

The session was led by Prof. Ravinder Kumar Sharma, Vice President, Lalit Kala Akademi, Chandigarh.



Prof. Ravinder Kumar Sharma conducting the workshop

During the workshop, Prof. Sharma emphasized the fundamentals of art for creating impactful designs. He showcased over 100 of his acclaimed artworks and explained the use of lines, shapes, repetition, color hue and value, balance, contrast, emphasis, variety, proportion, shading, and color mixing to effectively communicate emotions and spatial depth in drawings. He also demonstrated creative color application techniques and the art of making collages using old magazines and newspapers, providing students with practical methods to enhance their artistic expression.

Workshop on 'Entrepreneurship' held at FDDI, Noida Campus

Aligning with the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India's campaign, 'Design in India, Design for the World,' a four-day workshop on 'Entrepreneurship' was held from 14th to 18th October 2024 at FDDI, Noida Campus to encourage students to innovate and create with a global perspective.



Entrepreuer students and founder of AerSense Lab Pvt. Ltd.

Organized by the School of Leather Goods and Accessories Design (LGAD) under the convergence of five premier institutes—Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), National Institute of Design (NID), and National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)—the workshop was conducted by Mr. Rohit and his team, founders of the start-up AerSense Lab Pvt. Ltd., pioneers of the world's first smart air purifier mask.

The workshop provided students with essential skills and knowledge to nurture entrepreneurial leadership. Beginning with an introduction to entrepreneurship, participants gained a deep understanding of building, launching, and scaling a start-up, with a particular focus on entrepreneurship in the fashion industry.

A key highlight of the workshop was the opportunity for students to pitch their own start-up ideas. Thirty students from various schools, including postgraduate students from IIP, formed seven teams and developed innovative start-up concepts throughout the sessions. On the final day, each team presented their ideas in a pitch session and received constructive feedback from the AerSense team and other industry experts.

Workshop on 'Creative Hand Embroideries' held at FDDI, Rohtak

A two-day workshop on 'Creative Hand Embroideries' was conducted for the 3rd Semester students of Fashion Design (FD), Footwear Design and Production (FDP), and the Foundation Batch at FDDI, Rohtak Campus on 7th and 8th October 2024.



A view of the workshop

Dr. Sangeeta Tomar, with six years of experience in traditional and creative hand embroidery, served as the resource person. She shared practical tips and techniques to help students transform a plain piece of fabric into a beautiful embroidered work of art.

The workshop covered various aspects of embroidery, including materials and tools, basic and advanced stitching techniques, design principles and composition, as well as ribbon work, enabling students to enhance both their creative and technical skills.

Workshop for NIFT, Hyderabad students conducted by FDDI, Hyderabad

On 24th September 2024, the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) at FDDI Hyderabad Campus conducted a workshop on 'Footwear Fundamentals and Future

Trends' for Master of Fashion Management (MFM) students of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Hyderabad.

The workshop, coordinated by Mr. Harish Kumar, Faculty at the School of Fashion Design (FD), FDDI Hyderabad, aimed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of footwear design and production, delivered by experienced faculty members.



A view of the workshop



Students of NIFT - Hyderabad along with Faculty of FDDI-Hyderabad

The sessions covered key topics, including footwear terminology, classifications, and advanced 3D footwear design, presented by Mr. Abdul Rahuman M, Senior Faculty at FDP. Mr. Naresh Kumar, FDP Faculty, guided participants on the application of upper materials in footwear production, supported by a live demonstration of clicking and closing technology. Additionally, Mr. Elayaraja, Senior Faculty at FDP, elaborated on the importance of bottom materials, offering insights into the lasting process and showcasing the development of innovative sole technologies.

Workshop on '3D-Printing & Rapid Prototyping' held at FDDI, Hyderabad

On 13th September 2024, an engaging workshop on '3D Printing & Rapid Prototyping' was conducted at FDDI, Hyderabad Campus in collaboration with Mekuva Technologies Pvt. Limited.



A view of the workshop

Mekuva Technologies, a leading prototyping company, specializes in manufacturing professional 3D printers and offers services in 3D printing, industrial design, and various conventional manufacturing processes.

During the workshop, students of the Foundation batch gained hands-on experience and practical insights into 3D printing for rapid prototyping. They explored its applications in accelerating the design process, enhancing model development, and its transformative impact across industries such as manufacturing, medicine, aerospace, and automotive.

FDDI, Hyderabad Campus Conducts Workshop for Designers of KIA India Design, Hyderabad

On 9th and 10th September 2024, FDDI Hyderabad Campus organized a two-day workshop for the design team of KIA India, Hyderabad.

The sessions were conducted by the faculty of the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) and the School of Leather Goods & Accessories Design (LGAD), providing participants with hands-on experience and exposure to innovative design techniques in both creative leather goods and footwear design.

The first day (9th September 2024) focused on 'Creative Leather Goods' and was attended by Mr. Vaishnav Gudimetla (Sr. Designer), Mr. Ullas Rajan (Sr. Designer), Mr. Arul Krishnan U (Designer), Mr. Sai Chaitanya G (Sr. Designer), and Mr. AVG Karthik (Sr. Designer).

The workshop began with an introduction to leather and leather goods, highlighting essential materials and tools. Participants were guided through the processes of design conceptualization, pattern making, and cutting techniques. The session progressed to the assembly of leather products, where designers meticulously crafted their creations under expert supervision. The day concluded with finishing techniques and a presentation of the participants' innovative outputs.



A view of the workshop on Creative Leather Goods Design



Leather Goods created by KIA India designers

The second day (10th September 2024) focused on 'Creative Footwear' and was attended by Mr. Bala Krishna K (Sr. Designer & Head), Mr. Rajiv Goud Panem (Sr. Designer), Mr. Arul Krishnan U (Designer), Mr. Syedazarudeen A (Sr. Designer), and Mr. Abhishek Mohanty (Designer).



Workshop on Creative Footwear Design



Footwear created by Designers of KIA India

Participants were briefed on various footwear styles and introduced to the different labs to gain a comprehensive understanding of the footwear-making process. They were then guided step by step by faculty members and skilled lab assistants to design and craft cork foot-bed sandals. Each designer successfully created their own pair, demonstrating both creativity and precision.



A view of the "Certificate presentation by Executive Director, FDDI Hyderabad along with KIA designers and Team FDDI Hyderabad

The workshop concluded with a certificate presentation by the Executive Director of FDDI Hyderabad, recognizing the efforts and accomplishments of all participants.

National workshop held at FDDI, Noida Head Office

A national-level workshop on 'Latest Trends and Innovations in Material, Manufacturing, Design, Brand, and Promotion' was held at FDDI, Noida, on 5th July 2024.

The event was graced by Mr. Rajeev Singh Thakur, IAS, Additional Secretary (AS), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of

Commerce and Industry (MOC&I), Government of India, as the Chief Guest. Other distinguished guests included Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Member of the Governing Council FDDI, Director of M/s Sandeep Rubber, and President of the Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA); Mr. Atul Kumar Mishra, Regional Director (RD), Council for Leather Exports (CLE); Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Executive Director (ED), Leather Sector Skill Council (LSSC); and Mr. Subhash Jagga, Founder & Managing Director of Today Footwear and Vice President of the Confederation of Indian Footwear Industries (CIFI).



Lighting-up of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries



AS, DPIIT delivering the 'Keynote Address'

On behalf of FDDI, Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/Managing Director (MD), welcomed the Chief Guest, distinguished delegates, industrialists, and media representatives, while staff and students also participated in the event. The workshop commenced with a traditional Lighting of the Lamp ceremony, led by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries.



Distinguished speakers at the Dais

Delivering the Keynote Address, Mr. Rajeev Singh Thakur highlighted, "With the Centre of Excellence (CoE) now established and equipped with state-of-the-art machinery, FDDI must

fully leverage these resources to meet future industry demands.” He emphasized the significance of entrepreneurship, urging graduating students to acquire practical knowledge and skills essential not only for industry placements but also for launching their own ventures.



Mr. Subhash Jagga, Founder & MD – Today Footwear & VP-CIFI sharing his thoughts



Official from ECGC sharing his thoughts



RD, CLE sharing his thought

The workshop facilitated participation from key industry stakeholders, including Invest India, ECGC, CLRI, CLE, CIFI, IFCOMA, and LSSC. This provided a platform to exchange ideas, explore new technologies, and foster collaboration for the sustainable growth of the footwear industry.

Ten distinguished speakers addressed various topics, providing a comprehensive overview of the latest advancements in materials, manufacturing, design, branding, and promotion. Their sessions aimed at promoting industry excellence and encouraging collaboration among stakeholders.

Sr. No.	Expert Detail	Topic
1.	Mr. Sandeep Bhatia, DGM - SA&ED, FDDI	Overview of FDDI as an Institute of National Importance
2.	Dr. Madhusudan Pal, CoE – Director, FDDI	Capabilities and opportunities of CoE for research and product development
3.	Mr. Sharad Srivastava, Chief Faculty, FDP, FDDI	Recent developments in footwear technology and trends
4.	Mr. Siddharth Vikram, Jr. Faculty, FDP, FDDI	Latest modifications in footwear soling material
5.	Mr. Kartik Khatri, Director - Nandi Footwear, Bahadurgarh, representing CIFI	Cutting-edge manufacturing techniques in sports footwear, from 3D printing to customization
6.	Mr. Atul Mishra, Regional Director, CLE	Global trends and innovations in leather footwear emphasizing strategies for driving export growth
7.	Mr. S. K. Verma, ED, IFCOMA	Innovations and developments in the footwear component sector, focusing on enhancing performance and durability for export
8.	Mr. Ranvir Kishor, Manager, ECGC	Risk management strategies for footwear exporters, providing valuable insights from ECGC
9.	Mr. Sanjay Kumar, ED, LSSC	Innovations in leather sector skills development leveraging technology and industry collaboration
10.	Mr. Subhash Jagga, Founder & MD – Today Footwear & VP - CIFI	Innovations in today's competitive footwear business, showcasing initiatives by Today Footwear

An interactive session concluded the workshop, allowing participants to clarify their queries directly with industry leaders. Attendees appreciated the opportunity to engage with experts and gain practical insights into emerging technologies and trends in the footwear sector.

Workshop on 'Sustainable Leather & Advancing Man-made Solutions' held at FDDI, Chennai Campus

On 15th May, 2024 FDDI, Chennai Campus organized a workshop -seminar on 'Sustainable Leather & Advancing Man-made Solutions', featuring Mr. Manikam as the resource person. Mr. Manikam, currently serving as Regional Manager, South India at Colors India Ltd., holds a B.Tech in Leather Technology and an MBA from Sweden.

During the workshop, Mr. Manikam provided an in-depth exploration of various types of leather and the complex tanning processes involved. He explained different tanning methods, highlighting the latest industry techniques and finishes, and offered insights into the origins and unique characteristics of different hides, along with the purposes of vegetable tanning.



Mr. Manikam, making a presentation



Students attending the workshop

He also demonstrated key stages of semi-finished leather, such as the wet blue stage, combining practical demonstrations with thorough explanations. This approach enabled students to gain a comprehensive understanding of leather processing and sustainable practices in the industry.

3-Day 'Online Workshop' organized by FDDI, Chhindwara Campus

The School of Fashion Design (FD) at FDDI, Chhindwara Campus hosted a three-day online workshop from 1st to 3rd May 2024, attended by students and faculty of FD from FDDI campuses including Jodhpur, Patna, Ankleshwar, and Banur.

Sr. No.	Guest Speaker Details	Topic	Date
1	Mr. Mohd. Umar, Assistant Professor of Fashion Technology, NIFT, Kangra	Garmenting & Manufacturing Setup in the Apparel Industry, Marker Mode, and Spreading Mode	1 st May 2024
2	Mr. Neeraj Jaiswal, Assistant Professor of Fashion Technology, NIFT, Kangra	Product Analysis and Costing, Designing a Cost-Effective and Efficient Manufacturing Setup in Apparels	2 nd May 2024
3	Dr. Deepak, Assistant Professor (MFM) and Joint Director (I/C), NIFT, Delhi	Advanced Manufacturing Techniques and Innovative Fashion Management Practices	3 rd May 2024

During the workshop, eminent guest speakers shared valuable insights, helping participants translate their ideas and skills into practical applications—an invaluable experience for aspiring fashion professionals.



Students of FD at FDDI, Chhindwara Campus attending workshop

The workshop provided an immersive journey into the world of fashion design, emphasizing that it is not only about creating trends but also about shaping identities and cultures.



Workshop being attended by other campus using the virtual mode

Interactive sessions fostered a rich exchange of ideas and knowledge, significantly enhancing the participants' creative and professional skills.

FDDI, Rohtak organized a workshop on 'Shoe Finishing' using Gibra Chemicals

The School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP) at FDDI, Rohtak Campus, organized a comprehensive, full-day workshop on 'Shoe Finishing' on 3rd May 2024, utilizing the innovative formulations provided by Gibra Chemicals.

The resource person, Mr. Manish Kumar, Business Development Manager at Shashi Enterprises, provided in-depth insights into the wide range of leather



Mr. Manish Kumar explaining the students



Students attending the workshop on 'Shoe Finishing'

finishes, demonstrating techniques for creaming and polishing the uppers, as well as inking and polishing the edges of soles and heels using Gibra Chemicals with precision.

Focusing on the intricate nuances of shoe finishing, the workshop saw enthusiastic and active participation from students, who gained valuable hands-on

experience and practical knowledge in professional footwear finishing techniques.

Workshop on 'Footwear and Active Wear CAD Rendering' at FDDI, Rohtak Campus

A day-long workshop on 'Footwear and Activewear CAD Rendering' was organized by the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) at FDDI, Rohtak Campus on 2nd May 2024. The session was conducted by Mr. Dhyaneshwar Solanki, Concept Designer at Pace International Pvt. Ltd., Bawana Industrial Area, and attended by FDP students.

During the workshop, Mr. Solanki provided insights into the latest sports footwear design techniques, including masking, standard development, and pattern engineering currently employed in the footwear industry. Students also gained hands-on experience in realistic product rendering using Photoshop and Illustrator, equipping them with the skills to create professional-grade designs with confidence.



Mr. Dhyaneshwar Solanki making a presentation

'Smart Wearables and Prototyping' workshop at T-Works, Hyderabad attended by FDDI, Hyderabad and FDDI, Chennai students

An enriching workshop on 'Smart Wearables and Prototyping' was held at T-Works, Hyderabad on 25th April 2024, attended by students and faculty from FDDI's Hyderabad and Chennai campuses.

T-Works, India's largest prototyping center and a Government of Telangana initiative, serves as a thriving innovation ecosystem in the heart of Hyderabad.



Students of FDDI, Hyderabad and FDDI, Chennai Campus attending the 'Smart Wearables and Prototyping' workshop

The workshop focused on the intersection of technology and design, offering participants hands-on experience in creating and prototyping smart wearables. Led by Mr. Subramanian, Consultant, and Mr. Madhav, Chief Product Architect, along with a team of eight sensor

laboratory experts from T-Works, the session provided valuable insights into wearable technology, including components, terminology, and essential tools.



Students being provided valuable insights into the world of wearable technology

Students learned to leverage BIPES software (Block based Integrated Platform for Embedded Systems) to develop innovative prototypes. They explored programming languages, PCB board outputs, and devices such as ultrasonic sensors and buzzers, gaining a deep understanding of smart wearable design.

A highlight of the workshop was the hands-on soldering session, where participants applied theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios under expert guidance, enhancing their practical prototyping skills and fostering creativity in wearable technology development.

FDDI, India conducts workshop on 'Aspects of Design Thinking in Fashion Apparel and Accessories' at Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Mrs. Basumitra Ghosh Mukherjee, In-Charge of the Centre of Excellence (CoE), FDDI Kolkata, conducted a full-day workshop on 'Aspects of Design Thinking in Fashion Apparel and Accessories' on 20th April 2024. The workshop, organized by the High Commission of India, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, was held at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), Dar es Salaam, and was attended by Tanzanian fashion designers, artisans, and craftsmen.

The SVCC, formerly the Indian Cultural Centre, serves as the cultural wing of the High Commission of India under the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), dedicated to promoting Indian art, culture, and traditions.



A view of participants

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Soumya M. Chavan, Second Secretary (Culture) and Director of ICCR Tanzania, followed by an inspiring address by Dr. Jayasree Kumaresh, Second Secretary (Political) and PA to the High Commissioner, Indian High Commission. Approximately 20 Tanzanian fashion and accessories designers, along with Kitenge artisans, participated, alongside representatives from the Indian diaspora in Dar es Salaam.

Mrs. Ghosh Mukherjee delivered an insightful presentation on design thinking, followed by a practical, interactive activity emphasizing a human-centric approach to design. Participants actively engaged in the exercise, generating innovative ideas that demonstrated their understanding of the key principles of design thinking.

The workshop equipped participants with essential knowledge and skills to excel in the evolving fashion industry. It also fostered meaningful knowledge exchange with the emerging Tanzanian fashion community and contributed to strengthening the bilateral cultural and professional ties between India and Tanzania.



Mrs. Basumitra Ghosh Mukherjee, Incharge of CoE, FDDI Kolkata being felicitated by Director ICCR

INDUSTRIAL & EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Industrial visit for FDDI, Chhindwara Campus students at Raymond Life Style Ltd.

On 22nd March 2025, an industrial visit was organized for the Foundation Batch students of the School of Footwear Design and Production and the School of Fashion Design (FD) at FDDI, Chhindwara Campus, to the Raymond Lifestyle Ltd. unit in Sausar, Chhindwara. A group of thirty-five students, accompanied by their faculty members—Dr. Agya Preet,



Students & Faculties at Raymond Life Style Ltd.

Mr. Artitra Das, Mr. Prashant Saxena, Dr. Pankaj Dubey, and Ms. Shraddha Jhaloya—visited the textile unit. Mr. Ashish Sharma, HR Manager, provided a comprehensive overview of the textile manufacturing process, starting from fiber preparation to yarn production, spinning, and the subsequent stages of textile manufacturing.

The students were briefed on the sequence of operations, and a step-by-step demonstration was conducted on the shop floor. The batch toured various sub-departments, including Spinning, Dyeing, Weaving, Finishing, and Final Quality Control, gaining hands-on insights into each stage of textile production.

Industrial exposure for FDDI, Chennai students

To provide a strong foundation and enhance the practical knowledge of its students, FDDI Chennai organized an industrial visit for 110 Foundation Programme students on 17th March 2025.

Under the guidance of senior faculty from the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) and the School of Fashion Design (FD), the students visited Balamurugan Leathers, The General & Industrial Leathers (P) Ltd. in Chromepet, and the Ananafit Natural Fiber Cluster in Anagabuthur, Chennai.



Students at Balamurugan Leathers



Students at The General & Industrial Leathers (P) Ltd

Balamurugan Leathers specializes in producing shoe uppers, suede leathers, and garments for export to France, Vietnam, and Cambodia, while The General & Industrial Leathers (P) Ltd. manufactures cow upper leathers, cow splits, and buff leathers for the footwear and leather goods industries.

During the visit, students were briefed on the complete leather processing workflow, including leather curing with salts, pre-tanning operations, soaking, liming, de-liming, pickling, chrome tanning of buff and goat leather, post-tanning processes, and various quality checkpoints. They also observed leather bundling and packaging, water treatment for hazardous tanning residues, and the technology used in footwear design up to the final assembling process.

Ananafit specializes in weaving textiles using traditional loom producing customized sarees and dhotis and supplying to state government handloom department and also to the local shops.



Students watching the manufacturing process at Ananafit

The hands-on exposure at these manufacturing units provided students with an in-depth understanding of the leather and textile industries.

Industrial visit for FDDI, Hyderabad students at Chennai & Andhra Pradesh

To provide students with firsthand exposure to real-world industrial processes and bridge the gap between classroom learning and industry practices, an industrial visit for the Footwear Design & Production (FDP) students of FDDI, Hyderabad Campus was organized at leading footwear manufacturing companies in Chennai and Tada, Andhra Pradesh (AP).



Students being briefed on cutting at Hindustan Unilever Foods Pvt. Ltd., (Footwear Division)

On 30th January 2025, the students visited Apache Footwear Group Ltd., a sprawling 350-acre facility with an annual production capacity of 1.3 million pairs. The visit was conducted by the Technical and HR teams, who provided an in-depth overview of the company's innovative non-leather footwear manufacturing processes and advanced automation techniques. Students observed the integration of cutting-edge technology in production, learning how automation enhances efficiency, maintains high-quality standards, and streamlines large-scale manufacturing. The visit also highlighted Apache's commitment to sustainability, waste reduction, and strategies for meeting high production demands. This immersive experience offered students valuable insights into the future of footwear manufacturing and the critical role of technology in modern production lines.



Students at Adidas Group Pvt. Ltd., Tada, AP

On 31st January 2025, the students visited Sanghavi Accessories Pvt. Ltd., where they observed the process of shoe last development. The company is renowned for its expertise in designing and producing high-quality shoe lasts, which form the crucial foundation for footwear manufacturing. Mr. Raj Kumar, Incharge at Sanghavi Accessories Pvt. Ltd., explained to the students how precision and innovation are essential in creating functional and aesthetically appealing footwear.



Students at Sanghavi Accessories Pvt. Ltd., Chennai



Students at Riya Leather, Chrompet, Chennai

On February 4 2025, the students visited Riya Leather, a prominent leather exporter based in Chrompet, known for its specialization in suede and nubuck leather. During the visit, the students gained valuable insights into the intricate leather-making process, observing firsthand the craftsmanship and expertise involved in producing high-quality materials for global markets.

The students also visited Serene Shoe Company, a renowned footwear manufacturer recognized for its expertise in crafting moccasins and sneakers, with a strong export presence, particularly in Switzerland. During the visit, they had an interactive session with Mr. Faizal, Director of Serene Shoe Company, gaining valuable insights into the global footwear market, design innovations, and export strategies.



Students at Serene Shoe Company, Chrompet, Chennai

Accompanied by FDDI faculty, the students observed the company's manufacturing processes and operations, learning how advanced technologies are employed to produce high-quality footwear efficiently.

'Tannery Training - Rawhide to Finished Leather' conducted by FDDI, Kolkata

From 9th to 13th December 2024, third-semester students of the School of Leather Goods and Accessories Design (LGAD) from FDDI Noida, Hyderabad, and Kolkata campuses participated in an industrial visit to Webleck Tannery Pvt. Ltd. and Diamond Tannery, Kolkata.

The visit aimed to provide students with in-depth exposure to tannery operations, offering practical, hands-on understanding of the leather production process. This experience complemented their theoretical learning in the subject of Leather Technology, enhancing their overall comprehension of industrial practices.



Students observing the drum dyeing and milling process



Technician explaining leather finishing techniques

Under the supervision and guidance of Mr. Rinsten Dorjee, Senior Faculty, LGAD Kolkata; Ms. Vandana Singh, Faculty, LGAD Noida; and Mr. Akhaltur Rahaman, Lab Assistant, LGAD Kolkata, students were briefed on rawhide processing, tanning, dyeing, finishing, and quality control, with a focus on modern technologies and sustainable practices. Students observed the transformation of raw hides into finished leather and participated in live demonstrations on dyeing and grading.

Industry experts provided valuable insights into sustainable tanning techniques, emerging market trends, and innovative practices, inspiring students to explore new opportunities and advancements in the leather sector.

'Educational Visit' for FDDI, Noida students at NITRA, Ghaziabad

On 22nd November 2024, the School of Fashion Design (FD) at FDDI Noida Campus organized an educational visit to the Northern India Textile Research Association (NITRA), Ghaziabad.

The visit aimed to familiarize students with the operations of the textile industry, enabling them to bridge the gap between theory and practice. Students gained hands-on exposure to the technologies and machinery used in processing raw fibers into finished textile materials.



Students along with their faculty members at NITRA

Accompanied by the highly experienced faculty of FDDI namely, Mrs. Indu Gupta - Sr. Faculty and Dr. Sushila Hooda - Jr. Faculty, the students were taken around the various departments which included Spinning, Weaving, Testing Labs, Chemical lab etc.

Students observed the complete range of textile machinery, including winding, warping, sizing, and looms, gaining firsthand insight into their functioning. They also witnessed various physical and chemical tests conducted for quality control. During an interactive session, NITRA experts addressed students' queries, providing clarifications and enhancing their understanding of textile processes.



