



FOOTWEAR DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

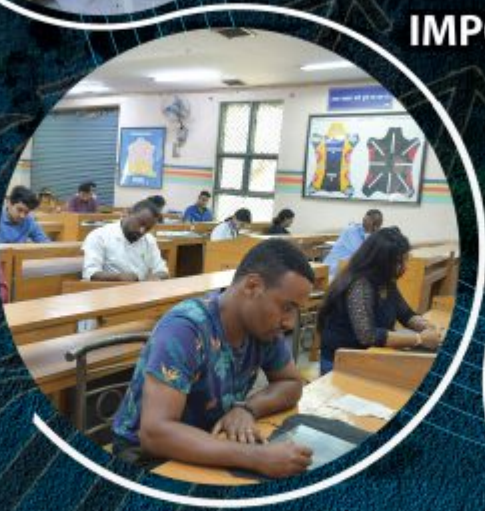
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FDDI CAMPUSES IN INDIA





“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

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.



Ashish Dikshit

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.

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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.

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



**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

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 K Jarangal, IAS

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**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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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=m36e9fe34072fc5998c868aa3b185cd32>

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

Meeting number: 2641 515 5794

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

Join by video system

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You can also dial 210.4.202.4 and enter your meeting number.

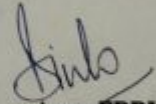
Join by phone

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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Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India
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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.
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ACCOUNTS & FINANCE		
85.3	Annual Audited Financial Statement for the FY 2023-24	05
HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT		
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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

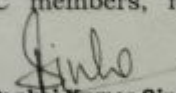
Item No. 85.6.- Proposal for Terms & Conditions of the post- Managing Director in Additional Charge (Additional Agenda):

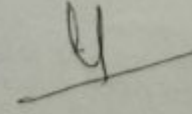
Item No. 84.7 - Introduction of MBA in Retail and Fashion Merchandising at FDDI Guna Campus from 2024-2025 (Additional Agenda):


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.


Pankaj Kumar Sinha
(Secretary to the GC)

Managing Director: 

Chairman-GC: 

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

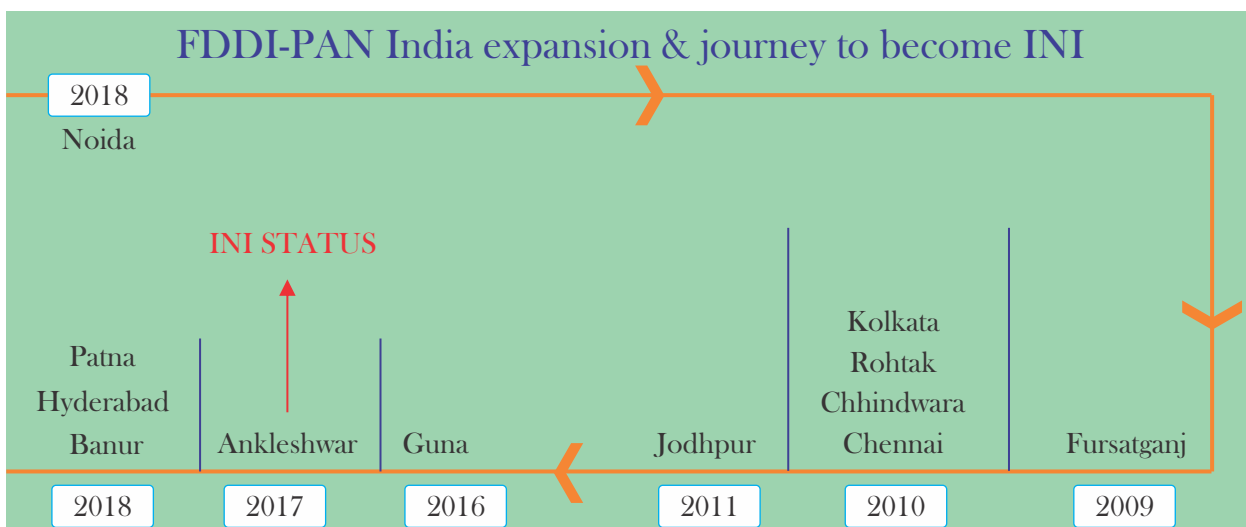
Sl. No.	In the Committee as	Name
1	Chairperson (Nominated by Central Government)	Mr. Ashish Dikshit Managing Director, Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd
2	Member (<i>ex officio</i>)	Dr. Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, IAS, Managing Director, FDDI (Additional Charge)
3	Member (<i>ex officio</i>)	Additional Secretary/Joint 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.

