PM at Pragati Maidan.

The collaboration between CIFI and FDDI brought a comprehensive approach to the event, combining expertise in creative design and footwear development. It offered a unique opportunity for designers, students, and professionals from both fields to come together, exchange ideas, and present their creations to a wider audience.



FDDI students on the ramp



Models on the ramp

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS – Managing Director (MD), FDDI, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI, Mr. Raj Kumar Gupta, President- CIFI, Mr. V Noushad, President, CIFI, Mr. Alok Jain, National Treasurer, CIFI and other industry dignitaries.

Audience was mesmerized by the grace and beauty of the entire show. The event was a huge success as it was well appreciated in the form of thunderous applause after the show. A flash mob during the IIFF was also organized by FDDI which added an element of surprise, excitement, and entertainment to the event.

FDDI, Kolkata students visit Kolkata Metiabruz Garment Fair & 6th Kolkata Garment Expo 2023

With an objective to make the young minds aware about the upcoming trends on materials, colours & design aspect of the garment industry, the students of FDDI, Kolkata campus visited two garment fairs namely, Kolkata Metiabruz Garment Fair 2023 and 6th Kolkata Garment Expo 2023.

Kolkata Metiabruz Garment Fair 2023, a kids wear apparel manufacturing garment fair was held from 27th to 29th July 2023 at Biswas Bangla Mela Prangan, Milan Mela, Pavilion A, Near Science City, Kolkata.

Bangla Readymade Garments Manufacturers & Traders Welfare Association, Kolkata organized the 6th Kolkata Garment Expo 2023 which was held on 27th & 28th July 2023 at PC Chandra Garden, Science City, Kolkata in collaboration with MSME & Textile Department Govt., West Bengal, supported by Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC).

Under the guidance of the highly experienced faculty of FDDI, a total 21 students and 1 faculty of the School of Fashion Design (SFD), batch 2021 and 2022, and from School of Footwear Design & Production (SFDP), batch FDP 2022 visited the fairs.



Students alongwith their faculty at entrance of Kolkata Metiabruz Garment Fair 2023, Milan Mela, Science City



Students alongwith their faculty at the entrance of 6th Kolkata Garment Expo 2023

The students visited the garment manufacturing company stalls and saw the latest designs at booths. They got the opportunity to see various kinds of textiles and upcoming technology in the field of garment manufacturing.

Apart from getting hands-on technical knowledge, the visit also gave an opportunity to the students to understand the event management skills required for conducting such fairs and exhibitions as well.

Faculty of FDDI invited for online review of 'Research Paper'

Mr. Neeraj Sharma, Chief Faculty & Head of School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), FDDI was invited for online review of research paper in listed journal "ShodhKosh: Journal of Visual and Performing Arts".

Mr. Sharma, a Footwear Technologist and FDDI Alumnus 1997-99 batch having vast corporate & industry experience of 23 years has worked with world's largest Multinational retailing companies like Carrefour France and Metro sourcing Germany.

The research paper titled "Designing of Footwear Through Art of Chamba Rumal" was reviewed by Mr. Sharma for which he has been provided a 'Certificate of Excellence in Reviewing' on 22nd July 2023.



Mr. Neeraj Sharma,
Chief Faculty & Head of
SFDP



Certificate of Excellence in
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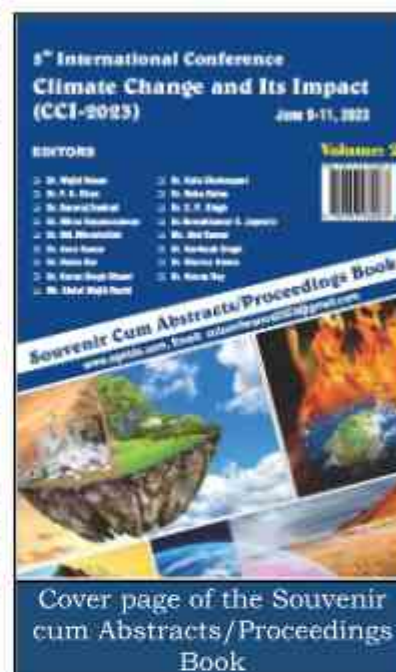
Abstract of Faculties of FDDI gets published in 'Climate Change and Its Impact (CCI 2023)'

Abstract entitled 'Conversion of Traditional Phulkari Embroidery to Digital Form' written by Dr. Sarita Devi, Dr. Sushila, Mr. Amit Sain and Dr. Krishi Sarin has been published in Souvenir cum Abstracts/Proceedings Book of the 5th International Conference on "Climate Change and Its Impact (CCI 2023)" : Volume 2, Page no. 34 with ISBN: 978-93-5396-006-3.

This International Conference was held from 9th to 11th June 2023 at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST-K), Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, India. The other contributor of this abstract is Mr. Vivak Ujjwal from Department of Horticulture, Alga Energy, North India.

This abstract elucidates about 'Phulkari' which is a traditional handmade embroidery, literally meaning "flower work", perpetuated by the women of Punjab (North-west India & Pakistan) during the 19th century and till the beginning of the 20th century.

Even though the textile industry today, is imitating this art with the help of machines, 'Phulkari' work has almost disappeared in its original form, due lack of interest for manual work, profitability, industrialization etc. This abstract provides the landscape on present research.



FDDI participates in '2nd Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam' & '3rd Anniversary of NEP 2020'

FDDI participated the '2nd Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam' & '3rd Anniversary of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020' which was held on 29th and 30th July 2023 at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurated the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam 2023, which aligned with the third anniversary of the NEP 2020.

Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary, FDDI, Mr. Sharad Srivastava, Sr. Consultant, School of Footwear Design & Production and Mr. Sandeep Bhatia, D.G.M., Student Affairs & Examination Department attended the event.



Guided by the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, NEP 2020 was launched with a view to groom the youth and prepare them for leading the country in Amrit Kaal. It aims to prepare them for meeting the challenges of the future, while keeping them grounded in basic human values. During the three years of its implementation, the policy has brought radical transformation in the realms of school, higher and skill education.

The two day programme provided a platform for academics, sector experts, policy makers, industry representatives, teachers and students from schools, higher education and skilling institutions, among others, to share their insights, success stories and best practices in implementing the NEP 2020 and work out strategies for taking it further ahead.

FDDI attends inaugural session of IECC complex 'Bharat Mandapam' at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

On 26th July 2023, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC) complex named 'Bharat Mandapam' at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.

On this occasion, the Hon'ble Prime Minister also unveiled the G-20 coin and G-20 stamp.

In his 'Keynote Address', the Hon'ble Prime Minister said the inauguration of the IECC complex at Pragati Maidan in the national capital has taken place on Kargil Vijay Diwas when the "enemies of the country were defeated by our brave sons and daughters".

The Hon'ble Prime Minister asked the nation to follow the idea of 'Think Big, Dream Big, Act Big'.



Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurating 'Bharat Mandapam'



Officials of FDDI attending the inauguration ceremony

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Mr. Piyush Goyal, stated that the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi has altered the way the country thinks and inspired us to advance as a nation towards the objective of being a developed nation.

Numerous other Union Ministers and Ministers from the government and leading industry experts were present on the occasion.

It is India's largest MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) destination. Its magnificent multi-purpose hall and plenary hall have a combined seating capacity of 7,000 people, which is greater than the seating capacity of Australia's famous Sydney Opera House.

Different walls and facades of the Convention Centre feature various representations of traditional Indian art and culture, such as "Surya Shakti," which highlights India's efforts to harness solar energy, "Zero to ISRO," which celebrates our accomplishments in space, and "Pancha Mahabhuta," which symbolises the elements that make up the universal foundation: Aakash (Sky), Vayu (Air), Agni (Fire), Jal (Water), Prithvi (Earth). The Convention Centre is also decorated with a variety of paintings and tribal artefacts from different parts of the nation.

This venue will host the G-20 Leaders Summit which will be held in September under the presidency of India.

This provided an opportunity for Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) to attend the joyous & historic ceremony.

Delegate from Bangladesh visits FDDI, Noida

To develop closure relationship with the FDDI, Ms. Nawrin Akter Sherif from Leather Goods & Footwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association of Bangladesh (LFMEAB) visited FDDI, Noida campus on 27th July, 2023.

LFMEAB is the recognized trade body that represents most of the major export oriented manufacturers & exporters of leather goods & footwear in Bangladesh.

In this regard, she met Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI and discussed the possibilities of conducting training programs in Bangladesh and training of students at FDDI.



Discussion in progress

They further discussed about the possibility of supporting Footwear industry of Bangladesh in improving operations through bench marking. FDDI also offered testing service support to the Bangladesh industries.

FDDI, Jodhpur campus participates in workshop-cum-panel discussion on 'Implementation of NEP' at IIT – Jodhpur

FDDI, Jodhpur campus participated in a workshop-cum-panel discussion on 'Implementation of National Education Policy 2020 (NEP)' which was conducted by Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur on 25th July 2023.



A view of the workshop-cum-panel discussion

The workshop was attended by 25 officials including Heads from Higher Education Institutions such as MBM University Jodhpur, NIFT, JIET, FDDI, JNVU, LMCST and higher authorities of esteemed Schools of

Jodhpur like KV's, Bodhi International, Mayoer Chopasni, Rajmata etc.

Mr. Sunil Kumar, Associate Faculty, FDDI Jodhpur campus participated in this workshop-cum-panel discussion.

The panelists spoke on the various aspects of NEP which is based on the pillars of access, equity, equality, affordability, accountability and will transform India into a vibrant knowledge hub.

Interactive session by Industry Expert from M/s. Versatile Enterprises held at FDDI, Banur campus

On 24th July, 2023, an interactive session was conducted by Mr. Vipin Kumar Seth, Industry Expert from M/s. Versatile Enterprises at FDDI, Banur campus.



Mr. Vipin Kumar Seth, Industry Expert being greeted by Ms. Pragya Singh, IRS, ED, FDDI, Banur campus



Mr. Vipin Kumar Seth interacting with the students

While interacting with the students, Mr. Vipin Kumar Seth said that that knowing the details of components used in footwear is extremely important because it empowers us to estimate the cost and quality of the product correctly.

'Craftsman Development Programme' organized by FDDI conducted at Apparel Training & Design Centre, Noida

To enhance the technical and industrial attitude in the minds of the Fashion Design Craftsman/Lab Assistant on 'Pattern Making & Garment Construction' and 'Dyeing and Printing', a 'Craftsman Development Programme' (CDP) was organized by FDDI from 3rd July to 14th July, 2023.



A view of theory session of 'Craftsman Development Programme'



A view of practical session of 'Craftsman Development Programme'

CDP was conducted at Apparel Training & Design Centre (ATDC), Noida under the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

The training sessions were conducted by qualified trainers of ATDC, Training of Trainers (ToT) Academy under the guidance of Ms. Neera Chandra, Director- ATDC and Ms. Meenu Dabas, Principal – ATDC, Noida, fostering an interactive and collaborative learning environment.



Participants explaining about their concept

The programme provided the essential knowledge on various aspects of Pattern Making & Garment Construction (PM&GC) such as development of basic pattern -bodice and skirt, neckline variations, seams and seam finishes which will provide a fillip to meet the skilled manpower requirement for industrial growth of the country.

In the domain of dyeing & printing, the participants learnt about the different techniques of dyeing & printing such as tie & dye, block printing, screen, batik, linoleum, mono and collography printing which is very important for the Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission of Govt. of India.

The participants developed samples of each dyeing & printing techniques which was also displayed.

Workshop conducted at FDDI's CoE Chennai for NITTE School of Fashion Technology & Interior Design, Bangalore

A day long workshop on 'Footwear Prototyping and Basics of 3D Printing' was conducted at the Centre of Excellence (CoE) at FDDI Chennai campus for the students and staff members of NITTE School of Fashion Technology & Interior Design, Bangalore.

This CoE has been established on the thematic area 'Center for Design, Development & Fabric Interface' and has been operationalized on 23rd May 2023.

A total of 60 final year students of B.sc Fashion Design and 5 staff members attended the workshop on 11th July 2023 wherein they had the opportunity to visit the CoE established in the premise of FDDI Chennai campus.

The workshop was meticulously designed wherein the participants were given basic awareness about the footwear designing, prototyping and demonstration about the basic working mechanism and operation of 3D printer and other designing tools and equipment's installed in CoE building was given.

Through this experiential learning opportunity, the students were able to explore the innovative world of 3D printing and gain insights into the intricate process of creating leather products.



A view of the demonstration session



A view of the theory session

By engaging in this workshop, the students from NITTE School of Fashion Technology and Interior Design were able to enhance their understanding of these technologies while also honing their practical skills.

Seminar on 'Current Trends in Sports Footwear Manufacturing Industry' held at FDDI, Noida

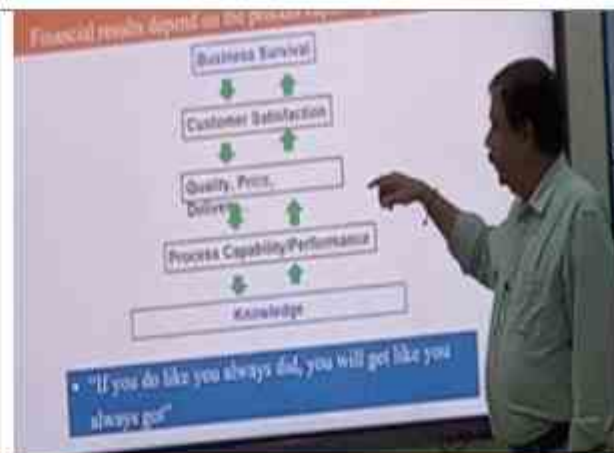
An insightful seminar on the topic 'Current Trends in Sports Footwear Manufacturing Industry' was held at FDDI, Noida on 5th & 6th July 2023 with the objective to upgrade the faculty and to make them aware with the current industry norms and standards.

The sessions were conducted by eminent speakers namely, Mr. Sreedhar Jayaraman, Mr. Tanmay Kr Mishra, Mr. S. D. Singh and Mr. S.M. Shahid Anwar, all of them having more than three decades of valuable experience in footwear manufacturing.