Students watching the procedure & working

'Exposure-cum-Study' tour for FDDI-Jodhpur students at Surya Nagar Kadai Craft Unit

On 10th October 2024, an 'Exposure-cum-Study' tour was organized for the students of the School of Fashion Design (FD) at FDDI Jodhpur Campus to the Surya Nagar Kadai Craft Unit.

During the visit, students gained valuable insights into the intricate art of patchwork and traditional embroidery, observing the craftsmanship and techniques firsthand.



Students observing the process of patchwork and embroidery

Mr. Manohar Lal from Surya Nagar Kadai Craft guided the students through the complete process of patchwork and embroidery, techniques commonly used in creating home décor items such as bed sheets, pillow covers, wall hangings, carpets, and other products.

The visit offered students a valuable opportunity to gain practical knowledge and hands-on skills from experts in the field of textile craft.

Industrial Exposure for FDDI, Chennai students at Sri Sakthi Leather Enterprises

On 10th October 2024, a group of 35 students from the B.Des. and M.Des. Footwear Design and Production (FDP) programs at FDDI Chennai visited Sri Sakthi Leather Enterprises, located in Chromepet, Chengalpattu District, Tamil Nadu.



Students observing the shoe making process

The company's technical experts, Mr. Manoj and Mr. Rathana Kumar, explained to the students the various automated machinery and equipment used in footwear production. The students also gained exposure to different types of materials used in shoe manufacturing and learned about their specific production processes.



Students being briefed by technical expert of the company

Sri Sakthi Leather Enterprises, a renowned manufacturer, produces a wide variety of shoes for prestigious global brands such as Gabor and Mephisto.

Accompanied by their faculty, the students were provided with a hands-on opportunity to observe the intricacies of the leather footwear manufacturing process.

Educational excursion for FDDI, Hyderabad students at Pochampally Handloom cluster

On 01st October 2024, the B.Des. 2021 batch students of the School of Fashion Design (FD) at FDDI Hyderabad Campus visited the Pochampally Handloom Cluster in Telangana, India. The educational excursion aimed to provide students with hands-on exposure to the traditional art of Pochampally Ikat saree-making.

During the visit, students had a unique opportunity to observe and actively participate in the live design and production process of iconic Single and Double Ikat weaves, under the guidance of master weavers.

From the initial stages of yarn processing with Mulberry silk to the intricate steps of designing, tie-and-dye techniques, and final handloom weaving, students explored every facet of this rich textile tradition. The

The live demonstrations offered them a deep understanding of the precision, patience, and skill required at each step.

Students also interacted directly with the weavers, learning about the history, cultural significance, and nuances of this time-honored craft. Inspired by traditional motifs, some students even contributed their own design ideas, adding a contemporary touch to the Pochampally Ikat sarees.



Students watching the traditional art of Pochampally Ikat saree-making

FDDI, Chennai students experience the legacy of Indian Weaving at Weavers Service Centre

On 27th September 2024, the School of Fashion Design (FD) at FDDI Chennai organized an educational visit for its students to the Weavers Service Centre (WSC), Chennai.

At the Design Resource Centre of WSC, Ms. Sasikala, Assistant Director of the Design Department, welcomed the students and provided insights into the rich heritage and legacy of Indian textiles.



Ms. Sasikala, Assistant Director, Design Department explaining about various design techniques

A key highlight of the visit was the live demonstration in the Process Lab, where students observed traditional textile techniques such as block printing, screen printing, batik, and tie-and-dye. This hands-on experience enhanced their understanding of the creative application of colors, textures, and patterns in contemporary design.

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Tannery visit for FDDI, Noida students at M/s. Santosh Pargal & Co.

On 19th September 2024, the B.Des. 2022–26 batch students of the School of Footwear Design and Production, FDDI Noida Campus, visited M/s. Santosh Pargal & Co., a tannery located in Murthal, Sonipat, Haryana.



Students at M/s. Santosh Pargal & Co.

The visit aimed to familiarize students with the leather processing and finishing methodologies, as well as to provide hands-on exposure to the tools and various types of leather commonly used in the industry.

The students observed the complete tannery process, from raw hides to finished leather. Mr. Sanjay Pargal, Managing Director, along with experts from various departments, explained the technical aspects of each stage. The students were also briefed on the transformation of wet-blue leather into finished leather, gaining a comprehensive understanding of the entire leather production workflow.

FDDI, Hyderabad students visit Shahi Exports Pvt. Ltd., Nacharam, Hyderabad

With the objective of providing first-hand exposure to apparel manufacturing processes and acquainting students with the day-to-day operations of various departments, an industrial visit was organized on 18th September 2024 for B.Des Fashion Design students (2022 and 2023 batches) of FDDI, Hyderabad Campus at Shahi Exports Pvt. Ltd., Nacharam, Hyderabad.



FDDI, Hyderabad students at Shahi Exports Pvt. Ltd.

During the visit, students explored various departments, including fabric sourcing, cutting, garment assembly, packaging, and quality control, gaining a comprehensive understanding of the intricacies involved in mass production within the fashion industry.

Accompanying faculty members, Mr. Harish Kumar and Dr. Anupriya Singh, provided valuable insights on the integration of advanced technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools and the latest software solutions, into garment production processes, highlighting how innovation enhances efficiency, accuracy, and overall productivity.

Industrial visit for FDDI, Fursatganj students at Rehman Industries Ltd., Unnao

With the aim of providing practical exposure to the manufacturing processes of safety and military footwear, an industrial visit was organized on 18th September 2024 for the B.Des FDP 2021



Students at Rehman Industries Ltd., Unnao

and 2022 batches of FDDI, Fursatganj Campus, at Rehman Industries Ltd., Unnao.

During the visit, the company's technical experts briefed the students on the durability and strength requirements for military and industrial footwear, emphasizing compliance with safety regulations and industry standards.

The students observed the complete manufacturing cycle, including material selection, cutting, stitching, assembly, and final production, gaining valuable insights into the technical and operational aspects of producing high-quality safety and military shoes.

FDDI, Kolkata students visit Titliya Fashion Studio

To enhance practical knowledge and familiarize students with the processes of dyeing, embroidery, and garment production, an industrial visit to Titliya Fashion Studio was organized on 13th September 2024 for the Fashion Design students of FDDI, Kolkata Campus.



Students acquiring embroidery skill at Titliya Fashion Studio

Titliya Fashion Studio specializes in working with unused fabrics and is actively involved in the production of sustainable apparel.

During the visit, the B.Des – Fashion Design students of Semesters V and VII, accompanied by their faculty, were briefed by Ms. Tasneem Habib, Co-founder of Titliya Fashion Studio, on

the various steps involved in garment manufacturing, starting from unused fabric.

The students gained hands-on insights into sustainable garment production, learning the process from waste fabric to finished product. They were also introduced to key sections of the studio, including the Store, Embroidery, and Cutting sections, enhancing their understanding of the operational workflow in the garment industry.

Visit at Shilparamam-A Craft Village, Hyderabad for FDDI, Hyderabad students

With the objective of experiencing and learning about India's rich design and cultural heritage, the students of the Foundation Batch and BBA-RFM program of FDDI, Hyderabad Campus visited Shilparamam – A Craft Village on 11th September 2024.



Students along with their faculty members at Shilparamam

Under the guidance of FDDI faculty, the students explored a wide range of traditional artistic creations and gained first-hand knowledge of design elements, artistic dimensions, and surface textures in paintings, pottery, crafts, and sculptures. The visit offered them a practical understanding of India's rich craft legacy and its relevance to contemporary design.

Industrial visit for FDDI, Noida students at Paragon Apparel Pvt. Ltd.

With the objective to provide a holistic view of the apparel production process in the fashion industry to the students of B. Design & M. Design of School of Fashion Design (FD) of FDDI, Noida Campus, an industrial visit was organized at Paragon Apparel Pvt. Ltd. on 04th September 2024.



Technical experts briefing the students

During the visit, the technical experts of the unit provided detailed insights into the manufacturing processes for polyester sportswear, men's wear, women's wear, kids' apparel, and personal protective equipment. They guided the students through the entire production workflow, explaining each stage—from initial design and planning to final production—highlighting the systematic approach involved in creating high-quality garments.

Factory visit for FDDI Fursatganj students at Sriram International, Bahadurgarh

An industrial visit was organized on 10th May 2024 for the 2021–25 batch students of the School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP) at FDDI, Fursatganj Campus, to Sriram International, a renowned non-leather footwear manufacturing unit in Bahadurgarh.

The factory's technical experts briefed the students on the latest technologies and equipment introduced in recent years. The students also observed and learned processes such as embossing, welding, fusing, and the making of knitted uppers used in sports shoes. The visit offered valuable insights into the application of polymeric materials in upper manufacturing and the specialized machinery involved in producing sports footwear uppers.



Students watching different operations at Sriram International, Bahadurgarh

Industrial exposure for FDDI, Chennai students at SRL International Ltd., and Jafra Insole Pvt. Ltd. & DSM Soles Pvt. Ltd.

As part of industrial exposure, 60 students from the B.Des. and M.Des. FDP 2021 & 2022 batches of FDDI, Chennai Campus, accompanied by faculty from the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), visited three leading footwear manufacturing units—SRL International Ltd., Jafra Insole Pvt. Ltd., and DSM Soles Pvt. Ltd.—located in Ambur, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu. The visit provided students with valuable insights into the production of non-leather footwear and shoe components, enhancing their practical understanding of industry processes and technologies.

Sr. No.	Company Detail	Date of Visit	Manufactured Product	Batch Detail
1	SRL International Ltd., Kelambakkam - Vandalur Road, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	09 th May 2024	Non Leather Footwear Manufacturing	B.Des FDP, M.Des FDP 2021 & 2022 (60 students)
2	Jafra Insole Pvt. Ltd., and DSM Soles Pvt. Ltd., Ambur, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu	21 st May 2024	Insole Manufacturing & Sole Manufacturing	

At SRL International Ltd., the students observed the complete process of non-leather footwear manufacturing, starting from the procurement and storage of raw materials to advanced techniques such as multi-layer cutting and automated gluing. They were exposed to the entire production line, including computerized sewing machines, moulding processes, screen printing, and the meticulous steps involved in crafting uppers and soles, assembly, finishing, quality control, and packing. The facility produces footwear for PUMA, providing students with insights into global brand standards. Mr. Sathish, General Manager at SRL International Ltd., guided the students, explaining the various materials and processes and effectively bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical industry applications.



Students observing strap stitching process at the Upper Parts Fabrications at SRL International

At Jafra Insole Pvt. Ltd., and at DSM Soles Pvt. Ltd., the students delved into the world of shoe component manufacturing where they had an opportunity to observe the production of various insoles, sustainable shoe trees, shoe laces, and diverse soles made from materials like TPR, PU, TPU, EVA, and rubber, available in both single and double colours. Mr. Naveed Ahamed, General Manager, Jafra Insole Pvt. Ltd., shed light on their insole manufacturing processes, encompassing everything from raw material procurement and storage to utilization of advanced technology like laser cutting and automated PE injection. He also explained the moulding, finishing, quality control, and packing stages, while highlighting their clientele that includes Clarks, Colehaan, and export shoe industries.



Students at Jafra Insole Pvt. Ltd., observing the operations of the laser cutting machine in the materials cutting area

Furthermore, Mr. Zafar Ahamed, General Manager, DSM Soles Pvt. Ltd., demystified the production process of different sole types using various materials. The students gained knowledge about the materials and chemical combinations employed, along with the machinery used for PU injection sole moulding, TPR sole moulding, EVA sole moulding, and rubber sole moulding.



Students at DSM Soles Pvt. Ltd., observing the PU sole injection moulding process

The visit offered invaluable insights into the day-to-day operations of the factory, the supply chains involved from raw materials to finished products of the Non-leather footwear, insole & sole manufacturing.

Educational trip for FDDI, Kolkata students at Weavers Service Center, Beliaghata, Kolkata

To understand the process of hand-woven textiles and appreciate the role of weavers in today's mechanized world, an educational trip for FDDI Kolkata students was organized at the Weavers Service Centre, Beliaghata, Kolkata, on 3rd May 2024.

During the visit, thirty-five students from the School of Fashion Design (FD), accompanied by two faculty members, observed the intricate processes of spinning, weaving, dyeing, printing, and design at the Centre.



Students along with their faculty members at WSC, Beliaghata, Kolkata



Students practicing block printing technique at WSC

During the visit, students witnessed demonstrations of a manual loom, semi-automatic loom, Baluchari handloom, and spinning wheel. They observed the block printing process and learned about the specifications of the printing table. Students also gained hands-on experience with natural dyes, exploring the extraction processes for various vegetable-based colors. Additionally, they visited the design sample room, where they studied different textile samples. In the conference room, Deputy Director Mr. Rajesh Chatterjee addressed the students, providing insights into the cluster programs and the functioning of the various units they had observed.

FDDI, Hyderabad students visit Tannery Department of GILT, Hyderabad

On 2nd May 2024, the B.Des Foundation Batch-2023 students of FDDI, Hyderabad Campus visited the Government Institute of Leather Technology (GILT) in Hyderabad, Telangana.

During the visit, they were provided with comprehensive exposure to the Tannery Department, gaining firsthand insights into the processes and operations involved in leather production.

Mr. Shaiek Iqbal Hussain, Principal of GILT, explained the leather production process, highlighting the various types of leather finishing, the range of chemicals, machinery, and techniques employed to produce leather suitable for the global market. He also provided detailed demonstrations and explanations of the different leather finishing processes, offering students an in-depth understanding of the craftsmanship and technology involved.



Students being briefed about technicalities of leather tanning by Mr. Shaiek Iqbal Hussain



Students watching the process taking place in the tannery

Industrial exposure for FDDI, Kolkata students at Indian Tanning Industries Pvt. Ltd.

To gain a deeper understanding of tannery operations, a group of 15 students from the Foundation Batch of the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) at FDDI, Kolkata Campus visited Indian Tanning Industries Pvt. Ltd. on 17th April 2024, located at the Kolkata Leather Complex. During the welcome address, Mr. Kevin Juneja, Director, briefed the students on the stringent quality standards that exporters are required to maintain, highlighting the precision and discipline essential in the leather industry.



Students watching post tanning operations



Students being demonstrated about leather measurement

Mr. Surjya Das, Technical Expert, explained the technical intricacies of various processes and provided an overview of each department's functions, highlighting how they contribute to the overall value chain leading to the finished product.

The students observed the tanning process, witnessing the use of various types of leather finishes, a range of chemicals, specialized machinery, and techniques employed to produce leather suitable for the global market.

'Ortho Care and Foot Care Management Center' visit by FDDI, Kolkata students

Striving to provide active learning experiences and exposure, the students of 2022 batch of School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) of FDDI, Kolkata Campus were taken to 'Ortho Care and Foot Care Management Center' Kolkata on 16th April 2024.

At the center, Mr. Ashok Rath, a Prosthetist & Orthotist expert, explained the anatomy and conditioning of the foot, heel, and ankle—areas of growing concern, particularly among the aging population. He highlighted the relationship between foot types, deformities, and the effectiveness of footwear, emphasizing the role of orthoses in managing and supporting deformed feet.



Faculty and students at Ortho Care and Foot Care Management Center' Kolkata

He emphasized the importance of properly fitting shoes, which should be designed based on a thorough clinical examination. He also demonstrated the entire process of making customized footwear, from initial assessment to final manufacturing, aimed at preventing the onset or worsening of foot pain.



Mr. Ashok Rath, Prothetist & Orthotist expert explaining about the foot, heel and ankle conditioning

The visit provided students with valuable insights into foot diagnosis, the manufacturing of customized footwear, and the selection and use of synthetic materials and products for orthopedic applications.

Industrial visit and Museum visit for FDDI, Chhindwara students

A two-day industrial and museum visit was organized on 12th and 13th April 2024 for the Fashion Design (FD) Semester IV and Foundation Batch – Semester II students of FDDI, Chhindwara Campus, under the guidance of the faculty.

During the industrial visit, the students explored Gokaldas Exports, a globally renowned apparel manufacturer located in Acharpura, Bhopal, gaining firsthand exposure to advanced manufacturing processes and industry practices.



Students watching the apparel manufacturing process at Gokaldas Exports

Ms. Sudha, an esteemed figure heading the HR department, and the proficient plant team, explained every step in the mass manufacturing of apparel and the intricacies of sample creation and rigorous testing to the meticulous cutting, stitching, and packaging processes. Department heads graciously shared their expertise, shedding light on the nuanced techniques and procedures integral to the production line.



Students at testing lab of Gokaldas Exports



Students at Tribal Museum

The students also visited the Tribal Museum, Bharat Bhawan, and Manav Sangrahalaya, where they explored captivating exhibits and artifacts. The experience immersed them in the diverse lifestyles and rich design inspirations derived from the tribal cultures of Madhya Pradesh.

Every artifact and display served as a source of inspiration, sparking creativity and igniting the imagination of budding designers and artists.



A tribal art

Industrial visit for FDDI, Kolkata students at Rupa & Co. Ltd., Howrah

On 12th April 2024, an industrial visit for the students of the School of Fashion Design and the Foundation Batch of FDDI, Kolkata Campus, was organized at Rupa & Co. Ltd. (Domjur Unit), Jalan Industrial Complex, Howrah. Under the guidance of FDDI faculty, a group of 27 students toured the manufacturing unit to gain hands-on understanding of its knitting, dyeing, and cutting operations.



FDDI Faculty and students at Rupa & Co. Ltd.

Padma Shri awardee Mr. Prahalad Rai Agarwala, Executive Chairman, and Mr. Ramesh Agarwala, Director, facilitated the visit. The students were guided through the various sections of the knitting, dyeing, and cutting units under the supervision of Mr. Singh, General Manager; Mr. Amit Sharma, Manager; and Mr. Soumyo and Mr. Mridul Karmakar.

In addition to gaining hands-on technical knowledge, the industrial visit enabled the students to understand the intricacies and operational realities of the manufacturing unit, observing the complete production range of knitted garments, from innerwear to casual wear.

The final speaker, Mr. Pravin Dhake, founder of Athlos—a woollen athletic clothing brand—highlighted the benefits of woollen apparel, including body temperature



FDDI students visiting the Knitting Unit

regulation, sweat absorption, reduced risk of bacterial infections or rashes, and overall comfort. He also discussed the brand's focus on recycled nylon and sustainable practices.

Additionally, 'The Wool Lab' featured a curated display showcasing the latest innovations and seasonal materials in woollen apparel.

INDUSTRY COLLABORATION & MOUs

To drive innovation in footwear design and polymer science, FDDI, Hyderabad and CIPET, Hyderabad signs MoU

To promote innovation in footwear design and polymer science through collaborative research, academic enrichment, and technological development, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between FDDI, Hyderabad, and the Central Institute of Petrochemical Engineering & Technology (CIPET), Hyderabad, on 12th March 2025.

The MoU was signed on behalf of FDDI by Dr. Narasimhugari Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS, Executive Director (ED), FDDI-Hyderabad, and on behalf of CIPET by Mr. P.K. Sahoo, Principal Director & Head, CIPET-Hyderabad. Senior officers from both organizations were also present during the signing ceremony.



FDDI students visiting the Knitting Unit

Leveraging the strengths of both institutions to foster innovation and skill development, the agreement sets out collaborative initiatives including joint research projects, faculty and student exchange programs, workshops, and advanced manufacturing technologies.



Media coverage

This MoU will facilitate cutting-edge research in sole design, mould development, and sustainable footwear solutions, helping ensure that India's footwear industry remains globally competitive.

The initiative reflects a shared commitment to creating new opportunities for research and innovation, benefiting both students and the industry. It is expected to strengthen innovation in the footwear and polymer sectors by closely aligning academic expertise with industry needs.

Forging New Paths: FDDI inks five MoUs with leading Research and Academic Institutes

FDDI has achieved a significant milestone in technological advancement and expertise by signing four Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) in the field of footwear design and development, setting a higher benchmark of excellence.

On behalf of FDDI, Dr. Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, IAS – Managing Director (MD), signed MoUs with prestigious institutions including ICAR – National Institute of Natural Fibre Engineering and Technology (NINFET), Woxsen University, Hyderabad, Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (TNPESU), Chennai, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Chennai, and Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneswar.



Discussion in progress with leading Research and Academic Institutes regarding the working procedure

The MoU with NINFET was signed on 30th September 2024, while the remaining four were signed on 10th September 2024 at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. The ceremony was attended by Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary – FDDI, Dr. Madhusudan Pal, Director, CoE – FDDI, along with representatives from the partner institutions: Dr. D.B. Shakyawar, Director, ICAR-NINFET; Dr. Adity Saxena, Dean, and Santhosh Kocherlakota, Assistant Dean, Woxsen University; Dr. Sivakumar R, Dean, VIT Chennai; Dr. P. Rajnikumar, Head, CEB-HPC, TNPESU; and Prof. Bauri Raula, Dean, KIIT Bhubaneswar.

This landmark initiative, focused on collaborative research, is expected to benefit all stakeholders — including faculty, students, entrepreneurs, and workers in the footwear and leather industry — by enhancing their skills through joint courses and training programs offered by these partner institutions. It will drive innovation, growth, and competitiveness in the sector.

The MoUs are initially valid for a period of five years and hold the potential to nurture entrepreneurial spirit while fostering significant economic growth and technological advancement.

FDDI, Hyderabad collaborates with Telangana Handloom and Textile Organizations on 'National Handloom Day'

On 'National Handloom Day,' 7th August 2024, FDDI Hyderabad Campus signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with three prominent organizations: Telangana Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd., the Department of Handlooms and Textiles, Government of Telangana, and the Telangana Handloom Weavers' Cooperative Society Ltd.



A view of the exchange of MoUs



Staff and students with the dignitaries

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of the Hon'ble Handloom & Textile Minister of Telangana, Mr. Tummala Nageshwara Rao, and Principal Secretary, Mrs. Shailaja Ramaiyer, IAS.

Dr. Narasimhugari Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS, Executive Director of FDDI Hyderabad, formally exchanged the MoUs during the ceremony. These agreements focus on academic collaboration, joint product development, market surveys, and design and consultancy projects. They also aim to strengthen industry linkages through apparel parks in the state, foster collaborative initiatives for mutual benefit, and support entrepreneurial ventures, including startups, self-help groups, and the broader apparel industry. Additionally, the partnership will facilitate the development of organic dyeing units across Telangana.

Mr. Arun Kumar Gaikwad, HoD of the School of Fashion Design, along with other HoDs, attended the event. Faculty members and students from the School of Fashion Design actively participated in both the ceremony and the accompanying exhibition, which showcased handloom products created by the students.

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On 18th July 2024, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between FDDI's Center of Excellence (CoE) and Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (Divyangjan) (PDUNIPPD) at Vishnu Digamber Marg, New Delhi.



A view of the exchange of MoU

PDUNIPPD is an autonomous organization under the administrative and financial control of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, dedicated to serving physically disabled individuals across all age groups.

The collaboration between PDUNIPPD and FDDI aims to advance orthotic technologies in footwear through a comprehensive approach. Key areas of focus include joint research on biomechanics and materials, product development leveraging FDDI's design expertise, and educational programs to disseminate best practices.

On behalf of FDDI, Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/Managing Director (MD), signed the MoU, while Dr. Jitendra Sharma, Director of PDUNIPPD, signed on behalf of the institute. The signing was witnessed by Dr. Madhusudan Pal, CoE Director, along with other faculty and staff of FDDI.

The MoU was formally exchanged on 22nd July 2024 in the esteemed presence of Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), New Delhi.

MoU signed between FDDI & EDII, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

To promote entrepreneurship education, training, policy research, and incubation, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between FDDI and the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Bhat, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, on 2nd July 2024. On behalf of FDDI, Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Managing Director (MD), signed the MoU, while Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Director – Rural Projects, signed on behalf of EDII.



Meeting in progress for nurturing entrepreneurial talent & innovation

Under the MoU, both organizations will collaboratively work on strategies and interventions to develop a comprehensive ecosystem for entrepreneurship. Key areas of cooperation include Incubation Support, Venture Acceleration, Faculty Development Programs (FDPs), webinars on entrepreneurship, support in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and patents, student training and internships in ongoing EDII projects, collaboration on leather impact initiatives, joint craft projects across sectors, and joint short-term courses.

FDDI, Chhindwara Campus signs MoU with Western Coalfields Ltd.