Core Competence Areas



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.

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

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.



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

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

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 |||

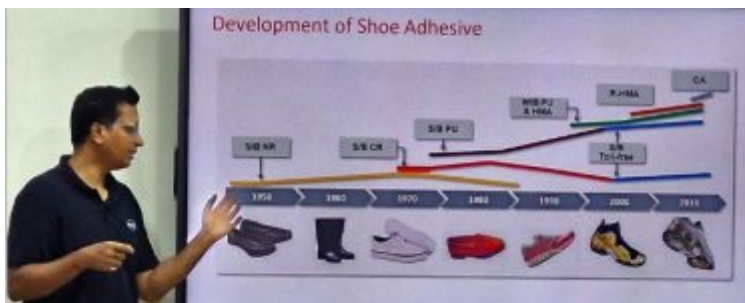
The faculty of FDDI consists of subject-matter specialist with a tremendous knowledge in the field of Footwear, Fashion Design, Technology, Management & Retail who acquired training from some of the leading Institutions in India & abroad.

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.

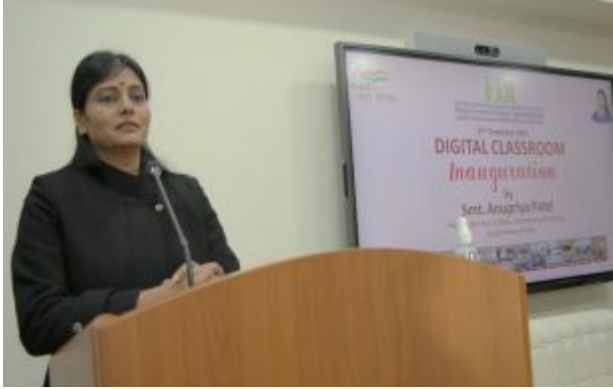
Its testing services are also availed by various other countries like Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and UAE.