The first session was conducted by Mr. Sreedhar who gave a brief overview on how the sports footwear evolved over the ages and how each stage has contributed towards the development of the other. He also discussed about what technologies contributed to the development, the associated design features, the tangible and intangible factors associated in sports footwear.



A view of the session conducted by Mr. Sreedhar Jayaraman



Mr. Tanmay Kr. Mishra conducting the session on 'Quality in Leather Footwear'

The session on 'Quality in Leather Footwear' was conducted by Mr. Tanmay Kr. Mishra who briefed about 'Quality' from customer as well as factory's approach, on how quality can be built into a sports footwear, the role of various processes in quality building. He also discussed about various approaches for achieving quality whether its KANBAN system or POKE-YOKE approach and many other. He explained the importance of each and every activity that is held on floor and that goes into making of quality as subject of utmost importance while manufacturing.

Mr. S.D. Singh briefed about the various aspects of 'Global Sourcing and Outsourcing'. He explained about developing the strategies, the associated risks and benefits of First Movers, the intricacy of whole sourcing gamut right from design to logistics. He also discussed about the need of effective training which stands as a key ingredient to get desired result, understanding about the geopolitical effects & labour factor.



A view of the participants attending the seminar



Group photograph of eminent speakers & Faculty of FDP

The last session was conducted by Mr. S.M. Shahid Anwar wherein he briefed about the changing market trends, how and when the various factors drive these trends, what are the various global facets that create shift in this paradigm.

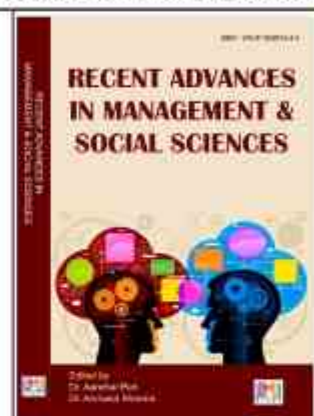
Research study of Faculty of FDDI, Hyderabad campus gets published in RAMSS

A joint research study of Mr. Rambabu Muppidi, and Mr. K. Elayaraja a Sr. Faculty of FDDI, Hyderabad campus has been published in National Journal of Recent Advances in Management & Social Sciences (RAMSS).

The title of the research study is 'The Historical Perspective on Mandapa Pillors Design at the Taduvai Bhadrakali Sametha Veereswara Swami Temple: Pillar Art and Cultural Representation in Unity'.



Mr. Rambabu Muppidi,
Faculty, SLGAD, Hyderabad



Cover page of the
book

Mr. Rambabu Muppidi, Faculty in School of Leather Goods & Accessories Design (LGAD) and

Mr. K. Elayaraja, Sr. Faculty, School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) carried out

the field study in the Coastal region and visited some places near the Godavari Deccan Plate and Andhra Pradesh region at some of the oldest mandapa and pillar-designed temples.



Mr. K. Elayaraja, Sr.
Faculty, FDP, Hyderabad



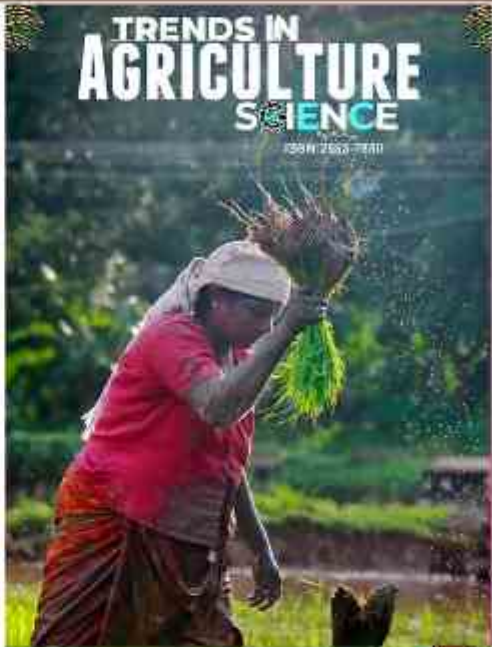
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The book has been published by S SHARDA GLOBAL RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS bearing ISBN: 978-81-958915-4-2 dt. 10.07.2023.

Article written by Faculties of FDDI gets published in the journal 'Trends in Agricultural Science'

An article titled 'Biological and Psychological Aspects of Clothing', jointly written by Dr. Sushila Hooda, Jr. Faculty, FDDI-Noida campus and Dr. Sarita Devi, Jr. Faculty, FDDI-Rohtak has been published in the journal 'Trends in Agricultural Science' Volume 2, Issue 6, June, 2023, Pages: 443-446, ISSN: 2583-7850. Both the faculties are from FDDI's School of Fashion Design (SFD).

The article elucidates about textiles which has always played important roles in well-being of a human being by protecting it from different adverse environmental conditions and making him feel comfortable. Comfort characteristic is an important functionality of clothing. It is used in many societies for the purpose of expressing wealth, status, occupation, age, occasion, gender, etc. The dress of an individual is a kind of 'sign language' it communicates a complex set of information and is usually the basis on which immediate impressions are formed.

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'9th International Yoga Day' celebrated at FDDI campuses

'9th International Yoga Day' was celebrated with great enthusiasm across all campuses of FDDI by holding Yoga sessions on 21st June, 2023.

To mark its significance and raise awareness about the many benefits of Yoga, the United Nations proclaimed 21st June as the International Day of Yoga in December 2014.

At FDDI, Noida campus, Yoga session was conducted on 21st & 22nd June 2023 by Mr. Shivaditya Purohit, Yoga Therapist and Naturopath.



Staff doing asanaas at FDDI, Noida campus



Staff doing Yoga at FDDI, Hyderabad campus

FDDI, Jodhpur campus organized 3 days Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) in collaboration with Dr. Sarvpalli Radhakrishnan Ayurvedic College Jodhpur. Dr. Dhanya of Ayurvedic College along with her two trainee students conducted the session.



Staff doing asanaas at FDDI, Jodhpur campus



Staff doing asanaas at FDDI, Chennai campus

At FDDI, Kolkata campus, Yoga session was conducted by two employees namely Mr. Rameshwar Roy (Maintenance Department) & Mr. Manoj Kumar Roy (Footwear Design & Production).



Staff doing Yoga at FDDI, Kolkata campus



Staff of FDDI, Banur campus doing asanaas

Led by the Isha Foundation, the Yoga session at FDDI, Banur campus was conducted through online mode.

Around 200-250 employees of across campuses attended Yoga session with a great zeal and enthusiasm.

FDDI, Chhindwara campus student shines during national level event - 'Youth Fest & Talent Hunt'

Ms. Teena Khandait a student of FDDI Chhindwara campus, representing FDDI during the prestigious national event, 'Youth Fest & Talent Hunt' presented her captivating collection.

This event, which was organized by the World Designing Forum in collaboration with the Agra Development Authority on 1st & 2nd July 2023 brought together over 300 budding designers from Central India.

The event, held in Agra, served as a platform for aspiring designers to showcase their creativity and innovation. The judging panel consisted of renowned international designer Rina Dhaka, Ankush Anami (CEO of the World Designing Forum), and Bollywood actress, Shatipriya. all of whom have made significant contributions to the fashion industry.



Ms. Teena Khandait, who received the award as 'Upcoming Designer' for Creator of Handwoven Garment Collection

Ms. Teena Khandait receiving the 'Certificate of Achievement'

'Certificate of Achievement' presented to Ms. Teena Khandait

With an aim to celebrate the incredible craftsmanship of handloom weavers, Ms. Teena presented her captivating collection based on this timeless artistry. Her designs seamlessly merged tradition with contemporary aesthetics, capturing the essence of the weavers' skills and promoting their craft to a wider audience.

The exceptional skills and unique vision of Ms. Teena Khandait, a final year student B.Des. Fashion Design from the School of Fashion Design (FD) caught the attention of the judges, resulting in her well-deserved recognition.

Acknowledging her remarkable work, she received a certificate of recognition.

Webinar on the topic 'Sowing Seeds of Design in Young Minds' held at FDDI, Hyderabad campus in collaboration with IPRAS

To provide exclusive insight on Design Thinking and Design Process, a webinar on the topic 'Sowing Seeds of Design in Young Minds' was held at FDDI, Hyderabad campus on 16th June, 2023 in collaboration with IPRAS.

IPRAS has been founded by a few diverse professionals from various fields to talk about Innovation, IPRs and new emerging technologies along with supporting GI art and artisans. IPRAS is a not for profit society to spread IPR literacy and help GI artisans for their marketing and branding and creators to protect and register their IP rights.

The webinar was held in cooperation with School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) of FDDI, Hyderabad campus during which the key speakers shared their views & perspectives and discussed how to sow the seeds of design thinking and process in young minds and sensitize on giving shape to ideas for a better tomorrow.

Details of Key Speaker		Topics covered
Mr. Subhajit Saha, Founder of IPRAS		Importance of design thinking and process to young minds, professional and students, academia, IP professionals
Ms. Anila Sasi, Junior Faculty, FDP		Basics & Concepts of Design Thinking
Mr. Abdul Rahuman M, Senior Faculty, FDP		Design Process & Steps involved in Creative Design Process Model

Mr. Subhajit Saha, Founder of IPRAS & Coordinator of the webinar, elaborated about the importance of design thinking, inspiration, creative ways and diversity.

Ms. Anila Sasi, briefed about the basics of design thinking, including understanding the core ideas and concepts of design thinking and examining its applicability across many sectors.



Presentation on Design Thinking & Design Process in progress

Subsequent to that, Mr. Abdul Rahuman, briefed on how to investigate the step-by-step design process, from design brief, brain storm, different boards development to prototype and implementation, and how to use it successfully in real-world circumstances

During the open house discussion session, the speakers clarified various technical queries asked by the students, academia, IP Professionals, R& D professional and other participants.

The webinar was attended by more than 60 participants including students, academia, IP Professionals, R& D professional and other stakeholders in designs fraternity and faculty members from across the campuses of FDDI.

Research paper of Faculty of FDDI, Chhindwara campus gets published in IJCRT

A research paper of Dr. Pradeep Kumar Mandal, Centre In-Charge & HoD-Fashion Design of FDDI Chhindwara campus has been published in International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts (IJCRT), Vol. -11, Issue-6, 3rd June 2023 having ISSN: 2320-2882.

The title of the research paper is 'An Exploratory Study for Source of Inspiration on Innovative Knitwear Design Collection With Computerized Weft Knitting Technology'.



IJCRT, Confirmation Letter



Certificate awarded to Dr. Pradeep Kumar Mandal

The research paper provides an opportunity to understand the fundamental of knitting technology and to create clothes that accomplish and enhance the typical features of knitwear, integrating traditional knowledge with technological innovation and experimentation.

Article written by Faculties of FDDI gets published in 'The Science World'

An article, jointly written by Dr. Sushila Hooda, Jr. Faculty, FDDI-Noida campus and Dr. Sarita Devi, Jr. Faculty, FDDI-Rohtak has been published on 19th June 2023 in 'The Science World', a monthly e-magazine in the issue June 2023, Volume-3, Issue-06, Page No. 1036-1040 having ISSN: 2583-2212. Both the faculties are from FDDI's School of Fashion Design (FD).

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The article explains about the Indian retailing industry wherein, over the past couple of years there have been sweeping changes in the general retailing business, mainly in apparel retailing which was once strictly a made-to-order market for clothing, has changed to a ready-to-wear market.

The article also elucidates about the types of retail formats, namely, Store Retailing and Non-store Retailing.

FDDI, Hyderabad signs MoU with LCGC Resolute Group of Companies for IPR Training and Industrial Design Filing Facilitation Services

Felicitating filing of Patents, Design, Trademarks, Copyrights, Geographical Indicators etc., the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) of FDDI, Hyderabad campus has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with LCGC Resolute Group of Companies for IPR Training and Industrial Design Filing Facilitation Services.

Resolute4IP has the objective of IPR Awareness, Protection and Facilitation Services for the benefit of Industry and Institutions through in-house IP expertise and networking of experts available across the country to facilitate all forms of IP Service requirements in the country and abroad.

The objective of the MoU is to create a strong IP culture in the institution and appreciate new innovations and designs and seek timely registration of IPs. IPR training and facilitation services play an important role in fostering an innovative culture and preserving intellectual property assets.



A view of the exchange of MoU between FDDI, Hyderabad & LCGC Resolute Group of Companies

On behalf of FDDI Hyderabad, Mr. Deepak Chaudhary, Campus In-charge, signed the MoU, whereas, on behalf of LCGC Resolute Group of Companies, Mr. Subhajit Saha, Head-Legal & IPR signed the MoU during which the Officers and faculty members from both the sides were present.

The initial duration of this MoU is Three (3) years commencing from 08th June, 2023 that signifies a commitment to bridging knowledge gaps, developing talent, and raising awareness about the importance and relevance of intellectual property rights. The terms and conditions of the IPR training and Industrial design filing are quite favorable for the students, faculty members of FDDI, Hyderabad.

Industrial visit for FDDI, Chhindwara students at Lancer Footwear & Relexo Footwear

With an objective to provide an opportunity to the students to know about various compliances and processing techniques that are widely used in the footwear manufacturing unit, along with standard procedures and practices, an industrial visit was organized for FDDI, Chhindwara students at Lancer Footwear & Relexo Footwear.

Twenty-one students of B. Des. Footwear Design and Production from semester IV and semester VI of the School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP) visited the footwear manufacturing unit of Lancer and Relexo Footwear Industries located at Bahadurgarh, Haryana on 7th & 8th June 2023.

At Lancer Footwear, Mr. Dharendra Mishra, DGM Institutional Business along with Mr. Amit, Officer HR interacted with the students and explained the students about the detailed process of footwear manufacturing starting to end followed by types of footwears.



Mr. Jagdish Baghel, HR Manager along with the technical employees briefing the students



Students getting operational exposure at Lancer Footwear

At Relexo Footwear, Mr. Jagdish Baghel, HR Manager along with the technical employees gave a detailed presentation about the creation, evolution and functioning of the plant and different processes that are combined to manufacture a host of Relexo products like Flite, Schoolmate, Hawaii and Sparx. He also briefed about various process of manufacturing, quality control.