On 25th June 2024, FDDI Chhindwara Campus and Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to offer short-term training programs for the fiscal year 2024-25.

These programs will focus on footwear design and retail, specifically aimed at benefiting displaced and unemployed youth in coal mining regions.

On behalf of FDDI, Dr. Pradeep Mandal, HoD – Fashion Design (FD) & Centre In-Charge, FDDI Chhindwara, signed the MoU, while Mr. P. Narendra Kumar, General Manager (HRD), signed on behalf of WCL. The signing ceremony was attended by Mr. P.J. Bedarkar, Chief Manager (Mining) from WCL, Dr. Vinit Verma, HoD – Retail, and Mr. Ashish Wankhede, A.M – SA&ED, from FDDI, along with officials from WCL Head Office.

The meticulously designed four-month training programs, covering both manufacturing and retail aspects and sponsored by WCL, aim to bridge the skills gap, enhance employability, and prepare participants for successful careers, contributing to the economic development of coal mining regions in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.



Exchange of MoU

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

FDDI bags Swachhata Pakhwada Award

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, launched the ambitious Clean India Programme, popularly known as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, on 2nd October 2014. In line with this national mission, FDDI has been observing Swachhata Pakhwada every year across its twelve campuses, with the initiative growing in impact and participation year after year.

Recognising FDDI's significant contribution towards sanitation, record management, space optimisation, and scrap disposal, the Institute was awarded Third Position in Swachhata Pakhwada 2023 among all organisations under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India.



From Left: Mr. Rajeev Kumar Jain, DPIIT official presenting the award to Mr. Manoj Agarwal, CAO, FDDI

FDDI, Hyderabad Faculty Honored with Andhra Pradesh Chitra Kala Pennidhi Puraskar State Award

On 3rd November 2024, Dr. Rambabu Muppidi, Faculty in Leather Goods and Accessories Design (LGAD) at FDDI – Hyderabad Campus, was honoured with the prestigious Andhra Pradesh Chitra Kala Pennidhi Puraskar State Award.

The award was conferred during the Ongole Art Fest 2024, organised by Kalayajna, Srusti Art Academy, and Nestmekere in Ongole, Andhra Pradesh. Dr. Muppidi received this recognition for his artwork inspired by the architectural grandeur of the Gupta period, created using acrylic colours on canvas.



Dr. Rambabu Muppidi,
Faculty, LGAD, FDDI,
Hyderabad Campus



Dr. Rambabu Muppidi receiving the
award



Certificate given to Dr.
Rambabu Muppidi

This accolade included a certificate, a memento, and appreciation from Mr. Damacharla Janardhan, MLA, Dr. Thimmiri Ravindra, founder of the academy and Mr. Shesha Brahmma, a contemporary artist. On this occasion, numerous other participating artists from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana were present.

Faculty of FDDI, Banur felicitated during 'International Educator's Eminence Award 2024' ceremony

Dr. Pooja Singh, Faculty in Fashion Design (FD) at FDDI – Banur Campus, was felicitated at the International Educator's Eminence Award 2024 ceremony, organised by Saksham



Dr. Pooja Singh, Faculty,
FD



Certificate of Appreciation

Society, Jaipur, Rajasthan, a World Record–holding NGO.

World Teachers Day is celebrated on 05th October 2024 to honour the essential role that teachers play in shaping our lives.

FDDI recognized as 'Assessing Agency' and 'Awarding Body' by NCVET

FDDI was recognized as an Assessing Agency and Awarding Body by the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) on 27th August 2024. Having met all the compliance requirements for obtaining NCVET recognition as an AB-Dual, FDDI formalized the achievement through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NCVET in New Delhi.

The MoU was signed by Colonel Santosh Kumar, Director, NCVET, on behalf of NCVET, and Dr. Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, IAS, Managing Director (MD), FDDI, on behalf of FDDI, in the presence of Mr. Atul Kumar Tiwari, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Chairperson, NCVET.



From Left: Dr. Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, IAS – MD, FDDI, Mr. Atul Kumar Tiwari, IAS, Secretary, MSDE & Chairperson, NCVET and Colonel Santosh Kumar, Director, NCVET during 'Exchange of MoU'

NCVET serves as the overarching national regulator for vocational education and training in India, tasked with setting standards, formulating regulations, and enhancing the skilling ecosystem.

As an Assessing Agency, FDDI is now mandated to assess trainees upon completion of programmes approved by the National Skills Qualifications Committee (NSQC) in the areas of Retail, Fashion, Footwear, and Leather Goods. As an Awarding Body, FDDI is authorized to confer certificates and to create and develop qualifications in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 Credit Framework.

FDDI, Noida Faculty felicitated during National Level Exhibition - 'Mere Desh ke Dhaage'

Mr. Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Senior Faculty (SF), School of Fashion Design (FD) of FDDI, Noida Campus was felicitated during National Level Exhibition - 'Mere Desh ke Dhaage' which was held at Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) University.



Mr. Rajesh Kumar Sharma, SF, FD with his weaving craft



Mr. Rajesh Kumar Sharma receiving the award & certificate

On the occasion of Independence Day, the Faculty of Fine Arts, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), in association with Textile Cartography, organized an exhibition from 14th to 23rd August 2024 at the M.F. Husain Gallery, JMI, New Delhi. The exhibition was inaugurated by Prof. Mohammad Shakeel, Officiating Vice Chancellor, JMI, in the esteemed presence of Mr. M. Nasim Haider, Registrar, JMI.

The event brought together around 121 artists from various universities, institutes, and colleges across India, showcasing their artistic and aesthetic explorations through textile. Mr. Rajesh was recognized and awarded for his exceptional creative and artistic excellence in weaving craft.

Creative talent of FDDI, Chennai students lead to winning 'Bronze Medal' in Shoe-making at IndiaSkills 2024: India's Biggest Skill Competition

Two students from FDDI – Chennai Campus, Ms. Hrithunanda R and Mr. Mihal Shaduli, won the Bronze Medal in the Shoe-making category at IndiaSkills 2024 – India's Biggest Skill Competition. Both students, from the School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP), B.Des. (Batch 2020–24), began their journey at the regional competition in March 2024. Their dedication and perseverance took them to the national finals, held from 15th to 19th May 2024 at Yashobhumi, Dwarka, New Delhi.

Adding another feather in FDDI's cap – Ms. Ananya Bhardwaj bags Gold Medal at IndiaSkills 2024: India's Biggest Skill Competition

Adding another feather to FDDI's cap, Ms. Ananya Bhardwaj, a student of the School of Leather Goods & Accessories Design (LGAD), FDDI – Noida Campus, won the Gold Medal in the Leather Garments & Accessories category at IndiaSkills 2024 – India's Biggest Skill Competition. A B.Des. LGAD student from the 2020–2024 batch, she impressed the jury with her meticulously crafted leather garment.

Organised by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), the national finals were held from 17th to 19th May 2024 at Yashobhumi, Dwarka, with participation from over 900 students representing 30+ States and Union Territories,

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Winners of 'Shoe-making' category with Jury members



Ms. Hrithunanda R along with the 'Bronze Medal'



Mr. Mihal Shaduli along with the 'Bronze Medal'

Organised by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), the national finals were held from 17th to 19th May 2024 at Yashobhumi, Dwarka, with participation from over 900 students representing 30+ States and Union Territories, alongside 400+ industry experts.

IndiaSkills 2024 featured 61 skill categories – from traditional crafts to advanced technologies – with 47 competitions held onsite and 14 offsite in Karnataka, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat. Participants also showcased talent in 9 exhibition skills, including Drone Filmmaking, Textile Weaving, Leather Shoemaking, and Prosthetics Makeup.

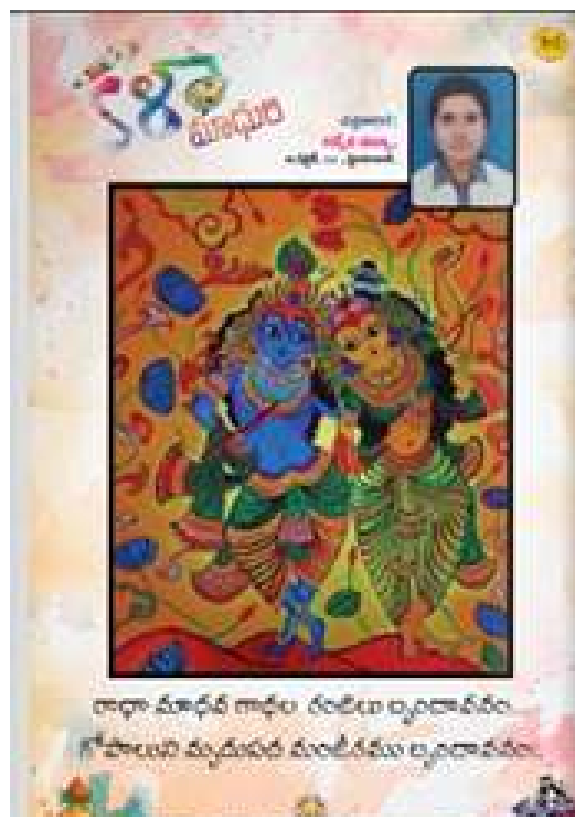
Nearly 2.5 lakh candidates registered via the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) Portal, with 26,000 shortlisted through pre-screening. State and District-level competitions further narrowed the field to 900 finalists. The event was supported by over 400 industry and academic partners, including Toyota Kirloskar, Autodesk, JK Cement, Maruti Suzuki, Schneider Electric, and L'Oréal.

'Art Work' of FDDI Hyderabad student gets published in Madhuri-Featured Art

On 30th April, 2024, Ms. Anneasa Manna's watercolour masterpiece "Brundahavan – Radha Madhav" was featured in Madhuri magazine, enchanting art enthusiasts with its captivating portrayal of divine love. A student of the Foundation Batch at FDDI – Hyderabad Campus, her artwork was selected from among 150 submissions received by the popular print magazine, widely read in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.



Cover page of 'Madhuri' magazine



Ms. Anneasa Manna's art work published in the magazine

Showcased in the magazine's special Art feature, the painting transports viewers to the ethereal realm of Brundahavan, where Radha and Madhav—emblems of love and devotion—gracefully dance amidst nature's vibrant hues. Through delicate brushstrokes and a skilful play of light and shadow, the artist beautifully brings to life the timeless romance of Radha and Krishna.

SCINTILLATING PERFORMANCES IN FASHION SHOW

FDDI, Rohtakin association with Amar Ujala organizes 'Prathama Amar Ujala Haryana Queens Contest 2025'

On the occasion of International Women's Day, FDDI Rohtak Campus, in association with Amar Ujala, organized the 'Prathama Amar Ujala Haryana Queens Contest 2025' on 8th March 2025. The event was graced by Ms. Bharti-Dabas, IPS HPS Superintendent Police of Commandant as the Chief Guest, while Ms. Manjit Malik (DEO), Dr. Manju Malik (Registrar, DLS SUPVA), and Ms. Manju Maan (Executive Director, FDDI, Noida) were the Guests of Honour and were felicitated by Mr. Yogesh Dikshit, Editor of Amar Ujala.

The contest celebrated the achievements of 60 remarkable women who have made significant contributions across various sectors, inspiring others with their dedication and exemplary work.

Ms. Sarita Duhan, ED – FDDI Rohtak Campus, delivered a thought provoking speech emphasizing the importance of enhancing the status of women in society. She shared valuable insights and actionable guidance, motivating the audience to actively participate in promoting women's empowerment.



Women honoured for their contribution to the society



Ms. Shruti Jha, student of FDDI Rohtak was awarded for 'Best Classic Queen'

A mesmerizing fashion show titled 'Shakti Aur Sahyog', presented by the students of FDDI Rohtak, beautifully illustrated the transformation of women's roles and status from the past to the present. Through their creative and expressive designs, the students highlighted the journey of women's empowerment, showcasing the evolution of women's rights, freedoms, and societal contributions. The audience was left spellbound by a performance that seamlessly blended fashion, art, and social commentary.



A view of fashion show 'Shakti Aur Sehyog' presented by FDDI Rohtak students

The contestants were evaluated by an esteemed panel of judges, including Dr. Sara Kadiyan (Mrs. India Worldwide 2018, Textile Designer, and Social Activist), Ms. Shweta Chugh (Influencer Model, Former Teacher, and Malabar Diamond Model), Dr. Ragini (Mrs. Classic Universe USA, Social Worker, and Government Employee Award Winner), and Ms. Tanisha Gupta (Ms. Haryana Queen 2023, Budding Footwear Designer & student of FDDI Rohtak).

Two special awards were presented: 'Best Smile' to Ms. Muskan, and 'Best Classic Queen' to Ms. Shruti Jha, both students of FDDI Rohtak.

Fashion show – 'Connect the Soul' held by FDDI, Jodhpur in association with EPCH

The Artefact Fair was held at the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) Trade Facilitation Center (TFC), Boranada, on 23rd January 2025, and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Union Minister, Mr. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

As part of this grand event, FDDI Jodhpur's designers presented a mesmerizing fashion show on the theme 'Connect the Soul', organized in collaboration with EPCH. The show featured exceptional designs developed under the School of Fashion Design, with students confidently walking the ramp to showcase their creativity, innovation, and artistic expressions.

The occasion was graced by several esteemed dignitaries, including Mr. R.K. Verma, Executive Director, EPCH; Mr. Hansraj Baheti, COA EPCH; Mr. Nirmal Bhandari, renowned exporter; Dr. Tarun Kant, AFRI Director; along with Mr. Anil Kumar, Executive Director, FDDI Jodhpur.

The event was a spectacular celebration of creativity, craftsmanship, and innovation, bringing together students, industry experts, and fashion enthusiasts to highlight the convergence of traditional artistry and contemporary fashion design.



FDDI students presenting their collection

‘Avtaran 2024’ held at FDDI, Hyderabad Campus

Promoting India’s rich cultural heritage and handloom, a fashion show on traditional Indian drapes, ‘Avtaran 2024’, was held at FDDI Hyderabad Campus on 13th November 2024. The event aimed to familiarize the younger generation, particularly Gen-Z, with the versatility and artistry of regional drapes, including sarees and dhotis.

The jury for the show included Ms. Madhupriya Jha Thakur, Assistant Professor, NIFT Hyderabad, and Mr. C. Venugopal, Senior Faculty, FDDI Hyderabad.



Students showcasing their collection during ‘Avtaran 2024’

Ms. Shruthi Valluri was adjudged the ‘Showstopper’, while Ms. Ananya Chowdary received the title of ‘Best Model’. Ms. Shreenitha Vinod and Mr. Priyanshu Nigam were recognized as Outstanding Model Runner-up I and II, respectively.

'Miss & Mrs. Rohtak Queen' Contest 2024 held at FDDI, Rohtak

With the objective of promoting women empowerment and celebrating their strength, confidence, and creativity across Rohtak city, the 'Miss & Mrs. Rohtak Queen' Contest 2024 was held at FDDI Rohtak Campus on 26th October 2024.

The event was organized by Amar Ujala in association with FDDI Rohtak and LPS Bossard, and witnessed the participation of 55 stunning contestants. During the contest, Ms. Tripti Prakash Mishra was crowned 'Miss Rohtak Queen', while Mrs. Priti received the title of 'Mrs. Rohtak Queen'.



Winners of the contest



A view of the participants

Ms. Avika Negi, a student from the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), FDDI Rohtak, was awarded the title of 'Most Talented Queen', while Ms. Tamnna a student from the School of Fashion Design (FD), FDDI Rohtak, received the 'Beauty with Brain' accolade.

During the event, 21 outstanding women were honored for their remarkable contributions, dedication, and service to the community. The contest was elegantly choreographed by Ms. Nupur, a talented alumna of FDDI Rohtak, whose expertise brought the event to life, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees.

'Graduation Fashion Show - TREND WALK-3' held at FDDI, Banur Campus

A spectacular 'Graduation Fashion Show- TREND WALK-3' was held at FDDI Banur Campus on 17th May 2024, aimed at showcasing the creativity, skill, and innovation of the graduating students from FDDI's Fashion Design program.

The event was graced by Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary/Managing Director (MD), FDDI, as the Chief Guest, while Mr. Krishna Madhok, a prominent industrialist, attended as the Guest of Honour. The audience included industry professionals, academicians, fashion experts, bloggers, media representatives, parents, students, and FDDI employees.

In her Welcome Address, Ms. Pragya Singh, IRS, Executive Director (ED), FDDI Banur Campus, remarked, "The budding designers of FDDI have displayed the creativity and skills they have acquired at the institute. I urge the industry to provide opportunities to these future leaders who will carry forward the legacy of Indian heritage while meeting the evolving needs of the global export market."



Students presenting their collection

A total of 29 collections, each crafted by a graduating student, were showcased to the audience, featuring an impressive array of ethnic wear, modern couture, avant-garde designs, and sustainable fashion. The vibrant colors, innovative cuts, and intricate detailing of the collections captivated all attendees.

The collections were evaluated by an eminent panel of jury members, including Mr. Raja Pratap, Director – FDCI, Dr. Shalini Gaur, HoD – Fashion Design, Chandigarh University, Dr. Vandana Gupta, Professor, Chitkara University, and Dr. Rahul Dhiman, Associate Professor & Freelance Expert. The students' designs received high praise and appreciation during the ramp show for their creativity and technical excellence.

'Subh Kadam' and 'Aurora' 2024 - A Grand Showcase of Talent by FDDI, Chennai Campus

On 4th May 2024, FDDI, Chennai Campus hosted a grand showcase of student talent through 'Subh Kadam', a Footwear Fashion Show competition, and 'Aurora', the Graduation Fashion Show at VR Chennai. Drawing an audience of approximately 800 attendees, including industry experts, alumni, parents, and the general public, the event celebrated the exceptional skills and creativity of FDDI's final-year students from the School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP) and the School of Fashion Design (FD).



Juries of Subh Kadam Footwear Fashion Show Competition being felicitated

During 'Subh Kadam', students from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd year, and M.Des programs of FDP participated in teams, with 9 groups presenting their innovative footwear collections. The jury for this segment comprised distinguished industry professionals: Ms. Amrita Tiwari, Sourcing Coordinator, Randa Accessories; Ms. Kumari Soni, Owner of Kocoon and FDDI Noida alumnus; and Mr. Fayaz, Designer, KH Shoes.



Presentation by students during 'Subh Kadam'

In 'Aurora', students individually presented their design collections on the ramp, showcasing both footwear and fashion design creations. The footwear category jury included Mr. Zeeshan, Founder & Director, Zeesh Shoes Pvt. Ltd.; Ms. Kumudha Suresh, Assistant Vice President –Marketing & Merchandising, Bharatiya International Ltd.; and Mr. Venkateswara Rao, Senior Manager –Product Development, AVT Leather and Allied Products Pvt. Ltd. The fashion category jury included Ms. Binita, Celebrity Designer and FDDI alumna; and Ms. Preethi, Design Consultant.



Students presenting fashion design collections during Aurora



The event was proudly sponsored by Solidaridad, Mathiesen Pvt. Ltd., Lakme Academy, DQ Labs, Uniq Events, Good Leather Shoes Pvt. Ltd., Serene Shoes, Shoeline, Niraamaya, KH Group, Raza, Primo Shoes, Ayyappa Enterprises, and Balamurgan Tanners.

The show featured a remarkable display of creativity, craftsmanship, and innovation, reflecting the exceptional talent nurtured at FDDI. The students' work received resounding appreciation from both the jury and the audience, highlighting the institute's commitment to fostering design excellence and making the event a truly memorable celebration of young designers' achievements.



From Left: Mr. M. Sundaresan, ED - FDDI Chennai Campus awarding trophies and certificates to Best Outgoing student from FD

Design collections presented during fashion show 'Feast-e-Fashion 3.0: A Night of Glamour and Innovation' at FDDI, Chhindwara Campus

On 27th April 2024, FDDI, Chhindwara Campus hosted the fashion show 'Feast-e-Fashion 3.0: A Night of Glamour and Innovation', where the graduating students of the Class of 2020–24 from the School of Fashion Design (FD) showcased their design collections.

Under the expert choreography of international artists Shaan and Harsh Mirza, the runway was transformed into a spectacular stage of innovation and expression, leaving a lasting impression on the fashion landscape.

The collections on display were truly exceptional, reflecting the students' boundless imagination and artistic talent. From avant garde creations that pushed the limits of conventional fashion to intricately crafted ensembles inspired by cultural heritage, each garment narrated a story of passion, creativity, and innovation.



Students showcasing their design collection

The event was further elevated by the presence of the esteemed Chief Guest, Ms. Riya Jain from Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta, USA. Her insightful remarks and words of encouragement inspired the budding designers, reminding them of the limitless possibilities and opportunities that await in the world of fashion.



Students showcasing their meticulously crafted design collections, reflecting creativity & innovation

Ms. Nikita Sinha was honored with the Best Creative Design Collection Award for her innovative and imaginative designs, while Ms. Aastha Dehariya received the Most Commercial Collection Award in recognition of her market-oriented design sensibilities. Additionally, Teen Khandait was celebrated for her impeccable costume construction skills,

Ms. Kareena Bobde for her exceptional technical expertise, and Ms. Saloni Darbare for her mastery in surface ornamentation, highlighting the diverse talents of the graduating students.

FDDI's 'Fashion Blazon 2024' held in collaboration with India Style Fashion Week

'Fashion Blazon 2024' – a spectacular fashion showcase – was organized by FDDI in collaboration with India Style Fashion Week at Epicentre, Apparel House, Gurugram on 20th April 2024. Hosted by the School of Fashion Design (FD), the event featured the graduating designers of the 2020–2024 batch from FDDI's Noida and Rohtak campuses, who presented their exquisite graduation collections, reflecting creativity, technical skill, and innovation.

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Collection presented on 21 Themes

The event was graced by Mr. Rakesh Vaid, Senior Vice Chairman of Apparel Training & Design Centre (ATDC) and Vice Chairman of Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), along with sponsors, distinguished jury members, guests, faculty, parents, and students, making it a landmark celebration of emerging talent in the fashion industry.



Audience watching the spectacular collections presented by the students on the ramp

The event was further elevated by the presence of distinguished fashion industry leaders as jury members, including Mr. Harpreet Narula, Chairman of Rimple & Harpreet Couture; Mr. Gaurav Gupta, CEO and Creative Director at the House of Raisons; Ms. Amla Shrivastava, Head of Design at the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts; and Mr. Roshan Singh, Chief Creative Officer at Sarita Handa.

A total of 80 students, comprising 63 from FDDI Noida Campus and 17 from FDDI Rohtak Campus, presented 21 collections across diverse themes, showcasing a blend of creativity, innovation, and technical expertise.



Students showcasing their spectacular collections on the ramp

Adding a unique and influential dimension to the event was the expert choreography of renowned fashion director Mr. Kaushik Ghosh from India Fashion Week, which brought the collections to life on the runway in a spectacular and memorable manner.

OTHER LANDMARKS

Managing Director – FDDI meets Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry

Mr. Vivek Sharma, IRS, Managing Director (MD) of FDDI, met Mr. Jitin Prasada, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, on 24th March 2025.

During the meeting, discussions focused on key areas including training, research, and innovation, as well as the need to upskill personnel to meet global industry standards. The interaction also addressed FDDI's role in supporting the footwear, leather, fashion, retail, and management sectors.

The functioning, requirements, and challenges facing FDDI were deliberated, with a view to accelerating the Institute's growth and enhancing its contribution to the industry.



Mr. Vivek Sharma, IRS, MD, FDDI presenting memento to Mr. Jitin Prasada, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry

Team FDDI meets Hon'ble Minister



MD, FDDI meeting with Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Hon'ble Union Minister of Communications and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India

On 20th March 2025, Mr. Vivek Sharma, IRS, Managing Director (MD) of FDDI, met Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Hon'ble Union Minister of Communications and Minister of Development of the North Eastern Region, Government of India. Ms. Manju Maan, Executive Director of FDDI, Noida and Guna Campus, was also present during the meeting.

Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia represents the Guna constituency in Madhya Pradesh, where one of FDDI's campuses is located. The meeting provided an opportunity to update the Minister on the various initiatives undertaken by FDDI.

'The Footprints of Successful Industry' book authored by FDDI, Noida Faculty released by Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Hon'ble Union Minister of Communications and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India



Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Hon'ble Union Minister of Communications and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, formally released the book

A book titled, 'The Footprints of Successful Industry' authored by Mr. Hafiz Obaidullah, Jr. Faculty of the School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP) at FDDI, Noida Campus was released by Mr. Jyotiraditya Scindia, Hon'ble Union Minister of Communications and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India on 18th November 2024.

