

Mr. Neeraj Sharma

Designation : Chief Faculty, HOS

Specialization : Footwear Technology & Purchase Management

School of Footwear Design & Production



With a vision to bridge the gap between Industry and academics, Mr. Sharma has joined Footwear Design & Development Institute in Oct 2021 as Head of Footwear school.

A Mathematics Graduate & Economics Post Graduate by formal education, He is a Footwear Technologist (an FDDI alumnus SFT 1999 batch). Studied Rail Transportation & Management from IRT Delhi and Purchase Management from European Institute of Purchasing Management (EIPM) Shanghai Campus. Unique opportunity to live and work in city of Cologne, Germany during an internship with Galleria Kaufhof for 91 days.

Vast corporate & industry experience of 23 years. Worked with the world's largest Multinational retailing companies like Carrefour France and Metro sourcing Germany. Served as specialist in the areas of Merchandising, International Sourcing, Business & product development taking care of the entire life cycle beginning from buying meetings, Vendor sourcing, Product & competitor benchmarking, Market Intelligence, CSR, Retro planning, sample approvals, risk assessment, PPM, shipments QC & ETD, post shipment issues, commercial forecasting and managing KPIs. Frequent travel to Germany, France, Spain, Netherland, Belgium, Italy, Hong Kong, China and Sri Lanka . Attended important international shoe fairs like Garda Italy and GDS Dusseldorf.

Been to various good Tanneries in India. Handled several product categories like Leather Footwear, Accessories - Belts, Bags, Wallets, purses, scarves ,Hard goods, Textiles like soccer T shirts and jog suits, Leather garments etc . Visited International stores for brands like Zara, S.Oliver, Espirit , Clarks ,Metro, Makro, REAL , Galleria Kaufhof ,Carrefour , H&M & others. Have worked for brands like Rover & Lakes ,C.Comberti , Bexleys, L.Lambertazzi, Lloyd ,TEX etc .

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Mr. Sharad Shrivastava

Designation : Chief Faculty

Specialization : Footwear, Operation Management, Production Planning And Control, Quality Management

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B.E. (Production), M.B.A, IRCA certified auditor for QMS. 31 years of experience in academics, QMS, consultancy, and International projects. Faculty for Production and Operation Management, Intellectual Property Rights, Production Planning & Control, Quality Systems . Project coordinator for Twinning agreement Leather Industry Development Institute, Ethiopia. Was team member for the development of NTQF compliant curriculum and TTLM for Ethiopian Education Standard for footwear. Implemented Global Bench Marking project for footwear companies in Ethiopia. Provided consultancy to Nepal, Sri Lanka Consultancy delivered in the area of clicking, QMS, Inventory management & global bench marking for footwear companies in India & Ethiopia. Project coordinator for Vaal -NFLC project for NTQF compliant programs in South Africa.

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Mr. Aritra Das

Designation : Chief Faculty

Specialization : Footwear Manufacturing

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Working as a Chief faculty at present having 32 years of experience within Industry and Academia. Experienced in Technical teaching of Footwear, Project Coordination and consultancy.

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Mr. Deepak Choudhary

Designation : Sr. Faculty - Grade - I, HoD

Specialization : Footwear Technology & Production

Management, Manufacturing Excellence

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Mr. Deepak Choudhary, having 35 years of professional background in training personnel at different levels for short term (FMT) & long term (B.Des, M.Des), UG & PG courses in FDDI. Experience of technical operation in projects (KVIC, UNDP, H.R.D, IGNOU), Consultancy, training & operation in shoe upper cutting, stitching & production area in domestic (TATA, Bata, Lee Cooper, Lakhani Shoe Etc.) & overseas (Ethiopia, Hong Kong, South Africa, Czech Republic) at industrial & academic level.

Undergone intensive training from FDDI & International School of Modern Shoemaking (ISMS), Czech Republic 1995. He has published few articles in reputed International and national conference and Journals. Actively participated and organized several one-day workshops, webinars, master classes and seminars . Mr. Deepak Choudhary has been working at the FDDI since November 1992. From 2019 to 2023 perform responsibility as HOD- Footwear School & Centre Incharge FDDI Hyderabad. Presently at FDDI Noida working as HOD, SFDP.

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Dr. Prachi Sharma

Designation : Sr. Faculty - Grade - I

**Specialization : Footwear, Marketing, Supply Chain, CRM
Consumer Behavior**

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Spanning over more than 28 years of experience with UNDP program, industry and various organizations. Possesses intensive & extensive teaching and research skills including operations, management and training of participants at various levels; precollege, undergraduates, post graduates. She has to her credit several techno management research papers published in reputed national, international journals & books international consultancy. In her professional capacity she has also represented the institute by delivering research papers at national & international conferences, summits, seminars, attended workshops, conducted FDP and actively contributed in various committees at the administrative levels. Attended several international fairs in Hongkong, Germany, Dubai, Italy & Bangkok.

Teaching domain includes Footwear & Marketing management. Her areas of research includes Consumer Behavior, CRM, Supply chain management, Market Research, Retail & Closing in footwear.

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Mr. Ravi Shankar

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade - I

Specialization : Component & Construction Lasting (Footwear)

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I have done my CFTC Course from Chennai after completing the course I join industry started with Mecose group as an asst. production manager. After two years I started my own upper fabrication company in Noida.

After one year I got opportunity to work with multinational company that is BATA INDIA LTD. I worked for 13 years in production line.

After that I got opportunity to work with FDDI Noida since last 12 year I am working with FDDI first as Sr. faculty now I am working as a Jr. Consultant in footwear dept.

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Ms. Jyoti Maurya

Designation : FACULTY

Footwear Design & Production

Specialization :

School of Footwear Design & Production



Ms. Jyoti Maurya is presently working as Associate Faculty-Footwear in School of Footwear Design & Production. She has done Master degree in Footwear Technology and have an experience of 12 years within Industry & Academia.

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Mr. Vikas Teotia

Designation : Sr. Faculty Grade - I

Specialization : Footwear Production & Quality Management

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He has a mix of academia and industry experience of more than 24 years and has been associated with FDDI since 2005 as a faculty member of Footwear Design and Production Department. His teaching area included Footwear bottom manufacturing, Quality management, Production management etc.

He is a MBA with specialization in production management from Jamia Millia Islamia university Delhi and also completed MFT course (Management course in Footwear Technology from FDDI in 1999).

He has wide experience of doing projects/consultancy for both Private and Government Organization and been actively involved in the implementation of various Central and state Government project/schemes related to financial assistance and technical assistance to different footwear manufacturing unit all over India. He has also organized in house training programs for Government official ,managers and supervisor of footwear Industry.

He has undertaken international training & Consultancy assignments in South Africa and Ethiopia. As a Head of Special Lab Committee he also involved in the development of Specification for various types of footwear for Indian armed forces, paramilitary forces, public sector enterprises, state department etc.