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

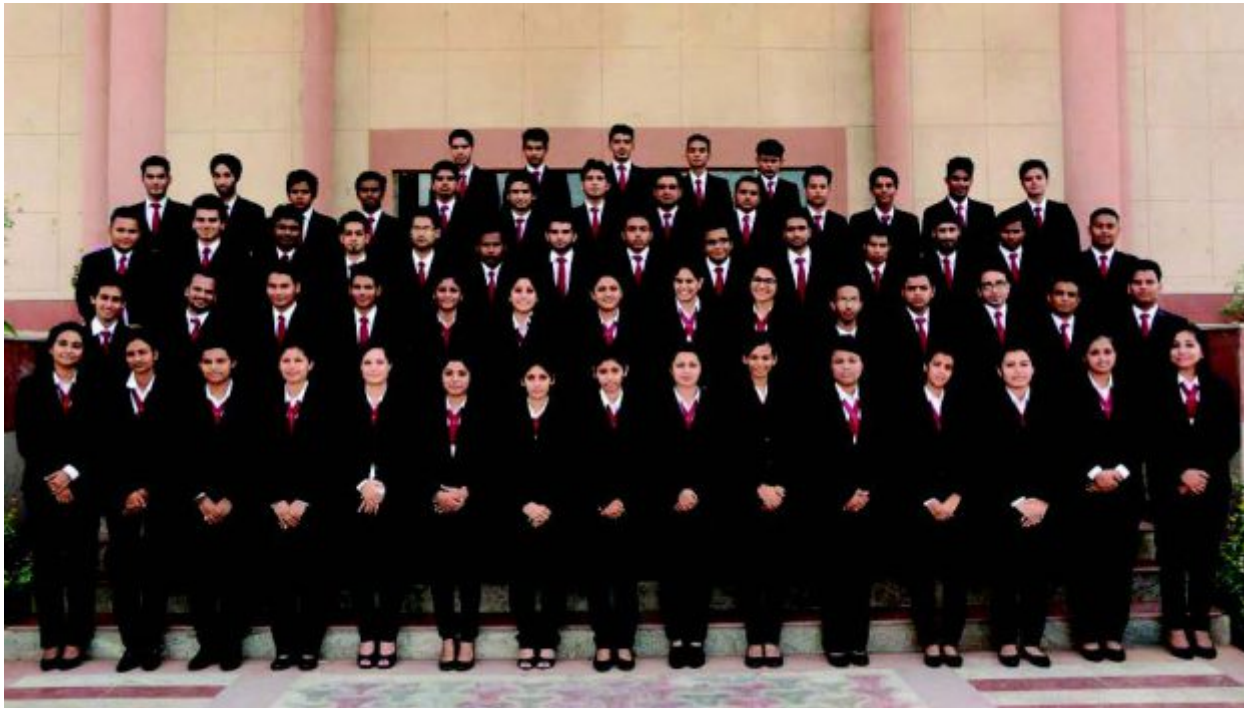


MEDICAL SUPPORT FACILITIES

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

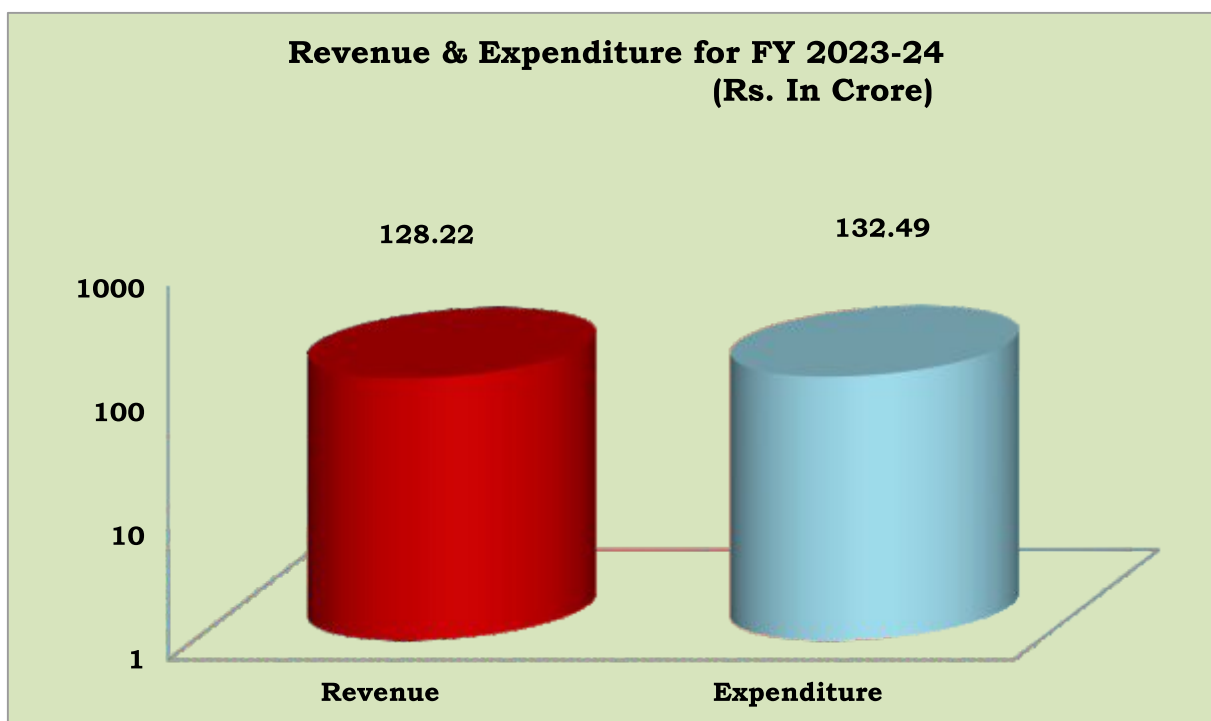
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PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

➤ 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

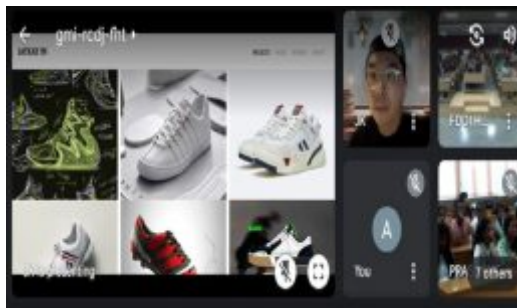
➤ **WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, WEBINARS & INDUSTRIAL VISITS:**

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?instituet_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) of 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 dyeing & 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 dyeing & 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.