Mr. Hafiz Obaidullah, Jr. Faculty at FDDI's School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), brings over twelve years of expertise and holds an engineering degree in Leather and Footwear Technology from Aligarh Muslim University, along with a Master's in Fashion Technology.

His book serves as a comprehensive, step-by-step guide to establishing and managing successful footwear manufacturing enterprises. Covering the process from conceptualization to production, it outlines essential requirements, industry standards, and strategic considerations for building a thriving business in the

footwear sector. The book has been published by Crown Publishing and carries ISBN 978-93-6426-730-4.



Mr. Hafiz Obaidullah - Jr. Faculty – FDP, FDDI



Front and back cover of the book

Book – co-authored by Faculty, FDDI - Rohtak published

A book titled 'Embroidery Design Documentation for Home Furnishing', published by Just Agriculture Publishing, has been co-authored by Dr. Sarita Devi, Jr. Faculty at the School of Fashion Design (FD), FDDI Rohtak Campus.

Dr. Sarita Devi is an accomplished textile professional with a PhD in Textile & Apparel Design from CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Haryana. She was awarded the Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in Textile & Apparel Design by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in 2012.



The book is co-authored with Dr. Sushila, Jr. Faculty, FD, FDDI Noida Campus, and Dr. Nisha Arya, Associate Professor, Department of Textile and Apparel Design, CCS Haryana Agricultural University.

This book bearing ISBN: [978-9-33418-858-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-9-33418-858-5), provides comprehensive design documentation of traditional motifs and designs, design placements, and color schemes for home furnishing.

It emphasizes the critical importance of embroidery motif documentation—a meticulous process that records and preserves the diverse patterns and motifs of traditional Indian embroidery—thereby safeguarding cultural heritage and serving as a valuable resource for designers and researchers.

Book – co-authored by Faculty, FDDI - Hyderabad published

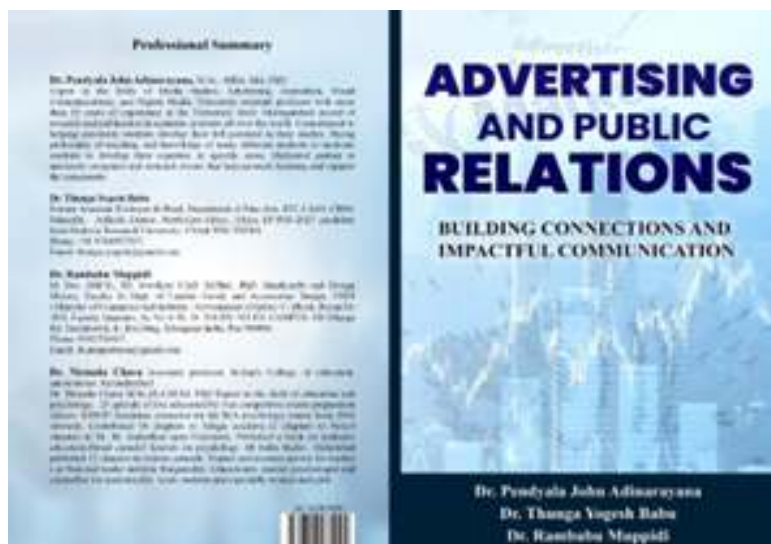
A book in the field of Social Sciences titled 'Advertising and Public Relations: Building Connections and Impactful Communication', published by Diamond Publishing, Bhilaspur, Chhattisgarh, has been co-authored by Dr. Rambabu Muppidi, Faculty at FDDI Hyderabad Campus.

Dr. Rambabu Muppidi is an accomplished artisan from Andhra Pradesh with extensive expertise in Indian art forms, product design, handicrafts, and fashion design. He has published over 55 research journals, received numerous national and international awards, and holds four design registrations with the Indian Patent Office.

The book covers chapters on topics such as Introduction to Advertising, The Art of Persuasion and Promotion, Benefits of Advertising, The Advertising Process: From Ideation to Impact, Planning an Advertising Campaign, and The Public Relations Process. The research presented in the book specifically focuses on artisans from the Andhra Pradesh region whose livelihoods depend on handicrafts, emphasizing the vital role of advertising in promoting their traditional art forms and crafts.



Dr. Rambabu Muppidi -Faculty,
LGAD



Cover page of the book

The book, published by Diamond Publishing, bears ISBN 978-93-5823-549-4 and spans pages 1-54 is available on Amazon:

https://www.amazon.in/dp/B0D6NCFTRW?ref=myi_title_dp and on Flip kart:

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DPIIT Official visits FDDI Campuses

Officials from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, visited FDDI campuses at Noida, Kolkata, Hyderabad, and Chennai to review the establishment of the Non-Leather Department under the EIF sub-scheme.

The DPIIT delegation included Ms. Mamta, Director (L&F); Mr. Kapil Meena, Under Secretary, Leather; Mr. Niraj Kumar, Section Officer, Leather; Ms. Priya Keshari, Consultant; Ms. Himani Mishra, Junior Consultant; Mr. Anurag, Junior Consultant; and Ms. Malika Arora, Young Professional.

Sr. No.	Non-Leather Departments of FDDI	Date	Nominated DPIIT Officials
1	Noida	12.4.2024	Ms. Mamta, Director, (L&F) Ms. Himani Mishra, Junior Consultant.
2	Kolkata	13.4.2024 to 15.4.2024	Mr. Niraj Kumar, Section Officer, Leather, Ms. Malika Arora, Young Professional.
3	Hyderabad	18.4.2024 to 20.4.2024	Mr. Kapil Meena, Under Secretary, Leather, Mr. Anurag, Junior Consultant.
4	Chennai	21.4.2024 to 23.4.2024	Ms. Mamta, Director, Ms. Priya Keshari, Consultant.

The project proposal for the creation of the Department of Non-Leather Products & Accessories at six FDDI campuses—Noida, Hyderabad, Chennai, Banur, Kolkata, and Chhindwara—under the Indian Footwear & Leather Development Programme (IFLDP) 2021-26 has been approved.



DPIIT official visiting non-leather set up at FDDI, Noida Campus

The non-leather footwear and products sector has been growing rapidly, driven by advancements in materials and technology. This growth is fueled by a strong focus on comfort, recycling, rapid market reach, and mass customization, which have emerged as the core principles shaping technological progress in the industry.



DPIIT official visiting non -leather set up at FDDI, Kolkata Campus

Notable technologies are Rapid Proto Type development, 3 –D printing, Die less cutting, Knitted shoes, and Laser cutting systems to list a few with use of SAP, ERP is already been noticed by the sector.



DPIIT official visiting non -leather set up at FDDI, Hyderabad Campus

During the visit, the officials were given demonstrations of the installed machines at the respective FDDI campuses.

The functioning of the machines was explained to the officials, with emphasis on how they contribute to enhancing student learning and skill development in the non-leather segment.



DPIIT official visiting non -leather set up at FDDI, Chennai Campus

Mrs. Priyadarshini Raje Scindia visit FDDI, Guna Campus

On 5th February 2025, Mrs. Priyadarshini Raje Scindia, spouse of Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Hon'ble Union Minister of Communications and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, visited FDDI Guna Campus. She was warmly received by Mr. Jitendra Gupta, Centre Incharge, along with the faculty members of the institute.



Mrs. Priyadarshini Raje Scindia watching the bag made by the students

During her one-hour visit, she toured the Cutting Lab, Lasting Lab, and Closing Lab, where she observed the state-of-the-art technology and practical training being imparted to the students.



A view of the interaction session with the student

An interactive session with the students was also organized, during which Mrs. Priyadarshini Raje Scindia shared her valuable thoughts, encouraging them to pursue their dreams with passion and determination. She also offered insightful suggestions for enhancing the standards of teaching, research, and collaborative programmes of the institute.

'Non-Leather and Virtual 3D Modeling Lab' inaugurated at FDDI, Chhindwara

With a vision to foster talent, nurture creativity, and advance sustainability, the 'Non-Leather and Virtual 3D Modeling Lab' was inaugurated at FDDI Chhindwara on 4th October 2024 by Mr. Niren Anand, Managing Director & Founder, Evertrade Group (China, Hong Kong & India).



A view of the 'Non-Leather and Virtual 3D Modeling Lab'

This state-of-the-art facility marks a major step forward in integrating modern technology with traditional craftsmanship. It is designed to provide students with hands-on exposure to sustainable practices and advanced manufacturing tools, preparing them for the evolving global footwear and fashion industry.

The lab is equipped with Flyknit Technology, Laser Technology, Sole Manufacturing Units, Automatic Computerized Pattern Stitching Machines, and a Virtual 3D Modeling Lab, making it one of the most advanced centers of learning in the field.

'Onsite Training on 6s Implementation, Production Process and Control System conducted by FDDI, Hyderabad Campus for Win Heels, Kozhikode, Kerala

Onsite training on 6s Implementation, Production Process and Control System was provided by FDDI, Hyderabad Campus for Win Heels, Kozhikode, Kerala from 10th - 14th March 2025.

The program was led by Mr. M. Srinivasan K, Senior Faculty, FDDI – Hyderabad Campus, who began with a comprehensive analysis of factory operations to identify key areas for improvement. Emphasizing the 6S principles—Sort, Set in Order, Shine, Standardize, Sustain, and Safety, the training aimed to foster a culture of workplace discipline, efficiency, and continuous improvement.

Through a blend of interactive discussions, hands-on activities, and structured implementation plans, the training successfully introduced and reinforced the fundamentals of 6S methodology, lean management, and production process control. Employees gained valuable insights into workplace organization, process standardization, and strategies to enhance overall productivity and efficiency.



Mr. Srinivasan K, Sr. Faculty, FDDI Hyderabad explaining about 6S Lean Principles



Win Heels Team with Mr. Srinivasan K

The training further emphasized the significance of eliminating waste, streamlining workflow, and maintaining cleanliness as key drivers of productivity and workplace safety. Practical demonstrations, such as the 5S Numbers Game, enabled participants to internalize the advantages of systematic organization and continuous improvement. In addition, focused discussions on production workflow, stock management, and procedure standardization offered valuable insights into achieving greater operational consistency and efficiency.



Conducting the 5S Game

With the 6S team established and a phased implementation plan in place, the factory is now well-positioned to systematically integrate these principles into its daily operations. Going forward, regular monitoring, periodic audits, and active employee participation will be critical to sustaining improvements and fostering a workplace culture rooted in efficiency, discipline, and innovation.

Exposure visit cum On-the-Job Training for Government School students at FDDI, Rohtak Campus

Under the Vocational Education – National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) program, a four-day Exposure Visit cum On-the-Job Training (OJT) programme was organized at FDDI, Rohtak Campus from 20th to 24th March 2025, benefiting 240 students.

The students, accompanied by their teachers from Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Kalanur and Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Nigana, Rohtak (Classes 9–12), were provided with valuable exposure to multiple sectors, including Footwear Designing, Fashion Design, Store Display, Retail & Sales Management, and Information Technology.



Students being briefed about the lab facility by the faculty



Faculty of FD explaining the students

The expert faculty members from the School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP) and the School of Fashion Design (FD) at FDDI Rohtak Campus delivered comprehensive lectures and conducted interactive field and lab visits for the students. They also had the opportunity to visit the Centre of Excellence (CoE), gaining first-hand exposure to advanced facilities.

The program concluded with a closing ceremony on 26th March 2025, during which the students were awarded certificates of participation by Ms. Sarita Duhan, Executive Director, FDDI – Rohtak, in the presence of Mr. Devendra Katariya, Principal of the school.



Students along with 'Certificates of Participation'

This learning initiative was designed to broaden students' knowledge and sharpen their skills, equipping them for future opportunities in the footwear and fashion design industries.

FDDI, Chhindwara & Jodhpur celebrates International Women's Day

International Women's Day (IWD) 2025 was celebrated on 8th March at FDDI Chhindwara and Jodhpur campuses with great enthusiasm and gratitude, recognizing the remarkable contributions of women to education, society, and the FDDI community.

At FDDI Chhindwara, the celebration was graced by Dr. W.S. Brown, Social Activist with the Police Department Welfare Foundation, retired Principal of P.G. Government College and renowned social worker, as the Chief Guest. The Guests of Honour included Dr. Vijaya Yadav, Academic Administrator of Vidya Bhoomi and Social Activist, along with Ms. Sunandha, representing the Government of Madhya Pradesh



A view of IWD celebration at FDDI, Chhindwara Campus

Dr. W.S. Brown and Dr. Vijaya Yadav addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of empowering and educating society to respect women. They highlighted how women's empowerment serves as a catalyst for transformative progress across all spheres of life.

The event also honored the invaluable contributions of FDDI's female staff members and third-party housekeeping staff. Their unwavering dedication and commitment to the institute's success were warmly acknowledged. The celebration stood as a powerful reminder of the pivotal role women play in shaping careers and fostering an inclusive, growth-oriented environment at FDDI.



Impactful rally by FDDI, Jodhpur spreading the message of "सशक्त महिला सशक्त भारत"

At FDDI Jodhpur, a heartfelt Women's Honor Ceremony was held on 7th March 2025 to celebrate the achievements of women. The Chief Guest, Ms. Seema Sharma, Chief District Education Officer, Jodhpur, delivered an inspiring address highlighting the invaluable contributions of women to society.

On 8th March 2025, FDDI staff and students organized a powerful rally carrying the message 'सशक्त महिला, सशक्त भारत'. The rally covered nearby areas including Surpura and Mandore Garden, spreading awareness on women's empowerment and unity. To further engage the community, informative pamphlets were distributed, highlighting FDDI Jodhpur's initiatives dedicated to supporting and uplifting women.

Training session on 'Gender Sensitization/POSH' held at FDDI

On 4th March 2025, FDDI organized a training session on 'Gender Sensitization/Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH)', conducted in hybrid mode for employees across its 12 campuses and Head Office. The session witnessed active participation from approximately 264 employees.

The resource person, Mrs. Vinod Jindal, former Director at the Ministry of Urban Development, is a distinguished trainer and subject expert in Organizational Behavior, Ethics, Values in Administration, Creativity, Gender Sensitization, and Financial Management. With her extensive academic background in Public Administration, she has served as a Master Trainer for Direct Trainer Skills (DTS), Resource Trainer for the Design of Training (DoT), and is also empaneled as a National Facilitator with DoPT for 'Ethics and Values in Public Governance'.



Mrs. Vinod Jindal interacting with the participants

The training session was conducted through engaging presentations and case studies, covering fundamental aspects of workplace gender sensitivity and moral ethics. Mrs. Vinod Jindal sensitized participants on the knowledge and skills required to foster a respectful, inclusive, and safe work environment.

The session also provided employees with a clear understanding of the 'Behavioural Code of Conduct at the Workplace' and the provisions of the POSH Act, enacted by the Government of India in 2013, ensuring awareness of their rights and responsibilities under the law.

Student Internship Program under NEP 2020 held at FDDI, Jodhpur Campus

In line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, an eight-day internship program was organized at FDDI Jodhpur Campus from 27th January to 4th February 2025 for students of Government School Badli and Government School Ratanada, Jodhpur.

A total of 25 students from Classes 9 to 12 participated in the program, which was conducted in collaboration with Bharti Airtel Foundation and the District Education Department, Jodhpur.



Experts of FDDI quipping young minds with essential skills



Media coverage

To equip students with essential practical skills and real-world experience, experts at FDDI Jodhpur provided valuable knowledge and hands-on learning, helping them build a strong foundation for their future.

FDDI, Jodhpur conducts 'Vocational Training Program in Fashion Design' for JNV, Jalore

In line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, FDDI Jodhpur Campus conducted a week-long 'Vocational Training Program (VTP) in Fashion Design' for the students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Jalore, from 17th to 23rd December 2024. The program introduced students to the fundamentals of fashion design and equipped them with practical industry-oriented skills. It concluded with a product jury session, where students showcased their innovative ideas and design concepts developed during the workshop.



JNV, Jalore students attending the VTP in Fashion Design



Student receiving 'Certificate of Participation'

The designs were evaluated by FDDI faculty and industry professionals, who provided constructive feedback to encourage students' creativity and guide them toward excellence. On this occasion, Certificates of Participation were awarded to the students in the presence of Mr. G.S. Bhati, Executive Director, Central Wool Development Board, Ministry of Textiles, Jodhpur, who graced the event as the Chief Guest.

'Meraki 2024' - exhibition of creativity along with conformity held at FDDI, Noida Campus

"Meraki" – an exhibition by the Foundation Batch (2024–2028) students of FDDI Noida – was organized on 6th December 2024 to showcase their creativity and innovation through handcrafted products developed during the first semester.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Ms. Manju Maan, Executive Director, FDDI Noida Campus, in the presence of industry guest Mrs. Aditi Sharma, Design Educator turned UX Researcher and NIFT alumna, and Ms. Aditi Bhushan from the Product Development & Sourcing Department, Skechers, along with faculty, staff, and students.

The display featured a wide range of handmade lifestyle products including garments, footwear, accessories, décor, and other creations, prepared through diverse material exploration techniques and intricate detailing.



A view of 'Meraki 2024'

Curated under the mentorship and guidance of faculty members, the students presented their interpretations of significant historical eras through innovative design explorations, reflecting both creativity and conformity.

Delegation from Nike visits FDDI, Noida Campus

With the objective of gaining insights into the academic programs and facilities of FDDI, Mr. Uday Mehta, Director, Nike India, along with Mr. Narayan Swamy Vaikundamani, Product Supply Chain Director, Nike India Ltd., visited FDDI Noida Campus on 5th December 2024.

The delegation toured the campus, including the state-of-the-art facilities and infrastructure at the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) and the International Testing Center (ITC), which houses advanced Physical and Chemical Laboratories providing comprehensive testing and quality control services. They also visited the Virtual Modelling Lab and Knitting Workshop in the Non-Leather Department to observe machine operations and learning tools.

A meeting was later chaired by Ms. Manju Maan, Executive Director, FDDI Noida Campus, where a detailed presentation was made to the Nike team highlighting the institute's overall operations and strengths.



Delegation being briefed by FDDI Expert at FDP

Mr. Uday Mehta emphasized the importance of strengthening institute–industry partnerships for the overall growth and development of the footwear sector. He also highlighted the need to enhance talent attraction in the sector, bringing it at par with industries like the automobile sector.

Adding to the discussion, Mr. Narayan Swamy Vaikundamani spoke about the significant advancements taking place in the footwear industry, while also acknowledging the challenges it faces. He noted that the entire footwear manufacturing ecosystem is undergoing a transformation with the introduction of new technologies, innovative materials, and modern processes aimed at enhancing efficiency and sustainability. He further enquired about the non-leather program offered by FDDI, underlining its relevance in equipping students with specialized skills to work with alternative materials in footwear production.

'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' at FDDI, Jodhpur

As part of the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', a mural art competition was organized at FDDI, Jodhpur Campus from 2nd to 31st October 2024. Twelve groups, each comprising three students, participated in the event and created murals on themes such as environmental preservation, hygiene, footwear design, fashion, and related subjects. The artwork was displayed on the boundary walls of the campus, adding both creativity and awareness to the surroundings.



Students creative depiction

वॉल पेंटिंग से स्वच्छता का संदेश दिया

जोधपुर, 30 अक्टूबर (कांस): एफडीआई के छात्रों ने स्वच्छता से नवाचार के संदेश को वॉल पेंटिंग के जरिए दिखाया। मंडेर नागर मुख्य सड़क मार्ग से गुजरते हुए ध्यान आकर्षित करने वाली वॉल पेंटिंग



आंखों को दिख रही है। यह वॉल पेंटिंग एफडीआई के डिजाइनर्स द्वारा बनाई जा रही है। कार्यकारी निदेशक अनिल कुमार के निर्देशन में एफडीआई के बाहरी दीवार को रंगीन डिजाइनर रूप देने हेतु छात्रों को अपनी प्रतिभा और नवाचार दिखाने का एक अवसर दिया गया है। और इस संबंध में तीन तीन छात्रों की 12 टीम अलग-अलग थीम पर कार्य कर रहे हैं। वे अपनी कला का हुनर दीवारों पर उकेर रहे हैं जो विभिन्न थीम पर आधारित हैं।

कार्यकारी निदेशक ने बताया कि फैशन एवं फुटवियर डिजाइन के साथ स्वच्छता, पर्यावरण संरक्षण इत्यादि अलग-अलग थीम पर छात्रों को मिली चिन्तकरी का कार्य दिया गया है। और इस संबंध में एक जूरी गठित की गई है जिसके द्वारा सर्वश्रेष्ठ पेंटिंग वाली टीम के सदस्यों को प्रशस्ति पत्र के साथ पुरस्कृत किया जाएगा। एफडीआई द्वारा अन्य विभागों के साथ-साथ नौरो, रवेधल पर वॉल पेंटिंग का अलग डिजाइन

Media coverage

The students creatively expressed the importance of cleanliness through their artwork, transforming the boundary walls into vibrant murals.



Students expressing their views about importance of cleanliness

Their efforts not only beautified the campus but also inspired passersby to pause, admire the transformation, and reflect on the collective responsibility of keeping the country clean.

FDDI, Chennai participates in CLE's 'Soles for Souls'

FDDI, Chennai Campus actively participated in the marathon titled 'Soles for Souls', organized by the Council for Leather Exports (CLE) on 29th September 2024 at Island Grounds, Chennai.

The event was held with the support of the Government of Tamil Nadu and in partnership with Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation (TTDC), SIPCOT, Greater Chennai Police, along with several reputed educational and training institutions across the city, including Guru Nanak College, Chennai Institute of Technology, Murugappa Polytechnic College, Anna University, University of Madras, Madras Christian College, Loyola College, CLRI, FDDI, CFTI, among others.



Staff of FDDI-Chennai receiving 'Certificate of Participation'

Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Health Minister, Ma. Subramaniam graced the event as the Chief Guest. The occasion was further honored by the presence of Mr. Rajendra Kumar Jalan, Chairman, CLE; Mr. R. Selvam, IAS, Executive Director, CLE; Mr. M. Abdul Wahab, Regional Chairman (South), CLE; and Dr. Rafiq Ahmed, Managing Director, Phoenix Kothari Footwear Limited, as Guests of Honor. In addition, leading representatives from the footwear and leather industry across Tamil Nadu also marked their presence, adding significance to the event.

The marathon featured three categories: 3 km for participants aged 8 years and above, 5 km for those 12 years and above, and 10 km for participants 16 years and above.



FDDI, Chennai student who participated in the marathon

With over 5,000 runners, the event witnessed an overwhelming response, including the participation of 100+ enthusiastic students and 5 staff members from FDDI Chennai. The marathon not only promoted the footwear sector but also served as a strong platform to raise social awareness about the importance of building a drug-free society.

'National Handloom Day' observed at FDDI Campuses

On 7th August 2024, National Handloom Day (NHD) was observed across all FDDI campuses to celebrate the artistry and heritage of handloom weaving, highlighting the intricate craftsmanship that embodies India's timeless traditions.



A view of the NHD celebration at FDDI, Jodhpur Campus



Students of FDDI, Chhindwara Campus along with the dignitaries

The Union Government had declared 7th August as National Handloom Day in July 2015 with the objective of generating awareness about the significance of India's handloom industry.

At FDDI Jodhpur Campus, the occasion was marked with a vibrant showcase by students who presented an exquisite collection of garments and accessories that beautifully fused age-old weaving practices with contemporary design aesthetics.

At FDDI Chhindwara Campus, Mr. Rohit G. Russia, Founder of ASHA (Assistance and Survival of Handicraft Artisans), graced the event as the Chief Guest, while Mr. Waman Nimjhe, Owner of Nimjhe Handloom, was the Guest of Honour. On the occasion, a webinar on "Traditional Textiles: An Indian Perspective" was also delivered by Dr. Poonam Aggarwal Thakur, Expert & Former Principal – NIFT.



A view of the NHD celebration at FDDI, Chennai Campus



Exhibition of handloom sarees and products by TNGWA

At FDDI Chennai Campus, the celebrations included student competitions that showcased creativity, along with a visit to the Kanchipuram Weaving Cluster, offering students an in-depth understanding of handloom textiles. Mr. Sundaresan Tanikachalam, Handloom Inspector, Kanchipuram District, was the Guest of Honour. The Tamil Nadu Government Weavers' Association (TNGWA) also participated by organizing an exhibition of handloom sarees and products for display and sale, highlighting the richness of India's handloom heritage.



