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Faculty Training Programme on "Startup Ecosystem & Incubation"



One day Faculty Training Programme on "Startup Ecosystem and Incubation" was organised on **11th June 2026**, bringing together faculty members from all academic schools to strengthen their understanding of entrepreneurship and innovation.

The programme provided participants with comprehensive insights into the fundamentals of start-up ecosystem, concept and functioning of the incubation centres, start-up onboarding processes, stakeholder engagement and the role of academic institutions in fostering entrepreneurship. The session also highlighted strategies for supporting early-stage ventures through structured incubation and mentoring frameworks.

Faculty members explored approaches to integrate innovation and entrepreneurship into teaching, mentoring and institutional initiatives, thereby contributing to the development of a vibrant start-up culture at FDDI.

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Five Day Workshop on Small Leather Goods



School of Leather Goods and Accessories successfully organised a **five day workshop on Small Leather Goods (SLGAD)** from **8th June to 12th June 2026**, with the objective of strengthening the technical competencies and practical expertise of faculty members.

The workshop offered comprehensive and structured exposure to key aspects of small leather goods, including product typologies, pattern development, construction techniques, structural assembly, edge finishing and quality craftsmanship. Through a well-balanced approach combining interactive demonstrations and hands-on learning sessions, faculty members gained valuable insights into the end-to-end product development process.

The active participation of faculty members from multiple schools encouraged interdisciplinary collaboration, knowledge exchange and shared learning experiences. This collaborative environment not only enriched the workshop discussions but also contributed to a broader perspective on design and production practices.

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DGR Valedictory Ceremony



Valedictory Ceremony for the **Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) Batch** of the 3-month Certificate Course in Retail Management was held at **12th June 2026** at Noida Campus. The ceremony was graced by Dr. Satendra Singh, (Retd.) Chief Conservator of Forests, Indian Forest Service, as the Guest of Honour.

In his address, Dr. Satendra Singh highlighted the strong alignment between the values of the Indian Armed Forces and the retail industry, emphasising that discipline, leadership, integrity and adaptability are key attributes that contribute to professional excellence across sectors.

Ms. Manju Maan, ED, FDDI Noida congratulated the participants on successfully completing the programme and encouraged them to leverage the knowledge and skills acquired during the course in their post-service careers. She also reaffirmed FDDI's commitment to supporting DGR participants through continued guidance and industry engagement.

Participants were awarded certificates in recognition of their successful completion of the programme. Ceremony concluded with a renewed sense of purpose, marking the beginning of a meaningful second career journey and reinforcing FDDI's commitment to empowering ex-servicemen through industry-oriented education and skill development.

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Voluntary Blood Donation Camp



In observance of World Blood Donor Day 2026, FDDI Noida organised a **Voluntary Blood Donation Camp** on **16th June 2026** for students, faculty members and staff. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation and encourage members of the FDDI community to contribute towards saving lives.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation, reflecting FDDI's commitment to social responsibility and community service.

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International Yoga Day



As part of the celebrations of International Day of Yoga 2026, a Yogshala was organised for all the employees on **22nd June 2026**. The session focused on promoting physical fitness, mental well-being and mindfulness through guided yoga practices.

Faculty and staff actively participated in the session, recognising the importance of incorporating yoga into their daily routine to promote physical fitness, mental well-being and a balanced lifestyle. Programme encouraged participants to adopt yoga as a holistic practice for enhancing overall health and improving their quality of life.

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Industry Leadership, Quality Excellence and Sustainability Initiatives



FDDI organised a series of significant initiatives in June 2026, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening industry collaboration, promoting quality excellence and advancing sustainable practices.

In collaboration with the CII Institute of Quality, FDDI hosted the Leaders' Town Hall on "Transforming the Footwear Industry for Global Competitiveness." Chaired by Mr. Razak, Managing Director, VKC Group, in the presence of Mr. Vivek Sharma, Managing Director, FDDI and Mr. Neil Castelino, CEO, CII Institute of Quality. The Town Hall brought together leading footwear manufacturers, industry experts and quality professionals to deliberate on enhancing India's global competitiveness through quality excellence, operational efficiency, innovation, sustainability and stronger industry-academia collaboration.

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World Environment Day



Demonstrating its commitment to environmental stewardship, FDDI celebrated World Environment Day 2026 by organising a plantation drive under the Government of India's "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from FDDI officials, faculty members and industry representatives, who planted saplings to promote environmental conservation and reinforce the importance of sustainable development.

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Warm Welcome to DGR Footwear Manufacturing Batch



Fourth batch of Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) Programme in Footwear Manufacturing and Retailing was inaugurated on 22nd June, 2026. Session marked the commencement of a comprehensive skill development programme aimed at equipping ex-servicemen with industry-relevant knowledge and practical competencies for careers in the footwear sector.

Programme began with a formal inauguration ceremony, during which participants were welcomed and introduced to the course structure, training methodology and wide-ranging career opportunities available upon successful completion of the programme.

As part of the orientation, participants were also sensitised to the growing significance of entrepreneurship and the startup ecosystem, encouraging them to explore self-employment and business ventures alongside conventional career pathways.

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Employee of the Month



Shri Anwar Ali

Lab Assistant, SFD, FDDI Noida)

Shri Anwar Ali, Lab Assistant, FD, has been recognized as the Employee of the Month for June 2026 for his exceptional dedication, professionalism and consistent commitment to excellence. Through his technical expertise, meticulous work ethic and proactive support to faculty, students and laboratory operations, he has made a significant contribution to the efficient functioning of the department. He has played a vital role in the development and execution of design collections for various exhibitions, fashion shows and institutional events, demonstrating remarkable craftsmanship, creativity and collaborative spirit. This well-deserved recognition acknowledges his valuable contributions and unwavering commitment to the Institute's pursuit of excellence.

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Star Performer of the Month



Dr. Indu Gupta

Senior Faculty – Fashion Design and Head of Department, Foundation Program

FDDI Noida is pleased to recognize **Dr. Indu Gupta, Senior Faculty – Fashion Design and Head of Department, Foundation Program**, as the Star Performer of the Month for June 2026.

This recognition has been conferred in appreciation of her outstanding performance, exemplary leadership and unwavering commitment to institutional excellence.

Through her innovative teaching practices, student-centric approach and proactive involvement in curriculum development and academic initiatives, she has played a pivotal role in enriching the learning environment and strengthening the Institute's academic standards.

FDDI Noida extends its heartfelt congratulations and sincere appreciation to Dr. Indu Gupta on this well-deserved recognition.

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Star Performer of the Month



Shri Rohit

Personal Secretary to the Executive Director, FDDI Noida

FDDI Noida is pleased to recognize **Shri Rohit, Personal Secretary to the Executive Director, FDDI Noida**, as the Star Performer of the Month for June 2026.

This distinction has been conferred in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the organization. Shri Rohit has consistently demonstrated exceptional commitment, professionalism and dedication, going beyond his regular responsibilities to ensure the seamless execution of academic and administrative operations. His proactive approach, reliability and unwavering commitment to organizational excellence have made him a valued member of the FDDI Noida family and earned him this well-deserved recognition.

FDDI Noida extends its sincere appreciation and heartfelt congratulations to Shri Rohit on this achievement. The Institute wishes him continued success and many more accomplishments in his professional journey.