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FDDI, Fursatganj students attend Workshop in IIT, Kanpur

The students of Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI), Fursatganj attended the workshop on Leather art, craft and design which was conducted by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur from 11th to 16th April, 2017.

During the workshop, understanding about traditional leatherwork skills and how to use specialist tools was demonstrated to the students.

The students of FDDI School of Footwear Design & Production (FSFDP), FDDI School of Fashion Leather Accessory Design (FSFLAD) and FDDI School of Fashion Design (FSFD) attended the workshop.

Several techniques like embossing, carving, polishing etc., were also briefed to the students. They were made aware about design education and understanding of Indian craft. Training on batik work was given to the students.

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An exhibition was organized on the last day to display the products made by the students.



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FDDI provide ample opportunity to the students to groom their skills and knowledge through these kinds of activities.

International Skill Centre in Assam planned

Union Minister of State (Ind) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Mr. Rajiv Pratap Rudy said that his Ministry is interested to set up an International Skill Centre in Assam and asked the State Government to allot a suitable land in and around Guwahati for the purpose.

The development took place after Assam Chief Minister, Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal met the Union Minister on 24 April 2017 and discussed the issue. Mr. Sonowal said that this would be a big fillip considering Government of India's Act East Policy that will open up the frontiers with neighbouring countries of South East Asia.





The Union Minister also said the MSDE under PM's Kaushal Vikas Yojana would extend Central support in opening up of small centres for skill development. NSDC team will assist the State in developing the project, he added.

In this context, the Minister suggested for signing of MoU in which there can be provision for imparting other skills in these centres. Mr. Rudy said his Ministry is keen to organise skill exhibition in four-five locations in Assam and will tie up with partners for successfully organising the event.

(Source: The Pioneer)

Jimmy Choo put up for sale

British luxury retailer Jimmy Choo is seeking offers for the company as part of a review of its strategic options to maximise shareholder value, it said on April 24, 2017.



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The firm, which specialises in shoes and accessories, said it had discussed the strategic review process with its majority shareholder, JAB Luxury, which has confirmed it is supportive of the process.

JAB Luxury holds 67.7% of Jimmy Choo, which trades from over 150 stores globally.

Shares in Jimmy Choo, which floated on the London Stock Exchange at 140 pence in 2014, have increased 35% over the last year. They closed Friday at 168.5 pence, valuing the business at 657 million pounds (\$840 million).

Jimmy Choo said Britain's Takeover Panel has agreed that any talks with third parties may be conducted within the context of a "formal sale process" to enable conversations with parties interested in making a proposal to take place on a confidential basis.

Jimmy Choo said it is currently not in receipt of any approaches.

It is being advised by BofA Merrill Lynch and Citigroup.

Last month Jimmy Choo reported a 15.7% rise in core earnings to 59 million pounds.

(Source: Hindustan Times)

Ikea to double India sourcing by 2020

The world's largest furniture retailer Ikea said it would double its sourcing from India by 2020, demonstrating the Swedish company's commitment to comply with the 30% local purchase norms as it makes its commercial debut in the world's fastest-expanding major economy.

The furniture retailer has said it will double sourcing from India to €600



million, up from its existing base of €318 million. Managing Director, Mr. Jesper Brodin said at the company's headquarters that Ikea is a production-based retailer, implying its commitment to local sourcing – a pre-requisite for operating in India.

“Asia is our second-biggest region for sourcing: While China offers the cheapest supplies, we see a lot of sourcing opportunities from other markets in Asia, Africa and South America,” Mr. Brodin said.

According to India's retailing policy, overseas companies have to mandatorily meet the 30% local sourcing norm, preferably from smaller suppliers. The Swedish company's first two stores in India would be in Hyderabad and Maharashtra, and both are expected to start in 2018. The retailer plans to set up 25 stores in the country by 2025 at an investment of Rs. 10,500 crore.

The company said it plans to hire 500-700 direct employees for each store. Sandeep Sanan, the new business development manager for Ikea South Asia, said the company is looking to add suppliers to its existing categories, such as textiles and rugs, and add new categories, such as plastics and metal.

Ikea has about 50 suppliers from India in product segments such as textiles, mattresses, and kitchen accessories.

It is now exploring the prospects of bamboo plantations in the North East, and adding new categories from among the existing suppliers, Sanan said. The company also plans to set up its first distribution centre in Pune.

Looking to Cut Down Costs

“We want the manufacturing to be globally competitive. We are looking to cut costs to make products affordable and accessible to mid-tier consumers,” Brodin said.

The world's largest furniture retailer got India's approval five years ago to set up stores as part of the government's single-brand retail policy. Ikea will bring to the country its sustainable supply chain, which will include the sourcing of recyclable raw material.

The retailer has 389 stores across 40 countries, and has a sales turnover of Euro 34.2 billion.

(Source: The Economic Times)

Fashion chain H&M aims for expansion

Swedish fashion retail chain major H&M eyes a quick expansion after a late entry in the country, a top official said to this newspaper on 21 April 2017.

Ahead of the launch of Hyderabad store on 22 April 2017, Mr. Janne Einola, country manager, H&M India,



said, "All 16 stores are our own. We didn't want a franchisee business model". With India allowing 100 per cent FDI in single-brand retail, our decision to wait before entry looks to be well thought out."

On GST, Mr. Einola said, "We don't want to guess what our competition are thinking but recent reforms such as GST from the Central will definitely help the sector."

Mr. Einola was quick to point out that H&M mostly source its product from Asia but will comply with all the Indian norms such as 30 per cent sourcing.

H&M has already inaugurated two stores — Bengaluru and Pune — in 2017 calendar year and is planning to add atleast four more store by the end of December. The company inaugurated 11 stores in the last fiscal.

(Source: The Asian Age)

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3. PLASTICS/RUBBERS/PU FOAMS/SOLING MATERIALS		
3.6	SATRA/BATA belt flexing	700
3.7	Oil swelling	900
3.8	Compression set	600
3.9	Split tear strength	600
3.10	Die "C" tear test	600
3.11	Heat shrinkage	600
3.12	% Volatile loss	600
3.13	Abrasion	700
3.14	Bond strength (raw material)	900
3.15	Bond strength (prepared sample)	600
3.16	Light fastness	1200
3.17	Dynamic water resistance (leather)	600
3.18	Grain crack index (leather)	300
3.19	Tear strength	600
3.20	Slip resistance per surface	400
3.21	Izod Impact	1000
3.22	Ozone resistance	
a	Upto 100 hrs for 1st sample	3000
b	Upto 100 hrs for next 3 samples per sample	1000
c	Upto 200 hrs for 1st sample	6000
d	Upto 200 hrs for next 3 samples per sample	2000
3.23	Chemical resistance per chemical	400
3.24	Hardness of PU foams(Seats)	1000
4. INSOLES		
4.1	Tensile strength	600
4.2	Flexing index	700
4.3	Split tear strength	600
4.4	Water uptake/loss	500
4.5	Rub fastness Dry/Wet each	400
4.6	Surface water absorption	200
4.7	Laminar strength	700
4.8	Shear strength	600
4.9	Heel pin holding strength	600
4.10	Scuff/abrasion resistance	600
4.11	Peel strength	600
4.12	Longitudinal stiffness	700
4.13	Stitch tear of insole	600
4.14	Shrinkage	600

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