



# SHOETECH

Vellore 2022

Buyer -Sellers Meet cum Exhibition

## POST SHOW REPORT

Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA) in alliance with Indian Shoe Federation (ISF) presented first edition of Shoetech Vellore 2022 exhibition on the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2022 with great support of Ministry of Micro, Small, medium and small enterprises, Council for Leather Exports (CLE), Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI), Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), AISHTMA, IFLMEA & SISMA. This was the 53<sup>rd</sup> edition of IFCOMA Events in series.

Shoetech Vellore 2022 Buyer Seller Meet cum Exhibition opened with great fanfare, enthusiasm & warmth among the Industry stakeholders bringing in all the major exporters manufacturers together under one platform at Ramani Shankar Mahal, Vellore showcasing the SME units from PAN India that included Footwear Production hubs such as Agra, Ambur, Vellore, Tirupur, Kanpur, Delhi, Noida, Gurgaon, Bahadurgarh, Mumbai, Chennai and Bangalore. .

The exhibition was inaugurated by Janab M.M Hashim Sahab , Chairman, KH Group and Chief Guest Padma Shri Rafeeqe Ahmed, Chairman, Farida Group by lighting up of the lamp and cutting of ribbon along with Guests of Honour Mr.PR Aqeel Ahmed-Chairman, Florence Shoes, Mr. Israr Ahmed, Regional Chairman, Council for Leather Exports-South, Mr.Irshad Mecca, Executive Member, Indian Shoe Federation, Mr.KR Vijayan, Chairman, IFLMEA in the august presence of President ISF, Mr Habib Hussain, IFCOMA President Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Vice Presidents of ISF Mr. Yavar Dhala, Mr.Abdul Wahab, Mr.Khaleelur Rahman and other dignitaries



**Press Conference Shoetech Vellore 2022 with all distinguished guests from IFCOMA & ISF before the address to the media.**



**Mr Habib Hussain , President ISF addressing the media at the Shoetech Vellore Press conference**

Mr MM Hashim while applauding the efforts of IFCOMA & ISF said that such events give a definite boost to the trade. He was pleased to see a large participation from all over India to the event and excellent visitors response to the fair, under one platform and help the exporters & Manufacturers to see the latest developments in the components sector. He stressed on the bonding between the Footwear & Components Sector in order to minimize the imports and allow growth for the local Industry. He observed that the initiative undertaken by IFCOMA & ISF to bring in this edition of Shoetech Vellore will surely accelerate the coveted growth of the Industry. He said that it is right time for Indian Industry members to capitalize on the anti-China sentiments and move forward along with pro-active measures and support being extended by the Indian Govt.

Shri Rafeeqe Ahmed expressed great satisfaction to see that Shoetech event could be organized in Vellore. He observed that the Venue chosen by IFCOMA & ISF is really grand and the layout is very graceful giving ample space for exhibitors & visitors to see the display. He stressed that we must work on our combined strengths in terms of enhancing the exports and domestic manufacturing in line with roadmap towards achieving the target set by Govt of India. The Industry needs to enhance its capacities as this the right time to accelerate the growth as world over Indian business is finding its avenues.





**Padmashree M. Rafeeqe Ahmed lighting up the lamp while inaugurating the Shoetech Vellore.**



**Shri Sanjay Gupta, President, IFCOMA during his welcome address to the august gathering at Shoetech Vellore 2022 Inauguration .**

Shri Aqeel Ahmed praised the organizing of the event. He remembered Late Shri BD Bhaiya, who initiated the Buyer Seller Meet cum Exhibition as President IFCOMA along with ISF to give start to the fair at Ambur. He opined that the show in Vellore will bring a great degree of optimism in the trade. He stressed on keeping up the momentum to make India favorite destination for the Global footwear Industry.