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Mr. Vishal

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade - II

Specialization : Footwear Design & Production

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He is a Footwear Technologist (an FDDI alumnus HDFT 2002 batch), a Bachelor of Science, and has overall 22 years of experience including 12 years in academics and 10 years in the shoe industry. His area of expertise is in Footwear Manufacturing, Sourcing, Production Planning Control, and Product Costing. He has worked in Ascot Sports Footwear Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon buying house as a Sourcing Manager for international shoe brands like Azor, Front, etc. He worked as a Planning Manager in export companies like Oscar Leathers Pvt Ltd Mohali, Tej International Pvt. Ltd, Agra where he worked with renowned buyers like Deichmann, Zara, Carrefour, Eram, Bata, Clarks, Hushpuppies, Andre, Max, etc. He has been working as Senior faculty in FDDI Noida since May 2012 and taking assigned classes for the students of M.Des. FDP and B.Des. FDP batches. He has delivered the consultancy for Bata India Ltd and the Henkel-FDDI workshop. He has contributed to the preparation of study materials containing shoe industrial contents, revision of Handouts, E-book on Full Shoe Costing, etc. His research paper was published in International Journal for Research in Applied Science & Engineering Technology (IJRASET), Volume 10, Issue IV, April 2022. As additional work, handling the responsibilities as an IDLS visit team member, and a member of the Special Lab Committee FDDI Noida.

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Mr. Birendra Kumar Gaurab

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade - II

**Specialization : Finishing, Leather Technology &
Footwear Technology**

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He is having over 2 years Industrial experience and 17 years of experience in teaching in FDDI, Noida. He is proficient in finishing and leather technology appropriate teaching programs to optimize the learning process while effectively addressing the student needs.

He is Bachelor of Science Engineering (Leather Technology) from MIT, Muzaffarpur (2003) and also did Footwear Manufacturing Technology course from FDDI, Noida in 2004. He has attended Internal Auditors training programme in Environmental Management Systems, New Delhi (2006) and Awareness Training Course On Quality Management Systems at Noida (2014).

He is having hands-on experience in developing curriculum to accommodate different learning methods to maximize students understanding. He has delivered lecture on Shoe Finishing & Its Importance in Footwear Business at University Polytechnic, AMU (2016).

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Mr. Nelaish Yadav

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade - II

**Specialization : Export Management, OB/HRM, CRM,
International Business**

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Associated with FDDI since March 2006. Taking classes in most of the schools of FDDI. Also went on academic assignment to Ethiopia (Africa) for our International Project with LIDI.

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Mrs. Rashmi Tomar

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade - II

Specialization : Footwear Design

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An academican and footwear designer having more than 21 years' experience in design education, research and practice. She did her two years' post-graduation in Footwear designing from FDDI, Noida in 2003. In pursuit to constantly experience the boundaries of design and creativity, she began her professional career with Catwalk, Mumbai 2003 developing a range for gala events like "Glad rags Fashion hunt", customized shoes for celebrities, models and designer labels.

She became a part of FDDI in 2006 and is actively involved in teaching and mentoring students in various design related courses offered by Institution. She represented FDDI in EXPO RIVA SCHUH-Riva del Garda, Italy in 2007 with a special range of traditional MOJARI. She has thoroughly applied her learnings and experience taking her to diverse places, commercial and grassroots design setups in multiple domain through HRD Craft cluster initiatives in Rajasthan, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh on traditional footwear, leather and non-leather products. She is involved in Industry consultation, conducting workshops on design, space & exhibition setups during EXPOSITION, Exhibition MERAKI 2018, 2023,2024, RESURGENCE 2019, KNOWLEDGE FESTIVAL 2020, Sneaker Design Workshop 2021,2022,2023,2024.

With a passion to design and teach, an orientation to build and execute, she believes in progressive work challenges and endeavor to upskill.

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Mr. Nikhil Katiyar

Designation : Faculty

**Specialization : Productivity, 2D CAD, Ergonomics,
Entrepreneurship, Design project**

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He is a Bachelor of Engineering (2010). He has pursued his Masters in International Business. He joined FDDI as Faculty in Footwear Department in the year 2015. Before joining FDDI he was associated with the footwear industry. He has a wide experience of training in the area of Footwear Production, Ergonomics & Productivity enhancement techniques, and Entrepreneurship. He has been trained in marker-less motion capture (GAIT) by SIMI reality motion systems and has completed a course on Applied Ergonomics from IIT Kanpur.

He is currently working towards augmenting the capacity of FDDI students in the area of productivity, ergonomics in design & entrepreneurship.

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Mr. Arvind Kumar Katiyar

Designation : Faculty

**Specialization : Footwear Manufacturing Techniques,
Customized Footwear**

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M.A. (Economics), Diploma in Leather Technology, Footwear & Computer Aided shoe Design. 16 years of experience in academics including 8 years of experience in customised & orthopaedics footwear development. Specialisation in Moccasins & driving shoes. Delivered skill development training at cluster level in the area of footwear manufacturing & product enhancement. Faculty for design, Time study & footwear manufacturing Techniques. Training of personnel in design development, pattern engineering and sampling .Key interest area Last development, orthopaedics, special purpose footwear etc.

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Mr. Srinivasan K

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade - II

**Specialization : Pre-Production Technology, Product Costing,
Product Engineering, Production Management,
Quality Management and Retail Management.**

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Academic Credentials: Mr. Srinivasan K is a qualified professional with a strong academic background, including a B.Tech in Leather Technology (2009), an M.Tech in Footwear Science & Engineering (2011), and an MBA in Retail Management (2013) from Anna University, Chennai.

Professional Experience: With significant work experience, he began his career as a Management Trainee at Kora Shoes Pvt Ltd., Chennai, followed by a role as a Footwear Consultant with SEN Hospital, Chennai, where he focused on diabetic footwear. He later served as a faculty member and consultant at the Central Footwear Training Institute (CFTI), Chennai, where he was involved in training, common facility services and consultancy services, holding various positions. He is currently a Senior Faculty Grade II at FDDI, Hyderabad.

Research and Contributions: Mr. Srinivasan K has published research on the topic "Preparation and Characterization of Footwear Soling Materials Based on Biodegradable Polyurethane" and has contributed various articles to leather and footwear magazines.

Awards and Recognition: He has received several accolades, including the Mecca Haji Abdul Majid Sahib Endowment Award (2012) and the B.M. Das Memorial Medal (2011). Additionally, he was a recipient of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) Scholarship (2009-2011) after qualifying in the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE), conducted by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee.

Nurturing Professional Talent: He is constantly focused on developing academic professionals to excel in their fields, whether as professionals or entrepreneurs, to support the Indian footwear sector.

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Mr. Hafiz Obaidullah

Designation : Jr. Faculty

Specialization : Footwear design and production for the domain of new product development

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Specialization: footwear design for the domain of the new product development.

Introduction:

Research scholar in fashion design, masters in fashion technology with specialization in footwear design, Bachelor in fashion and apparel design from Bangalore university and diploma engineering in leather and footwear technology from AMU.

Workshop, conference and research paper publication in International journals.

1. workshop on design education NEP 2020 entitled Design Education Continuum from school to higher education system-NID Haryana

2. paper presented at international conference for sustainable design practice-NIFT-Kangra

3. Published Research paper in international journals of research in applied science and engineering technology-(URASET57371) entitled elements and principles of design for sustainability

4. paper publication at international journals of modernization in engineering technology and science(IRJMET5820932) entitled impact of computer and its modernization in fashion world.

9 years of industry and institutional experience in the fashion and the footwear design innovation in product development with advance computer aided design and manufacturing techniques.