‘Writing Instrument with Measurement Scale’ patent for Faculty of FDDI, Chhindwara campus

Dr. Pankaj Dubey, Faculty, School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), at FDDI Chhindwara campus has recently received a patent titled, ‘Writing Instrument with Measurement Scale’.

The patent highlights the development and production of writing instrument with a measuring scale in order to indicate its efficiency and productivity.

His design number is 380104-001 for which the ‘Certificate of Registration’ has been issued by the Patent Office, Government of India.



Dr. Pankaj Dubey, Faculty-FDP, FDDI Chhindwara



‘Certificate of Registration’

Operationalization of CoEs at FDDI campuses

Under the Establishment of Institutional Facilities, Sub-Scheme of Indian Footwear, Leather and Accessories Development Programme (IFLADP) of Department for Promotion of Industries and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, FDDI has brought up world class infrastructure and the skills second to none through upgradation of seven of the existing campuses of FDDI into 'Centre of Excellence' (CoEs).

Sr. No.	CoEs established on 'Thematic Area'	@ FDDI Campus	Date of Operationalization
1.	Center for Design, Development & Fabric Interface	Chennai	23 rd May 2023
2.	Design, Development & Fabric Interface for Leather Products & Accessories- Extended	Hyderabad	23 rd May 2023
3.	Center for Leather Finishing Innovation & Product Retailing	Patna	25 th May 2023
4.	Center for Leather Goods, Garments & Accessories	Kolkata	25 th May 2023
5.	High Performance/ Specialized Footwear & Products and Start Ups	Jodhpur	29 th May 2023
6.	Center for R&D, Course Development and Leather Fashion Footwear & Products Innovation	Noida	29 th May 2023
7.	Center for Non-Leather Footwear, Products & Accessories	Rohtak	3 rd June 2023

These CoEs which have been operationalized acts as a unique vibrant centre for students, industry, academicians, designers, researchers and educational institutions providing the facility specifically equipped for addressing the particular thematic area of specialization pertaining to footwear, fashion, leather products, and retail & fashion merchandise.



Delegate experiencing the augmented reality based magic mirror at CoE, Patna



Demonstration of EVA Injection machine at CoE, Rohtak

To meet the cutting edge technologies requirement such as additive manufacturing, AI application in design and data analysis, latest software's, and augmented reality application, digital enterprise, FDDI has initiated the processes of Industry 4.0

application through operationalization of these CoEs which are having the best available infrastructure and skills to not only aid research and development, but also to address concerns of the industry like product development, technological assistance and centres for incubation and entrepreneurship development.



Mr. Fayaz Ahmed, Deputy Director, CLE briefing during the operationalization of CoE, Chennai



Delegates watching computerized embroidery machine set up at CoE, Hyderabad

The operationalization and technological showcasing of these COE's, equipped with latest machineries were demonstrated in the presence of representatives from industry associations including Council for Leather Exports (CLE), Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai (CSIR-CLRI), Leather Sector Skill Council (LSSC), Confederation of Indian Footwear Industries (CIFI), Council for Footwear Leather & Accessories (CFLA), Indian Leather Products Association (ILPA), Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA).



Demonstration of PU pouring machine with molding operation at CoE, Jodhpur



Demonstration of button hole machine at CoE, Kolkata

Apart from these, several other representatives from local/regional sectoral units consisting of doyens of the Industry were also present.

Students of FDDI, Banur campus develops specialized footwear for the staff of Chandigarh Press Club

Under a project assignment, specialized footwear has been developed by the students of FDDI, Banur campus for the staff of Chandigarh Press Club. The same was showcased at an event held on 2nd June 2023 in Chandigarh Press Club during, besides the management and staff of the club, a large number of media persons were present.

Under the mentorship of Mr. Ravi Shankar, HoD, School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), the students developed specialty (profession wise) footwear for Office Staff, Serving Staff, Kitchen Staff and Housekeeping staff of the club. With emphasis on functionality, the students incorporated contemporary design elements, offering the staff stylish footwear that reflects their professional image.



Specialized footwear developed by the students of FDDI, Banur campus

For the office staff, students designed Oxford shoes. Hard-working waiters benefitted from derby shoes that prioritize comfort and endurance, providing superior cushioning and support for extensive walking. The dedicated kitchen staffs, slip-on shoes ensuring convenience and hygiene without the hassle of tying laces have been developed. The students meticulously addressed the needs of gardeners and sweepers by designing sneaker shoes with lightweight, durable soles, offering longevity and minimizing wear and tear.

Two days 'National Workshop' of convergence within FDDI, IIFT, IIP, NID & NIFT held

The two days 'National Workshop' of convergence within five institutes namely, Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), National Institute of Design (NID) and National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) was held on 31st May and 1st June 2023 at New Delhi.

On 1st June 2023, the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles (HCIM, CA, F&PD&T), Government of India (GoI), Mr. Piyush Goyal chaired the meeting and interacted with the Heads and Senior Faculty Members of these educational institutes.

On this occasion, Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh, Additional Secretary, DPIIT, Mr. Rajeev Singh Thakur and other senior officials from various departments and other institutes were also present.

The convergence of the five institutes under the Ministry of Textiles and Commerce and Industry was initiated in the month of November 2022. The collaboration between these five institutes has the ability to build a more dynamic and integrated national design and business education ecosystem that benefits students, industries, and society.



Staff Members of FDDI



A view of the presentation by FDDI

The HCIM, CA, F&PD&T said that fashion trends, product design, innovative packaging, high quality of goods and services and high exports are going to determine India's success story in the future.

He further said that India's transformational journey since 2014 under the leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi is now recognized globally, and drew attention to Morgan Stanley research report which also recognizes how India has emerged as a key driver for Asian and global growth.

He highlighted the role played by the alumni of these institutions with respect to donation, faculty, mentorship, etc. He focused on better placements from these institutes.

On this occasion, Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, Managing Director (MD), FDDI, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary, FDDI, Senior Faculty Members from FDDI namely Mr. Sandeep Bhatia, Dr. Prachi Sharma, Ms. Shweta Saini, Mr. Sharad Srivastava, Mr. Amit Verma, Ms. Sarika Tandon and Mr. Himanshu Baluni and distinguished alumni namely Mr. Ankur Rastogi – VP Collection, Bata India, Mr. Chetan Sarasawat - Founder, ATI Impex, Mr. Aarush Mehta - Business Head, Chemico Processing, Ms. Anima - VM Head, Mango, Mr. Pulkit Nijhawan - CEO, Milano Mode, Mr. Sameer Sharma - Managing Director, Sainath Industries, Mr. Rahul Kumar - Founder, Welvart Trading, Mr. Dharmender - Founder, Gopsun Leathers, Mr. Biplab - Founder, Brand Forever, Mr. Suman Nayak - National Sales, Nippon Audiotronix, Ms. Kiran – Sr. Consultant, FDDI, Mr. Vijay Jha - MD Savi Leathers were present.

Deliberations and work have been done to pave the path to achieve the following objectives: Convergence within Institutes, Student Promotional Schemes, Admission Process and Growth in student enrolment, Creating a Professional Network of Alumni and Industry-Academia Collaboration.

1st QCO Awareness Program held across FDDI campuses

To create awareness and understanding about Quality Control Orders (QCOs) among the footwear industry, the 1st QCOs Awareness Program was held across FDDI campuses on 26th May 2023.

It was conducted in association with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) during which representatives from leading footwear companies/institutions like Bata, Liberty, Puma Sports, Bureau Veritas, Superhouse Ltd., SSIPL, Wildcraft India, Intertek, Arrow Shoes, KH exports, Welcome Shoes, Condor Footwear, Mayur Universal, Mochiko Shoes, XO Footwear, Alpine Shoes, Goodwill Plastic etc. participated.

In presence of more than 60 industry participants at FDDI, Noida campus at the Digital Classroom and participation of other industry participants at all the other campuses of FDDI virtually, the technical session on 'Introduction about Quality Control Order' was conducted by eminent speakers namely, Mr. Aditya Das, Mr. Amit Chaudhary and Mr. J. Basak.



Mr. J. Basak sharing his views



A view of participants at FDDI, Noida campus

Mr. Aditya Das, Scientist is working as Joint Director at BIS, looking after licensing process of BIS certification. Mr. Amit Chaudhary, Scientist is working as Joint Director at BIS, looking after licensing process of BIS certification and Mr. J. Basak is member of CHD-19 committee of BIS responsible for making specification at different footwear. Mr. Basak has vast experience of more than 4 decades in footwear industry. He served as CEO of M/s. Duckbuck Rubber Industries, Kolkata for more than 20 years.



Eminent speakers namely, Mr. Aditya Das, Mr. Amit Chaudhary and Mr. J. Basak replying to the queries of the participants



Participants attending the session at other campuses of FDDI virtually

More than 100 participants from industry and more than 100 participants from academic participated in this awareness program during which benefits of QCO & its impact on quality of product, process for regular inspection & quality, registration process on BIS, documentation requirement for BIS license (www.manakonline.in), how MSME can opt for cluster based testing centre, product manual available online etc., was briefed by the eminent speakers.

‘World Environment Day’ celebrated at FDDI campuses

FDDI organized a variety of events and activities about Mission Lifestyle for Awareness (LiFE), cumulating to World Environment Day on 5th June 2023.

Mission Lifestyle for Environment recognizes that Indian culture and living traditions are inherently sustainable. The importance of conserving our precious natural resources and living in harmony with nature is emphasised in our ancient scriptures. The need of the hour is to tap into that ancient wisdom and spread the message to as many people as possible. Mission LiFE seeks to channel the efforts of individuals and communities into a global mass movement of positive behavioural change.



Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI planting a sapling at FDDI, Noida



A view of cleanliness drive at FDDI, Kolkata

Broad LiFE themes were Save Energy, Save Water, Say no to single-use plastic, Adopt Sustainable Food Systems, Reduce Waste, Adopt Healthy Lifestyle, Reduce E-waste.

With great enthusiasm and commitment towards environmental protection, all 12 campuses actively participated in these events. Campuses spread awareness through posters, social media handles; tree plantation drives, cleanliness campaigns, poster-making competitions and taking pledges.

A total of 76 awareness events and 33 action events were conducted wherein a total of 2692 participants participated. Apart from this, 1620 staff and students of FDDI took the pledge.

FDDI, India conducts training programme on 'Pattern Engineering' for the Footwear Sector of Bangladesh

FDDI, India conducted a training programme on 'Pattern Engineering' for the Footwear Sector of Bangladesh from 20th to 24th May, 2023. It was organized by Leathergoods & Footwear Manufacturers & Exporters Association of Bangladesh (LFMEAB) in association with Centre of Excellence for Leather Skill Bangladesh Limited (COEL), in Chandra, Gazipur, Bangladesh.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Mr. Mominul Ahsan (CEO, COEL), Mr. Sayed Nasim Manzur, President LFMEAB & MD Apex Footwear Ltd., Mr. Abdur Rahim Khan, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Mr. Prashanta Kumar Nanda, Sr. Faculty FDDI, Kolkata, Major Md. Rafiqul Islam (Retd.), Secretary General LFMEAB & Ms. Sharif Nawrin Akter, Manager LFMEAB.



Dignitaries attending the inaugural ceremony

Participant with their certificates

The training was successful as it provided the participants with the essential knowledge on the different aspects of footwear designing and pattern engineering and also widened their skill base to work efficiently for the growth of the footwear sector of Bangladesh.

A total of 27 participants from different footwear industries of R & D Department of Bangladesh who attended the training programme were also provided 'Certificate of Participation'.

FDDI, Hyderabad students visit Tannery Department of GILT, Hyderabad

With the objective to provide a solid foundation to the students and make them conversant with the full process of turning a raw hide into the beautiful finished leather, the students of B.Des-Foundation Batch of FDDI, Hyderabad campus were taken to Government Institute of Leather Technology (GILT), Hyderabad, Telangana where they were provided exposure of its Tannery Department.



Students being briefed about technicalities of leather tanning by Mr. Shaiek Iqbal Hussain, Principal, GILT, Hyderabad



Students watching the operational process taking place in the tannery

Under the supervision and guidance of the faculty of FDDI, the visit was organized on 19th May 2023, during which Mr. Shaiek Iqbal Hussain, Principal, GILT explained the process where different type of leather finishing, variety of chemicals, machineries & techniques used to make leather which is presented as a product for global market.

He also demonstrated and explained different types of leather finishing process in detail.

Students of Institute of Management Sciences, Lucknow University visit FDDI, Fursatganj campus

On 16th May 2023, the students of MBA-5 year VIII semester of the Institute of Management Sciences (IMS), Lucknow University visited FDDI, Fursatganj campus.

As a part of student's dissertation project, the students under the mentorship of Professor Vinita Kacher, OSD, IMS visited to campus and learnt about the tools and techniques of footwear manufacturing.



ISM students being briefed by the experts of FDDI Fursatganj campus



They visited the different labs, design studio, sample rooms and were familiarize on sample development process of footwear through machines and manual form by the technical experts of FDDI Fursatganj campus.

Industrial visit for FDDI, Fursatganj students at Kings International and Mirza International

To provide an opportunity to the students to learn about the latest technology trend and to acquire knowledge about the working process of a factory, an industrial visit for the students of B. Des FDP 2021 and 2022 of FDDI, Fursatganj batch was organized at Kings International and Mirza International located at Unnao, Kanpur on 15th May 2023.

The students visited Mirza International (Red Tape India) located at Unnao, Kanpur and had the operational exposure about the production and quality control process of non-leather footwear in the factory.

Mr. Devesh Kaushik, GM-Operations explained the students about the different clicking knives, their importance, line balancing in closing section and assembly process of the non-leather footwear.



FDDI students at Red Tape



Students getting operational exposure

The students visited Kings International, a well renowned company known for their tannery and leather goods product where Mr. Taj Alam, Managing Director of Kings International interacted with the students.

The students also saw the manufacturing process of tannery, saddlery and leather bags during which Mr. Aamir, GM- Operations briefed the students about the process of tannery and saddlery items that is being produced in the factory.