Dignitaries at the stall of FDDI

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.

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 Campus



Design Work: Leather -
Wood Bird Toy



Certificate 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 pulp 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.



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

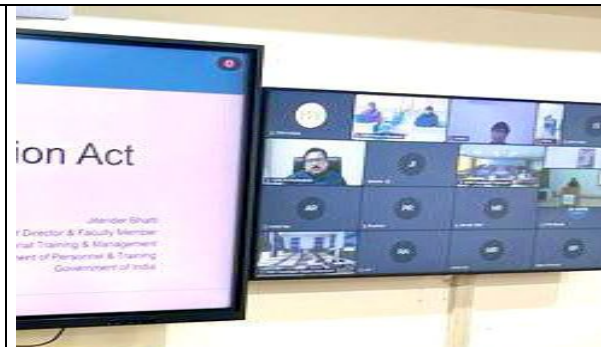
An online training session on the various aspects of the RTI Act, 2005, was conducted on 24th January 2024 which was attended by approximately 40 employees across FDDI campuses, including CPIOs, Heads of School, Heads of Department, and other key personnel working across different functional of management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

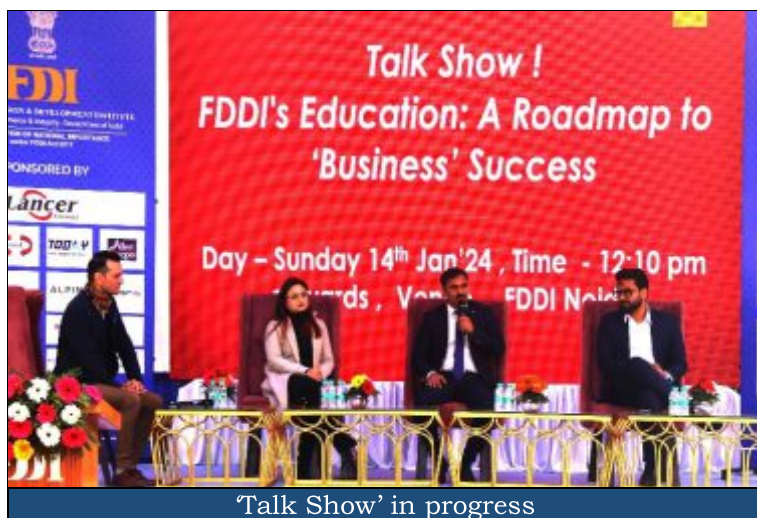


A view of the Fashion Show by Leather Goods and Accessories Department

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 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.



Ms. Teena Khaidait, a final year student of FD, FDDI Chhindwara with the award



Ms. Teena Khaidait presenting her Indo-Western designs during 'World Design Forum'

टीना खडाईत को मिला श्रेष्ठ डिजाइनिंग का पुरस्कार



संसार। राष्ट्रीय डिजाइन पुरस्कार प्रतिस्पर्धा में सम्मानित हुई टीना खडाईत को अप्सरविनिंग डिजाइनर की श्रेणी में बेस्ट इंट्रो बेस्टने पुरस्कार मिला है। दिल्ली में खड़ी डिजाइनिंग द्वारा आयोजित प्रतिस्पर्धा में 500 प्रतिभागियों ने हिस्सा लिया था। टीना ने इस प्रतिस्पर्धा में प्रकृति विषय को लेकर परिधान प्रस्तुत किए। टीना को सतत की अभिलाषी शान्तिपिया के हाथों पुरस्कार किया गया। टीना परफेक्टीव्हीआई डिजाइनर की श्रेणी में बेस्ट डिजाइनर का खिताब जीती हैं। जीतकरने के बाद टीना को प्रथम स्थान के सम्बंध डिजाइनिंग प्रतिस्पर्धा में टीना ने डिजाइनर जितने के सम्बन्ध खडाईत को ख्यात करके पुरस्कार जीता था।

Media coverage

The jury members consisting of renowned figures like Rina Dhaka, Ankush Anami, and Bollywood Actress Shatipriya, recognized her outstanding skills and unique vision.

