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Students Gain Industry Insights On Portfolio Development



Department of Fashion Design organized a masterclass on 10th April 2026 titled "From Studio to Industry - How Fashion Design Graduates Can Position, Pitch and Perform in the Professional World" by Gaurav Mandal, a National Awardee, entrepreneur, business coach and brand strategist. The session provided students with valuable insights into career development, portfolio building and industry expectations while encouraging them to view fashion design as both a creative and a solution-oriented professional discipline.

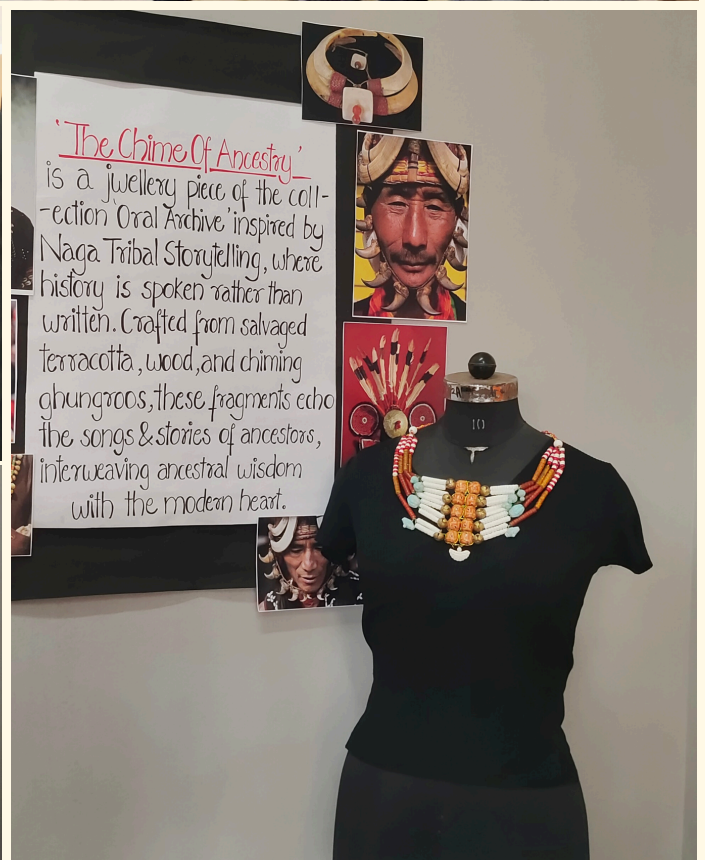
The masterclass helped students understand how to transform their portfolios into impactful professional tools and present their ideas with confidence, purpose and clarity. It highlighted the importance of effective self-positioning in the highly competitive and ever-evolving fashion industry.

The session concluded with an engaging Q&A interaction, where students gained valuable industry insights, career guidance and practical portfolio-building strategies to strengthen their professional journeys.

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LGAD Students Showcase Sustainable Jewellery Exhibition



Students of 6th Semester (LGAD) successfully organised a Sustainable Jewellery Exhibition on 10th April 2026. The event highlighted how design can meaningfully contribute to sustainability, with students showcasing unique jewellery pieces crafted from waste and eco-friendly materials.

The exhibition was well received by Ms. Manju Maan, Executive Director, FDDI Noida, Dr. Renu Sharma, Head Academics, FDDI and other department heads, who appreciated the innovative and conscious approach demonstrated by the students.

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Honouring the Dedicated Service of Shri Ashish Dutt



A farewell was organised in honour of Shri Ashish Dutt, Supervisor, Engineering & Maintenance Department, FDDI Noida, marking the completion of his dedicated service from 2006 to 2026. The event was held on 10th April 2026 at the Noida campus, in the presence of Ms. Manju Maan, ED, Noida and FDDI employees.

Shri Ashish Dutt's 20 years of sincere service, commitment and valuable contribution to the organisation were acknowledged with deep appreciation. His long association with the institute will be remembered fondly.

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Reimagining Retail Experiences with AR/VR



LGAD organized a workshop titled "Reimagining Retail Experiences with AR/VR" on 24th April 2026. Ms. Sonia Jha conducted the session on how Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) are transforming customer engagement through innovations such as virtual fitting rooms and immersive retail environments. The workshop combined industry insights with hands-on learning, enabling students to understand the practical application of AR/VR technologies in retail, particularly within the leather goods and accessories sector.

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From Concept to Creation



Students from NIFT Delhi, specializing in Leather Design visited Noida campus for an engaging and insightful session on advanced footwear manufacturing on 17th April 2026.

The visit gave students an opportunity to experience how ideas transform into actual products through modern technologies like 3D printing, foot scanning and prototype development. From understanding technical processes to exploring specialized machinery, the session offered a closer look at the innovation and precision involved in the footwear industry. The live demonstration of boot pattern making and prototype development gave students first hand insight into the skill, precision and technical expertise involved in crafting quality footwear.

The interaction created a meaningful platform for knowledge sharing, hands-on learning and collaboration, making the experience both inspiring and enriching for everyone involved.

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UI/UX Workshop



A thoughtfully curated UI/UX workshop was organized on 20th April 2026 to provide students with an engaging platform to explore the intersection of creativity and real-world design applications. Conducted by Mr. Chetan Kapoor, the session introduced participants to the fundamentals of user-centric design and highlighted the distinction between User Interface (UI) and User Experience (UX).