Research paper 'Artificial Intelligence in the Fashion and Apparel Industry' presented by Faculty of FDDI, Chennai campus

Ms. Niveditha AS, Faculty from School of Fashion Design (SFD), Chennai campus presented a research paper on 'Artificial Intelligence in the Fashion and Apparel Industry' during the International Conference- Impression 2023 on 'Current Fashion Trends, Ideas and Design' held on 12th May 2023 at Garden City University, Bangalore.



This presentation on systematic review examines the current state of research on the application of Artificial intelligence (AI) in the fashion and apparel industry. The review analyses a total of 65 peer reviewed articles published between 2017 and 2023, covering various aspects of AI applications in the fashion industry, including product design and development, supply chain management, customer experience and sustainability.

The findings indicate that AI is being applied in various ways in the fashion industry, with potential benefits in improving efficiency, reducing waste and enhancing the customer experience. However, there are also concerns about the ethical implications of AI, such as data privacy, bias and transparency. The review identifies several gaps in the current research, including the need for more empirical studies and a focus on ethical considerations.

'IFCOMA-FDDI Display Center' inaugurated

One of its own kind and a unique 'IFCOMA-FDDI Display Center' was inaugurated by Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, Managing Director (MD), FDDI on 19th May at FDDI complex, Sector 24, Noida.

Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA) having a strength of over 200 members comprising of manufacturers of Sole, Insole, Lasts, Toe puff and Counter, linings, Interlinings, adhesives, Metallic fittings, Chemicals & Compounds, Clicking Dies, Eyelets, EVA Sheets & Compounds, Finishes & Polishes, Labels, Laces etc., has been instrumental in providing a fillip to the industry.



A view of the inaugural session

Dignitaries visiting the 'IFCOMA-FDDI Display Center'

During the inaugural session, Mr. Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, CLE & MD – Alpine Apparels Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Motilal Sethi, Northern Regional Chairman, CLE & MD M/s Saroj International Group, Noida, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI, Mr. Puran Dawar, President – AFMEC & Chairman, Dawar Group, Dr. N Mohan, Director & CEO – M/s. Kothari Industrial Corporation Ltd., Mr. Sanjay Gupta, President, IFCOMA & MD – Sandeep Rubber, Mr. Subash Kapoor MD - Capsons India, Mr. S K Verma, Executive Director, IFCOMA and other industrialists were present.

The 'IFCOMA-FDDI Display Centre' which is aimed to bring reputed Buyers, Buying houses, Exporters and Footwear Manufacturers from PAN India and some of the top potential countries in the world is showcasing latest components and accessories for footwear, leather goods and garments with consistent innovation in the component sector.

'Chintan Shivir' held at FDDI

On 15th May 2023, a 'Chintan Shivir' was organized by FDDI to assess its growth and to find the way ahead to meet the requirement of growth of footwear, fashion, leather products, and retail & fashion merchandise in the coming years.

It was held at FDDI, Noida campus at the Digital Classroom and the participation of all the other campuses were virtually in attendance at the Digital Classroom of Noida campus.



A view of the 'Chintan Shivir'



Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI interacting with other campuses during the 'Chintan Shivir'

The 'Chintan Shivir' was held to find out the significant role of FDDI in fulfilling the goals of Hon'ble Prime Minister's 'Vocal for Local', 'Make in India', 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', 'Skill India', and 'Start-up India' Programmes and thus, achieving the ambitious target of USD 47 Billion by 2030 by the Leather and Footwear industry of India.

For fulfilling the skilling requirement in leather & footwear industry of India, during the 'Chintan Shivir', the participants deliberated on four quadrants namely, Teaching, Admissions, Placements and Student's Experience.

The outcome of the 'Chintan Shivir' was that, it is imperative for FDDI to focus on enhancing the skills of individuals and providing them with the necessary knowledge and expertise to excel in the relevant industry.

FDDI, Hyderabad students visit at Shilparamam-A Craft Village, Hyderabad

Under the supervision and guidance of the faculty of FDDI, Hyderabad campus, the students of 'Foundation Batch' of School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) & School of Leather Goods & Accessory Design (LGAD) visited the 'Shilparamam-A Craft Village' Hyderabad, on 15th May 2023.

The visit was organized with an objective to provide a solid foundation to the students and to update their knowledge towards the culture of India's glorious past, design and craft heritage.



Students along with their faculty members at Shilparamam



Students at a stall

Craftsmen from all over India, display their works at 'Shilparamam', varying from traditional jewellery, hand-woven saris, shawls, dresses, bed sheets, hand-crafted wooden, Glass work, Pottery, Paintings and metal wares.

Students observed the amazing ancient artistic work in objects & articles in display. Students got the opportunity to study Design, Art, Dimensions and surface textures in paintings, pottery, crafts and sculptures. They got an opportunity to understand minute detailing and workmanship of various artisans of different states at one platform.

FDDI, Fursatganj participates in 'Lulu Fashion Week' at Lulu Mall, Lucknow

FDDI Fursatganj campus participated in the 'Lulu Fashion Week' which was organized by Lulu Mall Shopping, Lucknow from 12th to 14th May 2023.

Lulu Mall, is a Shopping mall located in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh with a total built up area of 22 lakh squarefeet. It contains nearly 300 national and international brands with an average daily footfall of more than 80,000.



FDDI students during the 'Lulu Fashion Week'



'Visual Merchandize' display

The sixth edition of 'Lulu Fashion Week' displayed the latest collections of several brands with runway fashion shows, fashion awards and a fashion forum.

Students of FDDI Fursatganj campus presented 'Visual Merchandize' display and exhibit their talent. The display, which consisted of products, related to fashion and footwear category was a point of attraction for the public. Information about the academic programmes of FDDI were provided to the aspiring students.

Seminar on 'Future Technology and Empretec-Entrepreneurship' held at FDDI, Kolkata campus

On 12th May 2023, a seminar on 'Future Technology and Empretec -Entrepreneurship' was held at FDDI, Kolkata campus with an objective to make the students aware about future technologies and how to become entrepreneur in future.



Mr. Niren Anand,
Managing Director,
Evertrade Group, sharing
his views with the
students



Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, National Director UNCTAD, Empretec
Program of India sharing his views

Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, National Director UNCTAD, Empretec Program of India, and by Mr. Niren Anand, Managing Director, Evertrade Group, Odisha addressed the seminar.

Mr. Arnab briefed about the students about Entrepreneurship, understanding the steps to take on this career path and to launch one's own business, how to be a global player etc.

Mr. Niren Anand, Managing Director, Evertrade Group, Odisha briefed about the future technologies and modern trade practices to adopt. He also enlightened the students about an advanced technology in running shoe known as 'Eudora' that provides stable stability, shock absorption to prevent injury, and reduces the chance of injuries during long distance running.

He also shared his career journey with the students and told how he has established two factories one in China and one in Vietnam and the third factory, which is under construction in Odisha.

Creative Workshop on 'Advance Material Exploration' held at FDDI, Chhindwara campus in collaboration with Pidilite Industries Ltd.

An innovative and creative workshop on 'Advanced Material Exploration' was conducted at FDDI, Chhindwara campus in collaboration with M/s. Pidilite Limited from 1st to 5th May 2023.

Pidilite Limited, a leading manufacturer of adhesives, sealants, and construction chemicals, provided their expertise, Ms. Kajal Totlani, Faculty Expert and an extensive range of materials to facilitate the exploration of innovative techniques.



Workshop in progress

Creative outcome

The workshop aimed to explore various artistic techniques such as Truck art on footwear, Cut Work, Appliques, Prints, Glass Art, and Resin Art, while experimenting with the wide range of colors offered by Pidilite for the Foundation batches of Footwear and Fashion.

Industrial exposure for the students of FDDI Noida campus at Ghulam Hastkala Prints

Under the industrial visit, the students of Fashion Design of B. Des FD 2021-23 batch of FDDI, Noida campus were taken to Ghulam Hastkala Prints, Noida on 9th May, 2023.

Ghulam Hastkala Prints was founded by Ghulam Nabi which manufactures a wide range of printed ladies scarves, ladies designer kurtis, leggings and sarees with different colours and designs.



Students watching the process of screen printing



Demonstration on wood block making by an expert

The students, accompanied by Dr. Sushila Hooda, Jr. Faculty, FDDI, visited the various departments of the printing unit and learned about the latest technology machines, production of screens for screen printing, wooden blocks for hand block printing and the working environment of the company by the experts of various departments located at B Block, Sec. 8, Noida.

The students were explained about the making of different styles of printing by the technical experts. They also created their own print samples of screen printing using different screens with colour variations.

Expert Talk on 'Social Compliance in the Leather Industry' held at FDDI, Noida campus

Expert Talk on 'Social Compliance in the Leather Industry' was held at FDDI, Noida campus on 5th May, 2023.

It was attended by the students, faculty members, and industry professionals of Noida and also by the students, faculty members of FDDI, Hyderabad campus who were connected virtually from the virtual classroom facility which was organized by the School of Leather Goods & Accessories Design (LGAD).

Mr. Sumiet Bhatnagar, the founder and CEO of Trading Asia, a consulting firm that specializes in social compliance and sustainability in the manufacturing industry was the expert who is having over 25 years of experience in this field and has worked with various organizations in the leather industry.

Mr. Bhatnagar delivered an informative presentation on the significance of social compliances in the leather industry and explained about the various issues concerning workers' rights, safety, and environmental concerns and elucidated how social compliances can help to address them.



Mr. Sumiet Bhatnagar, founder and CEO of Trading Asia sharing his views

He also highlighted the various international standards and regulations that apply to the leather industry, such as SA-8000, Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI), Initiative for Compliance and Sustainability (ICS). He expounded on how these standards can be effectively used to ensure that leather manufacturers comply with the necessary social and environmental regulations.

Factory visit for FDDI, Patna students at Diptesh Footwear & Rakesh Enterprises and Operational exposure at Ambuja Neotia Mall, Patna

On 4th May 2023, a batch of 18 students of School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) of FDDI, Patna campus were taken for factory visit at Diptesh Footwear & Rakesh Enterprises and at Ambuja Neotia Mall, Patna for operational exposure in retail.

Under the guidance of the faculty of FDDI, the students visited the factory of Diptesh Footwear located at Gola Road, Danapur, Patna & of Rakesh Enterprises located at Industrial Area, Patliputra, Patna where the students had an opportunity to acquire knowledge regarding selection and usages of synthetic materials & products, chemical compositions, compounding, mixing, designing, production & marketing.



Students being briefed about the usages of synthetic materials



FDDI students at Ambuja Neotia Mall, Patna

The students also visited Ambuja Neotia Mall and true insight was provided to them about the various aspects of retailing like Visual Merchandising, Store Operations, Customer Service, Sales and Promotional Activities, Retail Merchandizing etc.

FDDI, Chennai participates in CLRI's 'One Week One Lab' celebrations

FDDI, Chennai campus participated in the TECHEXPO, which was organized on 'One Week One Lab' celebrations of CLRI at Chennai from 02nd to 06th May 2023 under the theme 'Celebrating Leather'.

'One Week One Lab', a theme-based campaign of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Central Leather Research Institute (CSIR-CLRI) was celebrated to ignite the minds of young innovators, students, start-ups, academia and industry to look for opportunities through deep tech ventures.



Mr. R. Selvam, IAS, ED, CLE & Dr. K. J. Sreeram, Director, CLRI at the stall of FDDI



Mr. Md. Sadiq, Chief Scientist & Head Design and Fashion Studio - CSIR-CLRI, interacting with FDDI team

As a synergy partner of CSIR-CLRI, FDDI participated in the celebration and put up a stall that highlighted FDDI's success stories, the training programmes offered by the institute, the leather products designed & developed by it as well as the students projects & portfolios.



Dr. Deepak Siwach, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police - Greater Chennai at the stall of FDDI



Employees of FDDI briefing to the aspiring students

Mr. R. Selvam, IAS, Executive Director (ED), Council for Leather Exports (CLE), Dr. K J Sreeram, Director, CLRI, Chennai and Mr. Md Sadiq, Chief Scientist, Head, Design & Fashion Studio, CSIR-CLRI, Dr. Deepak Siwach, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police - Greater Chennai, Scientist and Staffs/Students of CLRI visited the stall of FDDI.

FDDI, Rohtak student wins title of 'Miss Haryana Queen 2023' in Fashion Show & Competition

FDDI, Rohtak campus participated in 'Perthma Haryana Queen' competition, which was held at Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science (PGIMS), Auditorium Rohtak on 29th April 2023.

Mr. Rajesh Jain, Managing Director LPS Bossard, Mrs. Sukuma, Padmashree & Principal - Kanya Gurukul, Roorkee, Mr. Rajesh Bansal from Nikhar Chemicals and Ms. Komal, Managing Director, Trading Company Rajkhan and others graced the occasion which was organized by Amar Ujjala.

Twenty-five students participated in the fashion show. The competition had three rounds, the first was an introduction round, the second was a performance round and the last was a question & answer round.

Ms. Tanisha Gupta, a student of B. Des. FDP (2021-25) won the title of 'Miss Haryana Queen 2023'.

The students of School of Fashion Design(FD) and School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) displayed a range of fashion apparels/outfits and footwear on the ramp.



A view of the 'Perthma Haryana Queen' competition



A participant on the ramp

The students of FDDI, who participated in the fashion show, displayed their fashion skills and walked gracefully on the ramp. The eye-catching collections of these students were appreciated by one and all present during the show and also received accolade from the entire media.

Industrial exposure for FDDI, Chennai students at Balamurugan Leathers and Palson Leather Company

For providing a solid foundation & understanding of the tanning process, the students of Foundation Programme, 2nd semester of FDDI, Chennai campus visited Balamurugan Leathers and Palson Leather Company, located at Chromepet, Chennai on 27th April 2023.

As part of the welcome address by the company executives, the students were briefed about every function, be that sizing, sorting, polishing, testing, quality control, exacting quality standards that exporters have to adhere to, the use of chemicals in the raw hides during tanning etc.