Handloom product made by the students of FDDI - Noida Campus



NHD celebration at FDDI, Noida Campus

At FDDI Noida Campus, students displayed their own handloom-based creations, reflecting innovative approaches to traditional weaving practices.

The staff of the Institute also observed National Handloom Day by attending office in handwoven/handloom attire, while the students too participated by wearing traditional handloom outfits, reflecting solidarity with India's weaving community and honoring its cultural heritage.

'Manak Manthan' programme attended by staff & students of FDDI, Chennai Campus

With the objective of providing insights into the latest industry standards and practices, the staff members of FDDI, Chennai Campus, including those from the International Testing Centre (ITC), along with students, attended the 'Manak Manthan' programme held at Vestin Park Hotel, Chennai on 23rd May 2024. The programme, conducted by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Chennai Branch Office, focused on the launch of new standards and the dissemination of crucial revisions, amendments, and wide circulation drafts across various domains.



A view of participants attending the 'Manak Manthan' programme

The programme that focused on introducing the Indian Standards for Derby Shoes namely, Derby Shoes (IS 17043:2024) Part 1: Shoes for services - Derby Shoes and Part 2: Shoes for general purpose holds immense significance for local manufacturers, governmental departments, Chambers of Commerce, Industry Associations, PSU's, regulatory bodies, laboratories, educational institutions, civil society groups, and organizations utilizing such products.

This initiative ensures that all Derby shoes will carry the BIS certification, signifying compliance with these rigorous standards and giving consumers confidence in their purchase.

Awareness Programme on 'Gender Sensitization & POSH Act' held at FDDI, Hyderabad Campus

An Awareness Programme on 'Gender Sensitization & POSH Act' was organized by the ICC-POSH of FDDI, Hyderabad Campus on 26th April 2024 at its premises, with the objective of acquainting staff with the provisions and effectiveness of the statute.

Ms. Janaki Mandala, Senior Associate at Vakkils Associated, Hyderabad and Secretary of NGO IPRAS, was the key speaker of the session. Through her presentation, she highlighted the critical intersection of gender sensitization and legal compliance under the POSH Act, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of the subject.



Ms. Janaki Mandala addressing the participants



A view of participants

Participants were first introduced to the foundational concepts, terminologies, and legal provisions related to gender sensitization and the POSH Act. Ms. Mandala's expertise, combined with practical real-world examples, enriched the session and empowered participants with actionable insights for fostering a safe and inclusive workplace.

CONVOCATION & INI DAY CELEBRATIONS

6th Convocation ceremony of FDDI, Kolkata Campus held

FDDI – Kolkata Campus held its 6th Convocation ceremony on 17th February 2025 at its premises for the graduating Batch of 2024.

The event was graced by Chief Guest Prof. (Dr.) J.P. Sampath Kumar, Director – NID Assam, and Guests of Honour Mr. Amitava Chandra, Director– Chandra Chemicals, and Mr. Anindya Ray, Assistant Vice President– Jaya Shree Textiles, Grasim Industries Ltd. They were warmly welcomed by Mr. Vivek Sharma, IRS, Managing Director – FDDI.



Lighting-up of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries



Prof. (Dr.) J.P. Sampath Kumar – Director, NID, Assam

Also present on the occasion were Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary– FDDI; Mr. Niraj Kumar, Executive Director –FDDI Patna; faculty members; staff; students; parents; and eminent industry personalities.



Graduating students of the batch of 2024 along with the dignitaries

The ceremony commenced with the National Anthem, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries.

A total of 81 students were conferred their degrees, marking the successful completion of their professional programmes—40 from the School of Fashion Design (FD), 18 from the School of Leather Goods & Accessories Design (LGAD), and 23 from the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP).

Delivering the 'Keynote Address', Mr. Vivek Sharma, IRS, MD – FDDI highlighted FDDI's commitment to fostering innovation, research, and technological advancements that address global challenges in footwear, fashion, leather products, and retail & fashion merchandise. He also outlined the achievements of students and faculty, significant events organized at the institute, and his vision for the future.



Jubilant student along with their Degree

The Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) J.P. Sampath Kumar – Director, NID, Assam, in his heartfelt message, encouraged the graduates to pursue excellence, avoid any shortcuts in life and equip oneself and develop own capacities to contribute meaningfully to the society.



A student receiving scholarship

Recognizing academic excellence, the scholarships were presented by representatives from Chandra Chemical Enterprises (Pvt.) Limited, P.C. Chandra Group, manufacturers of Dendrite Adhesive.

Sr. No.	Detail of the Student	Medal	Award
1	Ms. Sarah Mullamithawala (B.Des - FD)	Gold	₹30,000 scholarship from Dendrite Adhesive
2	Mr. Amarta Sen (B.Des - FDP)	Silver	₹25,000 scholarship from Dendrite Adhesive
3	Ms. Kavinmalar M A (B.Des - LGAD)	Silver	₹25,000 scholarship from Dendrite Adhesive
Recognizing academic excellence			

The graduating class of 2024 now joins FDDI's distinguished alumni network, with past graduates securing positions at leading companies such as Adidas, Lifestyle (Landmark), Arvind Fashions Ltd., and H&M. The institute's industry-oriented curriculum and focus on excellence continue to sustain its strong placement record.

Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh attends Convocation ceremony of FDDI, Banur Campus

The Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, graced the Convocation ceremony of FDDI – Banur Campus as the Chief Guest.

The grand event, held on 10th January 2025 at the institute's premises, saw 128 students from the 2023 and 2024 batches being conferred degrees across the Departments of Retail & Fashion Merchandise, Footwear Technology, Fashion Design, and Leather Lifestyle & Product Design.



Hon'ble Governor Punjab & Administrator of Chandigarh, Mr. Gulab Chand Kataria addressing the gathering



A graduating student receiving Degree during the Convocation ceremony

The occasion was attended by Directors, Principals, and Heads of Departments from various educational institutions, along with graduating students, faculty, staff, and current students of the institute.

The Hon'ble Governor personally conferred degrees and prizes upon the top performing students in recognition of their academic excellence. In his Keynote Address, he congratulated the graduates and wished them a bright future, stating, "By combining education with skills, human resources are being developed in line with the needs of the nation. This not only reduces unemployment but also creates opportunities for self-employment."

The students who performed well in their academics were awarded with gold and silver medals. Akanksha Gupta and Rishita Ladiwal of the 2023 batch and Divpriya and Satuti Pant of the 2024 batch were awarded gold medals in the postgraduate and undergraduate categories respectively. Similarly, Ekjot Kaur of the 2023 batch of the Department of Footwear Technology, Srishti Mittal of the Leather and Lifestyle Product Design Department and Ojal Garg of the 2024 batch of the Department of Footwear Technology were awarded silver medals.

FDDI, Chennai campus holds its 6th Convocation ceremony

On 8th January 2025, FDDI – Chennai Campus hosted its 6th Convocation ceremony for the graduating Batch of 2020–24.

The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Mr. Abdul Wahab, Regional Chairman (South) – Council for Leather Exports (CLE) and Managing Director, KH Exports India Pvt. Ltd., and Guest of Honour Mrs. Tina Vincent, Fashion Designer and Founder of XXL Tina Vincent.



Ms. Aarthi CR, FD topper and overall college topper of batch 2020 receiving the certificate of excellence along with the gold medal facilitated by the 'Chief Guest'



Ms. Aparna FDP topper of batch-2020 receiving 'Certificate of Excellence' by the 'Guest of Honour'

In this landmark event, degrees were conferred upon 39 students from the School of Fashion Design (FD) and 43 students (35 B.Des. and 8 M.Des.) from the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP), marking the successful completion of their

professional programmes. The distinguished guests extended their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for the graduates' future endeavours.

FDDI, Hyderabad holds its Fourth Convocation ceremony

On 14th October 2024, FDDI –Hyderabad Campus hosted its 4th Convocation ceremony, during which 81 students were awarded degrees at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels across the disciplines of Fashion, Footwear, Retail, and Leather Goods.

The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Mr. Jishnu Dev Varma, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, and Guest of Honour Mr. Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary– Industries & Commerce (I&C) and Information Technology (IT) Departments, Government of Telangana. The event also saw the esteemed presence of Mr. V. Noushad,–CEO Walkaroo Footwear.



Mr. Jishnu Dev Varma, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana delivering 'Keynote Address'



A graduating student receiving Degree from Mr. Jishnu Dev Varma, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana

Proceedings began with a warm Welcome Address by Dr. Narasimhugari Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS, Executive Director – FDDI Hyderabad Campus, who extended greetings to the distinguished guests on the dais, along with parents, students, faculty members, and members of the media.



Students taking 'Passing Out Oath'

The dignitaries on the dais were felicitated with memento and floral bouquet by ED - FDDI, Hyderabad campus.

In his Keynote Address, Mr. Jishnu Dev Varma, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, congratulated the graduates for their dedication and urged them to embrace innovation and entrepreneurship as the cornerstones of success in the rapidly evolving Footwear, Fashion, Retail, and Leather Goods industries. "In today's world, creativity and innovation are not merely advantages—they are essential," he emphasized.

The Passing Out Oath was administered to the graduating students by the Executive Director of FDDI –Hyderabad Campus. Meritorious students who excelled in academics, innovation, and project work were honoured with Gold and Silver Medals in recognition of their outstanding achievements.

FDDI, Chhindwara holds its Convocation ceremony

The Convocation ceremony for the graduating batch of 2019-2023 of FDDI, Chhindwara Campus was held on 4th October 2024.

Mr. Niren Anand, Managing Director & Founder of Evertrade Group (China, Hong Kong & India), was the Chief Guest for the occasion, while Mr. Partha Pratim, Vice President – India Operations at PDS Limited, graced the event as the Guest of Honour.



A view of the passing-out batch of FDDI, Chhindwara Campus

A total of 24 students from the disciplines of Fashion Design and Footwear Design & Production proudly received their degrees. Among the distinguished graduates, Ms. Minal Raghuwanshi from the Fashion Design stream was awarded the Gold Medal for the 2019–23 batch and the Silver Medal for her exceptional academic performance in Fashion Design. Ms. Khushi Patel was honoured with the Silver Medal for her academic excellence in Footwear Design.

In their addresses, the distinguished guests congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to pursue excellence in all their future professional endeavours.

'INI Day' celebrated at FDDI, Hyderabad Campus

On 5th August 2023, FDDI celebrated INI Day at its Hyderabad Campus. The event was graced by directors of renowned institutions, including Dr. P. J. Narayanan (IIIT), Dr. Malani Divakala (NIFT), and Mr. K. Murli (CFTI), along with prominent industry leaders

such as Mr. Rajan Kumar Jha, Vice President – Bata, and Mr. Niren Anand, Managing Director – Evertrade Shoes. The celebration also saw the participation of FDDI officials and staff from across all campuses, as well as a large gathering of alumni.



A view of the launch of 'Felicitas' - annual fashion magazine



Dr. Malani Divakala, Director – NIFT, Hyderabad addressing the audience

Delivering the Welcome Address, Dr. Narsimhugari Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS, Executive Director – FDDI, Hyderabad Campus, said, "It is with great pleasure and humility that I welcome all of you present here, as well as those joining us online, on this special occasion of FDDI's INI Day. From its humble beginnings as a small institution with big dreams, FDDI has grown into a formidable force in the fields of footwear, design, fashion, and retail."



Products display at 'Saili'

On this occasion, FDDI's annual fashion magazine 'Felicitas', was launched in the esteemed presence of the dignitaries. The occasion that marked the launch of 'Saili', the campus new store and its website saili.co.in, highlighted the institute's commitment to integrating digital advancements with academic and professional excellence.



A view of the fashion show

Honoring India's ancient draping techniques and handloom crafts, fashion show 'Alankaran' - an eclectic mix of contemporary and traditional designs from the fashion industry was on display by the students who had up the show to mark the 'INI Day' celebrations.



A view of the musical performance



A view of the audience

The event was sponsored by Debon, Turel, Anjani Footwear and the Farida Group of Companies.

3rd Convocation ceremony of FDDI, Jodhpur Campus and FDDI, Guna Campus held

FDDI, Jodhpur Campus held its 3rd Convocation ceremony on 4th May 2024, which also included the Convocation of FDDI, Guna Campus.

Mr. Kalraj Mishra, Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary & Managing Director– FDDI, was also present. The event was further distinguished by the presence of eminent academicians, including Professor (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur, Vice Chancellor National Law University;

Professor P.K. Prajapati, Vice Chancellor – Ayurvedic University; Dr. B.R. Choudhary, Vice Chancellor– Jodhpur Agricultural University; Dr. Hariom Yadav, Registrar IIT Jodhpur; and the Registrar of Mewar University.



Mr. Kalraj Mishra, Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan delivering the 'Keynote Speech'



A graduating student receiving Degree during the Convocation ceremony

On behalf of FDDI, Mr. Anil Kumar, Executive Director (ED), FDDI, Jodhpur Campus welcomed the 'Chief Guest' and all the delegates, the graduating students, parents, artisans and media persons, during which the staff & students were also present.



The graduating batch along with the dignitaries

Delivering the Keynote Address, Mr. Kalraj Mishra, Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan, remarked, "Today, footwear and fashion have become necessities. To meet these demands, it is essential for students to embrace innovation and create products that align with contemporary needs."

He further emphasized, "Design should aim to enhance the contribution of the footwear and fashion industries to the Indian economy."

His address was followed by a vibrant medals and awards distribution ceremony, beginning with the conferment of distinctions and certificates to the graduates by the dignitaries on the dais. For the Classes of 2022 and 2023, the department toppers were honoured with Silver Medals, while the overall toppers received Gold Medals in recognition of their exceptional performance.

MEDAL WINNERS	
FDDI- JODHPUR CAMPUS	FDDI- GUNA CAMPUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Gold and Silver Medal to Mr. Vivek Sharma (FD 2018 -22);➤ Silver Medal to Ms. Megha Maheshwari (FDP 2018-22);➤ Gold and Silver Medal to Ms. Sakshi Kumari (FDP-2019-23);➤ Silver Medal to Ms. Mahima Vasan (FD-2019-23).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Gold and Silver Medal to Ms. Neha Kapoor (FDP 2018-22).

Marking the successful completion of their respective professional programs, a total of 137 students from FDDI, Jodhpur Campus and 16 students from FDDI, Guna Campus were conferred degrees. Of these, 126 graduates attended the momentous ceremony held at the institute premises.

FAIRS, EXHIBITIONS, CONCLAVE & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

FDDI in joint collaboration with LSSC participates in 'National PM Vishwakarma Programme' Exhibition at Wardha, Maharashtra

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, inaugurated the 'PM Vishwakarma Exhibition' on 20th September 2024 at Wardha, Maharashtra, where FDDI, in collaboration with the Leather Sector Skill Council (LSSC), participated as an exhibitor.

The exhibition, held from 20th to 22nd September 2024, marked one year of progress under the PM Vishwakarma Programme. Launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 17th September 2023 at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi, the scheme aims to support and uplift India's traditional artisans, collectively known as Vishwakarmas. It focuses on preserving and promoting skills in 18 traditional trades, including blacksmithing, carpentry, and shoemaking.



Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi interacting with an artisan

During the inauguration ceremony, the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Mr. C P Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra – Mr. Eknath Shinde, Hon'ble Union Minister for Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises – Mr. Jitan Ram Manjhi, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship – Mr. Jayant Chaudhary, and Hon'ble Deputy Chief Ministers of Maharashtra Mr. Devendra Fadnavis and Mr. Ajit Pawar were present.



Faculty of FDDI and Artisans at 'Craft Exhibition'

The Hon'ble Prime Minister visited the FDDI stall, jointly organized with the Leather Sector Skill Council (LSSC) under the Leather trade segment, showcasing a modern skill training center and the latest advanced machinery. He interacted with artisans and beneficiaries from the Kolhapur and Mojari clusters present at the stall.

Faculty from the School of Footwear Design and Production at FDDI —Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena, Dr. Pankaj Dubey, and Mr. Shriganesh Chaure — participated in the 'Craft Exhibition' and presented a state-of-the-art setup from the Advanced Machineries Virtual 3D Modeling Lab. The stall's theme depicted the evolution of footwear manufacturing— from traditional craftsmanship to cutting-edge modern technology.

Highlights included demonstrations of 3D software, 3D printing techniques, 3D foot scanning, 3D samples, and computerized pattern making, which drew significant attention from dignitaries and visitors alike.

FDDI attends Leather & Footwear Industry Stakeholder Interaction with Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister (HCIM), Government of India (GoI), Shri Piyush Goyal

FDDI participated in the Leather & Footwear Industry Stakeholder Interaction with the Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister (HCIM), Government of India, Shri Piyush Goyal, held on 24th July 2024 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi.

The meeting aimed to gather feedback and insights on key issues including the implementation of Quality Control Orders, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), manufacturing capabilities, export promotion, domestic production, ease of doing business, policy support, employment generation, minimum import price, and other critical touchpoints relevant to the industry.

During the interaction, the Hon'ble Minister urged the industry to adopt a larger vision and work towards scaling the leather and footwear sector to USD 50 billion by 2030. He emphasized the need to showcase world-class products through a large-scale exhibition with participation from both domestic and international brands. He also called for greater synergy within the industry to establish a state-of-the-art Design Studio and develop globally competitive footwear designs.

From FDDI, Dr. Sumeet K. Jarangal - Managing Director, Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha- Secretary, Ms. Pragya Singh- Executive Director- Banur campus, Mr. Anil Kumar- Executive Director- Jodhpur campus, Mr. Sharad Srivastava- Chief Faculty, Mr. Vikas Teotia - Sr. Faculty, Dr. Renu Sharma- Sr. Faculty, Mr. Anoop Rana- Sr. Faculty, Mr. Sanjeev Mishra - Sr. Faculty, Mr. T Lognathan- Faculty, Dr. Raghuraj Panwar- Faculty, Mr. PSA Deepak - Assistant Manager participated in the interaction.



HCIM interacting with Leather & Footwear Industry Stakeholder

The Secretary, FDDI, delivered a presentation on the Footwear & Leather Products sector, highlighting FDDI's pivotal role in strengthening India's component industry, driving upskilling and scaling initiatives, and emphasizing the need for a National Footwear Policy to address the entire ecosystem. He also recommended the formation of a dedicated Task Force to develop a strategic intervention plan for indigenous machinery manufacturing, among other key priorities.

The interaction witnessed the participation of over 120 stakeholders, including representatives from leading organizations such as the Council of Leather Exports (CLE), Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), National Productivity Council, Invest India, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), and Bihar Industrial Area Development

Authority (BIADA). Industry associations such as the Confederation of Indian Footwear Industries (CIFI), Indian Footwear Component Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA), and the Retailers Association of India (RAI) were also present.

Prominent industry leaders and senior executives from globally renowned and domestic brands— including Puma, Nike, Adidas, Reebok, Bata, Skechers, Liberty, Metro Shoes, Red Tape, and Reliance—were among the key attendees.

FDDI participates in 06th edition of Delhi International Leather Expo (DILEX)

FDDI participated in the 6th edition of the Delhi International Leather Expo (DILEX)—Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet, held on 20–21 February 2025 at the India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC), Dwarka, New Delhi.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by senior officials from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India, and the Council for Leather Exports (CLE), along with prominent industrialists, dignitaries from various embassies, international buyers, and members of the press and media.



Dignitaries sharing their views during the panel discussion

During DILEX, a panel discussion on "Bharat -the Destination for Footwear and Leather Products Sourcing" was held which was attended by Mr. Rajendra Kumar Jalan, Chairman - CLE, Mr. R. Selvam, IAS, Executive Director- CLE, Mr. Vivek Sharma, IRS,

Managing Director-FDDI, Mr. P.R. Aqeel Ahmed, Managing Director - M/s. Florence Shoe Co. Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Sanjay Leekha - Founder and Chairman-cum-Managing Director - Alpine Group, Mr. Puran Dawar, Chairman - Dawar Footwear Industries, Mr. William Wong, Founder/ Chairman of Federation of Hong Kong Brands, Mr. Motilal Sethi- President, Indian Leather Garments Association (ILGA).



A view of the stall of FDDI

As part of DILEX, the CLE hosted a Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet (RBSM), which was attended by eminent dignitaries and participants from across the sector.

At its stall, FDDI showcased an impressive range of student-designed creations, including men's and women's footwear—casual, formal, and sports shoes—along with fashion accessories, leather goods, handbags, and wallets. FDDI students also actively volunteered, supporting CLE in organizing and managing the event.

DILEX served as a dynamic platform to highlight the diverse strengths of the Indian leather industry, fostering direct engagement between traders, manufacturers, and industry-focused buyers from around the world.

FDDI participates in the 38th IILF

FDDI participated in the 38th India International Leather Fair (IILF-2025), which was held between 1st to 3rd February 2025 at Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam, Chennai.



From Left: Ms. Sabiha Rizvi, IRS, Director, Leather Section, DPIIT and Mr. E Srinivas, IRSSE, Joint Secretary, DPIIT at the stall of FDDI

The 38th IILF was inaugurated by Mrs. Supriya Sahu, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu and Mr. Vimal Anand, IRS, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India in the august presence of Mr. Rajendra Kumar Janan, Chairman, Council for Leather Exports (CLE), Mr. R Selvam, IAS, Executive Director (ED), CLE, Mr. Mukhtarul Amin, Chairman and Managing Director, Superhouse Group, Mr. Sanjay Leekha, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Alpine Group, Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary, FDDI along with the captains of Indian leather and footwear industry.



From Left: Ms. Sabiha Rizvi, IRS, Director, Leather Section, DPIIT, Mr. R Selvam, IAS, ED, CLE and Mr. E Srinivas, IRSSE, Joint Secretary, DPIIT being briefed by the staff of FDDI about the products displayed at the stall of FDDI

The fair showcased the complete spectrum of products related to the leather industry, ranging from raw materials to finished goods and auxiliary products.

As one of the premier events in India's leather and footwear sector, the India International Leather Fair (IILF) provided FDDI with a prime platform to demonstrate its commitment to innovation, sustainability, and cutting-edge design. The event attracted key stakeholders, including manufacturers, exporters, designers, policymakers, and international participants, creating a dynamic environment for collaboration and business opportunities.

FDDI's stall featured a diverse collection of student-designed products, including footwear, leather goods, garments, and accessories—many of which had earned accolades at prestigious national awards. These creations reflected exceptional creativity, high-fashion aesthetics, and a strong emphasis on eco-friendly materials and processes that are increasingly vital in the global marketplace.



Participants of seminar and IDLS Awareness Session



A view of the stall of FDDI during 'Designers Fair'

A highlight of the stall was the Start-up Alumni Brand Showcase, celebrating the entrepreneurial success of FDDI graduates. Featured brands included Insilito 22 by Ms. Nidhi Priyatama, Bhavana by Ms. Bhavana Marjana, and Ravvani by Mr. Biplab Bhattacharya—each of which has carved a niche in the leather goods and footwear industries. This initiative not only honored the entrepreneurial spirit fostered by FDDI but also offered alumni a valuable platform to present their work, enhance brand visibility, and explore collaborations with industry leaders.

On 2nd February 2025, during the IILF, FDDI organized a seminar on 'Productivity Improvement for the Footwear Sector', led by Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Head of the Department, School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP), along with an IDLS Awareness Session conducted by Mr. D. Ramesh, Senior Faculty (Gr-II), FDP, FDDI Chennai Campus. The seminar addressed industry-focused strategies, underscoring the importance of assessing a factory's workflow before recommending customized productivity enhancement programs. The IDLS session, specifically designed for Managing Directors and Managers of Kerala's footwear industry, outlined eligibility

criteria, guidelines, required documentation formats, and the application process for the scheme.

During the fair, CLE also organized the 8th edition of the 'Designers Fair', where FDDI presented an extensive range of innovative creations. The stall drew the attention of both renowned overseas and Indian designers, further cementing FDDI's reputation for design excellence and industry relevance.

FDDI, Fursatganj participates in 'SHOETECH Kanpur 2024' Fair

FDDI, Fursatganj Campus participated in 'SHOETECH Kanpur 2024' - Buyer-Sellers Meet cum Exhibition organized by Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA) which was held on 16th & 17th October 2024 at the CLE Multipurpose Hall, KLC Complex, Banthar, Unnao, with the strong support of Council for Leather Exports (CLE), Kanpur Leather Complex & FDDI.