The workshop covered essential aspects of the design process, including design thinking, wireframing, prototyping, usability and accessibility, encouraging students to adopt a structured and inclusive approach to problem-solving. A live demonstration using FIGMA software further helped students understand how ideas are transformed into functional and interactive digital designs.

The session fostered a dynamic learning environment that encouraged students to view design beyond aesthetics, focusing on empathy, intention and functionality.

Generative AI Tools Overview – AI Learning Series

AI Learning Series led by Dr. Ritesh Yaduwanshi, was successfully conducted on 8th April 2026. The session introduced participants to the fundamentals of generative AI through a structured and beginner-friendly approach.

Students explored a range of tools, including AI image generation, video creation, design platforms and no-code app builders. Prompt engineering, creative workflows and AI-driven productivity were among the key skills participants gained during the session.

Real-world applications further provided valuable practical insights. By equipping students with a strong foundation in generative AI, the session empowered them to innovate and confidently navigate future digital advancements.



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Educational Visit - NITRA, Ghaziabad

Students along with their faculty members at NITRA



Students watching the procedure & working



On 17th and 18th April 2026, students from Foundation batch embarked on an educational visit to Northern India Textile Research Association (NITRA) Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

The visit aimed to familiarise students with the functioning of the textile industry, enabling them to integrate theoretical knowledge with practical exposure and understand the technologies and machinery used in transforming raw fibre into textile materials.

Accompanied by faculty members, students toured various departments including Spinning, Weaving & Knitting, Testing Laboratories and the Protective Lab. During the visit, they observed live demonstrations of textile testing procedures such as fabric quality assessment, colour fastness testing and performance evaluation. Witnessing these rigorous quality control processes provided students with a deeper appreciation of the science behind textile production.

Experts from NITRA actively interacted with the students throughout the visit, addressing their queries and sharing valuable insights into the textile industry. Discussions on emerging trends, research opportunities and career pathways in textile manufacturing and innovation made the experience highly enriching and informative.

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Workshop on Financial Intelligence



School of Retail and Fashion Merchandise organised a workshop on Financial Intelligence on 16th April 2026. The session was conducted by esteemed guest speaker CA Neha Gupta, who shared valuable insights on the strategic management of personal and professional finances.

The workshop was designed to enhance participants' understanding of financial decision making through engaging methodologies such as role plays and real-life examples. Attendees gained knowledge about effective money management techniques, smart investment strategies and various financial platforms that support long-term financial planning.

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Birthday Club: Celebrating Togetherness



At FDDI workplace culture extends beyond responsibilities and deadlines, embracing moments of joy, appreciation and togetherness. Birthday Club continues to be one of the most heartwarming initiatives, bringing colleagues together to celebrate special occasions with warmth and cheer.

During the month of March, birthdays of Dr. Indu Gupta, Mr. Gaurav Singh and Ms. Praguni Mathur were celebrated with great enthusiasm and happiness. Ms. Manju Maan, ED Noida made the occasion even more special by presenting planters as thoughtful gifts, symbolizing growth, positivity and new beginnings.

The celebration offered colleagues an opportunity to step away from their daily routines, share smiles, cut cakes and enjoy light-hearted moments together. More than just celebrating birthdays, Birthday Club strengthens workplace relationships and creates cherished memories that contribute to a positive and vibrant work environment.

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Employee of the Month – April 2026



Ms. Avernita Srivastava
(Sr. Faculty – School of Fashion
Design, FDDI Noida)

FDDI Noida is pleased to announce Ms. Avernita Srivastava, Senior Faculty, School of Fashion Design, FDDI Noida, as Employee of the Month for April 2026. This recognition has been conferred in acknowledgment of her exemplary dedication and unwavering commitment to nurturing creative excellence in fashion design education.

Ms. Srivastava's distinguished contributions to department, marked by innovative teaching approaches in fashion design and dedicated mentorship, have significantly enhanced learning experience of students. Her proactive initiatives in fashion curriculum development and industry collaboration reflect her professional acumen and steadfast allegiance to institution's objectives.

FDDI extends its sincere appreciation to Ms. Avernita Srivastava for her sustained excellence and superior performance, which continue to set a benchmark for entire faculty.

Star Performers of the Month- April 2026



Shri Deepak Choudhary
(HOD – School of Footwear
Design & Production, FDDI
Noida)



Shri Rohit
(Personal Secretary to
Executive Director, FDDI
Noida)

FDDI Noida is pleased to recognise Shri Deepak Choudhary, Head of Department, School of Footwear Design & Production, FDDI Noida, and Shri Rohit, Personal Secretary to Executive Director, FDDI Noida, as Star Performers of the Month for April 2026.

This distinction has been conferred in recognition of their outstanding contributions to organisation. Both awardees have consistently demonstrated unwavering commitment and remarkable dedication, going beyond their regular responsibilities to uphold standards of organisational excellence. Their proactive roles in ensuring seamless execution of academic and administrative operations have been particularly commendable. This prestigious recognition stands as a testament to their invaluable contributions and serves as an inspiration for their continued pursuit of excellence in all future endeavours.

FDDI extends its sincere appreciation to both awardees and wishes them continued success in their professional journeys.

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