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## 68<sup>th</sup> Republic Day celebrated in FDDI campuses

The 68<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotism at all the campuses of Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

26<sup>th</sup> January is a very special day as the whole country celebrates India's Republic Day with pride remembering our great freedom fighters who have laid their life for our freedom.



Mr. Adarsh Kumar, Executive Director, FDDI unfurling the Tri-Colour at FDDI, Noida

26<sup>th</sup> January 1950 was the day on which we became a sovereign democratic republic country and the Constitution of our country came into force.

Mr. Adarsh Kumar, Executive Director, FDDI unfurled the Tri-colour at FDDI,

Noida campus at 9.30 AM in the presence of the staff & students of FDDI amidst playing of national anthem with full spirit of patriotic enthusiasm.



A view of the 'Frog Race' competition held at FDDI Kolkata campus

In his speech, Mr. Kumar conveyed his best wishes to the staff & students of the institute on the occasion. He emphasized the importance of sincerity, punctuality and hard work to make FDDI an ideal premier institution & the need to work together for the progress of the country.

He elaborated on the need to remember the noble cause for which sacrifices were made by patriots and focused on how to make the country stronger in every respect.

An array of cultural programmes marked the 68<sup>th</sup> Republic Day celebrations across the other campuses of the FDDI located at Fursatganj, Chennai, Kolkata, Chhindwara, Rohtak, Jodhpur & Guna.



At FDDI Kolkata campus, subsequent to the flag hoisting, the events like Tug of War, Frog Race, Card Making competition & Cricket matches were held.

### Delegation from American Chemical Society (ACS), USA visits FDDI, Noida

On 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017, a delegation from American Chemical Society (ACS), USA along with the representatives from Indian Rubber Institute (IRI) visited FDDI, Noida.

**The purpose of the visit of the delegation was to have a prospective collaboration between ACS & FDDI.**

ACS is a scientific society based in the United States that supports scientific inquiry in the field of chemistry. Founded in 1876 at New York University, it is the world's largest scientific society and one of the leading sources of authoritative scientific information.



Meeting in progress

IRI has become Affiliate Technical Organization of the Rubber Division of the ACS, Akron, USA.

The delegation from ACS included Ms. Christie L. Robinson & Ms. Nicole Marie Neila who were accompanied by Mr. P.K. Chaterjee, Chairman - IRI & Mr. Om Asija, Honorary Secretary – IRI, Delhi Branch.

During the meeting, the activities undertaken by FDDI were briefed to the delegates.



Delegation at FDDI's ITC

The purpose of the visit of the delegation was to have a prospective collaboration between ACS & FDDI.

The delegation visited the FDDI School of Footwear Design & Production (FSFDP) & the International Testing Centre (ITC).

On this occasion, a lecture on 'Polymer Technology' was delivered by Dr. A. K. Mathur of FDDI School of Footwear Design & Production (FSFDP) of Rohtak campus which was attended by the students of FDDI Noida & Rohtak campus and also by the students of IRI.





## Footwear sans back strap is sandal, not chappal: HC

Is a woman's footwear without a back strap a "sandal" or a "chappal"? The Delhi High Court ruled earlier this week that it is a "sandal".



The judgment came after a Chennai-based footwear manufacturer, Wishall International, challenged the Centre's position that a woman's footwear without a back strap is a chappal and not a sandal.

## Duty Drawback

At the core of the dispute is the Centre's order that export of sandals attracts 10% customs duty drawback while export of chappals attracts only 5% drawback.

A customs duty drawback is a refund given to business houses or manufacturers who import machinery or raw material in order to export their product.

These manufacturers pay import duty on purchase of the raw material but can later claim a drawback, or refund on the duty paid, as they export their product. This is done to encourage exports.

Wishall demanded duty drawback at 10%, claiming their products were

sandals but the Centre and Revenue Department claimed they were chappals and hence the company was entitled to only 5% drawback.

The dispute broke out in May 2003 when the company filed a shipping bill to export "ladies leather sandals."

The Customs Department in New Delhi, however, said the export consignment were chappals not sandals.

The company then sought an opinion from the Council of Leather Exports, which cleared the export consignment as sandals.

It was now the turn of the Customs to move the Council, which sought the opinion of the Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) in Noida.

## FDDI Ruling

The FDDI ruled the product to be chappals. Following this, the Customs served a show-cause notice on the company, demanding recovery of the drawback already paid at 10% as well as a penalty.

The dispute ultimately landed before the Delhi High Court. The company said the fact that the product did not contain a back strap did not "detract from the fact that they were known to the users as sandals".



A Bench of Justice S. Ravindra Bhat and Justice Najmi Waziri ruled that the Centre and the Revenue Department “acted upon prejudice and a preconceived notion that ladies sandals cannot be without a back strap”.

“The Council, a Central government body, which routinely deals with these issues, had furnished an opinion that the goods were sandals and not chappals. Apart from this, the Court wonders whether any of the experts in this case was a woman, the ultimate customers,” the Bench said.

**Relied on SC Ruling**

The Court relied on a 1989 Supreme Court judgment which held that if any expression in the statute, in this case sandal and chappal, then the items in the Customs entries should be judged on the basis of how these expressions are used in popular parlance.

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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
11.1	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

To be continued...