Managing Director of Balamurugan Leathers with the faculty & students of FDDI



Mr. Manickam, Leather Technologist at Palson Leather Company briefing the students

The students were briefed on Leather curing process with salts, Pre-tanning operations – soaking, liming, de-liming, pickling, Chrome tanning of buff & goat leather, Post tanning operations, various quality check points, leather bundling & packaging, Water treatment plant for hazardous tanning residues and Technology used in footwear design to final assembling processes.

Balamurugan Leathers is producing shoe upper, suede leathers and garments suede and export to France, Vietnam and Cambodia; Palson Leather Company produces cow upper leathers and cow split leather for shoe and leather goods industries.

Seminar on 'Footwear Adhesives' by Pidilite Industries Limited held at FDDI, Chennai campus

On 24th April 2023, a seminar on 'Footwear Adhesives' was organized at FDDI, Chennai campus by the experts from Pidilite Industries Limited, Mumbai.

The seminar was organized by School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) with an objective to update the knowledge of the students on adhesives, which is playing a vital role in the footwear & leather product industries.



Students attending the session



Mr. Ravindra More, Technical Manager, Pidilite Industries briefing the participants

Mr. Ravindra More, Technical Manager, Pidilite Industries, through presentation, lecture and demonstration briefed the students about the adhesives and its importance, application of adhesives, properties of adhesives, and the types of adhesives used in footwear industry. He explained about the types of soling materials, its surface treatment and selection of adhesives and briefed about the future trends in footwear adhesives.

Joint research paper of Faculty of FDDI, Hyderabad campus gets published in International Journal

A joint research paper of Mr. Rambabu Muppidi, Faculty and Mr. K. Elayaraja, Sr. Faculty of FDDI, Hyderabad campus has been published in an International Journal International Journal of Multi-Disciplinary Educational Research (IJMER).

The title of the research study is 'Influential Similarity: A Comparative Study of Kalankari and Cheriya Cloth Painting in South India'.

Mr. Rambabu Muppidi, Faculty in School of Leather Goods & Accessories Design (LGAD) and Mr. K. Elayaraja, Sr. Faculty School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP)



Author: Mr. Rambabu Muppidi Faculty, LGAD, Hyderabad



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carried out the field study in Kalamkari - Andhra Pradesh and Sri Kalahasti and Cheriya Boduppal in Telangana where they meet some artisans and a pilot study was done.

Details of the research is available at IJMER Month of 28.04.2023. ISSN: 2277-7881; IMPACT

FACTOR: 8.017(2023); IC VALUE: 5.16; ISI VALUE: 2.286. Multi disciplinary research.



Co-Author: Mr. K. Elayaraja, Sr. Faculty, FDP, Hyderabad



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FDDI participates in LAFCAN – 2023

FDDI participated in 'Leather Accessories Footwear Conclave & Awards of North India' (LAFCAN-2023) "Vision 2030 - Strategies to Stimulate Growth in Leather and Footwear Sector of India", which was organized by the Council for Leather Exports (CLE) on 26th April, 2023 at ITC Maurya, New Delhi.

On this occasion, Mr. Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, CLE, Mr. R. Selvam, Executive Director, CLE, Mr. Santosh Sarangi, Director General, DGFT, Govt. of India, Mr. Rajeev Singh Thakur, Additional Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Govt. of India, Mr. Motilal Sethi, Northern Regional Chairman, CLE, Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, Managing Director (MD), FDDI, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI, Mr. Sunil Sethi, Chairman, Fashion Design Council of India, Senior Govt. officials from Ministry, Buying Groups, Industry Experts were present.

The conclave took off with the lightening of the inaugural lamp by the dignitaries. The conclave, a significant networking platform was organized to motivate and guide MSME exporters of CLE to achieve the ambitious target of USD 47 bn by 2030.

There was a 'Panel Discussion' on the 'Role of 7S of Industry to achieve the ambitious target of USD 47 bn by 2030' during which the stalwarts from Industry, Academia and Government belonging to the domain of 7S i.e. Skill, Scale, Speed, Sustainability, Supply Chain, Style and Sales presented their views.

Sharing his views during the plenary session of LAFCAN -2023, on the topic 'Skill Requirement in Leather & Footwear Industry of India', Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, MD, FDDI said, "Fulfilling the goals of Hon'ble Prime Minister's 'Vocal for Local', 'Make in India', 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', 'Skill India', and 'Start-up India' Programmes and thus, achieving the ambitious target of USD 47 Billion by 2030, the need of the hour is to adhere to the 7S which are interrelated factors for which the Government's pro-MSME's policy and innovative approach paves way to achieve the target."



Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, MD, FDDI being felicitated during LAFCAN - 2023



Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, MD, FDDI sharing his views

This was followed by Export Award Function during which Export Awards for the year 2021 – 22 were distributed.



Dignitaries present during the Export Award Function



Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI (extreme right) interacting with industrialist and FDDI Alumni during LAFCAN-2023

LAFCAN-2023 featured a series of keynote speeches, panel discussions and interactive sessions, providing ample opportunities for networking and knowledge-sharing.

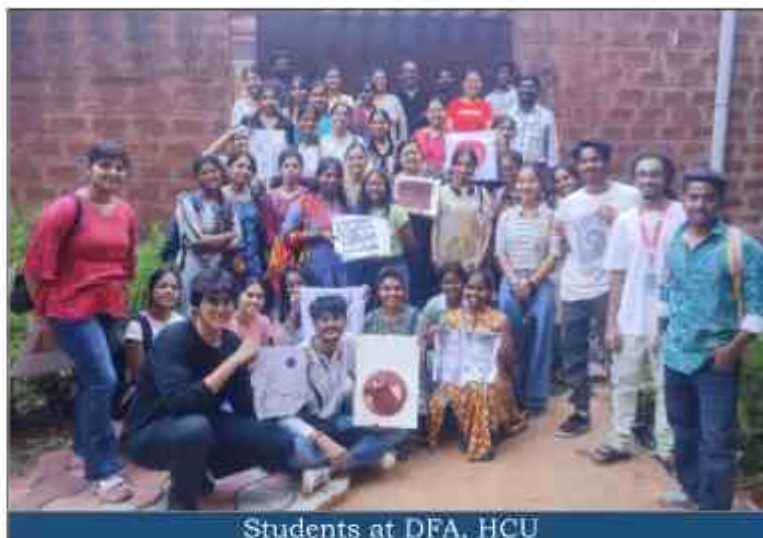
FDDI, Hyderabad students visit HCU

For practical exposure to print making through lithography, etching and collography the students of School of Fashion Design (FD – 2021 batch) of FDDI Hyderabad campus visited the Department of Fine Arts (DFA) at Hyderabad Central University (HCU) on 21st April, 2023.

Under the guidance of Mr. K Harish Kumar and Dr. Anupriya Singh, Junior Faculties of FD of FDDI Hyderabad campus, the students visited the DFA, HCU and got practical exposure for the Fabric Artistry and Enrichment Techniques course.

During the visit, Dr. Keertana Thangavelu, Head of Department briefed about the importance of practical exposure in the field of art and encouraged the students to take advantage of such opportunities.

Mr. Suneel Mamadapur, Associate Professor, DFA provided overview of the printmaking process, including lithography, etching, and collography. He explained the differences between the techniques and how each one is used to create unique prints.



Students at DFA, HCU

The students also saw the Printmaking studio, Painting studio and Sculpture studio and were familiarized with the different printmaking processes in action. They were able to see the lithography press in operation and observe the etching process as well. The students also had the opportunity to see the collography process, which involves creating a collage and using it to make a print. Students then printed their own samples.

FDDI's 'Fashion Blazon 2023' held in collaboration with India Style Fashion Week

'Fashion Blazon 2023' was held by FDDI in collaboration with India Style Fashion Week at Epicentre, Apparel House, Gurugram on 22nd April 2023.

The event was conducted by FDDI School of Fashion Design (FD), Noida during which, the budding designers of Graduating Batch (2019-2023) of FDDI presented their exquisite graduation design collections.

The event was graced with the presence of well-known names of the fashion industry as jury member namely Mr. Kishan Daga – CEO, Concepts and Strategies' Athleisure, Mr. Gaurav Malik – AVP Design, Bata India, Ms. Sonia Jetley – CEO, Labe Sonia Jetley, Ms. Tuhina Sinha - Regional Head, VLCC and Mr. Prateek - Label "I am Design".

A total of 16 sequences were presented by the students based on innovative and captivating themes namely, Desi Knits, Parity, The Chaos Theory, Red Thread of Fate, Multiverse, Rhythm of Time, Anurag, Voilent Femmes, A Night in Japan, Khayali Pulao, Gulposh, Aqua Medusa, Celeste, Next in Revamping, Navras and Moksh.



Students showcasing their spectacular collections on the ramp



Jury members

The students showcased their spectacular collections on the ramp which exhibited a graceful amalgamation of drapes and cuts reflecting creativity with contemporary ideas.

The Best design collection was bagged by the sequence named 'Aqua Medusa' whereas the most Creative collection was bagged by the sequence named 'The Chaos Theory'. The most Innovative collection was bagged by the sequence named 'Next in Revamping'.

The fashion show was choreographed by Bollywood's leading fashion show director and choreographer, Mr. Kaushik Ghosh. The scintillating show was a big success and great opportunity for the 52 students of FDDI as they displayed creativity not only in designing the garments, but, versatility in organizing and also modeling for the show.

Professional exposure at 'Ortho Care and Foot Care Management Center' for FDDI, Kolkata students

Under the guidance of highly experienced Faculty of FDDI, professional exposure for 23 students of 2020 batch of School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) was organized at 'Ortho Care and Foot Care Management Center', Kolkata.

During the professional exposure, through demonstration, Mr. Ashok Rath, Prothetist & Orthotist expert explained the students about the foot, heel and ankle conditioning which are becoming major health concern especially for the ageing population.

He explained that proper fitting of shoes are a must which can be made after clinical examination. He further briefed about the relationship between foot type, foot deformity and effectiveness of footwear with orthosis for deformed foot.



Students at 'Ortho Care and Foot Care Management Center' Kolkata



Mr. Ashok Rath, Prothetist & Orthotist expert demonstrating the process of making customized shoes

He also demonstrated the process making customized shoes right from assessment to manufacturing.

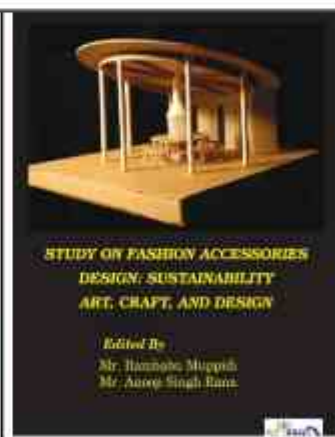
The Foot care management exposure provided an opportunity to the students to acquire knowledge regarding the Foot diagnosis, manufacturing of customized shoes selection and usages of synthetic materials & products & marketing to cater to the contemporary market requirement.

'Study on Fashion Accessories Design: Sustainability Art, Craft, and Design', book edited by Faculties of FDDI launched

A book titled 'Study on Fashion Accessories Design: Sustainability Art, Craft, and Design' which has been edited by Faculties of FDDI, was launched on 13th April 2023 by Dr. Vijaya Kishore, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. YSR Architecture and Fine Arts University at FDDI, Hyderabad campus.



Chief Guest; Dr. D. Vijay Kishore, Former OSD and Acting Vice Chancellor, Dr. YSR Architecture and Fine Arts University launching the book



Cover page of the book

Faculties and students of School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), and School of Leather & Lifestyle Product Design (LLPD) have contributed in the various chapters of

this book having ISBN: 978 93-94766-28-0; that has been edited by Mr. Rambabu Muppidi and Mr. Anoop Singh Rana who are Faculties of FDDI.

FDDI, Kolkata students visit Anm Leather (India) Pvt. Ltd. & China Tannery

On 13th April 2023, under the industrial visit, the students of Foundation Batch - 2022 of the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) of FDDI, Kolkata were taken to Anm Leather (India) Pvt. Ltd. & China Tannery located at Kolkata Leather Complex, Kolkata.

Both the tanneries are 30-year-old leather manufacturing company and producing different type of leather for domestic and export market. They have state of art facilities for manufacturing of leather from raw to finishing.

Under the supervision and guidance of the faculty of FDDI, the students of FDDI were taken around the various processes of the tanneries right from raw to finishing where they were explained about the technicalities of different processes by Mr. Mallick, Technical Expert at Anm Leather (India) Pvt. Ltd., and by Mr. Subhash Adhikari, Technical Expert at China Tannery.



A view of the FDDI, Kolkata campus visiting the tannery

The students witnessed the tanning process where different type of leather finishing, variety of chemicals, machineries & techniques are used to make leather, which is presented as a product for the global market.

FDDI, Kolkata students awarded during NIFT Spectrum 2023

FDDI, Kolkata campus participated in the annual fest 'Spectrum 2023' which was organized by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Kolkata.

The two-day annual fest which was held on 2nd and 3rd of April 2023 at the NIFT campus located at Salt Lake City, Kolkata featured various competitive sports, extra-curricular and cultural events.

The theme of the NIFT Spectrum 2023 was 'Back To Future' during which students from NIFT, FDDI, and other institutions from around India attended the event. The participants were eager to display their abilities in various competitions, and the energy was electrifying.

The performance by FDDI-Kolkata was among the event's highlights. FDDI students performed admirably in every facet of the events.



The students of FDDI who won the awards in the events were Ms. Smruty Das and Ms. Surbhi Anand, (FD-20) won 1st Prize in Face Painting, Ms. Shruti (FD-20) won 2nd Prize in Solo Singing and Mr. Ritwisha (FD-23) won 2nd prize in Solo Dance.

Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts of Footwear Design & Development Institute for the year ended 31 March 2024

We have audited the attached Balance sheet of Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) as on 31 March 2024 and the Income and Expenditure Account and Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended on that date under Section 19(2) of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 read with Section 23(2) of the Footwear Design & Development Institute Act, 2017. There are a total of 12 Campuses of FDDI all over India. All 12 campuses (Patna, Kolkata, Jodhpur, Ankaleshwar, Guna, Chhindwara, Noida, Fursatganj, Rohtak, Chandigarh, Hyderabad and Chennai) prepare their own standalone financial statements which are consolidated by FDDI, Noida. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

2. This Separate Audit Report contains the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) on the accounting treatment only with regard to classification, conformity with the best accounting practices, accounting standards and disclosure norms etc. Audit observations on financial transactions with regard to compliance with the Law, Rules and Regulations (Propriety and Regularity) and efficiency-cum-performance aspects, etc., if any, are reported through Inspection Reports/CAG's Audit reports separately.

