

Welcome to the June 2010 edition of LEATHER NEWS INDIA !

Considering the need to enhance the availability of hides, skins and leathers in the country, which are the basic raw materials required for manufacturing value added leather products, the Council has been organising the visit of Sourcing Delegations to identified markets. The objective of such delegation is to explore the options of sourcing these essential raw materials or entering into Joint Ventures/ Technical Collaborations with the tanneries in those countries for manufacture of hides, skins, leathers for eventual import into India. During May 24 -28, 2010, the Council organised the visit of an eight member sourcing delegation to Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. A detailed report on the delegation's visit is covered in the "Special Feature" section in this edition.

Shri Paresh Rajda, Regional Chairman (ER), CLE ; Shri Naresh Bhasin, Regional Chairman (WR), CLE; Shri K.L.Arora, Regional Chairman (NR), CLE; Shri Puran Dawar, Convenor, Footwear Panel, CLE and Shri Snehdeep Aggarwal, Convenor, Leather Garments Panel, CLE have shared their thoughts on various issues like export performance, rupee appreciation, long term growth prospects, market diversification, transaction costs, design capabilities, policy interventions required from Government etc., in their interviews which are covered in the "Special Feature" section.

The 20th edition of Shoes and Leather Fair was organised in Guangzhou, China from June 1-3, 2010. A report on this fair is published in **Fair Report** section. The BTS fair, a major fair in Poland for leather products and footwear was held in Poznan from May 12 & 13, 2010. A report on this fair is also given in the **Fair Report** section.

The 2nd edition of International Footwear Design Competition (IFDC) was held on June 2, 2010 in Guangzhou, China coinciding with the Shoes and Leather Fair. Amongst various Designs, one Best Design of Female Boot submitted by the Council, which pertain to Mr. Udhan Singh of CFTI, Chennai has won the 1st Runner-up Award under Individual Group. Detailed report on IFDC 2010 is given in the **Events** section.

Dr. Rajamani, Chairman, IUE Commission along with Mr. Daniel Sanchez Esteve of Spanish Leather Chemists Association have contributed an interesting article on environmental issues pertaining to Spanish Leather Sector. You will find this article in the **Technology** section.

The **Trends** section has a write-up on KolkataLIVE, a programme on Colour, Leather and Accessories Trends for Autumn/Winter 2011-12 season to be held in Kolkata on August 5, 2010.

The **Trade Policy** section has an article of Mr. Arun Goyal on the WTO disputes regarding levy of anti-dumping duty by EU on certain categories of footwear exported from China. An article on foot pain treatment and prevention is covered in the **Perspective** section. This article recommends different types of footwear for various foot ailments.

The **Fair Update** section has details about the upcoming Meet at Agra, Ambur Open, GDS/Global Shoes and SIMAC/Tanning tech exhibitions.

The **Regional Round-up** section covers details of various seminars/interactive meeting organised by the Council including the interactive meeting in Kanpur on May 12, 2010 ; interactive meeting on CLE activities and IDLS held in Vaniyambadi on May 17, 2010; Awareness Seminar on MSME, DIC & CLE Schemes held in Agra on May 26, 2010; Seminar on Social Accountability, Child Labour Prevention and Credit Facilities held in Delhi on May 31, 2010 ; multi-topic Seminar held in Mumbai on June 4, 2010 and Awareness Seminar in Social Accountability and Banking Sector held in Agra on June 5, 2010. Besides, this section also has write-up on the UNIDO Seminars on Lean Manufacturing held at Ambur, Ranipet and Chennai.

Besides, this edition also has other regular features like Export Performance, News Bytes and Trade Enquiry.

I hope you will find the information in this edition useful.

Warm regards

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