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Footwear Design & Development Institute Act 2017 making FDDI an 'Institute of National Importance' comes into force

Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) has been declared an 'Institute of National Importance' under Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. The FDDI bill was passed by the Parliament in July 2017.



Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Mr. C.R. Chaudhary during the press conference

The Provisions of FDDI Act 2017 have come into force from 16.10.2017, according to the Notification published in The Gazette of India on October 5, 2017 which brings it in the league of some of the premier institution of the country.

The Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Mr. C.R. Chaudhary, during a press conference on 16th October

2017 said that the commitment of the Government to resolve the degree issue has culminated in the grant of the status of 'Institute of National Importance' to FDDI. With this, the government has also ensured upgradation of FDDI to a position of eminence so as to enable the Institute to effectively serve the Sector/ Industry.

On this occasion, Ms. Anita Praveen, IAS, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce (DoC), Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, Managing Director, FDDI, Mr. Adarsh Kumar, AFHQ CS, Executive Director, FDDI & Mr. Vikas Singh, IRS, Executive Director, FDDI, Mr. V K Singh, Under Secretary, DoC, Mr. A.K. Govila, Section Officer, EP (LSG), DoC, Mr. Nitin D. Wakankar, ADG (Media & Communication), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Regional Director – North, Council for Leather Exports (CLE), Mr. P.R. Aqeel Ahmed, Managing Director, Florence Shoe Company Pvt. Ltd., and media persons were present.

To empower the youth of the nation and to help them march alongside the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Skill Development mission and Make in India initiative, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India proposed the FDDI INI Bill to Parliament.



FDDI, after becoming an INI, now has the autonomy to design its courses as per the requirement of the industry, and award its own degree to the students. FDDI can now independently develop and conduct courses leading to graduate and post graduate degrees, doctoral and post-doctoral courses and research in the areas of footwear and leather products design and development and allied fields.

Presently, FDDI is imparting skill based graduate and post graduate courses in the fields of footwear, leather goods, retail and management to around 2,500 students across eight campuses spread over India. With the enhancement of the status of FDDI as an 'Institute of National Importance' by the virtue of the FDDI Act, 2017, the institute will now be able to enroll around 2,500 more students in the upcoming admission session, across its 12 campuses, out of which four new campuses will become functional with the next academic session.

FDDI is a premier Institute, serving as a 'One stop solutions provider' in footwear, leather and allied industry. Since its inception in 1986, FDDI 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 man

power with its specific curriculum, state of the art laboratories, world class infrastructure and experienced faculty.

Leather exports may rise 10% by 2019, says Minister

'Weak demand in European Union had affected industry'

Leather exports may register a 10% increase by 2019 from \$5.66 billion last fiscal, according to Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Mr. C.R. Chaudhary.



sector. He, however, denied that cow-related agitations and regulations impacted the sector and added that weak demand in major markets such as European Union had affected the industry.

He said all Footwear Design and Development Institutes (FDDIs) would become 'Institutes of National

Speaking to the media, he also said the Centre was taking steps to boost the labour-intensive



Importance' (INI) from 16.10.2017. "To empower the youth and to help them march alongside the Prime Minister's Skill Development Mission and Make in India initiative, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry proposed the FDDI INI Bill to Parliament. FDDI, after becoming an INI, now has the autonomy to design its courses as per the requirement of the industry, and award its own degree to the students," an official statement said.

The approval of the FDDI Act by Parliament in July had brought to an end the controversy with regard to the institute.

The UGC, in September, 2014, raised questions against the MoU between FDDI and Mewar University for grant of degree to FDDI students registered for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 in the light of the AICTE's non-recognition of its degree. In 2016, FDDI students protested demanding degrees instead of diplomas.

(Source: The Hindu)

Aditya Birla Retail sales up 20%, but Finance costs a drag

Co sales at Rs. 4,914 cr for the year ended March 2017, its net losses fall to Rs. 644 cr.

Aditya Birla Retail, the operator of 'More' supermarkets, has reported a

20% increase in sales for 2016-17, though losses continued due to high finance and borrowing costs.

The retail arm of the Aditya Birla Group posted Rs. 4,194 Crore in



sales for the year ended March 2017, while net loss narrowed to Rs. 644 Crore, according to company filings with the Registrar of Companies.

The fourth-largest supermarket chain in the country after Future Group, Reliance Retail and D'Mart ended the year with 493 'More' branded supermarkets and 20 hypermarkets, covering over 2 million sq. ft. of retail space.

The company reported debt of about Rs. 6,573 Crore and finance cost of Rs. 471 Crore for the year. The accumulated debt was mainly due to the acquisition of Trinethra and Fabmall a decade ago and Jubilant's Total Super Store two years ago.



Email query to Aditya Birla Retail remained unanswered till as of press time.

(Source: The Economic Times)

Metro Cash & Carry to start e-commerce for B2B by Dec-end

Metro Cash & Carry would start online sales for business customers by the year-end as it looks to expand in the growing segment, a top official of the company said.

The company also plans to add more stores to its network. To woo small kirana shops, the company has also started giving them credit ranging from Rs. 1 Lakh to Rs. 15 Lakh on their purchases besides delivering products at their stores. "In the next 60 to 90 days, before the end of this year, we would be starting our new e-commerce solutions," Metro Cash & Carry India CEO and MD, Mr. Arvind Mediratta said

(Source: Business Standard)

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S.No.	Test Description	Charges in ₹
12.4	Abrasion resistance	600
12.5	Knot resistance	600
12.6	Colour migration	200

13. SAFETY FOOTWEAR

13.1	Hardness of steel toe cap	250
13.2	Nail penetration test	600
13.3	Dimensions of steel toe cap	400
13.4	Impact strength of steel toe caps	600
13.5	Thermal conductivity	500
13.6	Static electricity	
a.	Without conditioning	600
b.	With conditioning as per EN norms	2000
13.7	Resistance to hot contact	500
13.8	Compression resistance	600
	Metal insert flexing	1000
	Cold insulation test	2000
	Heat insulation	600
	Acid resistance footwear with different chemicals (upto 20 chemicals)	1000/chemical
	ESD footwear test	2000
	Energy absorption	600

14. CARD BOARD BOXES

14.1	Specific weight	100
14.2	Tongue tear strength	600
14.3	Rub fastness Dry/Wet	400
14.4	Laminar strength	700
14.5	Burst strength	600

15. HAWAI CHAPPAL

15.1	Strap attachment strength	400
15.2	Breaking strength of strap	400
15.3	Ross flexing	600
15.4	Abrasion	700
15.5	Split tear	600
15.6	Compression set	600
15.7	Shrinkage	600

16. TEXTILES

16.1	Breaking strength	400
16.2	Colour fastness to washing	150
16.3	Colour fastness to perspiration (Acidic/Alkaline each)	150

FDDI ITC (NOIDA & CHENNAI) IS OFFERING FLAT 20 % DISCOUNT ON ALL TESTING TO ALL THE CUSTOMERS TILL THIS FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-18

* The said discount is not applicable on inter-lab testing & package fee



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