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Mr. Siddharth Vikram

Designation : Jr. Faculty

Specialization: Orthopaedic analysis, Polymer Processing techniques, GAIT Analysis and its impact on body movement, Injection, Roto & Extrusion Moulding, VRFB Energy Efficiency System, Biomedical Orthopaedic Implants, Tissue Engineering, Super Absorbing Hydrogels (SAP) Polymers, CNC & APT Part Programming, Engineering Materials, Toolroom Facilities.

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Experienced M.Tech Research Scholar from IIT Guwahati with M.Tech focused in Computer Assisted Manufacturing & a demonstrated history of working in the domain of Plastic processing techniques namely; Injection Moulding, Roto & Extrusion moulding along with detailed history of working on various Testing Characterisation facilities of XRD, FESEM, NMR, FTIR, EDA-X, GPC, Rheology, Tribology & other similar Spectroscopy techniques etc. Also holds an experience in the domain of DST sponsored ESPOB project of IRD department of IIT Delhi under a ministry funded project guided by Prof. Dr Anil Verma, Chemical Department, IIT Delhi. Developed a triblock copolymer hydrogel PCL-PEG-PCL for the utilization in orthopaedic implants and defects guided by Ass. Prof. Dr. M. Ravi Sankar, IIT Tirupati alongside worked on an another DST funded project of Super absorbing Hydrogels (SAP) polymer for cultivation and irrigation program of semi-arid region while working as a Lecturer in Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engg. & Technology. Skilled in utilization of softwares namely Origin Pro-8, ACD Spectrus, Auto Simulator etc and APT part programming on both Siemens and HAAS system. Overall holds an academic teaching experience of more than 8 years and currently working as Junior Faculty at manufacturing Excellence Unit of Footwear Design & Production at FDDI Noida.

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Mr. Sanjiv Kumar

Designation : Faculty

Specialization : Footwear Technology Manufacturing Process (Leather & Non leather Footwear) and Leather Manufacturing Process

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I have completed my Diploma in Footwear Technology (2 Years) in 1992 from Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial training, Punjab.

I have 21 years' Industrial experience for Footwear Production Planning & Control for leather and Non Leather Footwear Manufacturing Process. I have also setup, installed and commissioned new leather and Non- leather footwear unit.

Since 2013 to till date I am working as Faculty (FDP) in FDDI.

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Mr. Ashok Joshi

Designation : Faculty

Specialization: Footwear Manufacturing, Operation Management, Productivity, Production Planning, Testing, Troubleshooting & Quality Control.

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Ashok Joshi, M.Des-Creative Designing (CAD/CAM), MBA-Finance & Operation Management , Masters in Public Administration & Three Years Diploma in Leather Technology-Footwear (CASD).

He has joined FDDI as Faculty in 2010 and has over 15 years of Industrial & Footwear Training (academics & administration) experience along with consultancy. He has vital experience of industrial belt & institutional work man ship in the area of Footwear- Design & Manufacturing, Ergonomics & Design, curriculum development, design and development of customized courses, short term courses, Training of Trainers, training and development of artisans/artisanal clusters and related areas.

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Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena

Designation : Faculty

Specialization : Design & Technology

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Joined as an Academician in 2011. He has Industrial & academic experience that spans nearly 13 years. He has acquired his Post Graduation in Footwear Technology, specialized in Footwear Designing as well as Master's in Production Operations Management. His Teaching Specialization areas are Design, Virtual 3D Modelling, Smart Wearable Applications, Conceptualizations, Full Shoe Manufacturing, Non-Leather Technology, Reverse Engineering & Product Costing etc.

International & Consultancy Projects: -. He had been working with various International Projects – LIDI & TVET (Technical Vocational Educational Training) in Addis Ababa, Hawassa at Ethiopia (Northern Africa). He has been working on various research projects such as R&D assistance to (Ordnance Equipment Factory Board) OFB Kanpur, BSDM, PLSDP, WCL etc.

International Accreditations: - Research Awards under Virtual Modelling, in a significant testament to the academic excellence and innovative endeavours of the FDDI, he has achieved a notable milestone, and has been bestowed with the prestigious "Best International Researcher Award 2024" by the Asia Research Awards 2024. This esteemed recognition was conferred upon Mr. Prashant during the International Congress for Research Excellence (ICRE 2024), a globally acclaimed event organized in Trichy, Tamil Nadu, on the 16th of March, 2024

International Research Papers Publications by Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena: -

1. Exploration of Innovative Marketing Strategies for the Growth of the Indian Footwear and Leather.
2. Optimization of Production Processes: Implementation of TPM/TQM in Footwear Manufacturing Lines.
3. Transformative Potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications in Footwear Design and Production.
4. Sculpting the Perfect Shoe: AI-Driven Design Methodologies.
5. Addressing Foot Abnormalities Through AI: Crafting Bespoke Solutions for Diabetic Individuals.
6. Transformative Potential of 3D Printing in Footwear Production: Reshaping Traditional Manufacturing.
7. Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities in the Indian Footwear Industry.
8. Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) Applications in Footwear Retail and Design.
9. Sustainable Fashion and Material Innovation: Novel Approaches to Eco-Friendly Footwear Design.
10. Foot Abnormalities: - Causes and Solutions.
11. The Impact of Design Thinking on Innovations: - Insight view on Product Design Industries.
12. Footwear Design for Extreme Environment Challenges & Innovation.
13. Wearable health technology in footwear – Monitoring and Managing Chronic conditions.
14. Digital Twin Technology in footwear production enhancing efficiency and quality control.
15. Ergonomics and Human Factors in the Design of Occupational footwear for specializes industries.
16. 4D printed footwear dynamic shoe structure responding to environmental changes.
17. The Future of Footwear: Exploring the Transformative Potential of 3D Printing.

Design Patents Granted to Mr. Prashant Kumar Saxena: - Design Patent granted on A.I Artificial Intelligence, enabled Mobile Device for Logistic Facility Management System for Skilled Workers in Heavy Industries like Footwear, Automobile, etc.

He keeps updating himself with the latest knowledge through various faculty development programs, conferences, workshops in his discipline & likes to interact with the students on live projects, research works etc. Passionate about his work, he sets realistic goals and displays professionalism in his undertakings. He has served the institution as a HoD, Chairperson, Convenors & Member of several committees like Cultural & Sports, Internships & Placements etc and represented FDDI at various international and national Fairs/Platforms etc.

Dr. Pankaj Dubey

Designation : Faculty

Specialization : Footwear Manufacturing & Mechanical Engineering

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Dr. Pankaj Dubey is a Faculty Member of Footwear Design & Development Institute (An Institution of National Importance under FDDI Act 2017) at Chhindwara. He is Ph.D. and M Tech in Mechanical Engineering from Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal and B. E. in Mechanical Engineering from Rajiv Gandhi Proudyogiki Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal. He has got commendable flair for teaching. Dr Dubey is having a teaching, research and industry experience of more than 11 years in the field of Mechanical Engineering. he worked with various institutions like SATI Vidisha, MANIT Bhopal, CSIR AMPRI Bhopal and GD Goenka University Gurugram. He has also granted one design patent. he has authored a book titled "Investigation of Heat Transfer in Concentric Tube Heat Exchanger". He has published over 10 peer-reviewed papers in reputed international journals and conferences. He was awarded Best Researcher Award 2021 by the International Scientist Awards on Engineering & Medicine, Organized by VD GOOD Professional Association. he has keen interest in footwear materials and footwear manufacturing.