3. We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidences supporting the amounts and disclosure in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

4. Based on our audit, we report that:

- (i) We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
- (ii) The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account/ Receipts and Payments Account dealt with by this report have been drawn up in the format prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.
- (iii) In our opinion, proper books of accounts and other relevant records have been maintained by FDDI, Noida in so far as it appears from our examination of such books.
- (iv) We further report that:

A. Balance Sheet

A.1 Current liabilities and Provisions (Schedule-7): ₹58.48 crore Other Administrative Expenses (Schedule-21): ₹32.54 crore

The above amount does not include outstanding demand of Noida Authority amounting to ₹12.45 crore towards lease rent for the allotted land along with interest as on 31 March 2024.

FDDI received (January 2024) a demand notice of ₹12.45 crore towards lease rent/interest for the period up to 31 December 2023. Similar notices were received by FDDI in previous years also. FDDI requested (February 2021, February 2022 and May 2024) Noida Authority to waive off the interest amount on the plea that it did not have surplus fund to pay the outstanding amount. However, the Authority rejected (March 2022 and July 2022) the request of FDDI stating that the lease rent and interest was payable by FDDI as per the terms and conditions of the lease agreement and there was no provision for waiver. Despite this, the outstanding demand was not provided for in the books of accounts as on 31 March 2024 and it was disclosed only as a contingent liability.

Non-provisioning of the outstanding demand of Noida Authority resulted in understatement of Current Liabilities and Provisions, understatement of Other Administrative Expenses and consequent understatement of Deficit by ₹12.45 crore.

This issue was also raised in the Separate Audit Report on the Accounts for the year 2022-23. However, no corrective action has been taken by the Management.

A.2 Current Assets, Loans, Advances, etc. (Schedule-11): ₹49.58 crore Other Assets: Student Fee Receivables: ₹8.38 crore

The above includes fee amounting to ₹86.34 lakh pending for recovery for more than three years from students who had already left FDDI. As the receivable amount has been outstanding for more than three years and possibility of recovery of the fees receivable was remote, necessary provision should have been made. FDDI has also not disclosed any accounting policy regarding provision for doubtful recovery.

This resulted in overstatement of Current Assets and understatement of Provisions as well as understatement of Deficit by ₹86.34 lakh.

A.3 Current liabilities and Provisions (Schedule-7): ₹58.48 crore

(a) The above does not include ₹50.22 lakh being the amount payable for the services utilized and expenses incurred by FDDI, Hyderabad campus during 2023-24. No provision for outstanding liability of ₹50.22 lakh has been created in its books of accounts.

This has resulted in understatement of Current Liabilities, understatement of Expenses with consequential understatement of Deficit by ₹50.22 lakh.

(b) The above includes Student Development Fee of ₹3.92 crore which is shown under the head 'Funds for Students'. As per the provisions of Finance and Accounts Manual of FDDI, Student Development Fee is a part of the Direct Income. Therefore, amount received on

account of Student Development Fee should have been accounted for as Income instead of showing it under Current Liabilities.

This has resulted in understatement of Fees/Subscriptions, overstatement of Current Liabilities and overstatement of Deficit for the year 2023-24 by ₹3.92 crore.

(c) The above includes ₹15.00 lakh received by FDDI, Kolkata Campus from West Bengal SC/ST Development Finance Corporation Limited in the year 2017-18 for SC/ST students. Since the amount had been duly spent, the same should have been adjusted in Income and Expenditure Account instead of showing under Current Liabilities. This has resulted in overstatement of Current Liabilities and understatement of Income to the same extent. Consequently, Deficit is also overstated by the same amount.

B. Contingent Liabilities (Schedule-25)

The above schedule does not include the litigation cases related to Head office-Noida and other branches/campuses of FDDI, which were pending with different Courts.

Audit observed that a total 15 court cases (Noida-5, Fursatganj-3, Rohtak-1, Banur-2, Jodhpur-4) were pending. FDDI should have disclosed all the legal cases under Contingent Liabilities as per the Uniform Format of Accounts. Further, in one of the cases, a recovery suit had been filed against FDDI for ₹2,13,683 along with pendente lite and future interest at the rate of 18 percent per annum from the date of filing the suit till its realization. This was also not disclosed in the accounts.

C. General

In para 5(b) of Schedule-24, it was disclosed that lands of 7 branches (Chennai, Kolkata, Rohtak, Jodhpur, Hyderabad, Patna and Banur) had been allotted free of cost by the respective State Governments and the same had been shown in the books of accounts at nominal values of ₹1/- each. However, land details of other 5 branches were not disclosed in books of accounts. Further, in Schedule 8 (8A and 8B) related to Fixed Assets, all buildings were shown on freehold land which is incorrect as the lands of 8 campuses are leasehold. The disclosure in Schedule 8 is deficient to that extent.

In respect of Rohtak campus, Haryana State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd allotted (April 2009) 15 acres of land on leasehold basis for an initial period of five years (effective from 19 January 2009). Upon expiry of the initial period of five years, the lease was renewable for a further period of 25 years if FDDI fully established the Footwear Design and Development Institute on the said land within the initial five year period. Annual lease rent for the land was ₹100 per year per acre. The initial five-year period had expired in the year 2014. However, the renewal of the lease deed for further 25 years had not been completed so far. Therefore, provision for lease rent of ₹15,000 (15 acres * ₹100 * 10 years) should be booked by the Rohtak Campus.

D. Grant-in-Aid

FDDI had an opening balance of Grant amounting to ₹4.73 crore as on 1 April 2023 and it received grant of ₹31.12 crore under different heads (Non-leather project: ₹18.10 crore,

Noida lab building: ₹8.27 crore and Bannur Girls Hostel: ₹4.75 crore) from the Government of India during the year 2023-24. Out of the total grant, FDDI utilised an amount of ₹21.74 crore. Closing balance of Grant as on 31 March 2024 was ₹14.11 crore.

Besides, FDDI earned interest of ₹0.058 crore on the grants and refunded interest of ₹0.145 crore during the year.

E. Management Letter

Deficiencies which have not been included in this Separate Audit Report have been brought to the notice of the Management of the Institute through a Management Letter issued separately for remedial/corrective action.

(v) Subject to our observations in the preceding paragraphs, we report that the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account/Receipts and Payments Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts.

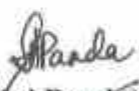
(vi) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said financial statements read together with the Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts, and subject to the significant matters stated above and other matters mentioned in **Annexure** to this Separate Audit Report, **give a true and fair view** in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- (a) In so far as it relates to the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of FDDI as at 31 March 2024; and
- (b) In so far as it relates Income and Expenditure Account, of the *deficit* for the year ended on that date.

**For and on behalf of the
Comptroller and Auditor General of India**

Place: New Delhi

Dated: 19 DEC 2024


(S. Ahladini Panda)
**Director General of Audit
Industry & Corporate Affairs**

Annexure to Separate Audit Report

1. Adequacy of Internal Audit System

Internal Audit was being done by hired Chartered Accountants' firm namely RSM & Associates and the same had been completed up to the financial year 2023-24 for all the campuses.

2. Adequacy of Internal Control System

The internal control system was inadequate and not commensurate with the size and nature of the activities of FDDI in so far as financial matters are concerned, due to the reasons mentioned below:

- (a) Sundry creditors include balance of ₹1,176.22 lakh, out of which ₹35.73 lakh pertain to sundry creditors outstanding for more than three years and amount of ₹11.99 lakh pertains to sundry creditors outstanding for one to three years. The total of campus-wise creditors of ₹1,176.22 lakh as provided by Management (age-wise creditors in MS-Excel) was also not matching with the amount shown in annual accounts i.e. ₹1,177.68 lakh (As per Schedule-7).

Further, balance confirmation of Sundry Debtors of ₹152.51 lakh which were pending for more than three years was not found on record.

- (b) There was no uniformity in maintaining expenditure control register, separate ledger for hostel fee, advance register, TA and LTC bill register, medical claim expenditure register, Investment register and register of contracts.
- (c) Amounts of ₹30,000 and ₹4,000 shown under staff imprest have not been recovered from two former employees since 2015 and 2011 respectively.
- (d) FDDI, Noida Campus incurred an expenditure of ₹27.42 lakh towards Legal & Professional Charges during the year 2023-24. However, the empanelment letters of the legal consultants for the period from 1 April 2023 to 29 February 2024 were not available on records.

3. System of Physical Verification of Fixed Assets

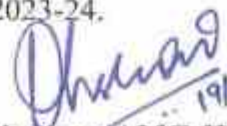
Physical verification of fixed assets was completed for all campuses except Chennai campus. In the Assets Registers, value of each asset (working and non-working assets) were not disclosed.

4. System of Physical Verification of Inventory

Physical verification of the inventory had been completed by the Management for all campuses except Chennai campus.

5. Regularity in Payment of Statutory Dues

The Institute was regular in payment of statutory dues during the year 2023-24.


 19/12/24
 Director (AMG-III)

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOOTWEAR DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024

(Amount In Rs.)

Particular	Schedule	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
CORPUS/ CAPITAL FUND AND LIABILITIES			
Corpus/ Capital Fund	1	35,67,49,982	39,94,58,099
Reserves And Surplus	2	-	-
Earmarked/ Endowment Funds	3	5,23,41,11,855	5,59,44,86,512
Secured Loans And Borrowings	4	-	-
Unsecured Loans And Borrowings	5	-	-
Deferred Credit Liabilities	6	-	-
Current Liabilities And Provisions	7	58,48,08,924	51,73,60,694
TOTAL		6,17,56,70,762	6,51,13,05,305
ASSETS			
Fixed Assets	8	5,33,80,48,540	5,68,02,41,295
Investments - From Earmarked/Endowment Funds	9	-	-
Investments - Others	10	34,17,83,780	36,55,77,006
Current Assets, Loans, Advances Etc.	11	49,58,38,442	46,54,87,003
Miscellaneous Expenditure (to the extent not written off or adjusted)			
TOTAL		6,17,56,70,762	6,51,13,05,305

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For Footwear Design & Development Institute


Dr. Sumit Kumar Jarangal, IAS
 Managing Director


Col. Pankaj Kumar Sinha
 Secretary


Sunil Bisht
 Manager (A&F)

Place: Noida

Dated: 16.08.2024

FOOTWEAR DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH, 2024

(Amount in Rs.)			
Particular	Schedule	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
INCOME			
Income from Sales/Services	12	9,29,66,613	5,50,80,910
Grants/Subsidies	13	65,85,98,074	69,46,32,363
Fees/Subscriptions	14	46,91,54,026	49,17,03,003
Income from Investments (Income on Invest, from earmarked/endow. Funds transferred to Funds)	15	93,00,890	65,38,028
Income from Royalty, Publication etc.	16	-	-
Interest Earned	17	2,75,19,005	3,34,91,544
Other Income	18	2,56,16,259	2,30,70,887
Increase/(decrease) in stock	19	-9,19,125	-14,81,335
TOTAL (A)		1,28,22,35,742	1,30,30,35,400
EXPENDITURE			
Establishment Expenses	20	31,06,60,379	26,86,55,843
Other Administrative Expenses etc.	21	32,54,24,729	45,19,90,347
Expenditure on Grants, Subsidies etc.	22	65,85,98,074	69,36,29,120
Interest	23	-	-
Depreciation	8A	3,02,73,836	2,24,41,903
TOTAL (B)		1,32,49,57,018	1,43,67,17,214
Prior Period Expenses		-	-
Balance being excess of Income over Expenditure (A-B)		(4,27,21,276)	(13,36,81,814)
Transfer to Special Reserve (Specify each)		-	-
Transfer to / from General Reserve		-	-
Balance Being Surplus/(Deficit) Carried To Corpus/ Capital Fund		(4,27,21,276)	(13,36,81,814)
Significant Accounting Policies	24		
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For Footwear Design & Development Institute


Dr. Sumet Kumar Jarangal, IAS
Managing Director


Col. Pankaj Kumar Sinha
Secretary


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Manager (A&F)

Place: Noida
Dated: 16-08-2024

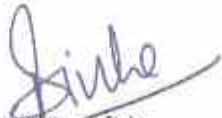
Footwear Design and Development Institute
Consolidated statement of Receipts and Payments
For the year ended on 31st March, 2024

(Amount in Rs.)

