

## ILPA NEWSLETTER : 1 -- INITIATIVES & ACTIVITIES

1. **ILPA AGM & 1st E.C. Meeting held on 13th Sept 2017 at the Freya-IIDF Conference Hall** : Office Bearers elected : Mr Adhar Sahni : President, Mr. Arjun Mukund Kulkarni & Mr Aloke Sengupta : Vice Presidents. Executive Members : Mr. M. V. Kulkarni, Mr. Tapan Nandi, Mr. Sankar Dawn, Mr. Satyabrata Mukherjee, Mr. D. S. Sabharwal, Mr. Ajoy Kumar Tarway, Mr. Alok Prakash, Mr. Mahesh Harlalka, Mr. Kaustav Nandi, Mr. Rajeev Gupta, Mr. Kalyaneswar Sen, Mr. Rajesh Pathak, Mr. Rajesh Gupta, Mr. Swapan Kr. Podder, Mr. Pradip Kumar Das, Mr. Md. Azhar, Mr. Kunal Kalwani, Mr. Amitabh Singh, Mr. Akash Nayyar.
2. **ILPA STP UPDATE** : The application for NOC for Establish of STP has been submitted to WBPCB on 10th of Oct. Expected revert from them by 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017. We are extremely hopeful in getting the Consent to Establish by end of the month and thereafter the tendering process may start.
3. **Experts Committee for Land Allotment in CLC** : The Dept. of ICE (formerly MSME) has invited ILPA to be a member of the Experts Committee for Land Allotment in CLC for setting up of tannery/leather goods/Footwear Manufacturing units. The President of the Association will represent ILPA in this Committee.
4. **ITA /Sector VI Formation** : At the behest and in solidarity with other leather associations, ILPA had expressed reservations against the formation of Sector VI to encompass KLC and ILPA LGP. However considering the fact that it is already mandated in the original DPR and is in accordance to Apex court order as informed by an explanatory letter from WBMSME, ILPA has decided while adhering to court order, the association should think how to turn around the situation to the industry's advantage. For this suggestions are welcome to ILPA office.
5. **Meeting with Wild Life Crime Control Dept WB** – ILPA along with CLE, had a meeting with the said body regarding wildlife inspection issues holding up shipments upto 3-4 days, especially on weekends and holidays. Also 100% inspection was a big problem. The Association, along with CLE, has been attending meetings with competent authorities to find a possible solution. A forthcoming meeting on Wild life clearance with Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee is scheduled for 30/10/2017 at 3 PM and interested members are requested to join for the same. Please send in your intent to join the meeting at the earliest to ILPA office.

6. **GST matters taken up with competent authorities** – ILPA has been regularly liaising with Central Excise as well as Tax and Finance Depts of both Central and State Govts to provide relief to its members with regards to high fabrication GST rates of 18% and a plea to reduce it to 5%, 28% GST for Leather Goods to 12%, which is shooting up end product prices, GST refund – procedures, lead time, online form submission issues, exports against LUT etc. We would encourage members to send us suggestions or matters to take up with authorities that are of utmost concern, so that your ILPA may pursue the same to get resolution.

7. **Mipel initiative ( Marketing)** – Mr Alope Sengupta, Vice President, met the Commercial Director – Mipel in person during his recent visit and expressed interest in participation of ILPA members. The request for intent of participation has already been circulated to all ILPA members and we have already received 2 intent letters. Members are requested to send in their intents asap.

8. **Formation of Special Committees:** The association has formed special committees to provide much required services in ILGP like cleaning and garbage disposal, clearing of blocked drains, greenery and plantation and others. The 4 committees that have been formed are :

a) **ILPA CLEAN & GREEN** : for cleanliness and general maintenance of ILGP. Chairperson is Mrs Alka Chopra of Raja & Mitsu Fashions, email id : [mitsu@airtelmail.in](mailto:mitsu@airtelmail.in)

b) **ILPA EDUCATION** : for training and skill development of the ILPA TECH School. Chairperson is Mr Sankar Dawn of Om Leather Art Deco, email id : [sanky.dawn@gmail.com](mailto:sanky.dawn@gmail.com)

c) **ILPA FINANCE COMMITTEE** : for all finance, taxes, GST related matters. Chairpersons are Mr Ajay Tarway of Tarway Exports : [info@tarway.com](mailto:info@tarway.com) and Mr Mohan Gourisaria – Anjana Exports, email id : [anjanaexpo@gmail.com](mailto:anjanaexpo@gmail.com)

A few other Committees are in the pipeline like :

i) Statutory Services Committee (PF, ESI, Labour Laws, Land Registration, Land & Land Reforms )

ii) Infrastructure & Projects Committee (ILPA STP, CFC )

iii) Information & PR Committee (public relations, media : print, digital, others)

iv) Official Liaison Committee : liaising with Govt bodies, other trade bodies.

v) Marketing & Youth Committee: BSMs, Events, Fairs, Fashion Shows.

These committees and their respective chairpersons are to be elected in the upcoming meetings of the association.

9. ILPA President invited by Indian Railways to speak to young scientists: ILPA President, Mr Adhar Sahni, was invited to speak in an Indian Railways event in Chennai to young budding scientists related to "Make In India".

10. ILPA Tech School : The EC committee has decided to contact international schools to partner with ILPA Tech School for jointly imparting training and skill development.

11. NEW ILPA CFC : ILPA is in the process of building a New Common Facility Centre for Leather Processing & Finishing, right next to Freya Design Studio. A part of the funds has already been sanctioned by MSME. ILPA will be starting the tendering process soon.

12. MEETINGS HELD : in these two months, two EC meetings and 3 informal discussions were held by the association on various committee formations, accounts and finance, various activities that ILPA needs to take up for the ILPA Leather Goods Park like clearing of blocked drainage, cleaning and garbage disposal, boundary wall for the park, having a common food court for all workers of the park, having an empanelled team of service providers like electrician, plumbers, various repair works etc.

13. ILPA Ed invited to speak to CLRI students : The Executive Director of the Association was invited by CLRI Kolkata to address the passing batch of short term course students on "Marketing of Leather Goods in India".

14. Meeting with technical expert to provide technological and design support to ILPA Members : ILPA is in discussion with a renowned international expert team to do workshops for technical guidance and design inputs for the benefit of its members.

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