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Mr. Abdul Rahuman M

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade-II

**Specialization : Footwear Design, New Product Development,
Visual Thinking & 3D CAD Applications.**

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Mr. Abdul Rahuman M, Post- graduated in Creative Designing (CAD & CAM) from FDDI. He also Qualified the UGC-(NET) for eligibility as Assistant Professor. Mr.Abdul has more than fourteen years of cumulative industry and academic experience. He has worked with Industries like Vennpou shoes (Chennai), CR shoes (Ambur) & India shoes pvt ltd (Chennai) as a designer.

Mr. Abdul has been working at the FDDI since January 2014. He have outstanding working knowledge of software such as shoemaster, Fusion 360, Rhino 3D, Corel draw, Illustrator and so on. His research areas are in design futures, inclusive design, footwear digital design and so on.

Mr. Abdul published ten research papers in National & International Conferences and Journals. Author of a chapter in book "Multidisciplinary Research" entitled "Recent development in smart shoe technology" (ISBN: 978-93-90217-32-8), and published a book titled "Fashion Accessories 1.0" (ISBN: 978-93-90307-29-6).

Mr. Abdul also trained students on the long term & short-term course in FDDI. Mr. Abdul actively coordinated several one-day workshops, webinars, master classes and seminars related to design. In recent, He also published two design protection of "KV Derby" (Design number: 358034-001),and HB Sneaker(Design number: 375727-001) in the Indian Patent Office Journal. He also appreciated by RGNIPM, Ministry of Commerce & Industry. Additionally, he has been actively mentoring students in the BIS Standard Club (SC.8240) since 2023.

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Mr. K. Elayaraja

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Specialization : Leather Technology, Footwear Technology & Assembly.

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Mr. K. Elayaraja has an extensive background in Leather Technology and holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Footwear Technology from CLRI. With 26 years of experience in the footwear and leather industries, his expertise is complemented by academic accomplishments, making him a distinguished figure in the field.

Having spent four years internationally in China, Dubai, Hong Kong, and Vietnam, collaborating with renowned brands, he brings a wealth of global exposure to his endeavors. Throughout his career, Mr. K. Elayaraja has made significant contributions to HRD projects in India, including the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Programme (TNSDP), Placement Linked Skill Development Programme (PLSDP), the Primary Skill Development Programme (PSDP), the Secondary Skill Development Programme (SSDP). He is currently involving in the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) training programme under Gramodyog Vikas Yojana since 2023. He has also been imparting knowledge to students through long-term and short-term courses at FDDI. His dedication and expertise have earned him recognition through several prestigious awards from leading organizations.

Moreover, Mr. K. Elayaraja is actively engaged in the craftsmanship of hand-made and customized footwear. His proficiency spans a variety of shoe constructions, including Bologna, Sacchetto, and welted constructions. In addition to his hands-on achievements, he has secured a pioneering patent (Patent No. 202241069290, Published Date: 16/12/2022, CBR Number: 203868) for smart wearable technology.

Mr. K. Elayaraja has authored the following research papers covering a diverse range of topics, including biodegradability, tanning systems, sports footwear, environmental science, biomechanics, and leather evaluations:

- Influential Similarity: A Comparative Study of Kalankari and Cheriya Cloth Painting in South India (ISSN: 2277-7881, April 2023, pp. 103-114). Published in Study on Indian Handicrafts: An Art, Craft, and Design Scenario (ISBN: 978-93-83729-32-6).
- A Comparative Study of Nirmal Craft Design: Present Scenario (pp. 255-271, Sept 25, 2023).
- The Historical Perspective on Mandapa Pillars Design at the Tadvai Bhadrakali Sametha Veereswara Swami Temple: Pillar Art and Cultural Representation in Unity. In Recent Advances in Management & Social Sciences, published by Sharda Global Research Publications, July 10, 2023.
- Enhancing Footwear Comfort: Preliminary Study on Material, Design, and Gait Analysis. Published in SCOPUS Journal (ISSN: 1695-7504).
- The Role of Footwear in Gait Analysis: A Comprehensive Review. Published on May 11, 2024.
- Eco-friendly Leather: Durable and Crack-resistant Shoe Upper. Published on March 3, 2024, in International Journal of Innovative Science and Research Technology (ISSN: 2456-2165).
- International Conference on Engineering Advances in Sports Shoes. June 12-14, 2024.

Mr. Naresh Kumar

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade - II

Specialization : Footwear Technology, Production & Quality Management, Manufacturing Excellence.

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Mr. Naresh Kumar is working at School of Footwear Design & Production with FDDI since year 2013. He holds Master studies as MA-Education in Measuring & Academic Evaluation, MBA- in Footwear Design Production Management & Diploma in Footwear Design & Production (Textile Institute UK syllabus, CFTI-Chennai). He has specialization in Footwear Production & Quality management with cumulative experience of 20 years in Footwear & Leather Sector which includes 9 Years Industrial and 11 Years academic experience.

He has proven record of accomplishment of serving renowned Indian corporate groups & Multinational groups for Footwear Quality & Production control at Indian Factories. He has exposure of handling production for footwear brands like- Next-UK, ZARA, Wilson Leathers, Bronx Netherland, Ricosta, Kickers, Gaastra and many more.

He has significant contribution in research area of Footwear Design & Production. He published two chapters in book entitled 'Study on Fashion Accessories Design (ISBN 978-93-94766-28-0) & book entitled 'Study on Indian Handicrafts (ISBN 978-93 83729-32-6) with One Patent awarded at the Indian Patent Office (710017256).

He also trained students on the long term & short-term course at FDDI and actively coordinated several one-day workshops, webinars, masterclasses and seminars related to design & Production.

He is deputed as a 'Co-coordinator B.Des-Foundation Batch' at FDDI Hyderabad since year 2021.

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Mr. Loganathan T

Designation : Faculty

Specialization : Sport footwear Research & Development, with expertise spanning Biomechanics, Materials Science, and Innovative Shoe Construction Techniques

School of Footwear Design & Production



Mr. Loganathan T over a decade of experience, in the footwear and leather industries, coupled with academic pursuits. He completed his M.Tech in Footwear Science and Engineering at the Department of Leather Technology, Anna University, Chennai, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in sport footwear at the Department of Sports Technology, TNPEASU. He has held roles such as Process Audit Trainee at TATA International Limited and Manager at India Shoes Export Pvt, Tamil Nadu. Since 2019, he has been an essential part of the Footwear Design and Development Institute under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

He was honoured with the "Mecca Haaji Abdul Majid Sahib Endowment Best Project Award" from CSIR-CLRI (Anna University) in Chennai, India, and the "Best Visual Presentation Award" at the UITIC 19th International Technical Footwear Congress, also held in Chennai, India. Additionally, he was the recipient of the "Young Research Award 2022" and the "Best Teacher Award 2022" in recognition of his exceptional contributions to research and development.

He has authored 12 research papers in esteemed international journals covering diverse topics such as Biodegradability, Tanning systems, Sports footwear, Environmental science, Biomechanics and evaluation studies about leather & one text book about Research Methodology. He has also been an active participant as a speaker in five international conferences and has attended industrial programs in Malaysia and China before delving into research in robotic systems. Additionally, he has innovated various new soling materials and shoe construction techniques based on insole designs.