RECEIPTS	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023	PAYMENTS	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
I) Opening Balances			I) Expenses		
a) Cash in hand	1,50,231	93,527	a) Establishment Expenses (corresponding)	16,56,35,920	17,20,74,222
b) Bank Balances			b) Administrative Expenses (corresponding)	19,34,32,935	23,96,80,489
i) In current accounts	2,21,59,179	1,51,93,409	II) Payments made against funds for various projects		
ii) In Deposit/Saving accounts	19,35,60,388	1,04,95,64,070	a) PLSDP		-
iii) Fixed deposit value Excluded from Bank balance	4,00,00,000	-	b) IDLS		
II) Grants / Funds Received			c) Others (Payment to party from Govt)	18,11,11,167	1,30,56,634
a) From Government of India			III) Investments and deposits made		
a) Capital expenditure			a) Out of Earmarked / Endowment funds		
b) PLSDP			b) Out of Own Funds (Investments-Others)	33,81,26,322	25,000
c) IDLS			c) Investment in Gratuity Fund	34,80,627	33,64,240
d) Others -Grant	31,12,25,660	1,21,02,013	IV) Expenditure on Fixed Assets & Capital Work-in-		
b) From State Government			a) Purchase of Fixed Assets	33,99,820	2,89,45,157
c) From other sources (details) (Grants for capital &			b) Expenditure on Capital Work-in-progress		-
III) Income on Investments from			V) Refund of surplus money/Loans		
a) Earmarked/Endow. Funds		4,91,987	a) To the Government of India - *	-	1,07,16,216
b) Own Funds (Oth. Investment)	1,49,21,487	-	b) To the State Government		
IV) Interest Received			c) To other providers (Interest Refund to Government)	14,49,439	-
a) Interest on Govt Grant	5,86,646	-	VI) Finance Charges (Interest)	9,541	21,024
a) On Bank deposits	1,03,96,460	1,29,90,414	VII) Other Payments (Specify)		
b) Loans, Advances etc.	43,87,227	9,44,186	a) Transactions with branches	26,85,46,281	9,90,86,879
V) Other Income (Specify)			b) Other Payments	40,02,60,340	1,26,18,80,550
a) Student fees	43,82,74,044	36,27,35,424	c) Advance to employee	2,29,89,755	1,96,26,240
b) Lab Testing Fee	9,46,29,837	1,40,78,986	d) Refund of student fee	50,43,895	1,97,97,798
c) Other Income	78,72,118	1,73,38,998	VIII) Closing Balances		
VI) Amount Borrowed			a) Cash in hand	1,25,820	1,50,231
VII) Any other receipts (give details)			b) Bank Balances		
a) Investment Matured During the year	37,21,58,180	19,16,35,412	i) In current accounts	1,82,83,071	2,21,59,180
b) Other Receipts	8,18,33,768	24,98,23,810	ii) In deposit/saving	26,71,20,807	23,55,60,387
c) Transaction with branch	27,32,53,391	19,70,20,084			
d) Student Security	16,07,124	21,31,928			
TOTAL	1,86,90,15,739	2,12,61,44,247	TOTAL	1,86,90,15,739	2,12,61,44,247

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FOOTWEAR DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024

(Amount in Rs)

SCHEDULE 1 - CORPUS/CAPITAL FUND :	As at 31.03.2024		As at 31.03.2023	
Balance as at the beginning of the year	399,458,099		533,139,912	
Add : Contributions towards Corpus/Capital Fund adj.				
Add: Capital Adjustment	13,159			
Add : Transfer From General Reserve				
Add/ (Deduct) : Balance of net income/ (expenditure) transferred from the Income and Expenditure Account	-42,716,276	356,754,982	-133,681,813	399,458,099
Balance As At The Year - End		356,754,982		399,458,099

SCHEDULE 2 - RESERVES AND SURPLUS :	As at 31.03.2024		As at 31.03.2023	
1. Capital Reserve :				
As per last Account				
Addition during the year				
Less : Deductions during the year				
2. Revaluation Reserve:				
As per last Account				
Addition during the year				
Less : Deductions during the year				
3. Special Reserves :				
As per last Account				
Addition during the year				
Less : Deductions during the year				
4. General Reserve :				
As per last Account				
Addition during the year				
Add : Transfer to General Reserve				
Less : Transfer to Corpus/Capital Fund				
Less : Deductions during the year	-			
TOTAL				

SCHEDULE 3 - EARMARKED/ENDOWMENT FUNDS	FUND-WISE BREAK UP			FUND-WISE BREAK UP	
	Capital Grant	PLSDP	IDLS	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
a) Opening balance of the funds	5,34,35,73,247	24,99,82,736	157	5,59,35,56,140	6,30,79,58,456
Add: Book adjustments (As per books of Account)				9,30,372	9,30,372
				5,59,44,86,512	6,30,88,88,828
b) Additions to the Funds:	31,12,25,660			31,12,25,660	
i) Donations/ grants					
ii) Income from Investments made on account of funds	5,86,646			5,86,646	1,15,79,009
iii) Other additions (Written Back of Excess Written off in Previous Year)					
TOTAL (a+b)	5,65,53,85,553	24,99,82,736	157	5,90,62,98,818	6,32,04,67,837
c) Utilisation/ Expenditure towards objectives of funds					
i) Capital Expenditure Fixed Assets					
- Fixed Assets & Depreciation	63,78,20,037	2,07,78,037	-	65,85,98,074	72,59,81,325
- Others					
ii) Revenue Expenditure					
- Salaries, Wages and allowances etc. and other non capital exps	1,21,39,450	-	-	1,21,39,450	-
- Rent					
- Other Administrative expenses	-	-	-		
- Refund of Interest on grants	14,49,439	-	-	14,49,439	
TOTAL (c)	65,14,08,926	2,07,78,037	-	67,21,86,963	72,59,81,325
NET BALANCE AS AT THE YEAR-END (a + b - c)	5,00,39,76,627	22,92,04,699	157	5,23,41,11,855	5,59,44,86,512

SCHEDULE 4 - SECURED LOANS AND BORROWINGS:	As at 31.03.2024		As at 31.03.2023	
1. Central Government				
2. State Government (Specify)				
3. Financial Institutions				
a) Term Loans				
b) Interest accrued and due				
4. Banks:				
a) Term Loans				
- Interest accrued and due				
b) Other Loans (specify)				
- Interest accrued and due				
5. Other Institutions and Agencies				
6. Debentures and Bonds				
7. Others (Specify)				
TOTAL				

SCHEDULE 5 - UNSECURED LOANS AND BORROWINGS	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
1. Central Government		
2. State Government (Specify)		
3. Financial Institutions		
4. Banks:		
a) Term Loans		
b) Other Loans (specify)		
5. Other Institutions and Agencies		
6. Debentures and Bonds		
7. Fixed Deposits		
8. Others (Specify)		
TOTAL		

SCHEDULE 6 - DEFERRED CREDIT LIABILITIES:	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
a) Acceptances secured by hypothecation of capital equipment and other assets		
b) Others		
TOTAL		

SCHEDULE 7 - CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS A. CURRENT LIABILITIES		As at 31.03.2024		As at 31.03.2023	
1. Acceptances					
2. Sundry Creditors:					
a) For Goods	4,127,285		87,979		
b) Others	113,641,495	117,768,780	70,689,014	70,776,993	
c) Staff			55,536		
c) Branch				55,536	
3. Advances Received					
a) Training Fee Advance	68,732,798		70,295,909		
b) Advance from Debtors	4,614,312	73,347,110	3,693,873	73,989,782	
4. Interest accrued but not due on:					
a) Secured Loans / borrowings					
b) Unsecured Loans / borrowings					
5. Statutory Liabilities:					
a) Overdue					
b) Others	8,883,762	8,883,762	5,167,758	5,167,758	
6. Other current Liabilities					
a) Security Deposits (Student)	44,193,134		51,654,218		
b) Security Deposits (EMD)	35,329,934		30,786,026		
c) HRD Mission stipend					
c) Insurnace Claim/ Students Stipend	549,401		549,401		
d) Funds for Students	39,250,406		35,469,334		
e) Int. Institute Of Sadlery Tech & Export Mgmt.	5,489,242		5,489,242		
f) Death Relief Fund	613,000		314,000		
h) Student fee Receivable	6,264,880		3,639,039		
i) Hostel & Mess Securities			634,600		
j) Excess fee refundable			700,997		
f) Others	72,431,872	204,121,869	75,431,719	204,668,575	
TOTAL (A)		404,121,521		354,658,644	
B. PROVISIONS					
1. For Taxation		-25		68,587	
2. Gratuity		80,568,694		76,905,502	
3. Superannuation/ Pension					
4. Accumulated Leave Encashment		67,142,179		58,143,082	
5. Damage and Interest charge on late payment of EPFO		14,300,000		14,300,000	
6. Others - Provision for expenses		18,671,556		13,284,878	
TOTAL (B)		180,682,404		162,702,049	
TOTAL (A+B)		584,803,924		517,360,695	

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SCHEDULE-83
FDI-AT Govt Project Asset

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			Gross Block				DEPRECIATION					Net Block	
S.No.	Fixed Assets	Rate	Cost/ Valuation As at begining of the year	Additions during the years		Deletion during the year	Cost/Valuation at the end of the year	As at begining of the year	On Addition/durin g the year	On deductio n during the year	Total upto the year End	As at the current year End	As at the previous year End
				Less than 180 days	More than 180 days								
TANGIBLE ASSETS													
1	Land												
a)	Freehold		4,77,47,271	-	-	-	4,77,47,271	-	-	-	-	4,77,47,271	4,77,47,271
2	Building												
a)	On Freehold land	10	8,78,88,28,907	-	98,49,506	-	8,79,86,78,513	5,16,52,55,352	36,33,42,316	-	5,52,85,97,658	3,27,00,80,844	3,52,35,73,555
b)	Wells and Tubewells	10	3,23,44,961	-	-	-	3,23,44,961	2,12,70,419	11,57,454	-	2,23,77,873	99,67,088	1,10,74,542
3	Furniture & Fitting												
a)	Furniture & Fittings	10	54,32,49,389	-	37,57,098	-	54,70,06,487	31,29,86,463	2,34,02,304	-	33,63,88,026	21,06,18,461	23,02,64,124
b)	Electric Fittings	10	49,39,34,730	-	-	-	49,39,34,730	28,77,91,666	2,06,14,306	-	30,84,05,972	18,55,28,758	20,61,43,064
4	Machinery & Plant												
a)	Plant and Machinery	15	3,56,38,49,087	6,54,98,465	12,26,40,774	-	3,75,19,88,326	2,36,97,65,169	20,24,20,899	-	2,57,21,86,068	1,17,98,02,527	1,19,40,83,918
b)	Plant and Machinery	40	63,30,63,694	-	46,33,032	-	63,76,96,726	55,87,09,824	3,15,94,761	-	59,03,04,585	4,73,92,142	7,43,53,871
c)	Computer	40	10,41,00,212	1,81,54,318	1,28,00,958	-	13,50,55,488	10,29,45,176	92,13,267	-	11,21,58,443	2,28,96,749	11,55,037
d)	Vehicle	15	3,48,01,975	-	-	-	3,48,01,975	2,72,62,553	11,30,913	-	2,83,93,466	64,08,509	75,39,423
e)	Books	40	8,27,99,254	-	-	-	8,27,99,254	8,27,05,381	37,633	-	8,27,42,994	56,260	93,873
5	Intangible Asset												
a)	Software	25	54,11,869	2,36,82,600	59,14,089	-	3,50,08,558	6,76,484	56,22,694	-	62,99,178	2,87,09,381	47,35,385
Total			14,33,97,28,643.97	10,73,35,383.00	15,95,95,557.00	-	14,60,66,59,583.97	8,93,83,53,864.05	65,85,98,073.56	-	9,59,69,51,196.61	5,00,97,08,359.78	5,40,13,75,293.13
A.Capital Work in Progress			5,49,07,261	1,36,58,43,049		1,29,58,99,554	12,48,50,756					12,48,50,756	5,49,07,261
Total												5,13,45,59,116.01	5,45,62,82,553.13

SCHEDULE 9 - INVESTMENTS FROM EARMARKED/ENDOWMENT FUNDS	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
1. In Government Securities		
2. Other approved Securities		
3. Shares		
4. Debentures and Bonds		
5. Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures		
6. Others (to be specified)		
TOTAL	-	-

SCHEDULE 10 - INVESTMENTS - OTHERS	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
1. In Government Securities		
2. Other approved Securities		
3. Shares		
4. Debentures and Bonds		
5. Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures		
6. Others (gratuity)		
1) Gratuity Fund	7,48,33,754	7,44,84,555
2) Other Corpus Investment	26,69,90,026	29,10,92,451
TOTAL	34,17,83,780	36,55,77,006

SCHEDULE 11 - CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS AND ADVANCES	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
A. CURRENT ASSETS:		
1. Inventories:		
a) Stores and Spares	73,13,538	83,19,505
b) Loose Tools		-
c) Stock-in-trade		-
Finished Goods Work-in-progress Raw Materials:		-
2. Sundry Debtors:		
a) Debts Outstanding for a period exceeding six months	3,16,35,022	1,77,23,920
b) Debtor outstanding for a period less the six month	1,40,65,873	36,74,749
c) Others		1,51,10,473
d) Branch		-
3. Cash balances in hand (including cheques/drafts and imprest)	1,25,820	1,50,231
4. Bank Balances:		
a) With Scheduled Banks:		
-On Current Accounts	1,82,83,071	2,21,59,179
-On Deposit Accounts (includes margin money) -On Savings Accounts	26,36,69,441	22,73,30,815
b) With non-Scheduled Banks: -On Current Accounts -On Deposit Accounts -On Savings Accounts	34,51,367	82,29,574
5. Post Office Savings Accounts	-	-
TOTAL (A)	33,85,44,132	30,25,98,444
1. Loans		
a) Staff	8,38,098	7,49,577
b) Other Entities engaged in activities/objectives similar to that of the Entity		-
c) Other (specify)		-
2. Advances and other amounts recoverable in cash or in kind or for value to be received:		
a) On Capital Account		-
b) Prepayments	54,69,962	64,14,240
c) Others (TDS Receivable)	2,37,45,904	2,21,91,966
d) Other receivable	4,31,832	54,17,039
3. Income Accrued:		
a) On Investments from Earmarked/Endowment Funds	-	-
b) On Investments - Others	1,00,00,000	12,21,810
c) On Loans and Advances		-
d) Others (includes income due unrealised-Rs)	1,21,52,305	3,05,91,039
4. Claims Receivable		-
5. Other Assets		
a) Advance to Creditors	82,93,405	81,91,417
b) Security Deposits	1,19,80,899	3,21,30,971
c) Mob. Advance		-
d) Input Taxes	1,41,624	29,557
e) Staff Imprest	3,40,638	1,83,691
f) Other Receivable	99,979	-
g) Student Fee Receivables	8,37,99,684	5,57,67,251
h) Receivable from PF		-
i) Advance to Govt. Authority		-
TOTAL (B)	15,72,94,310	16,28,88,559
TOTAL (A + B)	49,58,38,442	46,54,87,003

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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON
31ST MARCH, 2024

(Amount in Rs.)

SCHEDULE 12 - INCOME FROM SALES/SERVICES	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
1) Income from Sales:		
a) Sale of Finished Goods	1,394	4,862
b) Sale of Raw Material	-	-
c) Sale of Scraps	9,91,706	35,60,700
2) Income from Services:	-	-
a) Labour and Processing Charges	-	-
b) Professional/Consultancy Services	4,00,908	4,55,907
c) Agency Commission and Brokerage	53,34,359	50,23,890
d) Maintenance Sendees (Equipment/Property)	-	-
e) Others (Lab Services)	8,62,38,246	4,60,35,551
TOTAL	9,29,66,613	5,50,80,910

(Amount in Rs.)