It was inaugurated on the 16th October 2024 by Mr. R.K. Jalan, Chairman, CLE and the Chief Guest - Mr. Mukhtarul Amin, Chairman - Super House, Special Guest of Honour, Ms. Sabiha Rizvi, IRS, Director - Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoC&I) along with Guest of Honours Mr. Asad Kamal Iraqi, Regional Chairman, CLE, Mr. Rakesh Suri, Convener Safety Footwear Panel, CLE, Dr. Anil Ranga, GM, Ordinance Equipment Factory and Mr. Sanjay Gupta, President IFCOMA. Mr. Javed Iqbal, Chairman, Naaz Leather, Kanpur, Mrs. Pallavi Dubey, Regional Director, CLE, major component manufacturers, Managing Committee of IFCOMA and media persons were present during this ceremony.



A view of inaugural session

Dignitaries paid heartfelt tribute to the late Mr. Ratan Tata, honoring his remarkable philanthropy, visionary leadership, and enduring legacy in shaping India's industrial landscape.



Dignitaries paying tribute to Late Mr. Ratan Tata



Dignitaries at a stall

More than 65 exhibitors with 80 stalls from Kanpur, Agra, Noida, Meerut, Delhi, Gurgaon, Chennai, Bangalore, Bahadurgarh, and other locations participated in Shoetech Kanpur, showcasing a wide array of footwear components, accessories, and machinery. The exhibits included specialized soles (TPR/TPU/PU, etc.) in the latest designs, plastic shoe lasts, insoles, toe-puffs & counters, linings & interlinings, threads, finishes & chemicals, packaging boxes, shoe machinery, and numerous other components and accessories.



A view of the stall of FDDI

During the event, IFCOMA recognized and honored outstanding talent and achievers in the industry. The awards were jointly presented by Mr. Mukhtarul Amin, Chairman, Super House (Chief Guest); Mr. R.K. Jalan, Chairman, CLE (Distinguished Inaugurator); and Ms. Sabiha Rizvi, IRS, Director, DPIIT, MoC&I (Special Guest of Honour), to six deserving winners.

At its stall, FDDI showcased its publications and shared information about its laboratory services, training programmes, and consultancy offerings through brochures and one-on-one interactions. The institute also engaged with participating companies to discuss potential placement opportunities for its students.

FDDI, Kolkata participates in 'Leather Vision 2025'

FDDI Kolkata participated in the 3rd edition of 'Leather Vision 2025', organized by the Indian Leather Products Association (ILPA) on 7th–8th March 2025 at the Conference Hall of FREYA, IIDF, ILPA Leather Goods Park, CLC, Kolkata.

Students, accompanied by faculty members, attended this exclusive event showcasing the latest innovative trends and designs in the leather industry, including cutting-edge developments in lifestyle products and footwear.



Faculties of FDDI, Kolkata at 'Leather Vision 2025'

A major highlight was the active involvement of students from Leather Goods and Accessories Design (LGAD) and Footwear Design and Production (FDP) departments. They presented a captivating fashion show featuring unique, contemporary designs, alongside an impressive display of leather products and footwear. These presentations drew significant appreciation from the audience and reflected the creativity, technical

skill, and forward-thinking approach of the next generation of leather industry professionals.

The event also featured a seminar on the Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production (WRAP) Certification Program, which provided valuable insights into the role of WRAP certification in ensuring ethical practices, safe working conditions, and sustainability within the leather sector.



Leather bag & footwear collection developed by the students

Industry leaders and renowned organizations such as TFL, Stahl, Smit & Zoon (Leer Group), Botico, Cromogenia, Scisco, and Sommer participated, sharing their expertise and supporting the growth and innovation of the leather industry.

The active participation of FDDI students, the knowledge exchange with industry experts, and the focus on sustainability made Leather Vision 2025 an exceptional platform for learning, networking, and exploring emerging trends in the global leather market.

Valuable insights for FDDI, Chandigarh (Banur) & FDDI, Rohtak students at Bharat Tex 2025

To provide valuable insights into textiles, emerging trends, digitalization, and automation in textile production and its supply chains, a visit was organized for the Foundation Design students of FDDI, Chandigarh (Banur) and FDDI, Rohtak to attend Bharat Tex 2025, held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.



FDDI, Chandigarh (Banur) students along with their faculty at 'Bharat Tex-2025'



FDDI, Rohtak students along with their faculty at 'Bharat Tex-2025'

Bharat Tex 2025 served as a grand showcase of India's textile industry, featuring some of the country's most prominent brands, including Shahi, Arvind, Wellspun, and many more. Students explored various stalls, interacted with industry leaders, and gained valuable exposure to the latest advancements in product design, textiles, and sustainable practices.



Students watching the weaving technique during 'Bharat Tex-2025'

Guided by faculty members— Dr. Annu Kumari and Ms. Shefali Verma from the FDDI Chandigarh (Banur) Campus, and Dr. Sarita Devi and Mr. Anil Yadav from the FDDI Rohtak Campus — the students participated in roundtable discussions and masterclasses from 14th to 17th February 2025. These sessions featured Padma Shri awardee craftsmen, renowned industry experts, and leaders from the textile and footwear sectors.

The opportunity to engage directly with industry stalwarts, learn about global textile trends, and understand the intricacies of modern textile production left a lasting impression on the students, enriching their academic journey and professional outlook.

FDDI, Noida participates in 'Bharat Parv' 2025

FDDI, Noida had the privilege of participating in the prestigious 'Bharat Parv' 2025, which was organized by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India from January 26th to 31st January 2025, at the historic Red Fort, New Delhi.

'Bharat Parv' 2025 with the theme 'Dekho Apna Desh' was an exciting event filled with diverse activities. The event featured a display of Republic Day tableaux, performances by Armed Forces bands, and cultural showcases from various States and Union Territories, rich flavors of India at 59 food stalls, 70 stalls of handicraft & handloom.

At its dedicated stall, FDDI presented a captivating showcase of its students' exceptional work, offering visitors a visual feast that reflected the creativity, innovation, and skills honed within its vibrant academic environment.

The display featured an impressive array of garments meticulously stitched and designed by students from the School of Fashion Design (FD), demonstrating their mastery of craftsmanship and design acumen. Complementing these were woven scarves and panels, along with intricately block-printed and screen-printed fabrics that celebrated India's rich textile heritage.

In addition to textile and garment creations, the stall also highlighted an inspiring collection of footwear designs by students from the School of Footwear Design and Production (FDP), as well as an exquisite range of leather products—including apparel, accessories, and bags—crafted by students of the School of Leather Goods and Accessories Design (LGAD). These pieces embodied a harmonious fusion of traditional craftsmanship and contemporary design sensibilities, underscoring FDDI's commitment to preserving India's artisanal legacy while embracing modern innovation.



FDDI, Noida stall at 'Bharat Parv'



Fashion show presented by students of FDDI, Noida

One of the standout attractions at the stall was the hands-on block printing experience, where visitors could try their hand at this timeless craft. Adding to the cultural richness, artisans from Kolhapur (leather craft), Madhubani painting, and Thapu work from Jaipur collaborated with FDDI, offering interactive craft and design workshops. These activities not only deepened visitors' appreciation for traditional art forms but also offered a close look at the intricate craftsmanship behind each creation. The initiative caught the attention of several YouTube influencers, who helped share FDDI's story with a wider audience.



Artisans from Kolhapur showcasing their craftsmanship



A view of grabbing flash mob dance by the students

The energy at the 'Activity Zone' was infectious, with students delivering daily flash mob performances that drew enthusiastic crowds and earned admiration for their creativity and enthusiasm. The School of Retail & Fashion Merchandise (RFM) added to the excitement by organizing engaging fashion and brand quizzes, visual merchandising displays, and interactive sessions with visitors.

The event culminated in a spectacular fashion show on the final day, featuring collections designed by students from all schools of FDDI, Noida. Taking on the dual role of designers and models, the students confidently walked the ramp, bringing their creations to life. The show was met with resounding applause and quickly became one of the most talked-about highlights of the entire event.

FDDI Noida's participation in 'Bharat Parv' 2025 was a resounding success— a vibrant celebration of talent, creativity, and culture. Students not only showcased their skills to a diverse audience but also gained invaluable exposure, industry interaction, and unforgettable memories.

FDDI, Ankleshwar Campus attends launching ceremony of NITI Aayog's G-HUB programme - 'Economic Master Plan of Surat Economic Region'

FDDI Ankleshwar participated in the launch ceremony of NITI Aayog's Growth Hub (G-Hub) Programme- 'Economic Master Plan of Surat Economic Region', held on 19th September 2024 at Le Meridien Hotel, Surat.

The event was graced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Mr. Bhupendra Patel, who officially unveiled the master plan for the Surat Economic Region. This initiative, under NITI Aayog's G-Hub programme, aims to accelerate Gujarat's economic growth, targeting a projected state economy of \$3.5 trillion by 2047.



FDDI Ankleshwar faculties and students during the launching ceremony

Aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, the Central Government, guided by NITI Aayog, is working to transform rapidly developing cities and their adjoining areas into Growth Hubs. Surat has been identified as a key hub, covering the districts of Surat, Navsari, Bharuch, Dang, Tapi, and Valsad.

The faculties and students of FDDI Ankleshwar Campus attended this inspiring programme, which featured insightful sessions on education, employment, skill development, trade, and the holistic growth of the Surat Economic Region.

FDDI participates in 'Vendor Development Programme-cum-Exhibition' on non-leather footwear at Bahadurgarh, Haryana

FDDI participated in the 'Vendor Development Programme-cum-Exhibition' (VDPcE) on non-leather footwear, held on 6th & 7th September 2024 at Bahadurgarh, Haryana. The event was organized by the MSME Development and Facilitation Office, Karnal, in collaboration with the Bahadurgarh Footwear Development Services (BFDS).

The programme was graced by several eminent dignitaries, including Mr. Sat Pal, Assistant Director, MSME, Karnal; Mr. R.K. Gupta, Chairman, BFDS; Mr. Panna Lal, Director, BFDS; along with numerous leading industrialists from the footwear sector. Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary, FDDI, attended the event as the Guest of Honour, further strengthening FDDI's engagement with industry stakeholders.



Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary-FDDI briefing the media person



Participants attending the inaugural session

The two-day event brought together exhibition stalls of leading buyers, footwear machinery manufacturers, material suppliers, technology providers, and MSMEs engaged in footwear production. It served as a unique platform for mutual collaboration, fostering growth in the non-leather footwear and accessories sector. The programme also featured sessions on technology, quality testing, and government policies for footwear manufacturers.



A view of the fashion show by FDDI, Rohtak in association with BFDS

FDDI Rohtak Campus actively participated in the event by setting up a stall that highlighted the creativity and expertise of its students and faculty in footwear design and development. The display drew significant attention from industry professionals and visitors alike. Adding to the event's appeal, FDDI Rohtak, in collaboration with BFDS, organized a vibrant fashion show that showcased innovative designs and emerging talent.

FDDI participated in 3rd Regional Industry Conclave held at Gwalior

FDDI participated in the third edition of the Regional Industry Conclave, held on 28th August 2024 at Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Agricultural University, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh (MP).

The event was graced by eminent dignitaries, including Mr. Jyotiraditya Scindia, Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Communication and Ministry of Development of Northeastern Region; Dr. Mohan Yadav, Hon'ble Chief Minister, MP; Mr. Chetanya Kasyap, Hon'ble Minister, MSME; and Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Chairman, MP Legislative Assembly, along with prominent industry leaders.

The conclave featured presentations from five key government departments—Industrial Policy & Investment Promotion, MSME, Mineral Resources, Tourism, and Science & Technology—showcasing the State's growth potential and investment opportunities. The programme included six sectoral sessions, three roundtable discussions, and over 400 buyer-seller meetings.

Delivering the opening remarks, Mr. Raghwendra Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Investment Promotion, highlighted Madhya Pradesh's rapid industrial growth under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.



Mr. Jyotiraditya Scindia, Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Communication and Ministry of Development of Northeastern Region delivering the 'Keynote Address'



Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary, FDDI sharing his views during panel discussion on 'Opportunity in Leather Sector'

Colonel Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary, FDDI, participated in a panel discussion on 'Opportunities in the Leather Sector', where he outlined the vast potential of the leather and footwear industry and detailed the steps taken by the Government of India to develop and strengthen the sector. He elaborated on the upcoming Mega Leather Cluster Project in Morena, MP, and encouraged companies to consider establishing a presence in the park, noting that the Government of MP offers attractive incentives to investors.

The conclave, aimed at fostering balanced and inclusive industrial growth across Madhya Pradesh, attracted over 4,000 participants, including 15 international delegates from countries such as Canada, the Netherlands, Togo, Zambia, Mexico, and Costa Rica.

FDDI participates in 8th IIFF

FDDI participated in the 8th India International Footwear Fair 2024 (IIFF), held from 8th to 10th August 2024 at Hall No. 5 & 6, Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The event was organized by the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) and co-organized by the Confederation of Indian Footwear Industries (CIFI).

The fair featured a comprehensive display of products from across the footwear and leather industries, including footwear, raw materials, finished goods, and auxiliary products such as synthetic materials, finished leather, shoe components (uppers, soles, heels, counters, lasts), footwear machinery and equipment, process technology, software, chemicals, and publications.

FDDI showcased student-designed collections from its various campuses, along with the advanced facilities of its seven Centres of Excellence (CoEs). A live demonstration of the foot scanning machine drew significant attention from visitors, highlighting cutting-edge technology for precise measurement and analysis of foot structure.



Demonstration given to a visitor on foot scanning machine at the stall of FDDI



Models on the ramp

FDDI also unveiled collections from two alumni-led startups—Mr. Yogesh Mankar, CEO of Colour Kicks (Footwear), and Mr. Biplab Bhattacharjee, a design consultant and exporter of handbags, leather garments, footwear, and accessories.

As part of IIFF, FDDI, in collaboration with CIFI, organized a fashion show titled 'Fusion' on 9th August 2024. The audience was captivated by the elegance and creativity on display, with the show receiving resounding applause and wide appreciation. Adding to the vibrancy of the fair, FDDI also staged a lively flash mob, bringing an element of surprise, excitement, and entertainment to the event.

FDDI, Hyderabad students visit 'Plastic-Packaging Printing Expo-2024'

Students from the School of Footwear Design & Production (FDP) at FDDI, Hyderabad Campus had the opportunity to attend the Plastic-Packaging Printing Expo 2024, gaining valuable firsthand exposure to the industry.

Guided by the experienced faculty of FDDI Hyderabad, students from the B.Des FDP 2022 and B.Des FDP 2023 batches explored a diverse range of stalls showcasing the latest innovations in plastic packaging and printing technologies. The expo was held from 9th to 12th August 2024 at the Hitex Exhibition Center, Hyderabad.

Featuring over 50 exhibitors —including leading names such as Somnath Moulds, Dave Technical Service, Smak Industries, and GMS Pack Aids Pvt. Ltd.— the event provided students with a comprehensive understanding of current trends, technological advancements, and industry best practices.



Students along with faculties at 'Plastic-Packaging Printing Expo 2024'



Mr. Parag N. Dave, Head of Business Development at Dave Technical Service-Mumbai briefing the students on the innovative sole molding solutions offered to the footwear & allied industries

During the visit, students interacted with industry experts who shared valuable insights on sustainable packaging solutions and emerging trends in flexible packaging technologies. These interactions, combined with exposure to diverse exhibits, enriched their understanding of polymers, injection moulds, advanced printing techniques, and the growing shift toward eco-friendly packaging innovations.

HINDI DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Official Language Hindi Workshop held at FDDI, Ankleshwar Campus

In line with the Annual Program of the Official Language Department, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, a one-day Hindi Workshop was jointly organized by FDDI, Ankleshwar Campus and the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Hospital, Ankleshwar on 27th March 2025.

Mr. Amit Indoria, Hindi Officer, ESIC Hospital- Surat, served as the Keynote Speaker and provided insightful guidance on the legislative provisions related to the official language Hindi, its practical applications, and effective strategies for its implementation.



Mr. Amit Indoria delivering the lecture

The event was graced by Dr. Arkesh A. Shah, Medical Superintendent, ESIC Hospital- Ankleshwar; Mr. Lalit Prakash, Executive Director (ED), FDDI- Ankleshwar; along with staff members from both institutions.

Participants gained valuable knowledge on the effective use of Hindi in administrative and official communication, ensuring compliance with government language policies, and enhancing proficiency in professional correspondence.

Official Language Hindi Workshop held at FDDI, Noida Campus

In compliance with the Annual Program of the Official Language Department, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, a one-day Hindi Workshop was organized on 26th March 2025 at FDDI, Noida, with other FDDI campuses connected through online mode.

The workshop, on the theme "Implementation of Official Language Hindi and Official Protocol," featured Mr. Satish Chandra Sharma, Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Greater Noida, as the Keynote Speaker.



Mr. Satish Chandra Sharma delivering the lecture



A view of the participants

Mr. Sharma spoke on the historical background and significance of Hindi, emphasizing its role as the official language of governance, a medium of official communication, and a source of national pride.

Rajbhasha workshop on 'Role of Hindi Literature in Fashion' at FDDI Jodhpur

A Rajbhasha Workshop on the topic "Role of Hindi Literature in Fashion" was organized at FDDI, Jodhpur Campus on 28th February 2025, with Dr. D.D. Ojha, Member of the Central Ministry's Rajbhasha Advisory Committee, as the Chief Guest.



A view of the participants of the workshop

In his address, Dr. Ojha underscored the pivotal role of Hindi in reflecting India's cultural identity and enhancing accessibility in education, research, and government operations. He also emphasized the language's potential in advancing science, technology, and design.

The workshop highlighted the use of Hindi as a medium for knowledge exchange in design, bridging the gap between modern technology and traditional design literature. It reinforced the importance of Hindi in fostering innovation and inclusivity within the design industry, while discussions explored the relevance of Hindi resources in fashion and footwear design.

'Hindi Pratibha Award' by TOLIC - Noida for daughters of FDDI, Noida employee's

The Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC), Noida operates the 'Hindi Pratibha Award' scheme under the guidance of the Official Language Department, Ministry of Home Affairs. Under this scheme, children of employees working in TOLIC member offices are recognized for outstanding performance (Grade-A) in Hindi in Class 10 and 12.

In line with this, Ms. Pooja Tiwari, daughter of Mr. Nagendra Tiwari, Deputy Manager (Store), and Ms. Sonali Panda, daughter of Mr. Saroj Panda, Technologist at the International Testing Center (ITC), were conferred the 'Hindi Pratibha Award' during the 48th meeting of TOLIC, held on 29th January 2025 at the National Institute of Open Schooling, Noida.

Both students achieved excellent marks in Hindi in Class 10 and received their awards from Mr. Ashutosh Gautam, Chairman, TOLIC-Noida. The ceremony was attended by Dr. Pragya Kandpal, Member Secretary, TOLIC-Noida, Mr. Chandra Prakash, Hindi Officer, FDDI, and other dignitaries.



Ms. Pooja Tiwari receiving the prize



Ms. Sonali Panda receiving the prize



Mr. Mohammad Faisal with the consolation prize

Additionally, under the aegis of TOLIC, Noida, Mr. Mohammad Faisal, Laboratory Analyst at ITC, participated in the Hindi Official Language and General Knowledge Competition held on 20th December 2024 at V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida, and was awarded the consolation prize for his commendable performance.

Official Language Hindi Workshop held at FDDI, Noida

For the progress and promotion of Hindi a Hindi workshop the topic 'Noting Writing and Grammar Errors and Prevention' was organized on 23rd December 2024, at FDDI, Noida Campus during which staff from other campuses of FDDI were connected through on-line mode.



Key speaker Mrs. Sunita Yadav briefing on 'Noting Writing and Grammar Errors and Prevention'



A view of participants

Mrs. Sunita Yadav, Assistant Director (Official Language), Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, was the keynote speaker at the Hindi workshop. She provided guidance on selecting appropriate words and using correct spelling while drafting notes.

She also explained the various types of official correspondence, including Office Orders, Notifications, Circulars, Office Memoranda, Notices, and Press Releases, and discussed their proper issuance and preparation. Additionally, she covered the fundamentals of the Hindi alphabet and correct spelling conventions.

A practical session was conducted during the workshop, allowing staff to apply the concepts through hands-on exercises under her guidance.

'Hindi Pakhwara' held at FDDI Campuses

'Hindi Pakhwara' (Hindi Fortnight) was held at all the twelve campuses of FDDI from 14-28, September, 2024.



Officers / Employees
participating in competition at
FDDI, Noida Campus



A view of competition at FDDI, Banur Campus

To promote proficiency and skill in the use of the official language Hindi among faculty, staff, and students, in line with the policies of the Government of India, four competitions were organized during the 'Hindi Pakhwara'.



Competition in progress at FDDI, Patna
Campus



A view of competition at FDDI, Rohtak Campus

The competitions witnessed the oratory, logical skills and the literary acumen of the faculty, staff and students in Hindi.

Sr. No.	Name of Competition	Held For
1.	टंकण एवं टिप्पण लेखन (Typing and Noting)	Officers/ Employees
2.	आशु भाषण (Extempore Speech)	
3.	निबंध लेखन (Essay Writing)	Students
4.	कविता वाचन (Poetry Telling)	

All the competitions witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as students.

In addition, following the directives of the Official Language Department, FDDI implemented the Official Language Promotion Scheme, under which academic and

non-academic departments were evaluated for their exemplary work in Hindi throughout the year and were recognized with cash prizes and certificates.



A view of 'Hindi Pakhwara' at FDDI, Jodhpur Campus



A view of competition at FDDI, Hyderabad Campus

The closing ceremony of 'Hindi Pakhwada' at FDDI, Noida Campus was held on 30th September 2024, with Ms. Sunita Yadav, Assistant Director (Official Language), Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, as the Chief Guest.



A winner receiving the prize at FDDI, Ankleshwar Campus

In her address, she highlighted that Hindi is not only our mother tongue but also our official language, and stressed the importance of collective efforts to promote its use. She emphasized that Hindi should be extensively utilized in all official and governmental work to strengthen its role as the primary language of administration.

Official Language Hindi workshop held at FDDI, Noida Campus

A one-day Hindi workshop on 'Implementation of the Official Language Policy in the Office' was organized for the staff at FDDI, Noida on 11th July 2024, during which the other FDDI campuses connected online.



Resource Person: Dr. Pragya Kandpal



A view of the participants

Dr. Pragya Kandpal, Hindi Officer, Inland Waterways Authority of India, Noida, and Member Secretary, Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC), Noida, served as the resource person for the workshop.

During the session, she emphasized the importance of adhering to the Official Language Policy of the Union Government, encouraging maximum use of Hindi in institutional and office work. She highlighted that, in line with the annual program issued by the Department of Official Language, all correspondence, noting, drafting, and related official work should be conducted in Hindi. Dr. Kandpal also stressed the use of simple and clear language to achieve the region-wise targets set for promoting Hindi in official communication.

Separate Audit Report....

Opinion of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts of Footwear Design & Development Institute for the year ended 31 March 2025

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025, the Income and Expenditure Account and Receipts and Payments Account for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, under Section 19(2) of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 read with Section 23(2) of the Footwear Design and Development Institute Act, 2017. These financial statements include the accounts of 12 Campuses of FDDI at Ankaleshwar, Banur (Chandigarh), Chennai, Chhindwara, Fursatganj, Guna, Hyderabad Jodhpur, Kolkata, Noida, Patna and Rohtak.

This Audit Report contains the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) on the accounting treatment only with regard to classification, conformity with the best accounting practices, accounting standards, disclosure norms, etc. Audit observations on financial transactions regarding compliance with the Law, Rules and Regulations (Propriety & Regularity) and efficiency cum performance aspects, etc., if any, are reported through inspection reports/ CAG's audit reports separately.

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements of Footwear Design & Development Institute, read together with the accounting policies and Notes thereon and matters mentioned in the Separate Audit Report, which follows, **give a true and fair view** of the financial position of the autonomous body as at March 31, 2025, and its financial performance and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Uniform Format of Accounts for Central Autonomous Bodies, prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the CAG's auditing regulations/standards/ manuals/guidelines/guidance-notes/orders/circulars etc. Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the autonomous body in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

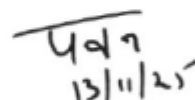
Responsibilities of Management for the financial statements

The Governing Body of Footwear Design & Development Institute is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Uniform Format of Accounts prescribed by the Ministry of Finance, and for internal control as management determines it necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion in accordance with CAG's auditing regulations /standards/ manuals guidelines/ guidance-notes/ orders circulars etc.