Indian Patent: Mr. Loganathan T. has developed and published several innovative patents across various fields, including sustainable sports shoes (Patent Number: 202341055036, Published Date: 01/09/2023), healthcare footwear Materials (Patent Number: 202241022891, Published Date: 06/05/2022), and environmental sustainability (Patent Numbers: 202221028032 & 202241047698, Published Dates: 27/05/2022 & 23/09/2022). These patents cover topics such as smart footwear (Patent Number: 202241069290, Published Date: 16/12/2022), diabetic blood glucose prediction, and the synthesis of superhydrophobic silica nanoparticles. His contributions demonstrate versatility and significant impact across diverse domains.

Software proficiency: AUTOCAD, PRO-E, ANSYS (basis), Shoe Master & Pro-Cam, Solid work and Catia.

Ms. Anila Sasi

Designation : Faculty

Specialization : Footwear Design integrating form study, sustainability practices, smart wearables and AR/VR, UI/UX design principles.

School of Footwear Design & Production



Ms. Anila Sasi, who graduated from FDDI with a specialization in footwear technology design, was honored as the best designer during her studies. With over 8 years of experience in both the footwear industry and academia, she played a pivotal role as one of the two pioneering designers at Paragon Polymers Pvt Ltd, Kottayam. She also freelanced in customized footwear design and collaborated with the FDDI HRD Training Center to nurture skilled manpower for the footwear industry. Ms. Anila is passionate about expanding her expertise, particularly in design, where she explores color, texture, and various techniques. She continues to delve into solid last modeling, casting, and design education, showcasing her versatility as a practitioner, researcher, and educator. Proficient in software tools like Illustrator, Photoshop, and InDesign, she actively creates various handmade products, demonstrating her diverse talents. Currently, she is researching UI and UX design principles in the footwear industry and has filed a patent for smart wearable technology (Patent Number: 202241069290, Published Date: 16/12/2022). She has also published two research papers in international journals.

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Ms. Shalini

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Specialization : Footwear Designing

School of Footwear Design & Production



She has done Master degree in Footwear Technology from FDDI- Fursatganj campus in 2014, has 8 years of renewed experience in academics and industry. And also give the services in skill development program under process in FDDI.

Her expertise is in product knowledge, materials, footwear designing by manually and software (2D & 3D CAD, Graphic designing)

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Mr. Rajesh Parashar

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade-I

Specialization : Footwear Cutting & closing, Product costing, Entrepreneurship and Footwear retailing.

School of Footwear Design & Production

He Has Completed 2 Years Full time Post Graduate program in Footwear Technology and Management (PGDFTM), MBA in retail Management and TEDP from (NIESBUD).He has also completed 3 months FDP from IIT Roorkee in International management. Have 19 years of Total experience, out of which 15 years working in Leather and Non-Leather Footwear sector in different domains like. Product Costing, Procurement's, Material Planning, Material Sourcing, Inventory Management, Factory- Setup, Training in Cutting/Clicking, Entrepreneurship management ,Project handling and Project Guidance. Also handled International Project being in team of FDDI during international consultancy. Have written Quality research paper and published in different Indian Magazines. His research paper has been awarded as best research paper in Oral paper presentation category by SFSN in 2019.

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Mr. Varun Gupta

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade- I

Specialization : Footwear Manufacturing

School of Footwear Design & Production



Varun Gupta pursued MBA in Footwear Designing & Production Management and MSc. in Computer Science. He also holds 2 years Diploma in Footwear Design & Production from Central Footwear Training Institute (CFTI), Agra.

He has more than twenty years of experience in academics and industry with renowned Footwear organizations and institutions such as FDDI, TATA International-Dewas, Sagari Leathers- Agra and KIWI Enterprises- Gurugram. After serving in Footwear Industry for six years, he diversified his services towards academics, training, and consultancy. Currently, he is working as Center In-charge of Fursatganj (Raebareli) Campus. He worked as an International Consultant in South Africa under the South African Footwear and Leatherwear National Cluster Project through Vaal University of Technology (VUT) & Dept. of Trade & Industry (DTI), South Africa. He also gave International Consultancy in Gabrone, Botswana for skill up-gradation training program to the clients and staff of Leather Industry Incubator of Local Enterprise Authority (LEA), Botswana.

He is an author of book ABC of Footwear Technology published by Notion Press. He has also written 2 books for FDDI named as Basic Cutting & Basic Closing in Hindi for short-term training programs. He has research experience with the publication of 3 research papers in international journals, 2 in a national journal and 4 chapters in a book by a national publisher. With the best oral presentation award, he presented 8 research papers as oral and 2 as a poster presentation at various conferences. His 6 articles are published in several magazines.

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Mr. Sumit Fernandez

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade - II, HOD

Specialization : Product Development, Production and Quality

School of Footwear Design & Production

Associated with FDDI as a Senior Faculty since 2012. Having 23 years of total experience in footwear industry majorly in product development and academics. Also worked with some major brands like Reebok, Adidas, Liberty, Relaxo, SSIPL etc. Also done international projects in LIDI, Ethiopia and product development projects in China.

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Mr. Mukesh Saini

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade - II

Specialization : Footwear Lasting, Footwear Component,
Footwear Finishing and Marketing

School of Footwear Design & Production

He is a Senior Faculty Footwear at FDDI for 10 years and seven months. He has completed his MBA in Marketing. Further, he has completed his professional course from FDDI Noida, Ministry of Commerce, and Government of India with specialization in Footwear. He has also completed his Masters degree in Commerce. He has served in the footwear industry for more than 12 years in the area of Research and Development, costing and merchandising. During his academic career till date, has attended many faculty development programmer. He has also done International Industrial Footwear Projects in Ethiopia and Bangladesh.

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Mr. Varun Tripathi

Designation : Faculty

Specialization : Upper Closing, Production Planning

School of Footwear Design & Production



Varun Tripathi Faculty, Department of Footwear design and production. His versatility in academic platform enriches the students practical relevant areas. He has Qualified MBA in Footwear Design and Production Management and ten years experience in academic. He is a man who believes in enriching & updates himself in various disciplines of his domain, which has taken him to represent in various seminars. Written an article on Role of Artificial Intelligence in Footwear Technology in 2022.

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Mr. Pramod Salunkhe

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade - II

Specialization : B.E. Polymer, Diploma Chemical Engg. ,MBA.

School of Footwear Design & Production



Presently working with FDDI (Footwear Design & Development Institute) as a Sr. Faculty in Material Science department of the School of Footwear Design & Production with the vision to contribute in dispersing knowledge of Polymer Science and Technology including all about plastics, polymer rubbers and elastomers, adhesives, etc. for the development of students of Footwear Design & Production batches with wide application of knowledge and experience in teaching & industry from reputed organizations in India. I have Worked in the environment of ISO 9001: 2008 in CIPET rendering the services to the people/customers/ students from enquiry to delivery of the product & services.

Before FDDI, worked as a Senior Technical Officer with CIPET (Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology), Lecturer in Chemical Engineering in BVIT, Production Engineer in Chemical & Polymer processing companies and acquired knowledge & experience in the field of Education & training, production, processing and compounding of plastics & polymers and related areas.

During the tenure of FDDI, worked on two projects viz. Centers of Excellence, one at FDDI Rohtak, Haryana for non-leather footwear sector and other at FDDI Jodhpur, Rajasthan on safety footwear sector in January 2021, also worked as a member of "syllabus review committee" for UG courses/ modules in Footwear Design & Production in year 2021 for incorporating the modules on Polymer Science & Technology, Polymeric Materials, Polymer & Rubber Processing, Additives & Compounding, Non leather Footwear Assembling Technology, etc. And taught some polymer modules to students of M Design in FDP Noida and outgoing Ethiopian students of LGAD in Noida campus in the year 2020- 21.

