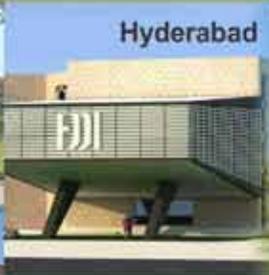




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## Centre of Excellence for Leather Skill Bangladesh Limited (COEL) signs MoU with FDDI, India

Centre of Excellence for Leather Skill Bangladesh Ltd., (COEL) of Bangladesh has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Footwear & Design & Development Institute (FDDI), India for the development of the leather and leather products sector of Bangladesh.

**FDDI will assist COEL 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.**



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President, Bangladesh Finished Leather, Leathers Goods & Footwear Exporters Association (BFLLEA), Mr. Sakhawat Hossain Belal, President, Bangladesh Paduka Prostutkarak Shamity (BPPS), Mr. Abdul Momen Bhuiyan, Senior Vice President, LFMEAB, Mr. Md. Nazmul Hassan Sohail, Vice President (HR & Admin), LFMEAB, Mr. Md. Nasir Uddin, Vice Chairman, COEL, Mr. A.K.M Afzalur Rahman, Director, COEL, Mr. Md.Mominul Ahsan, CEO, COEL, Ms. Kazi Roushan Ara, Head of Operation, COEL, Mr. Mustain Zahir, Head of Research & Development, COEL, Mr. Md.Arifur Rahman Bhuiyan, Training Manager, COEL & Mr. Aritra Das from FDDI were present.



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Centre of Excellence for Leather Skill Bangladesh Ltd., (COEL) of Bangladesh is the first institute of its kind with the objective to increase and improve the overall skill level of the workforce of the leather sector. The training centre of COEL is situated at Pallibiddut, Chandra, Gazipur which serves as the hub of COEL's Leather Skill Training Programs.



The signing of MoU between COEL, Bangladesh and FDDI, India



Chhindwara

The MoU was signed on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 by Mr. Syed Nasim Manzur, Chairman, COEL and Mr. Vikas Singh, IRS, Executive Director, FDDI.

The leather and leather products sector of Bangladesh has been a significant contributor to the country's export growth and contributes around 3% to the GDP where 60,000 skilled labour is needed in this sector.



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On this occasion, the dignitaries which included Mr. Hedayetullah Al Mamoon, ndc, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Government of The People's Republic of Bangladesh, Mr. Md. Saiful Islam, President, LFMEAB, Mr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Mahin,

The MoU has been signed with the objective to develop institutional capacity of the COEL



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for addressing the critical shortage of trained human resources for leather footwear and leather goods sector which shall meet the requirements of trained human resources for producing products for export market as well as for domestic consumers of the leather and leather products.

FDDI will assist COEL 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.

FDDI will be providing all the desired technical and value-added support to build up the competence level in all possible domains such as: Technical Competence Building, Design, Testing etc. for the development and growth of the leather and leather products industry of Bangladesh.

## Seminar on 'Goods and Services Tax (GST)' held at FDDI, Chhindwara

A seminar on 'Goods and Services Tax (GST)' was held on 04<sup>th</sup> November 2016 from 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM in the auditorium of the Footwear & Design & Development Institute (FDDI), Chhindwara.

**The seminar provided a comprehensive understanding of the fundamentals of GST rules and updates on the recent changes.**

Mr. P K Agarwal, IRS, Commissioner, Central Excise & Service Tax, Jabalpur and Dr. Dinesh Bisen, IRS, Deputy Commissioner, Central Excise & Service

Tax, Division- Chhindwara delivered lecture and guided on GST.

Delivering the keynote address, Mr. P K Agarwal, who was the chief speaker said, "It is a destination based tax on consumption of goods and services. It is proposed to be levied at all stages right from manufacture up to final consumption with credit of taxes paid at previous stages available as setoff. In a nutshell, only value addition will be taxed and burden of tax is to be borne by the final consumer."

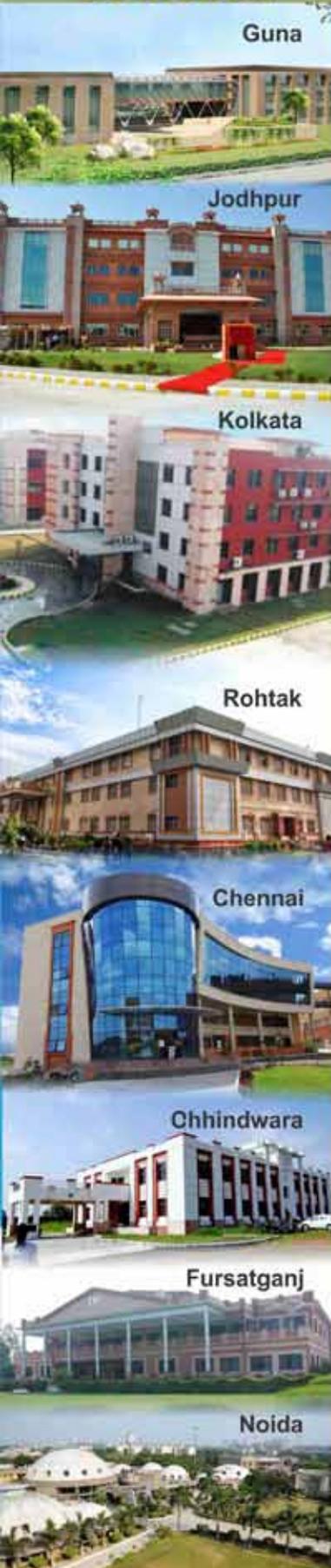


Keynote address during the seminar

To create awareness among taxpayers, trade & industry, the Deputy Commissioner Customs, Central Excise & S. Tax, Division Chhindwara vide its letter no. C. No. IV(16)09/prev/GST/chw/16-17/1467 has requested FDDI to provide its auditorium to organize this seminar.