SCHEDULE 13 - GRANTS/ SUBSIDIES	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
(Irrevocable Grants & Subsidies Received)		
1) Central Government	65,85,98,074	69,32,36,207
2) State Government(s)	-	-
3) Government Agencies	-	13,96,156
4) Institutions/ Welfare Bodies	-	-
5) International Organisations	-	-
6) Others (Specify)	-	-
TOTAL	65,85,98,074	69,46,32,363

(Amount in Rs.)

SCHEDULE 14 - FEES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
1) Entrance Fees	-	-
2) Annual Fees/ Subscriptions	70,000	61,080
3) Seminar/ Program Fees	1,38,00,576	48,80,000
4) Consultancy Fees	-	-
5) Students fee	45,52,83,450	48,67,61,923
TOTAL	46,91,54,026	49,17,03,003

(Amount in Rs.)

SCHEDULE 15 - INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS	Investment from Earmarked Fund		Investment - Others		Total	
(Income on Invest, from Earmarked/ Endowment Funds transferred to Funds)	31.03.2024	31.03.2023	31.03.2024	31.03.2023	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
1) Interest						
a) On Govt. Securities	-	-	-	-	-	-
b) Other Bonds/ Debentures	-	-	-	-	-	-
2) Dividends:						
a) On Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-
b) On Mutual Fund Securities	-	-	-	-	-	-
3) Rents	13,22,524	12,69,600	26,64,520	1,03,065	39,87,044	13,72,665
4) Others (Investment in Gratuity Funds)	53,13,846	51,65,363	-	-	53,13,846	51,65,363
TOTAL	66,36,370	64,34,963	26,64,520	1,03,065	93,00,890	65,38,028
TRANSFERRED TO EARMARKED/ ENDOWMENT FUNDS						

(Amount in Rs.)

SCHEDULE 16 - INCOME FROM ROYALTY, PUBLICATION ETC	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
1) Income from Royalty		-
2) Income from Publications	-	-
3) Others (specify)	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

(Amount in Rs.)

SCHEDULE 17 - INTEREST EARNED	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
1) On Term Deposits:		
a) With Scheduled Banks	2,12,80,189	2,56,45,368
b) With Non-Scheduled Banks	-	-
c) With Institutions	3,24,069	6,83,802
d) Others	-	-
2) On Savings Accounts:		
a) With Scheduled Banks	58,12,503	70,98,107
b) With Non-Scheduled Banks	-	-
c) Post Office Savings Accounts	-	-
d) Others	-	-
3) On Loans:		
a) Employees/Staff	-	-
b) Others	22,156	13,279
4) Interest on Debtors and Other Receivables	80,089	50,988
TOTAL	2,75,19,005	3,34,91,544

(Amount In Rs.)		
SCHEDULE 18 - OTHER INCOME	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
1) Profit on Sale/disposal of Assets:		
a) Owned assets	-	-
b) Assets acquired out of grants, or received free of cost	-	-
2) Export Incentives realized	-	-
3) Fees for Miscellaneous Services (CAD)	-	80,87,991
4) Miscellaneous Income	2,56,16,259	1,49,82,896
TOTAL	2,56,16,259	2,30,70,887

(Amount In Rs.)		
SCHEDULE 19 - INCREASE/ (DECREASE) IN STOCK OF FINISHED GOODS & WORK IN PROGRESS	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
Closing stock:		
- Finished Goods	-	-
- Work-in-progress	-	-
- Consumables	73,13,538	82,32,664
Less: Opening Stock		
- Finished Goods	-	-
- Work-in-progress	-	-
- Consumables	82,32,664	97,13,999
NET INCREASE/ DECREASE) (a-b)	-9,19,125	-14,81,335

(Amount In Rs.)		
SCHEDULE 20 - ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
a) Salaries and Wages	24,50,96,233	22,00,07,738
b) Allowances and Bonus	37,65,955	82,71,177
c) Contribution to Provident Fund	2,14,90,753	1,77,57,507
d) Contribution to Other Fund (ESI)	1,14,672	1,94,929
e) Staff Welfare Expenses	70,12,551	1,66,53,418
f) Expenses on Employees' Retirement and Terminal Benefits	1,20,30,557	10,99,605
g) Others (specify)	10,42,105	10,31,881
1) Staff Insurance	32,59,115	32,03,003
2) Earned Leave	1,68,48,438	4,36,585
TOTAL	31,06,60,379	26,86,55,843

SCHEDULE 21 - OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ETC	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
a) Purchases	-	-
b) Labour and processing expenses	37,04,824	55,32,041
c) Cartage and Carriage Inwards	2,80,352	1,55,957
d) Electricity and power	5,32,31,260	5,08,19,218
e) Water charges	16,61,066	24,58,378
f) Insurance	8,90,379	10,46,725
g) Repairs and maintenance	4,54,46,011	16,35,23,947
h) Excise Duty	-	-
i) Rent, Rates and Taxes	37,14,284	19,26,621
j) Vehicles Running and Maintenance	35,54,421	46,65,398
k) Postage, Telephone and Communication Charges	49,98,099	52,49,043
l) Printing and Stationary	53,91,866	44,92,034
m) Travelling and Conveyance Expenses	1,42,48,178	1,11,16,089
n) Expenses on Seminar/Workshops	21,73,847	11,04,149
o) Subscription Expenses	32,91,031	15,19,234
p) Expenses on Fees	23,52,763	67,05,434
q) Auditors Remuneration	51,30,654	22,65,163
r) Hospitality Expenses	4,30,513	8,82,304
s) Professional Charges	65,33,409	79,04,425
t) Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts/Advances	42,50,800	-
u) Irrecoverable Balances Written-off	-	1,05,64,264
v) Packing Charges	-	-
w) Freight and Forwarding Expenses	-	46,642
x) Distribution Expenses (Ethiopia Project Exps)	-	7,11,028
y) Advertisement and Publicity	1,59,98,057	1,31,32,239
z) Others:	-	-
1) Housekeeping Expense	4,03,92,042	3,37,52,525
2) Security Expense	4,63,42,294	3,87,41,784
3) Books & Periodicals	1,53,613	1,38,294
4) Office Expense	1,00,09,897	1,03,88,522
5) Consumables	23,53,545	29,12,904
6) Training expenses	1,33,05,290	2,45,90,022
7) Mens Expenses	2,29,85,191	2,49,87,009
8) Recruitment Expenses	2,58,000	-
9) Student welfare expense	-	1,42,338
10) Software expense	-	59,993
11) Celebration Expenses (INI & Founder day)	26,18,680	-
12) Fixed Assets Written off	-	-
13) Bank charges	-	49,665
14) Interest on TDS & GST	-	-
15) Fire Safety NOC Charges	-	1,50,336
16) Household Shifting Expenses	-	-
17) Interlab Testing Charges	19,65,828	14,01,787
18) Promotional Activities expenses	98,420	-
19) Foreign Exchange loss	-	28,891
20) Medicine Expenses	-	1,98,121
21) Lease Rental Annual	6,32,819	6,32,819
22) Damage and Interest charge on late payment of EPFO	-	1,43,00,000
23) Other Expenses (Miscellaneous)	16,73,417	-
24) Operator Training Program (OTC)	53,53,880	36,95,004
TOTAL	32,54,24,729	45,19,90,347

SCHEDULE 22 - EXPENDITURE ON GRANTS, SUBSIDIES ETC	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
a) Grants given to Institutions/Organisations	-	-
b) Grants utilized (Incl. Fixed Assets Written off against grants) during the year	65,85,98,074	69,36,29,120
c) Subsidies given to Institutions/Organisations	-	-
TOTAL	65,85,98,074	69,36,29,120
Note - Name of the Entities, their Activities along with the amount of Grants/Subsidies are to be disclosed.		
SCHEDULE 23 - INTEREST	31.03.2022	31.03.2021
a) On Fixed Loans	-	-
b) On Other Loans (including Bank Charges)	-	-
c) Others (specify)	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

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Schedule-24: Significant Accounting Policies

1. ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The financial statements are prepared on the basis of historical cost convention, unless otherwise stated and on the accrual method of accounting.

2. Valuation of Inventories

Store, spare & consumable (including machinery spares) and stationery items are valued at cost.

3. Revenue Recognition

All the Income are accounted for on accrual basis except Grant/Subsidy, which was shown as part of Income to the extent of depreciation charged to the Asset purchased out of the Govt Grant.

4. Investment

Both long term and Short term investments are valued at cost as on the date of Balance sheet 31st-March-2024

5. Fixed Asset

- a) The Fixed Assets are stated at cost of acquisition inclusive of Inward freight, duties and taxes and incidental and direct expenses related to acquisition. Fixed assets purchased /created at cost of acquisition less accumulated depreciation.
- b) The following lands have been allotted free of cost by the respective state governments and the same have been shown in the books of accounts at a nominal values of Rs.1/- each.

- Land of FDDI branch at Chennai, Tamilnadu.
- Land of FDDI branch at Kolkata, West Bengal.
- Land of FDDI branch at Rohtak, Haryana
- Land of FDDI branch at Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- Land of FDDI branch at Hyderabad
- Land of FDDI branch at Patna, Bihar
- Land of FDDI branch at Bannur, Punjab.

6. Expenditure

All the expenditure was booked on accrual basis, During the year 2023-24, the expenditure books on account of provision for Leave encashment of Rs.1,68,48,438/- & Provision for Gratuity Rs1,20,30,557/-. The total provision for Leave Encashment is Rs.6,71,42,179/- and provision for Gratuity is Rs.8,05,68,694/- as on 31.03.2024, out of which sum of Rs.7,48,33,754/- is invested in the LIC Group Gratuity Scheme.

7. Capitalization of work In Progress

During the year Rs.12,48,50,757/- (Rs.1,15,43,837/-, Rs.1,58,18,214/- & Rs.12,91,25,134/- of CNC, COE & Non leather respectively) was shown as Capital Work in Progress towards the expenditure incurred for setting up Center of Excellence (COEs) in FDDI's Branches at Patna, Jodhpur, Kolkata, Rohtak, Chennai & Hyderabad and CNC & IDLS-Noida

8. Excess/Shortfall of Income over Expenditure

As an Organization's policy, the Excess of Expenditure over Income of Rs.4,27,21,276/- has been transferred to Capital/Corpus Fund.

9. Grant In Aid

During the current year FDDI received Grant to the tune of Rs.31,12,25,660/- (Non leather Rs.18,10,45,815/-, New Lab building Rs.8,26,72,780/- & Bannur Girls hostel Rs.4,75,07,065/-), and earned Interest Income on the grant Rs.5,86,646/- The grant utilized/adjusted against depreciation on Asset purchased out of the Grant Rs.65,85,98,074/- and other recurring administrative expenditure on Rs.1,21,39,450/-

- 10.** The Depreciation has been charged during the current financial year 2023-24 on all the Asset purchased and created out of the Government Grant. The total depreciation charged during the current year on the assets was **Rs.65,85,98,074/-** and the grant was adjusted against the same value. Further the depreciation charged on Asset purchased out of the own fund amounting to **Rs.3,02,73,836/-** shown in the Income & Expenditure Account. As per the policy, no depreciation has been provided on the capital expenditure incurred during the year 2023-24 relating to the capital work in progress since they were not capitalized till the date of Balance sheet.

- 11.** Student's fees receivable of Chhindawara Campus Rs.42.50 Lakh was pending to receive from more than 3 year & the chance of recovery was remote hence, with approval of Governing council, it has been written off in the books of account during the financial year 2023-24.

12. Other

- i. Balance of stock & cash balance has been taken as certified by HODs & Physical verified by them on 31.03.2024.
- ii. The balance of sundry debtors, creditors, receivable, loans & advances & other liabilities whether in debit or in credit are subject to confirmation and reconciliation.
- iii. The Institute has appointed the firm of Chartered Accountants to conduct their internal audit regularly for all the branches and HO. We have made the books of accounts of all the branches as audited by the Internal Auditor.
- iv. All the financial figures have been rounded off to the nearest rupees while completing the financial statements.
- v. Previous year figures have been re-grouped and rearranged whenever it was necessary.
- vi. Fixed Assets related to project of all branches are maintained at head office.

Schedule: 25 Contingent Liabilities

- i. The Noida Authority has issued a letter dated 24.01.2024 demanding Rs 12.45(approx.) Crore as Lease Rent of Land & Interest thereon for Noida Campus. In this regard it is submitted that the Lease Rent has been paid up to the date but Interest is due on delay payment of Lease rent. The matter is being taken up with the Noida Authority for waiving of Interest. However authorities has mutually agreed to waive off penalty and agreed to charge saving interest rate Instead of 17% and letter of confirmation yet to be received from authority.


Dr. Sumit Kumar Jarangal, IAS
Managing Director


Col. Pankaj Kumar Sinha
Secretary


Sunil Bisht
Manager (A&F)

Place: Noida

Dated: 16.08.2024

FDDI CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (COE)

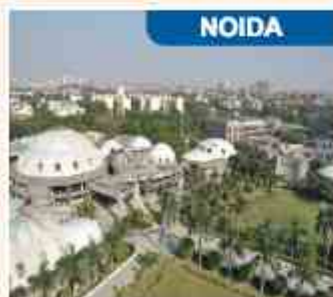
Sr. No.	CoEs established on "Thematic Area"	FDDI Campus
1.	Center for Design, Development & Fabric Interface	Chennai
2.	Design, Development & Fabric Interface for Leather Products & Accessories - Extended	Hyderabad
3.	Center for Leather Finishing Innovation & Product Retailing	Patna
4.	Center for Leather Goods, Garments & Accessories	Kolkata
5.	High Performance / Specialized Footwear & Products and Start Ups	Jodhpur
6.	Center for R&D, Course Development and Leather Fashion Footwear & Products Innovation	Noida
7.	Center for Non-Leather Footwear, Products & Accessories	Rohtak

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