Presently, teaching Rubber & Polymer Processing, Non leather Footwear assembling techniques, Footwear Chemicals & Polymers, Ergonomics & usability and some management related subjects like Communication Skills, Business Communication, Principles of Management, etc.

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Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Mishra

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Specialization : Footwear Technology

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Having nearly 18 years of academic and industrial experience in the area of Footwear Manufacturing/Planning/ Quality Control and associated with FDDI since 2007.

He is a Science Graduate, completed Diploma in Footwear Technology from FDDI in the Year 2004. He has also Certificate course in ISO 9001 Internal Auditing from Quality Resource Management, New Delhi and Certificate course in Retail Management from MSME.

Besides teaching activities, he has also conducted several on-site footwear skill development programmes in companies like Tata International Ltd. Dewas, Oscar Leather, Mohali, Sant Rubber, Jalandhar etc. He has also coordinated HRD and STA activities of FDDI in the state of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu, Punjab and West Bengal.

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Mr. Praveen Khalkho

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Specialization : Footwear PDC/Closing/Product Knowledge/Foot anatomy/ Seminar / Ergonomic

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13+ Experience as a footwear technologist, Post Graduate in Footwear Technology and Management with experience in Footwear Design and Development, Marketing and Merchandising, Production Planning, Quality Control and Closing Operations in various companies of repute. Achieved vast work experience and knowledge on diversified leather, fabric and synthetic products ranging from footwear. Have a strong interest in fashion along with the ability to engage and build relationships with consumers. Excellent customer service attitude, communication and interpersonal skills.

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Mr. Shyamanand jha

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Specialization: subjects of Retail Merchandising and International Business.

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Area of teaching is Footwear lasting, Component manufacturing and Specialization subjects of Retail Merchandising and International Business. Member of various committee of FDDI, Patna.

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Mr. Rahul Kumar Pandey

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Specialization : Footwear Designing & CAD/CAM

School of Footwear Design & Production



By Qualification Diploma in Advanced Footwear Design & Production (2 Years course-UK Textile Institute syllabus based), BBA from TNOU & certificate programme in Design Thinking for Customer Centric Innovation from IIM- Kozhikode, I have 15 years Industrial & Academic Experiences From different industries like Tata International Ltd., Pond Exports Ltd., (Subsidiary of Hindustan Unilever Ltd.) From 2011 to till date working in FDDI, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India, as Senior Faculty PDC Footwear Design & Production.

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Mr. Jitender Gupta

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade - I

Specialization : Administration

School of Footwear Design & Production



B.sc with (Chemistry, Math), Company Secretary (Foundation) from Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Footwear Technologist (An FDDI Alumnus SFT 1999 Batch) having vast total around 24 years of experience in Academics/Industries and also provide consultancy in different Industries/Institution Like Vision India, DDU-GKY Project etc.).

Worked as Quality controller at M/s Mirza International Ltd. Unit -5, Noida.

Worked as Footwear Technologist in National Leather Development Programme (An UNDP Assisted Govt. of India Programme).

Worked as Quality Inspector for M/s Simon Corporation Ltd. Tokyo, Japan.

Worked as Dean/HOD at IISTEM.

With a vision to work like bridge between Industries and Institute, joined Footwear Design & Development Institute in March 2008 as Sr. Faculty/Center In charge, School of Footwear.

Worked as Project Manager in Support to Artisan Project in the State of Rajasthan.

Worked as Academic In charge at FDDI Fursatganj.

Worked as Center In charge/Training In charge for training programme under PSDP Scheme Government of India in the state of U.P, M.P, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh & Gujarat.

Worked as Center In charge/Training In charge for Training Programme under NSKFDC Deptt. Govt. of India.

Worked as Center In charge/Training In charge for Training Programme under UPSDM Deptt., Govt. of U.P.

Worked as Center In charge/Training In charge for training Programme under MAPCET Department, Govt. of M.P

Member of Board of Studies of the Leather & Footwear Technology Section, University Polytechnic at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

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Mr. Mahesh Kumar

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Specialization : Footwear Technology

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Mahesh Kumar having diploma in Mechanical and MBA in marketing management. He joined FDDI as Technical faculty FDP on Sept. 2013. He has experience of more than 32 years in industry and academics in Footwear Production and Quality Control. Prior joining to FDDI, he had worked with the prominent footwear manufacturers such as Tata International, Mirza International, Lakhani Groups and Mochiko shoes. He has specialization in the field of footwear Lasting Technology, footwear Component Technology, Product Knowledge & Leather Finishing.

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Mr. Sunil Kumar

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Specialization : Footwear Technology

School of Footwear Design & Production



Sunil Kumar having MBA in International Business, Post-Graduate Diploma in Footwear Technology from FDDI Noida and PG Diploma in Rural Development from IGNOU. He joined FDDI Jodhpur as Associate Faculty on March 2014 in Footwear Design and Production department. He is having 9 years of teaching experience. He has specialization in the area of Footwear Technology (Leather & Non Leather Footwear). His teaching career started as an Assistant Professor with Pranath Pranami Institute of Footwear Technology. He is also associated with various footwear projects and presently doing research work on Branding and promotions of Ethnic Footwears known as Mojaris which is a specialty of Rajasthan. His recent Research Paper published in the International journal of Recent Scientific Research on the topic Entrepreneurship Vs Job a Case Study of Youth of Jodhpur.

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Mr. Manoj Kumar Roy

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Specialization: Non Leather Footwear and foot-care Design & production management system, Polymer science.

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Qualified Footwear/Foot care professional from FDDI, Noida with more than 22 yearsâ€™ experience in Product development, Production management, Quality management, Global sourcing, Project management, Training & Education along with Six sigma certificate course from (IIT), PGBDM (Marketing & International business), IMT Ghaziabad, B.sc(Physics). Experience in footwear, foot care & FMCG industry in India, China, Singapore, Indonesia, Taiwan associated with international brand like Reebok, Nike, Dr. Scholl, Orthaheel, Yonex etc. Currently, working as Sr. Faculty at FDDI for Leather and Sports footwear, foot-care technology. Research and development on sport shoes and foot-care product. Integration of fashion technology technique in footwear design, development and process enhancement.

Paper publish in International seminar on PU In socks for women (2019), Research work carried out on Orthaheel (Orthopedic), Diabetic, Open cell and closed PU foam in-socks & footwear, Antibacterial treatment.

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Ms. Medini Prabha

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Specialization: 2D-3D CAD CAM, New Product development, Footwear & accessory design

School of Footwear Design & Production



Ms. Medini Prabha, who graduated from FDDI Kolkata with a designing specialization in 2017. During studies she won first position in footwear fashion show. She have more than 7 years of experience in industry as well as academic. She worked in industry as Creative Designer for Hush Puppies, Geox, Start-Rite, Charlie Paige (Internationally), Tata, Zudio, Pantaloons (National). Also did freelancing for Paragoon.

In academic she is specialized in 2D - 3D CAD CAM like Shoemaster, Rhino, Knitting, 3D Printer, Graphic Design. She focus on teaching creative design using different types of inspiration, elements, texture & shapes.

