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Dear Readers,

Warm greetings from the Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI), an Institution of National Importance (INI), and best wishes for a healthy, productive, and inspiring New Year 2026.

As we usher in the new year, FDDI, established in 1986 and poised to celebrate four decades of excellence, takes pride in launching its quarterly magazine, Creative Horizons. This publication marks an important milestone in our journey and serves as a reflection of FDDI's dynamic academic and creative ecosystem.

Creative Horizons embodies the ethos and vibrant culture of FDDI, showcasing our achievements and aspirations as a premier institution dedicated to design, innovation, and industry relevance across Footwear, Leather Goods & Accessories, Fashion, and Retail. It is a platform that captures the confluence of ideas, craftsmanship, and technological advancement that define our institution.

Available in both print and digital formats, this magazine seeks to connect ideas, craft, and innovation while highlighting the intellectual energy and creative excellence that thrive within FDDI's academic corridors.

The Institute continues to resonate with creativity, continuous innovation, and a deeply human-centric approach to education. Guided by FDDI's Vision 2030, we remain firmly committed to innovation-led learning, sustainability, entrepreneurship, robust industry integration, and global competitiveness. Creative Horizons stands as a testament to this collective vision and commitment.

I am confident that this magazine will serve as a valuable resource for industry stakeholders, keeping them informed and inspired by the latest developments in fashion trends, design thinking, and emerging technologies.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our faculty members, staff, students, alumni, and industry partners for their unwavering support, dedication, and trust, which continue to strengthen FDDI's foundation.

The runway ahead is vast and full of promise. Guided by Vision 2030 and strengthened by the unwavering support and continued faith reposed by our faculty members, staff, students, alumni, and industry partners, FDDI will continue to scale new heights and contribute meaningfully to India's growth story.

Vivek Sharma, IRS
(Managing Director, FDDI)



FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR'S DESK