Seminar & workshop on 'Official Language Hindi' held at FDDI, Jodhpur campus

To increase the progressive use of Hindi in daily work, a day-long seminar & workshop on 'Official Language Hindi' was held at FDDI, Jodhpur campus on 29th December 2023, in which all the officers and employees participated enthusiastically.

Mr. Amit Kumar Chaudhary, Secretary, Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC), Jodhpur Office was the special guest for the occasion. In his address, he gave guidance on the importance of Hindi language and said to achieve the set goals given by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs by maximum use of Hindi.



Mr. Amit Kumar Chaudhary, Secretary, TOLIC, Jodhpur Office briefing about the importance of Hindi language

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.



Dr. G.J. Sudhakar, Vice – President, PWHC presenting the certificate to Mr. Rambabu Muppidi, Faculty, LGAD, FDDI-Hyderabad



Certificate of Presentation of Paper

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 medallists 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.

Name of the Faculty of FDP



Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena, Faculty FDP



Dr. Pankaj Dubey, Faculty, FDP



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
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 LEpra Society

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

LEpra 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 LEpra 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, LEPRa society



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 LEPRa Society, 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.

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

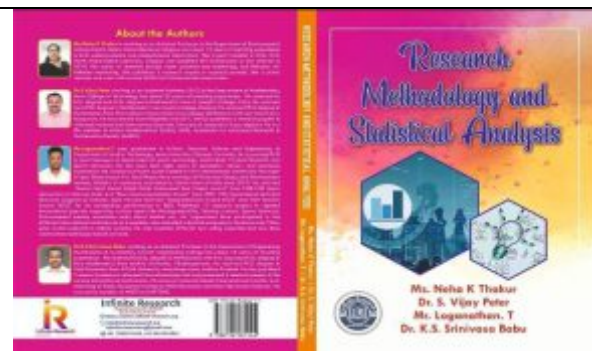
Mr. Loganathan T, a faculty member at the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) at FDDI, Hyderabad campus has recently authored a book titled ‘Research Methodology and Statistical Analysis’ having ISBN: 9788196581244.

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.

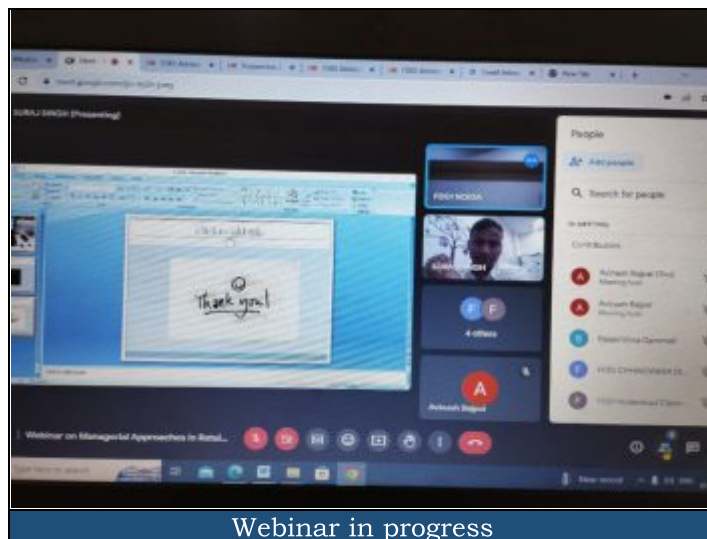
During the visit, the students had the privilege of observing the state-of-the-art laboratory facilities at Lucid Laboratories. They were guided through various quality control processes and witnessed the critical role that standards play in ensuring the precision and reliability of products. The lab 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. Subhajt 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. Subhajt Saha making the presentation



Students & faculties attending the seminar

Mr. Subhajt 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, Executive 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.