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Mr. Kailash Chandra

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Specialization: Technology And Management

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Kailash Chandra is a science graduate from CSJMU university (1985), MBA in Footwear Design & Production Management in the year (2015). He is a professionally qualified Footwear & Leather Goods Technologist from Govt. leather Institute, Kanpur (1984). He completed his certificate course in CAD/CAM from CFTI, Agra (2011).

He is a blend of 'Techno-Management', a result oriented senior level professional with 38+ years of experience (Industry 25+ years & Teaching 13+ Years) in various manufacturing unit across India and in academia.

He has worked with many international brands like Geox, Reno, Orlando, Park lane shoes, EEGIM shoes, etc

He has been deputed to Ethiopia for International Projects in Twinning Program providing technical support to industries from benchmarking to develop skilled manpower to cater to the requirements of the industry. Worked as a team member in launching of B.Sc.-Footwear Science and Engineering program with Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. Developed TTLM for the trainers, prepared Hand-outs as study materials to the requested subjects and submitted to Footwear Directorate-LIDI, Ethiopia.

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Mr. Prashanta Kumar Nanda

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Specialization: Footwear, Designing

School of Footwear Design & Production



I am Prashanta Kumar Nanda, having keen instincts to quickly effect change and improvement with key expertise in visualizing, designing, and executing business process re-engineering and relationship with market programs. Having 27 years of experience, my expertise is Creative designs, copying designs, problem solving, sampling, quality management and analytical skills combined with R&D management and having a strong techno analytical skill in footwear designing and manufacturing. Worked in various footwear industries both domestic and international, now working as a senior faculty in FDDI since 2010. . Provided technical/design support to domestic manufacturers and international teams, LIDI, Ethiopia and COEL (ILO, Project) to Bangladesh.

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Mr. Shyam Kumar Katiyar

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade - II

Specialization : Production Operation Management & Lasting Techniques

School of Footwear Design & Production



Shyam Katiyar completed his M.A- Economic (1992), MBA in Marketing (1995) and Diploma in Footwear Technology (1985). He has M.Phil. (Submission stage) from Shobhit Deemed University, Meerut, He has also worked with various reputed footwear companies such as TATA International Ltd. and Leiner Shoes Pvt. Ltd. at Managerial level. He has 34 years of industrial & academics experience. He is an active member of an International organisation SATRA. He was certified with numerous awards from premium organizations for valuable contribution in the areas of academics:

- Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)- Lean Management
- ASSOCHAM- Covid-19 Impact on Various Sectors of Economy
- ST. Anne's Arts And Science College- Intellectual Property Right

Further he has authored and presented various national and international research papers, which are published in reputed Index journals.

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Mr. Ramkesh

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Specialization : Lasting Techniques, Constructions, Footwear Designing (Manually)

School of Footwear Design & Production



He has completed MBA in Fashion Design (2019) from Swami Vivekanand Subharti University, Meerut. Diploma (3 years)- Leather Technology, Footwear (computer added shoe design) from Govt. leather institute Agra in 2003.

He has worked at different designations in footwear and shoe last industry - Sanghavi shoe last (Kanpur- 2005), FDDI fursatganj (Raebareli) -2011, Bata India Ltd. (Gurgaon- 2014), New decent footwear (Agra -2016), AFPL Global pvt ltd (Kanpur -2018) and now joined as Sr.Faculty (FDP-2021) at Rohtak campus.

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Mr. Ashok Kumar Sahai

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Specialization : Footwear & Management.

School of Footwear Design & Production

Ashok Sahai completed his B.Sc. from Delhi University (1995), M.B.A. (Marketing) from IIMT Greater Noida (1997) and DFD from FDDI Noida (2000). He has completed his M.Phil. degree (2019) and Ph.D. (in continuation) from Shobhit Deemed University, Meerut. He has done Executive program in Product & Brand Management from IIM Rohtak (2023). Prior to joining FDDI, worked in the companies like Mirza International Ltd, Crew BOS products Pvt.Ltd, Creative Home Fashions, Apollo International Ltd. He joined FDDI as Sr. Faculty / HOD LGAD Dept (2009) . He has 20 years of experience including academic and industry. He has worked on numerous research papers (published in National and International journals) on footwear market & scenario in India. He served in International Consultancy Projects also in African countries Ethiopia & Botswana. His passion for Sports shoes enjoys a hands-on approach to their creative world, continues to explore the Sports shoe field as a practitioner, researcher and as an educator.

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Mr. Krishna Deo Pandey

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Specialization : Footwear Technology and Management

School of Footwear Design & Production

After having the first hand experience in the Leather Industry for nearly 22 years, Krishna Deo Pandey joined FDDI in 2013. He has an expertise in Footwear Technology and Human Resource Management. He keeps updating himself with the latest knowledge in his discipline and likes to interact with the students on latest buzz of the industry. He has attended several conferences, industrial trainings and presented and published papers in fields related to Leather and Footwear Technology. Apart from academic profile, K.D. Pandey is a Conveyor for Admissions & Promotion Committee and Sports Committee.

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Mr. Sudeshna Rakshit

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Specialization : Footwear Designing

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I am a Footwear Designer, and completed my graduation in B.Sc in Footwear Technology with designing specialization from FDDI Rohtak (2015) & MBA with specialization in marketing from SMUDE (2020). I also have 6+ years of experience in Footwear Industry as Footwear & Accessories Designer cum Merchandiser & worked in companies like Liberty shoes Limited, Choudhry Enterprises & JPC private Limited.

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Mr. Rahul Yadav

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade-II

Specialization : Footwear Design, New Product Development,

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completed Diploma in Leather Goods & Footwear Technology (3 years) in 2003 from Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education. I have 10 years' Industrial experience & 8 years Academic experience in Product Development (Footwear) for leather and Non-Leather Footwear Manufacturing Process.

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Mr. Prince Joseph

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade - II

Specialization: Ergonomics and usability Footwear Bottom Construction, Footwear Bottom Components, Organizational Behavior & HR, Principles of Management

School of Footwear Design & Production

Prince Joseph is a Sr.Faculty Gr-II of School of Footwear design & Production at Hyderabad campus, employed since 2011. He is a strong academician, worked as mentor, leader, and administrator having 23 years of experience in core domain expertise, comprising 13 years of academic instruction and 10 years of industry experience, with a proven record of accomplishment of serving renowned corporate groups. In addition to his diploma in footwear manufacturing, he holds Master studies in Labour Management and MBA- in Footwear Design & Production Management. His primary areas of expertise are in the fields of footwear technology; including research and applications, Foot anatomy and solid modelling of last, Ergonomics and usability, Footwear bottom construction, and Footwear bottom components. He has been nominated as a Convergence Coordinator in order to initiate the use of collaborative resources & joint project proposals between NID, NIFT, IIFT, IIP and FDDI-Hyderabad.

To keep abreast of his academic discipline and to maintain the highest personal standard, participated in developing technical curriculum modules, continued research, which leads and strives to improve the effectiveness of teaching. Submitted research paper titled "Foot Abnormalities: Understanding Prevalence, Impact, and Innovative Solutions" with IJSRP Volume 13, Issue 10, and October 2023. Building continued relationship with Footwear and Leather sectors that shall give our Interns access to the newest advancements technology, as well as getting better placements for our yearly pass-out graduates.