The seminar provided a comprehensive understanding of the fundamentals of GST rules and updates on the recent changes.

Approximately 250 people including the staff of FDDI, Chartered Accountants, Legal Advisers, Tax consultants, Industrialists etc. attended the seminar including.



## Adidas launches Rs. 21K shoes made with waste

Ever thought of wearing a pair of shoes made with junk floating in the oceans?

German Sportswear company, Adidas, has broken new ground with its new range of shoes made from recycled ocean waste. It will launch 60 pairs in India as well.

**Of 7,000 pairs worldwide, only 60 will be available in India starting 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016... (but) Adidas will build one million pairs globally by the end of 2017, enabling us to bring more pairs to India**

**Dave Thomas, MD, Adidas Group India**

UltraBOOST, priced around Rs. 21,000 per pair, is made of waste equalling 11 plastic bottles. “Globally, the company has made 7,000 pairs. However, only 60 pairs will be available in India starting 14th November 2016,” Dave Thomas, Managing Director, Adidas Group India said.

The range will be available at select retail stores, one each in Mumbai, Delhi and Bangalore, and on the company’s website. “Moreover, Adidas will build one million pairs globally by the end of 2017, enabling us to bring more pairs to India.”

The company will also produce soccer jerseys using the junk plastic for renowned football clubs Bayern Munich and Real Madrid.

Ethical fashion went mainstream in 2013, when Puma launched shoes and jackets made of biodegradable and recyclable

material globally. Later, Canadian footwear maker Woodland launched a range using biodegradable waste such as recycled tires, vegetable tanned leather and cotton in India.

Mr. Harkirat Singh, Managing Director, Woodland, said, “The demand for the products is not as high as compared to other products as they are slightly expensive. However, we hope our customers will be inspired to choose eco-friendly products as we become more innovative.”

(Source: Hindustan Times)

## Amazon’s cash-on-delivery facility is back

E-commerce giant Amazon on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 said it has resumed Cash on Delivery (CoD) service for customers, two days after it had halted the option following the government’s move to demonetise Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000 notes.

Apart from cash, Amazon India will allow customers to pay using credit and debit cards at the time of delivery of the order. “As of November 11, we are re-introducing CoD to enable options to pay at the time of delivery. This accommodates customers who face challenges of paying online, but are still able to use electronic instruments at delivery,” an Amazon India spokesperson said.

The spokesperson added that the delivery agents have been trained to help customers who opt for card payments at the time of order delivery or valid currency notes, including the newly introduced Rs. 500 and 2,000 notes.



About digital payments on the platform, the spokesperson said electronic payments at doorstep have gone up by a factor of 10x in the past two days.

“This clearly indicates that customers are able to adapt to electronic payment methods when cash is constrained. We continue to focus on incentivising and helping people shift to making payments electronically online, aligned with the government’s focus,” the spokesperson added.

### Some Incentives

The company has launched a new offer to incentivise customers to make cashless transactions.

Customers can load their Amazon gift card balance and get an incentive of 15 per cent/Rs. 300 (maximum) discount at checkout.

Following the government’s decision to demonetise, firms like Amazon and Paytm temporarily halted the cash on delivery facility for customers.

According to industry estimates, about 70 per cent of the shoppers opt for cash while buying a product.

(Source: Business Line)

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### Physical Laboratory Testing Services Provided by FDDI, NOIDA

S. No.	Test Description	Charges in ₹
<b>11 FASTENERS</b>		
11.8	Security of attachment of retainer to long load	600
11.9	Tensile / Breaking strength	600
11.10	Tear strength	600
11.11	Peel strength (Velcro)	600
11.12	Shear strength(Velcro)	600
11.13	Corrosion (Metal fasteners)	600
11.14	Eyelet attachment strength	600
11.15	Strength of fastened buckles	600
11.16	Strength of buckle and strap attachment	600
11.17	Corrosion resistance	
a	For the first sample	1000
b	For subsequent three samples (per sample)	200
<b>12 LACES</b>		
12.1	Linear Density	100
12.2	Breaking strength & elongation at break	600
12.3	Strength of bodkin attachment	600
12.4	Abrasion resistance	600
12.5	Knot resistance	600
12.6	Colour migration	200
<b>13 SAFETY FOOTWEAR</b>		
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	500
b	With conditioning as per EN norms	2000
13.7	Resistance to hot contact	500
13.8	Compression resistance	600
<b>14 CARD BOARD BOXES</b>		
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
<b>15 HAWAI CHAPPAL</b>		
15.1	Strap attachment strength	400
15.2	Breaking strength of strap	400

FDDI ITC (NOIDA & CHENNAI) IS OFFERING FLAT 20 % DISCOUNT ON ALL TESTING TO ALL THE CUSTOMERS FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2016 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017 (For further continuation it will be reviewed in due course)  
\* The said discount is not applicable on inter-lab testing & package fee

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