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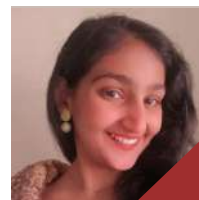
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Readers,

The completion of 40 Years of the Journey of FDDI (1986–2026) marks a proud milestone in the history of the Institute.

This landmark occasion provides an opportunity to reflect on four decades of remarkable growth, institutional excellence and unwavering commitment to advancing India's footwear, leather, fashion, retail and allied sectors.

Established in 1986 and today recognized as an Institution of National Importance, FDDI has continuously evolved to meet the changing needs of industry and society. From a modest beginning to becoming a nationally and internationally respected institution, FDDI has created a unique ecosystem encompassing quality education, skill development, research, innovation, testing, consultancy and industry collaboration. Its twelve campuses, Centres of Excellence and internationally accredited testing laboratories stand as enduring symbols of its commitment to excellence.

Over the past four decades, FDDI has nurtured thousands of professionals, empowered entrepreneurs and artisans, strengthened industry competitiveness, and contributed significantly to enhancing the quality and global standing of Indian products. Through close partnerships with industry, academia, government agencies and international organizations, the Institute has consistently promoted innovation, sustainability and technological advancement while responding to the evolving aspirations of the manufacturing sector.

The Governing Council remains committed to further strengthening FDDI as a centre of excellence for education, research, innovation and capacity building. As India progresses towards becoming a global manufacturing and innovation powerhouse, FDDI will continue to play a pivotal role in developing future-ready talent, supporting industry transformation, encouraging entrepreneurship and contributing to the vision of Viksit Bharat through quality, sustainability and technological excellence.



On this memorable occasion, I express my sincere appreciation to the Government of India, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, our distinguished members of the Governing Council, industry partners, faculty, officers, employees, students, alumni and every stakeholder whose dedication and support have shaped FDDI's extraordinary journey over the past forty years.

I congratulate the entire FDDI fraternity on this landmark occasion and wish FDDI continued success in shaping future talent and contributing to India's growth and global leadership.

Rajendra Kumar Jalan
Chairman, FDDI

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