Early in 2013, deputed to Ethiopia for the International Projects in Twinning Program of Phase-I & Phase-II, which provided technical assistance to companies from benchmarking to the creation and development of skilled and intellectual labor to meet industrial demands. Also, worked in a team, launching of B.Sc. degree in Footwear Science and Engineering program with Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. Developed TTLM for the trainers, prepared study materials for the subjects handled and submitted to Footwear Directorate-LIDI.

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Mr. Vishva kumar

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade - II

Specialization : Leather technology, upper closing, finishing & production operation management

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In 2009, M Vishva Kumar joined FDDI after more than 2 decades of working in industry and academia. He teaches upper closing technology, shoe finishing technology, material studies and production operation management.

Vishva Kumar has done his graduation in leather technology at Anna university, footwear technology at CFTC Chennai and Advance footwear technology at Bata international college of shoemaking in Zlin, Czech republic. He has done a master's degree in footwear design and production management. While working as an assistant professor in NIFT Chennai and Gandhi Nagar, he had done design and development projects in leather products at Bhuj, Rapar & Tharad clusters at Gujarat (Grimco). He has also done design and development projects in wood products at Kesla village, Madhya Pradesh (MPHHC).

He worked as a consultant and conducted productivity improvement training and skill development, HRD training at footwear industries across south India. He also taught footwear technology at Addis Abba science & technology university (AASTU), Ethiopia.

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Mr. Ramesh D

Designation : Faculty

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Mr Ramesh D, Faculty in Footwear department, FDDI Chennai for 12 years, has done his Post graduation MBA in Footwear Design and Production Management, MBA in Management, Certified in LEAN, and has also finished A.F.Tech. (Advanced Footwear Technology) at CFTC, Government of India. Presently working as an Associate faculty in School of Footwear Design and production Management, FDDI, Chennai. Excellent knowledge in Footwear manufacturing process and expertise in Shoe upper cutting and closing Technology.

Mr Ramesh D apart from teaching has 17 years of Industrial experience in different companies handling various international shoe brand customers, manufacturing industries and leather goods manufacturing industries, wide interest including New Product development. Good exposure in working with international environment and has travelled to South Africa for professional and skill consultancy work.

Mr Ramesh D at FDDI handles Footwear Technology, cutting Technology, skilled in CAM and Conducting Workshops and worked as a consultant and conducted productivity improvement training and skill development, HRD training at footwear industries across south India, trained more than 2500 people. Team Member in Placement and IDLS.

Mr Ramesh D is training students in long term, short-term courses at FDDI and conducting Production Management Training Program in Footwear manufacturing industries,

Mr Ramesh D actively coordinates workshops, webinars, and seminars related to manufacturing and has published research papers in National & International Conferences and Journals.

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Specialization : CAD/CAM Designing

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Associated with FDDI since March 2013 as a Junior Faculty. completed graduation in Business Administration and Diploma in Footwear Design from TNSCVT. Done various certificate courses to enrich the knowledge in Footwear manufacturing technology and also completed Design Thinking for Customer Centric Innovation (IIMK -Kozhikode). I Have wide areas of academic and professional interests, including Design Thinking and also involved in various Design projects. In recent years, I have been actively involved with academic projects with students concerning thinking creative Design which involves projects and International Design competition with complex issues/wicked problems ranging from Designing to production and also involved with design Projects/studios in the department of Designing CAD/CAM, Pattern Development, Grading & Cutting with various footwear Industries in India, Kaavis fashion, Mumbai, Choudhary International, Mumbai, ARS Footwear Chennai, Moda soles Bangalore, MV Shoe products, Coimbatore etc. Actively working as, a part of Integrated Development of Leather sector (IDLS).

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A dynamic professional with a multifaceted background in footwear design, quality management, merchandising, graphic design, and teaching.

With the experience as an Assistant Footwear Designer at Paragon and roles such as Footwear Quality Manager and Merchandiser with Zee Media Franchise, I've honed expertise in both design and production aspects of the industry.

As a versatile freelancer, I've collaborated on diverse projects including graphic design, mural art with Iconic Kids, and technical briefings of footwear and videography for Payntr x.

Currently, I share my knowledge as a Junior Faculty, instructing in Graphic Design and Advanced Sports Footwear Design, showcasing my passion for both creativity and education.

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Dr. Prashant Tripathi

Designation : Faculty

Specialization : Manufacturing System Engg, Unconventional Machining EDM & Dry EDM, Tool & Die Manufacturing, Quality Control & Industrial Management, CNC Milling and Lathe

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Prashant Tripathi is an experienced and dedicated Faculty with a strong academic background and expertise in Mechanical Engineering. He completed his B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering in 2010 and completed his M.Tech in Manufacturing System Engineering in 2013 from Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering & Technology, an institution under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. With 10 years of teaching experience, Prashant has made a significant contribution to the education sector. He has worked in various institutions, where he has imparted knowledge and mentored students in Mechanical Engineering domain like mould making, tool and die projects, Designing of Machine Tools, Unconventional Machining, Injection, and Compression moulding. Organized tailor-made courses of machine operators on CNC Milling and Lathe at CIPET. Presently heading Non-Leather department. Completed Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering on 'Unconventional Machining (EDM)'. His research interests primarily lie in manufacturing systems, unconventional machining, polymeric materials, Rapid prototyping, 3D printing, and reverse engineering.

He has supervised 02 M.Tech thesis in Industrial Engg and 15 B.tech projects in Mechanical Engg. He has published papers in renowned International (06 Nos) and National journals (01 Nos), which are listed in SCIE (Web of Sciences) and Scopus. The latest research Publications are listed below.

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4. Tripathi, P and Nikhil Kamara, Calculation of Process Capability of an Automotive Component after Implementation of SPC Technique. [Scopus]

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Mrs. Priyadharshini R

Designation : Sr. Faculty, Grade - II

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Dr. Priyadharshini R is a seasoned Footwear Technologist turned researcher, with a strong background in footwear product development and a passion for applying biomechanics to improve mobility and quality of life. With over 5 years of industrial experience and an equal tenure in academic research, Dr. Priyadharshini specializes in developing innovative offloading devices based on the walking biomechanics of individuals with diabetic foot ulcers.

Dr. Priyadharshini earned a Ph.D. in Technology from Anna University, Chennai, with a dissertation titled "Algorithm for Design and Development of Ankle Foot Orthosis for Patients with Diabetic Foot Ulcer Based on Biomechanical Principles." This groundbreaking research involved studying the walking patterns of individuals with diabetic foot ulcers and designing customized ankle-foot orthoses tailored to their unique biomechanical needs.

A key highlight of Dr. Priyadharshini's expertise lies in operating advanced gait and motion analysis systems. Proficient in handling BTS and SIMI motion analysis systems, they manage the entire workflow—from subject preparation and data acquisition to report generation and result interpretation. This expertise has enabled Dr. Priyadharshini to independently manage complex biomechanics laboratories and contribute to their establishment, notably being part of the installation team for the Biomechanics Laboratory at FDDI Rohtak.

Dr. Priyadharshini also has extensive experience in customizing footwear for individuals with lower-limb complications, leveraging plantar pressure studies to create bespoke solutions. This practical knowledge complements their 5 years of teaching experience in footwear-related subjects, where they mentor students in combining design, technology, and human biomechanics.

An inspiring educator and innovative researcher, Dr. Priyadharshini is committed to bridging the gap between technology and healthcare through footwear design and biomechanics, while nurturing the next generation of footwear professionals.

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