**For and on behalf of the
Comptroller & Auditor General of India**


13/11/25

(Dr. Pawan Kumar Konda)

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(Industry and Corporate Affairs)

New Delhi

Place: New Delhi

Date: 13-11-2025

Separate Audit Report on the Accounts of Footwear Design & Development Institute for the year ended 31 March 2025.

A. Balance sheet

A.1 Current liabilities and Provisions (Schedule-7): ₹56.52 crore

A.1.1 Other Administrative Expenses (Schedule-21): ₹34.36 crore

(i) A reference is invited to the Comment No. A.1 on the financial statements of Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) for the year 2023-24, wherein non-provision of ₹12.45 crore on account of lease rent along with compound interest thereon demanded by the Noida Authority, was highlighted.

FDDI requested (25 February 2025) the Noida Authority to recalculate the Interest payable on the basis of Simple Interest rather than Compound Interest or to waive the interest. The Noida Authority after accepting the request of FDDI, recalculated the interest and finally raised (29 May 2025) a demand of ₹ 4.45 crore¹. However, the outstanding demand was not provided for in the books of accounts as on 31 March 2025, and it was disclosed only as a contingent liability.

Non-provisioning of outstanding demand of Noida Authority resulted in understatement of Current Liabilities and Provisions, understatement of Other Administrative Expenses and consequent understatement of Deficit by ₹4.45 crore. Consequently, the Corpus/Capital Fund was overstated by the same amount.

Despite raising the issue in Separate Audit Report of previous year (2023-24), no corrective action has been taken by the FDDI Management.

(ii) The above does not include provision amounting to ₹24.30 lakh towards Lease Rent payable in respect of FDDI Guna Campus at Madhya Pradesh.

FDDI requested (14 February 2025) the District Collector, Guna for intimating the amount of Lease Rent payable for the period 2020 to 2025. O/o the District Collector intimated (20 February 2025) an amount of ₹29.16 lakh (at the rate of ₹4.86 lakh per year) and asked FDDI to deposit the aforesaid amount. Though FDDI made (29 March 2025) the payment of ₹4.86 lakh, no provision for the balance amount i.e. ₹24.30 lakh was made in the books of accounts as on 31 March 2025.

Non-provisioning of outstanding demand of lease rent resulted in understatement of Current Liabilities and Provisions, understatement of Other Administrative Expenses and consequent understatement of Deficit by ₹24.30 lakh. Consequently, the Corpus/Capital Fund was overstated by the same amount.

(iii) The above does also not include an amount of ₹2.82 lakh payable in respect of lead acid batteries purchased by FDDI (Patna Campus). FDDI received the consignment and invoice dated 25 March 2025 on 1 April 2025. Accordingly, necessary liabilities should have been provided for in the books of accounts as on 31 March 2025.

¹ Demand raised till 31 May 2025

Non-provisioning for the liability towards purchase of lead acid batteries resulted in understatement of Current Liabilities and Provisions, understatement of Other Administrative Expenses and consequent understatement of Deficit by ₹2.82 lakh. Consequently, the Corpus/Capital Fund was overstated by the same amount.

B. General

B.1 Contingent liabilities and Notes to accounts (Schedule-26)

Capital Commitments - Nil

(i) FDDI awarded (September 2023) contracts for construction and development of ITC Lab Building at Noida (Uttar Pradesh) for ₹27.56 crore and for Girls hostel at Banur Campus (Karnataka) for ₹15.84 crore. The contracts included various works viz. Civil, Electrical, Plumbing, Firefighting, Supply of Equipment, Consultancy charges, etc. FDDI had incurred an amount of ₹13.70 crore (₹8.95 crore for Lab Building *plus* ₹4.75 crore for Girls hostel). It was, however, observed that FDDI did not disclose the balance Capital Commitments of ₹29.70 crore (₹43.40 crore *minus* ₹13.70 crore) in the books of accounts as on 31 March 2025.

This resulted in deficient disclosures to that extent, besides non-compliance with the requirements of Accounting Standard-10 (Property Plant and Equipment).

(ii) A recovery suit had been filed against FDDI for ₹2.14 lakh along with *pendente lite* and future interest at the rate of 18 *per cent* per annum from the date of filing the suit till its realisation. This was not disclosed in the accounts.

Despite raising the issue in Separate Audit Report of previous year (2023-24) vide comment no. B, no corrective action has been taken by the FDDI Management.

C. Management Letter

Deficiencies which have not been included in the Separate Audit Report have been brought to the notice of the Management through a Management Letter issued separately for remedial/corrective action.

D. Assessment of Internal controls

(i) Adequacy of Internal control system

No Management Information System (MIS) exists for monitoring assets, expenditure and resources, leading to weak monitoring. FDDI has not insured its assets such as land, buildings, and equipment, exposing it to financial risks from fire, theft, accidents, or natural calamities.

(ii) Adequacy of Internal Audit system

Internal Audit was being done by hired Chartered Accountants' firm namely M/s Sanjay Monika and Associates and the same had been completed up to the financial year 2024-25 for all the campuses.

(iii) System of Physical verification of Fixed Assets

Physical verification of the Fixed Assets for the year 2024-25 was carried out, except at Chennai, Guna and Jodhpur campuses, which was not in compliance with the requirements of

Chapter 9 of the Finance and Accounts Manual of FDDI, which provided that as per GFR 213 (1), Institute shall carry out physical verification of assets annually by a committee formed by HO and ED for the respective campuses. Further, physical verification at Rohtak campus was in progress till the conclusion of audit.

Further, fixed assets amounting to ₹28.90 lakh were transferred by FDDI Head Office to Patna Campus. Though, the assets transferred by the Head Office have been incorporated in the financial statements of the Patna Campus, the same are not available at the FDDI Patna Campus. The issue is pending since July 2021.

(iv) System of Physical verification of Inventory

Physical verification of Inventory in FDDI was carried out during FY 2024-25.

(v) Regularity in payment of statutory dues:

The Institute was regular in payment of statutory dues during the year 2024-25.

E. Grants in aid

FDDI had an opening balance of Grant amounting to ₹14.11 crore as on 1 April 2024. It received grant of ₹9.513 crore (Non-leather Project) from the Government of India during the year 2024-25. Out of the total grant, FDDI utilised an amount of ₹23.466 crore. The closing balance of Grant as on 31 March 2025 was ₹0.157 crore.

Besides, FDDI earned interest of ₹0.296 crore on the grants and refunded interest of ₹0.285 crore during the year.

FINANCIAL REPORT



FOOTWEAR DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE CONSOLIDATED

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH, 2025

(Amount in Rs./₹)

Particular	Schedule	As at 31.03.2025	As at 31.03.2024
CORPUS/ CAPITAL FUND AND LIABILITIES			
Corpus/ Capital Fund	1	285,372,465	356,749,982
Head Office / Inter Campus Balances	1A	-	-
Reserves And Surplus	2	-	-
Earmarked/ Endowment Funds	3	4,720,652,228	5,234,111,855
Secured Loans And Borrowings	4	-	-
Unsecured Loans And Borrowings	5	-	-
Deferred Credit Liabilities	6	-	-
Current Liabilities And Provisions	7	565,215,896	585,119,198
TOTAL		5,571,240,589	6,175,981,035
ASSETS			
Fixed Assets	8	4,903,549,074	5,338,048,540
Investments - From Earmarked/Endowment Funds	9	-	-
Investments - Others	10	80,150,002	74,833,754
Current Assets, Loans, Advances Etc.	11	587,541,513	763,098,741
Miscellaneous Expenditure (to the extent not written off or adjusted)			
TOTAL		5,571,240,589	6,175,981,035

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For Footwear Design & Development Institute

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FOOTWEAR DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH, 2025

(Amount in Rs/₹)

Particular	Schedule	31.03.2025	31.03.2024
INCOME			
Income from Sales/Services	12	99,158,915	92,966,613
Grants/Subsidies	13	605,795,218	658,598,074
Fees/Subscriptions	14	477,511,603	468,799,832
Income from Investments (Income on Invest, from earmarked/endow. Funds transferred to Funds)	15	5,621,957	5,313,846
Income from Royalty, Publication etc.	16	-	-
Interest Earned	17	24,949,610	27,519,006
Other Income	18	16,334,387	29,957,497
Increase/(decrease) in stock	19	(46,010)	(919,126)
TOTAL (A)		1,229,325,680	1,282,235,742
EXPENDITURE			
Establishment Expenses	20	347,702,088	305,653,422
Other Administrative Expenses etc.	21	343,580,424	330,431,687
Expenditure on Grants, Subsidies etc.	22	605,795,218	658,598,074
Interest	23	-	-
Depreciation	8A	28,830,792	30,273,835
TOTAL (B)		1,325,908,522	1,324,957,018
Balance being excess of Income over Expenditure C =(A-B)		(96,582,842)	(42,721,276)
Add: Prior Period Income (D)	24	37,637,022	-
Less: Prior Period Expenses (E)		12,429,497	-
Balance Being Surplus/(Deficit) Carried To Corpus/ Capital Fund		(71,375,317)	(42,721,276)

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Consolidated Receipts and Payments
For the year ended on 31st March, 2025

For Footwear Design & Development Institute

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Place: Noida
Dated: 20-06-2025

Rakesh Raushan
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**FOOTWEAR DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2025

(Amount in Rs/₹)

SCHEDULE 1 - CORPUS/CAPITAL FUND :	As at 31.03.2025		As at 31.03.2024	
Balance as at the beginning of the year	35,67,49,982		39,94,71,258	
Add : Contributions towards Corpus/Capital Fund adj.	-		-	
Add/less:Capital Adjustment	(2,200)		-	
Add : Transfer From General Reserve			-	
Add/ (Deduct) : Balance of net income/(expenditure) transferred from the Income and Expenditure Account	(7,13,75,317)	28,53,72,465	(4,27,21,276)	35,67,49,982
Balance As At The Year - End		28,53,72,465		35,67,49,982

SCHEDULE 1A - HEAD OFFICE / INTER CAMPUSES BALANCES:	As at 31.03.2025		As at 31.03.2024	
Head Office Balances	66,89,39,512		-	
Inter Campus Balances	(66,89,39,512)		-	
Balance As At The Year - End		-		-

SCHEDULE 2 - RESERVES AND SURPLUS :	As at 31.03.2025		As at 31.03.2024	
1 .Capital Reserve :				
As per last Account				
Addition during the year				
2. Revaluation Reserve:				
As per last Account	-		-	
Addition during the year	-		-	
Less : Deductions during the year	-	-	-	-
Less : Deductions during the year				
4. General Reserve :				
As per last Account	-		-	
Addition during the year	-		-	
Add : Transfer to General Reserve				
Less : Transfer to Corpus/Capital Fund		-	-	
Less : Deductions during the year	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		-		-

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SCHEDULE 3 - EARMARKED/ENDOWMENT FUNDS	FUND-WISE BREAK UP			FUND-WISE BREAK UP		
	Capital Grant	PLSDP	IDLS	31.03.2025	31.03.2024	
a) Opening balance of the funds	5,00,39,76,627.50	22,92,04,699.00	157.00	5,23,31,81,483.50	5,59,35,56,140.00	
Add: Book adjustments (As per books of Account)	-1,796.00			9,30,372.00	9,30,372.00	
b) Additions to the Funds:				5,23,41,11,855.50	5,59,44,86,512.00	
i) Donations/ grants	-			-	31,12,25,660.00	
ii) Income from Investments made on account of funds	-			-	5,86,646.00	
iii) Other additions (Written Back of Excess Written off in Previous Year)	-					
TOTAL (a+b)	5,00,39,74,831.50	22,92,04,699.00	157.00	5,23,41,11,855.50	5,90,62,98,818.00	
c) Utilisation/Expenditure towards objectives of funds						
i) Capital Expenditure Fixed Assets						
- Fixed Assets & Depreciation	-	-	-	-	65,85,98,074.00	
- Others						
ii) Revenue Expenditure						
- Salaries, Wages and allowances etc. and other non capital exps	-	-	-	-	1,21,39,450.00	
- Rent						
- Other Administrative expenses	-	-	-	-		
- Refund of Interest on grants	-	-	-	-		
TOTAL (c)	-	-	-	-	14,49,439.00	
	5,00,39,74,831.50	22,92,04,699.00	157.00	5,23,41,11,855.50	67,21,86,963.00	
NET BALANCE AS AT THE YEAR-END (a + b - c)	5,00,39,74,831.50	22,92,04,699.00	157.00	4,72,06,52,228.00	5,23,41,11,855.00	

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(Amount in Rs/₹)

SCHEDULE 4 - SECURED LOANS AND BORROWINGS:		As at 31.03.2025		As at 31.03.2024	
1. Central Government	N-0401	-		-	
2. State Government (Specify)	N-0402	-		-	
3. Financial Institutions		-		-	
a) Term Loans	N-0403	-		-	
b) Interest accrued and due	N-0404	-	-	-	-
4. Banks:					
a) Term Loans		-		-	
- Interest accrued and due	N-0405	-	-	-	-
b) Other Loans (specify)		-		-	
- Interest accrued and due	N-0406	-	-	-	-
5. Other Institutions and Agencies	N-0407	-	-	-	-
6. Debentures and Bonds	N-0408	-	-	-	-
7. Others (Specify)	N-0409	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			-		-

SCHEDULE 5 - UNSECURED LOANS AND BORROWINGS		As at 31.03.2025		As at 31.03.2024	
1. Central Government	N-0501	-		-	
2. State Government (Specify)	N-0502	-		-	
3. Financial Institutions	N-0503	-		-	
4. Banks:		-		-	
a) Term Loans	N-0504	-		-	
b) Other Loans (specify)	N-0505	-		-	
5. Other Institutions and Agencies	N-0506	-		-	
6. Debentures and Bonds	N-0507	-		-	
8. Others (Specify)	N-0509	-		-	
TOTAL		-		-	

SCHEDULE 6 - DEFERRED CREDIT LIABILITIES:		As at 31.03.2025		As at 31.03.2024	
a) Acceptances secured by hypothecation of capital equipment and other assets	N-0601	-		-	
b) Others	N-0602	-		-	
TOTAL		-		-	

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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2025

(Amount in Rs./₹)

SCHEDULE 7 - CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS		As at 31.03.2025		As at 31.03.2024	
A. CURRENT LIABILITIES					
1. Acceptances	N-0701	-		-	
2. Sundry Creditors:					
a) For Goods	N-0702	-		-	
b) Others	N-0703	62,532,153		117,768,780	
c) Staff	N-0704	-		-	
c) Branch	N-0705	-	62,532,153	-	117,768,780
3. Advances Received					
a) Training Fee Advance	N-0706	104,792,092		74,820,577	
b) Advance from Debtors	N-0707	5,008,010	109,800,102	4,924,586	79,745,163
4. Interest accrued but not due on:					
a) Secured Loans / borrowings	N-0708	-		-	
b) Unsecured Loans / borrowings	N-0709	-		-	
5. Statutory Liabilities:					
a) Overdue	N-0710	-		-	
b) Others	N-0711	12,426,246	12,426,246	8,883,762	8,883,762
6. Other current Liabilities					
a) Security Deposits (Student)	N-0712	44,875,310		43,597,007	
b) Security Deposits (EMD)	N-0713	33,263,148		35,329,934	
c) Project Liability-Liquidated Damages	N-0714	15,585,455		-	
c) Insurance Claim/ Students Stipend	N-0715	561,901		549,401	
d) Funds for Students	N-0716	-		39,250,406	
e) Int. Institute of Sadiery Tech & Export Mgmt.	N-0717	5,489,242		5,489,242	
f) Death Relief Fund	N-0718	-		613,000	
h) Student fee Refundable	N-0719	4,876,446		-	
i) Hostel & Mess Securities	N-0720	5,664,563		4,710,810	
j) Others	N-0722	40,021,701	150,337,766	68,499,289	198,039,089
TOTAL (A)			335,096,267		404,436,794
B. PROVISIONS					
1. For Taxation	N-0723	-		-	
2. Gratuity	N-0724	89,005,179		80,568,694	
3. Superannuation/Pension	N-0725	143,779		-	
4. Accumulated Leave Encashment	N-0726	72,827,098		67,142,179	
5. Damage and Interest charge on late payment of EPFO	N-0727	14,300,000		14,300,000	
6. Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts/ Advances	N-0729	31,508,928		-	
7. Others - Provision for expenses	N-0728	22,334,645	230,119,629	18,671,531	180,682,404
TOTAL (B)			230,119,629		180,682,404
TOTAL (A+B)			565,215,896		585,119,198

FOOTWEAR DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
Campus: NOIDA

SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2025												
SCHEDULE-8B PDDI-All Govt Project Assets			Gross Block					DEPRECIATION			Net Block	
S.No.	Fixed Assets	Rate	Cost/ Valuation As at beginning of the year	Additions during the years Less than 180 days More than 180 days	Deletion during the year	Cost/Valuation at the end of the year	As at beginning of the year	On Addition/during the year	On deduction during the year	Total upto the year End	As at the current year End-2025	As at the previous year End-2024
TANGIBLE ASSETS												
1	Land		4,77,47,271	-	-	4,77,47,271	-	-	-	-	4,77,47,271	4,77,47,271
2	Building	10	8,79,86,78,513	-	-	8,79,86,78,513	5,52,85,97,668	32,70,08,084	-	5,85,56,05,753	2,94,30,72,760	3,27,00,80,844
	a)Building	10	3,23,44,961	-	-	3,23,44,961	2,23,77,873	9,96,709	-	2,33,74,582	89,70,379	99,67,088
3	b)Well and Tubewells	10		-	-				-			
3	Furniture & Fitting											
	a) Furniture & Fittings	10	54,70,06,487	17,99,000	-	55,18,19,951	33,63,88,026	2,14,53,413	-	35,78,41,440	19,39,78,512	21,06,18,461
	b)Electric Fittings	10	49,39,34,730	-	-	49,39,34,730	30,84,05,972	1,85,52,876	-	32,69,58,848	16,69,75,882	18,55,28,758
4	Machinery & Plant											
	a)Plant & Machinery	15	3,75,25,04,575	43,33,485	-	3,90,17,15,473	2,57,23,29,327	19,90,82,835	-	2,77,14,12,162	1,13,03,03,580	1,18,01,75,517
	b)Plant & Machinery	40	63,76,96,726	-	-	63,76,96,726	59,03,04,584	1,89,56,459	-	60,92,62,038	2,84,34,688	4,73,92,143
	c)Computer	40	13,50,55,488	-	-	13,50,55,488	11,21,58,443	91,58,296	-	12,13,17,645	1,37,37,443	2,28,96,748
	d)Vehicle	15	3,48,01,975	-	-	3,48,01,975	2,83,93,466	9,61,276	-	2,93,54,743	54,47,232	64,08,510
	e)Books	40	8,27,99,254	-	-	8,87,83,193	8,27,42,994	24,16,080	-	8,51,59,073	36,24,130	56,260
5	Intangible Asset											
	a)Software	25	4,40,89,603	-	-	4,40,89,603	1,52,52,843	72,09,190	-	2,24,62,033	2,16,27,570	2,88,36,760
Total			14,60,66,59,564	61,32,485	-	14,76,66,67,885	9,59,69,51,166	60,57,95,218	-	10,20,27,48,317	4,56,39,19,471	5,00,97,08,369
A.Capital Work in Progress			12,48,50,756	18,53,40,029	-	15,91,83,482	-	-	-	-	15,91,82,482	12,48,50,756
Total			-	-	-	15,91,83,482	-	-	-	-	4,71,41,01,953	5,13,45,59,116

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SCHEDULE 9 - INVESTMENTS FROM EARMARKED/ENDOWMENT FUNDS		As at 31.03.2025		As at 31.03.2024	
1. In Government Securities	N-0901	-		-	
2. Other approved Securities	N-0902	-		-	
3. Shares	N-0903	-		-	
4. Debentures and Bonds	N-0904	-		-	
5. Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures	N-0905	-		-	
6. Others (to be specified)	N-0906	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			-		-

SCHEDULE 10 - INVESTMENTS - OTHERS		As at 31.03.2025		As at 31.03.2024	
1. In Government Securities	N-1001	-		-	
2. Other approved Securities	N-1002	-		-	
3. Shares	N-1003	-		-	
4. Debentures and Bonds	N-1004	-		-	
5. Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures	N-1005	-		-	
6. Others (gratuity)		-		-	
1) Gratuity Fund	N-1006	80,150,002		74,833,754	
2) Other Corpus Investment	N-1007	-	80,150,002	-	74,833,754
TOTAL			80,150,002		74,833,754

SCHEDULE 11 - CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS AND ADVANCES		As at 31.03.2025		As at 31.03.2024	
A. CURRENT ASSETS:					
1. Inventories:					
a) Stores and Spares	N-1101	7,267,528		7,313,538	
b) Loose Tools	N-1102	-		-	
c) Stock-in-trade	N-1103	-		-	
Finished Goods Work-in-progress Raw Materials	N-1104	-	7,267,528	-	7,313,538
2. Sundry Debtors:					
a) Debts Outstanding for a period exceeding six months	N-1105	31,877,046		25,463,229	
b) Debtor outstanding for a period less the six month	N-1106	22,359,538		15,195,795	
c) Others	N-1107	-		-	
d) Branch	N-1108	-	54,236,584	-	40,659,024
3. Cash balances in hand (including cheques/drafts and imprest)	N-1109	87,169	87,169	125,820	125,820
4. Bank Balances:					
a) With Scheduled Banks:					
-On Current Accounts	N-1110	-		-	
-On Deposit Accounts (includes margin money)	N-1111	27,202,331		29,355,920	
-On Savings Accounts	N-1112	265,606,146		292,834,278	
-On Savings Accounts	N-1136	39,700,827		240,163,607	
b) With non-Scheduled Banks:					
-On Current Accounts	N-1113	-		-	
-On Deposit Accounts	N-1137	-		-	
-On Savings Accounts	N-1138	-	332,509,304	-	562,353,805
5. Post Office-Savings Accounts	N-1114	-	-	-	-
TOTAL (A)			394,100,585		610,452,187

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B. LOANS AND ADVANCES					
1. Loans					
a) Staff	N-1115	-		958,598	
b) Other Entities engaged in activities/objectives similar to that of the Entity	N-1116	-		-	
c) Other(specify)	N-1117	-		-	958,598
2. Advances and other amounts recoverable in cash or in kind or for value to be received:					
a) On Capital Account	N-1118	-		-	
b) Prepayments	N-1119	-		-	
c) Others(TDS Receivables)	N-1120	17,139,118		23,745,903	
d) Other receivable	N-1121	2,232,911	19,372,029	431,832	24,177,735
3. Income Accrued:					
a) On Investments from Earmarked/Endowment Funds	N-1122	-		-	
b) On Investments - Others	N-1123	-		-	
c) On Loans and Advances	N-1124	-		-	
d) Others	N-1125	24,723,681		12,152,305	
(includes income due unrealised-Rs			24,723,681	-	12,152,305
4. Claims Receivable	N-1126	-	-	-	-
5. Other Assets					
a) Advance to Creditors	N-1127	8,906,975		8,293,405	
b) Security Deposits	N-1128	11,097,195		11,980,899	
c) Mob. Advance	N-1129	-		-	
d) Input Taxes	N-1130	103,233		141,624	
e) Staff Imprest	N-1131	927,507		220,118	
f) Other Receivable	N-1132	2,538,752		99,979	
g) Student Fee Receivables	N-1133	118,736,435		89,151,929	
h) Receivable from PF	N-1134	-		-	
i) Advance to Govt. Authority	N-1135	-		-	
j) Prepaid Expenses	N-1139	7,035,121	149,345,218	5,469,962	115,357,916
TOTAL (B)			193,440,928		152,646,554
TOTAL (A + B)			587,541,513		763,098,741

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SCHEDULE 12 - INCOME FROM SALES/SERVICES	FS Notes	31.03.2025	31.03.2024
1) Income from Sales			
a) Sale of Finished Goods	N-1201	-	1,394
b) Sale of Raw Material	N-1202	-	-
c) Sale of Scraps	N-1203	418,287	991,706
2) Income from Services			
a) Labour and Processing Charges	N-1204	-	-
b) Professional/Consultancy Services	N-1205	794,658	400,908
c) Agency Commission and Brokerage	N-1206	-	-
d) Maintenance Services (Equipment/Property)	N-1207	-	-
e) Income From Lab Service	N-1208	70,944,642	86,238,246
f) Income From Implementation Charges	N-1210	27,001,328	5,334,359
TOTAL		99,158,915	92,966,613

SCHEDULE 13 - GRANTS/SUBSIDIES		31.03.2025	31.03.2024
<i>(Irrevocable Grants & Subsidies Received)</i>			
1) Central Government (To the Extent of Expenditure)	N-1301	605,795,218	658,598,074
2) State Government(s)	N-1302	-	-
3) Government Agencies	N-1303	-	-
4) Institutions/Welfare Bodies	N-1304	-	-
5) International Organisation	N-1305	-	-
6) Others (Specify)	N-1306	-	-
TOTAL		605,795,218	658,598,074

SCHEDULE 14 - FEES/SUBSCRIPTIONS		31.03.2025	31.03.2024
1) Entrance Fees	N-1401	-	-
2) Annual Fees/Subscriptions	N-1402	60,000	70,000
3) Seminar/Program Fees/Short term Training Fee	N-1403	9,934,238	13,800,576
4) Consultancy Fees	N-1404	-	-
5) Student Fee	N-1405	467,517,365	454,929,256
6) Others	N-1407	-	-
TOTAL		477,511,603	468,799,832

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SCHEDULE 15 - INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS			31.03.2025		31.03.2024
15A: Investment from Earmarked Fund					
(Income on Invest, from Earmarked/ Endowment Funds transferred to Funds)					
1) Interest					
a) On Govt. Securities	N-1501		-		-
b) Other Bonds/ Debentures	N-1502		-		-
2) Dividends:					
a) On Shares	N-1503		-		-
b) On Mutual Fund Securities	N-1504		-		-
3) Rents	N-1505		-		-
4) Others (Investment in Gratuity Funds)	N-1506		5,621,957		5,313,846
TOTAL (A)			5,621,957		5,313,846
15A: Investment - Others					
1) Interest					
a) On Govt. Securities	N-1507		-		-
b) Other Bonds/ Debentures	N-1508		-		-
2) Dividends:					
a) On Shares	N-1509		-		-
b) On Mutual Fund Securities	N-1510		-		-
3) Rents	N-1511		-		-
4) Others (Investment in Gratuity Funds)	N-1512		-		-
TOTAL (B)			-		-
TRANSFERRED TO EARMARKED/ ENDOWMENT FUNDS			5,621,957		5,313,846

SCHEDULE 16 - INCOME FROM ROYALTY, PUBLICATION			31.03.2025		31.03.2024
1) Income from Royalty	N-1601		-		-
2) Income from Publications	N-1602		-		-
3) Others (specify)	N-1603		-		-
TOTAL			-		-

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SCHEDULE 17 - INTEREST INCOME			31.03.2025		31.03.2024
1) On Term Deposits:					
a) With Scheduled Banks	N-1701		20,711,984		21,280,189
b) With Non-Scheduled Banks	N-1711		-		-
c) With Institutions	N-1702		-		324,069
d) Others	N-1703		273,163		74,993
2) On Savings Accounts:					
a) With Scheduled Banks	N-1704		3,964,463		5,812,503
b) With Non-Scheduled Banks	N-1705		-		-
c) Post Office Savings Accounts	N-1706		-		-
d) Others	N-1707		-		-
3) On Loans:					
a) Employees/Staff	N-1708		-		-
b) Others	N-1709		-		22,156
4) Interest on Debtors and Other Receivables	N-1710		-		5,096
TOTAL			24,949,610		27,519,006

SCHEDULE 18 - OTHER INCOME			31.03.2025		31.03.2024
1) Profit on Sale/disposal of Assets:					
a) Owned assets	N-1801		-		-
b) Assets acquired out of grants, or received free of cost	N-1802		-		-
2) Export Incentives realized			-		-
3) Fees for Miscellaneous Services (CAD)			-		-
4) Miscellaneous Income	N-1803		16,334,387		29,957,497
TOTAL			16,334,387		29,957,497

SCHEDULE 19-INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN STOCK OF FINISHED GOODS & WORK IN PROGRESS			31.03.2025		31.03.2024
Closing stock					
- Finished Goods	N-1901		-		-
- Work-in-progress	N-1902		-		-
- Consumables	N-1903		7,267,528		7,313,538
Less: Opening Stock					
- Finished Goods	N-1904		-		-
- Work-in-progress	N-1905		-		-
- Consumables	N-1906		7,313,538		8,232,664
TOTAL			(46,010)		(919,126)

SCHEDULE 20-ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES			31.03.2025		31.03.2024
a) Salaries and Wages	N-2001		274,119,956		240,089,276
b) Allowances and Bonus	N-2002		4,427,014		3,765,955
c) Contribution to Provident Fund	N-2003		23,084,082		21,490,753
d) Contribution to Other Fund (ESI)	N-2004		71,802		114,672
e) Staff Welfare Expenses (Medical, LTC, etc.)	N-2005		8,388,204		7,012,551
f) Exp. on Employees' Retirement and Terminal Benefits	N-2006		15,512,800		12,030,557
g) Others	N-2007		3,242,414		1,042,105
h) Staff Insurance	N-2008		2,822,024		3,259,115
i) Earned Leave Encashment	N-2009		16,033,792		16,848,438
TOTAL			347,702,088		305,653,422

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SCHEDULE 21-OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ETC		31.03.2025	31.03.2024
a) Purchases	N-2101	-	-
b) Labour and processing expenses	N-2102	-	-
c) Cartage and Carriage Inwards	N-2103	188,413	265,292
d) Electricity and power	N-2104	48,312,185	53,231,260
e) Water charges	N-2105	3,890,121	1,835,875
f) Insurance	N-2106	1,081,966	890,379
g) Repairs and maintenance	N-2107	29,505,460	45,452,111
h) Excise Duty	N-2108	-	-
i) Rent, Rates and Taxes	N-2109	2,434,908	3,539,475
j) Vehicles Running and Maintenance	N-2110	5,206,730	3,501,312
k) Postage, Telephone and Communication Charges	N-2111	5,435,874	4,996,844
l) Printing and Stationary	N-2112	4,438,267	5,265,325
m) Travelling and Conveyance Expenses	N-2113	16,167,391	14,165,819
n) Expenses on Seminar/Workshops	N-2114	851,519	1,014,580
o) Subscription Expenses	N-2115	3,614,527	3,199,357
p) Expenses on Fees/ Courses	N-2116	556,458	2,352,763
q) Auditors Remuneration	N-2117	3,286,820	5,130,654
r) Hospitality Expenses	N-2118	1,303,070	400,952
s) Professional Charges	N-2119	3,667,911	6,528,909
t) Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts/ Advances	N-2120	31,508,928	4,250,800
u) Irrecoverable Balances Written-off-PF Trust	N-2121	-	-
v) Packing Charges	N-2122	-	-
w) Freight and Forwarding Expenses	N-2123	-	-
x) Distribution Expenses (Ethiopia Project Exps)	N-2124	-	-
y) Advertisement and Promotion	N-2125	10,211,270	16,069,976
z) Others (specify)			
1) Housekeeping Expense	N-2126	43,462,842	40,392,042
2) Security Expense	N-2127	46,639,148	46,342,294
3) Books & Periodicals	N-2128	129,814	153,613
4) Office Expense	N-2129	8,430,032	9,996,147
5) Consumables	N-2130	3,425,171	2,353,545
5) Loss of Foreign Exchange	N-2131	146,229	91,674
6) Training expenses	N-2132	19,842,810	22,722,949
7) Mess Charges Exps	N-2133	28,606,980	20,021,591
8) Damages and Interest on Late payment of EPFO	N-2134	-	-
9) Interlab testing charges	N-2135	6,458,278	5,670,652
10) NABL Accreditation Audit Expenses	N-2136	-	-
11) Promotional Activities expenses	N-2137	-	-
12) Celebration Expenses (INI & Founder day)	N-2138	957,585	2,618,680
13) Recruitment Expenses	N-2139	168,000	309,051
14) Lease Rental Expenses	N-2140	486,000	632,819
15) OTC Expenses	N-2141	4,828,391	5,353,880
16) Manpower Outsource Services	N-2143	6,790,449	-
17) Other expenses	N-2142	1,546,877	1,681,067
Total		343,580,424	330,431,687

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SCHEDULE 22: EXPENDITURE ON GRANTS, SUBSIDIES ETC			31.03.2025		31.03.2024
<i>(Irrevocable Grants & Subsidies Received)</i>					
1) Central Government (To the extent of Expenditure)	N-2201		605,795,218		658,598,074
2) State Government(s)	N-2202		-		-
3) Government Agencies	N-2203		-		-
4) Institutions/ Welfare Bodies	N-2204		-		-
5) International Organisations	N-2205		-		-
6) Others (Specify)	N-2206		-		-
TOTAL			605,795,218		658,598,074

SCHEDULE 23: INTEREST			31.03.2025		31.03.2024
a) On Fixed Loans			-		-
b) On Other Loans (including Bank Charges)			-		-
c) Others (specify)			-		-
TOTAL			-		-

SCHEDULE 24: PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS			31.03.2025		31.03.2024
A. Income					
a) Student Development Fund/ Fee	N-2401		37,637,022		-
b) Others	N-2402		-		-
Total (A)			37,637,022		-
B. Expenditure					
a) Leave Travel Concessions	N-2451		10,792,597		-
b) Others	N-2452		1,636,900		-
Total (B)			12,429,497		-
Net Prior Period Income/(Expenditure)			25,207,525		-



Schedule-25: Significant Accounting Policies

25.1 Accounting Convention:

The financial statements are prepared on the basis of historical cost convention, unless otherwise stated and on the accrual method of accounting.

25.2 Valuation of Inventories

Store, spare & consumable (including machinery spares) and stationery items are valued at cost.

25.3 Revenue Recognition

All the Income & Expenditure are accounted for on accrual basis except Grant/Subsidy, which was shown as part of Income to the extent of depreciation charged to the Asset purchased out of the Govt Grant.

25.4 Recognition of Grants

Government Grant/Subsidy related to depreciable fixed assets are treated as Deferred Income. The Deferred Income is recognized in Income & Expenditure Accounts on systematic and rational basis over the periods and in proportions in which depreciation on related asset is charged.

25.5 Investment

Both long-term and short-term investments are valued at cost as on the date of Balance sheet 31st-March-2025.

25.6 Fixed Assets and Depreciation

- (i) Fixed Assets are stated at their original cost including freight, duties, customs and other incidental expenses relating to acquisition and installation less accumulated depreciation.
- (ii) Depreciation has been charged on WDV method as per the rates prescribed under the Income Tax Act-1961.
- (iii) The depreciation is charged at 100% of rate prescribed if an asset is acquired on or before 30th September and 50% of rate prescribed if assets are acquired after 30th September at the rates specified in Income Tax Act 1961.
- (iv) No depreciation has been provided on the capital expenditure incurred during the year relating to the capital work in progress since they were not capitalized till the date of Balance sheet.

25.7 Employee's Retirement Benefits and Others Benefits

The provision for leave encashment and Gratuity has been made as per the actuarial valuation done by registered valuer. A Group Gratuity policy for all the FDDI campuses including Head Office have been taken from LIC.

Schedule: 26 Contingent Liabilities and Notes to Accounts

The Notes forming part of Annual Accounts gives inter-alia certain additional disclosures:-

26.1 Contingent Liabilities:**Claims against the entity not acknowledged as debts**

- a) The Noida Authority has issued a letter dated 24-01-2024 demanding Rs 12.45 Crore (approx.) as arrears of interest on account of delayed payment of Lease rent. Subsequently vide a letter dated 26-09-2024, Noida authority informed that aforesaid overdue interest liability is increased to Rs. 14.14 Crores. Based on representation(s) made by FDDI, vide letter dated 29-05-2025, Noida authority after recalculating the interest, reduced the demand to Rs. 4.45 Crores. The matter is still being taken up with the Noida Authority for further waiver/reduction of Interest.

b) Claims against the entity preferred by students/Ex-students

Campus	Nature	No of Cases	Amount (Rs.)
Jodhpur	Fee Refund	2	2,66,700/-
Noida	Exam	1	NA
Rohtak	Fee Refund	1	1,37,500/-

c) Claims against the entity preferred by Employees/Ex-Employee/Contract Employees

Campus	Nature	No of Cases	Amount (Rs.)
Noida	Reinstatement at FDDI	1	NA

d) Claims against the entity preferred by Others

Campus	Nature	No of Cases	Amount (Rs.)
Fursatganj	Land Dispute	1	50,00,000/-
Fursatganj	Land Dispute	2	Not determinable
Bannur	Land Dispute	2	Not determinable
Bannur	Incentive	1	Not determinable
Jodhpur	Contract Extension	1	NA
Jodhpur	Land Encroachment	1	NA
Noida	Contract Dispute	1	

e) Disputed Tax Matters

Campus	Act	Year	Amount (Rs.)
Rohtak	Haryana VAT	2013-14	2,50,615/-

26.2 Current Assets, Loans and Advances:

In the opinion of the Management, the Current Assets, Loans and Advances have a value on realization in the ordinary course of business, at least equal the amount at which they are stated in the Balance Sheet as on that date.

26.4 Grant in Aid

During the current year FDDI received Grants from central government to the tune of Rs.9,51,28,954/- for Non leather and earned Interest Income on the grant of Rs. 29,69,506/-(Non-Leather Rs.2,06,407/-, Banur Girls hostel Rs.9,84,316/-, Noida New Lab Building Rs.16,60,497/-, CNC Project Rs.1,18,286/-). Out of this amount aggregating to Rs. 28,51,220/- was refunded to DPIIT. The grant utilized/adjusted against depreciation on Asset purchased out of the Grant Rs 60,57,95,218/- and Non-Capital expenditure/Recurring Expenses of Rs. 29,09,856/-

26.5 The Institute has capitalized grant Rs. 1600.08 lakhs during the current financial year 2024-25 in comparison to the previous financial year 2023-24 Rs. 2669.31 lakhs out of fund provided by the Government.

26.6 Capital Work in Progress

During the year Rs.15,01,82,482/- is shown as Capital Work in Progress towards the expenditure incurred for setting up of FDDI Bannur Girls Hostel Rs. 4,74,98,106/-, FDDI Noida Lab Building Rs. 8,94,64,959/- and CNC & IDLS-Noida Rs. 1,32,19,417/-.

26.7 Depreciation:

The Depreciation has been charged during the current financial year 2024-25 on all the Asset purchased and created out of the Government Grant. The total depreciation charged during the current year on the assets was **Rs.60,57,95,218/-** and the grant was adjusted against the same value as shown in Schedule-13 and Schedule-22. Further the depreciation charged on Asset purchased out of the own fund amounting to **Rs. 2,88,30,791/-** is shown in the Income & Expenditure Account.

26.8 Disclosure in respect of Land

The following lands have been allotted free of cost by the respective state governments for the FDDI Campuses and the same have been shown in the books of accounts at a nominal values of Re.1/- each.

Particulars	Book Value as on 31 st March'25	Leasehold / Freehold	Area of Land (in acres)
FDDI Noida (HO)	1,89,84,135	Leasehold	9.86
FDDI Chennai Campus	1	Leasehold	15
FDDI Chennai Lab	49,09,052		
FDDI Kolkata	1	Leasehold	17
FDDI Rohtak	1	Leasehold	17
FDDI Jodhpur	1	Freehold	15
FDDI Hyderabad	1	Freehold	14.68
FDDI Patna	1	Freehold	10
FDDI Banur	1	Freehold	7.18
FDDI Fursatganj	77,20,818	Freehold	8.65
FDDI Fursatganj Girls Hostel		Freehold	2.68
FDDI OTC Nigoha	27,14,100	Freehold	1.25
FDDI Ankaleshwar	40,000	Leasehold	10

FDDI Guna	78,02,791	Leasehold	20
FDDI Chindwara	55,76,369	Leasehold	20

26.7 Taxation:-

The Institute has obtained registration under sub clause (i) of clause (ac) of sub-section (1) of section 12A of Income Tax Act 1961. accordingly income of the institute is exempt as per the provisions of the act. Further Institute has incurred losses during the year, therefore, no provision for Income Tax has been considered in the Books of Accounts.

26.8 The interest income on investment of the earmarked/endowment fund is being credited to the related fund and refunded to the Government.

26.9 All known and ascertained liabilities, and all income and expenses related to the financial year ended 31st March 2025 have been duly provided/accounted for in the books of accounts as per the accounting policy consistently followed by the Institute.

26.10 Provision for Retirement Benefits

The expenditure booked on account of provision for Leave encasement & Gratuity for the captioned year was Rs.1,59,86,892/- & Rs. 1,39,83,839/- respectively. The total provision for Leave Encashment & Gratuity at the yearend was Rs.7,28,27,098/- and Rs.8,90,05,179/- respectively, out of which sum of Rs.8,01,50,002/- is invested in the LIC Group Gratuity Scheme.

26.11 As per the Institute's policy, during the year Institute paid LTC (Leave Travel Concession) for the block year (Calendar year) 2023-2024. Total aggregate LTC expenses including provision towards LTC for the period from January-25 to March-2025 was **Rs. 147.95** out of which expenditure **Rs. 107.92** Lacs pertains to LTC for the period from April-2023 to March-2024, which has been shown as 'Prior Period Expenses' under **Schedule-24**.

26.12 Prior Period Income & Expenses:

An accumulated balance **Rs. 376.37** Lacs lying in Student Development Fee which was reflected under current liability in earlier years financial statements and was part of Student Fee has been recorded as income and disclosed as prior period income during the current year under **Schedule-24**. Similarly Prior period expenses **Rs. 124.29** lacs which include Prior period LTC Expenses as mentioned in the above Note 26.11 is disclosed under **Schedule-24**.

26.13 Provision for doubtful debts

During the current year a provision for doubtful debt aggregating to **Rs. 315.09** Lacs, which includes provision on account of the fee receivable from students **Rs. 149.97** Lacs and **Rs. 165.12** Lacs towards other debts being Lab Charges, which were outstanding for a period of more than 3 years as on balance sheet date.

26.14 Excess/Shortfall of Income over Expenditure

As an organization's policy, the excess of expenditure over Income after considering Prior Period Income/expenditure Rs. 713.75 Lacs has been transferred to Capital/Corpus Fund.

26.15 Others

- i. Fixed Assets related to projects of all the campuses are maintained at Head Office, Noida.
- ii. Balance of stock (stores & Consumables) & cash balance have been taken as certified by HODs based on physical verification carried out by them as on 31.03.2025.
- iii. The balance of sundry debtors, creditors, receivable, loans & advances & other liabilities whether in debit or in credit are subject to confirmation and reconciliation.
- iv. There was a system of internal audit in place and books of accounts have been audited by an independent firm of Chartered Accountant.
- v. All the financial figures have been rounded off the nearest rupee while compilation of the financial statements.
- vi. Previous year figures were re-grouped and rearranged whenever it was necessary.

For Footwear Design & Development Institute



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Managing Director



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The Governing Council (GC) of the Footwear Design and Development Institute places on record its deep appreciation and gratitude to Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, for his visionary leadership, industry-friendly initiatives, and steadfast support to the Indian Leather and Footwear Industry.

We extend our sincere thanks to Shri Jitin Prasada, Hon'ble Minister of State, Commerce & Industry, Government of India, for his unwavering support and encouragement to the sector. The GC also acknowledges with gratitude the valuable support of Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of India, towards the growth and development of the Indian Leather and Footwear Industry.

Our special thanks go to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and, in particular, to Shri Amardeep Singh Bhatia, IAS, Secretary, DPIIT, for his proactive role in implementing schemes that promote the Leather and Footwear Industry and for his consistent cooperation and assistance to FDDI. We also thank Ms. Nidhi Kesarwani, IAS, Joint Secretary, DPIIT, for her insightful guidance in advancing FDDI's initiatives and supporting key industry growth schemes.

The GC is grateful to the Leather and Footwear Industry and the retail sector for their constructive suggestions, which have been instrumental in upgrading our curricula, improving training programmes, and enhancing student placement opportunities. We look forward to continued engagement in shaping the future of the industry.

We also extend our appreciation to the officers and staff of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, the Ministry of Finance, and various State Governments for their valuable cooperation and steadfast support in promoting and developing the Indian Leather and Footwear Industry.

Team FDDI

NOTICE

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Sir/Ma'am,

In order to ensure timely submission of the Annual Accounts to the CAG office **on or before 30th June 2025**, as per Rule 237 of GFR 2017, there is requirement of passing of the finalized accounts by the **Governing Council (GC)** before being put up to CAG office. As informed by the DGM (Fin) that the FSA(Final statement of accounts) of FDDI shall be ready for approval by 21st June.

In view of the above, The chairman has kindly consented to approve scheduling of the 88th GC meeting virtually on 27th of June 2025 at 11:00 AM. Link for the virtual meeting and draft financial statement duly submitted by the internal auditor shall be forwarded subsequently.

Regards,

Pankaj Kumar Sinha

Secretary, FDDI

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**AGENDA FOR THE
88th GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

OF



FOOTWEAR DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
(An "Institution of National Importance" as per FDDI Act, 2017)

SCHEDULED ON

27th June 2025

AT

11:00 AM

THROUGH ONLINE MODE

Agenda for the 88th GC Meeting of FDDI

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Minutes of the 88th Governing Council (GC) Meeting of Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) held on 27.06.2025 from 11:00 AM onwards in virtual mode from the Institutes premises in the Conference Hall of FDDI, Administrative Building, located at A-10/A, Sector-24, Noida-201301.

The 88th Governing Council (GC) Meeting of FDDI commenced with a warm welcome extended to all esteemed members of the Governing Council. A special welcome was extended to the newly appointed Joint Secretary, Leather & Footwear (L&F), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), who joined the GC for the first time. The Secretary, FDDI, provided a brief overview of the key agendas scheduled for deliberation and approval during the meeting. The following members attended the meeting:

S. No.	NAME OF MEMBER	DESIGNATION
1	Shri Ashish Dikshit, Managing Director, Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd	Chairman
2	Smt. Nidhi Kesarwani Joint Secretary, L&F, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade	Member(<i>ex officio</i>)
3	Shri Vimal Anand, IRS Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce Representative Shri Y.P Dhewal, Director, EP (LSG)	Member(<i>ex officio</i>)
4	Shri. Gautam Nair, Chairman, Confederation of Indian Industry	Member
5	Shri C S Rao, Director, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade	Member(<i>ex officio</i>)
6	Shri Rajendra Kumar Jalan, Chairman, Council for Leather Export	Member
7	Shri Sanjay Gupta, President, IFCOMA	Member
8	Shri Praveen Nahar, Director, National Institute of Design	Member
9	Shri K J Shreeram, Director, Central Leather Research Institute	Member
10	Shri Vivek Sharma, IRS Managing Director, Footwear Design and Development Institute	Member(<i>ex officio</i>)

The quorum for the meeting was complete by the presence of 10 number of members listed above.

The following members were on Leave of absence:

11	Shri Motilal Sethi, President, Indian Leather Garments Association	Member
12	Prof Sumer Singh, Department of Design, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	Member
13	Prof. Alok Singh Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Nagpur	Member
14	Prof Dr. Shinju Mahajan, National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi	Member



Item No. 88.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 87th GC Meeting:

The Minutes of the 87th CG Meeting held on 30th June 2025, duly approved by the Hon'ble Chairman were circulated to the GC Members on 05th June 2025 with request to confirm the minutes by 12th June 2025 to implement decisions.

As no comments were received from any member, the GC confirmed the Minutes of the 87th GC meeting held on 30th June 2025.

Item No. 88.2: Discussion and approval of the Annual Financial Statement of Accounts of FDDI

The final Annual Statement of Accounts of FDDI for the financial year 2024–25 was presented by the Accounts & Finance Department, Head Office. During the presentation, the Director Finance raised certain queries on account statement, which were duly replied by the Managing Director and DGM, Accounts & Finance Department.

After due deliberation and having heard, the Governing Council approved and passed the Financial Statement of FDDI for the year 2024–25.

The meeting concluded with a "Vote of Thanks" to the Chair.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. S.', written over a horizontal line.



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