Mr Habib Hussain - President, Indian Shoe Federation said, "The Footwear and the Component industries must work together to create a Supply Chain which has unbeatable turnaround times through digitisation, skilling up of the workforce and the adoption of Globally Integrated Production and Information Systems. He thanked the participants for their participation; Our Governments at the State and Centre are also being proactive. An example of this is the direct involvement of the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Mr. M K Stalin, in granting approvals for one of the largest footwear makers in the world, Hong Fu from Taiwan who have factories all over Asia. Also, the Tamil Nadu Government has recently declared Ambur as an export hub for leather footwear."



**Padmashree M. Rafeeqe Ahmed in his keynote address during the Inauguration of the Shoetech Vellore.**



**Shri PR Aqeel Ahmed, Chairman, Leather Sector Skill Council (LSSC) deliberating on foreign direct investment during the Inauguration of the Shoetech Vellore**



**Mr Israr Ahmed Mecca, Regional Chairman, CLE, deliberating on prospects for the Footwear Industry in the near future, during the Inauguration of the Shoetech Vellore.**



**Padmashree M. Rafeeqe Ahmed being facilitated with a Shawl & Memento by Shri Manoj Bhaiya, Director, Chemcrown Group, during the Inauguration of Shoetech Vellore.**





**Janab MM Hashim Sahab being facilitated with a Shawl & memento during the inauguration of the Shoetech Vellore**



**Janab MM Hashim Sahab being honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award during the inauguration of the Shoetech Vellore**

Shri Sanjay Gupta, President IFCOMA expressed his sincere gratitude to Shri M Rafeeque Ahmed, Late Md Shamim Bhai, Md Aqeel ji & CLE for their continuous support. He informed the audience that in the Shoetech Vellore Show we have around 100 exhibitors with 120 stalls and we are sure that both exhibitors and Footwear manufacturers will benefit from Shoetech Vellore 22. He expressed confidence in achieving the export target of USD 10 billion and domestic industry target of USD 20 billion of leather, leather products and footwear set by the GOI for 2025-26, the manufacturers of Shoe components and accessories in India should plan & target approximate for USD 4 billion market in India. He said that Shoetech Vellore will play a vital role as this is a good opportunity to expand the business.



**Mr Israr Ahmed Mecca being facilitated with a Shawl & memento during the inauguration of the Shoetech Vellore**



**Mr Manuj Seth, Director, Versatile Group, being honoured with IFCOMA Excellence Award during the inaugural ceremony of Shoetech Vellore**

He made a fervent appeal to CLE & FDDI to conduct a nation-wide **Components** market survey to find out the total number of component manufacturers in India, their capacities, the quality and quantity of the materials to understand the exact dynamics of the sector. The outcome of the survey will give us actual data which will help us build the policy to drive the economic growth of the sector. The last such survey was done by CLE in 2004.

He stressed on taking initiative and striking Joint Ventures which is need of the hour to bring in new state of the art technologies from Italy, Spain, Taiwan and other such countries which are very strong on Footwear components. This will help us bring newer components to India and upgrade the quality of the existing components as well. We submit that CLE must take initiative to provide us a platform for joint ventures with the international players.

Shri Israr Ahmed Mecca felt it was proud moment for the Industry to host the Vellore Show. He expressed that the timings of the fair is immaculate. He was optimistic that after a lull due to the pandemic for the last couple of years the Industry is now ready to take a leap in terms of enhancing production capacities and its footprint across the world. He opined that the footwear sector needs to scale-up to meet the growing requirements. Considering this, the Council for Leather Exports has requested the Government to extend the Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) to the leather, leather products and footwear sector. PLI will be a game changer for the industry and will help in attracting domestic and overseas investments."

Shri Irshad Mecca said that the times have changed assets have become liabilities. Hence we need to work smarter. He stressed on the fact that the Footwear & Component Industry need to strengthen its production capacities as the World is looking at India with greater promise in future. He observed that we have to reduce the dependency on imports & improve our global market share.

Shri Yavar Dhala Vice President ISF and convener of Shoetech Vellore 2022 expressed vote of thanks to the entire team of IFCOMA & ISF. He expressed happiness to see Janab Hashim and Mr Rafeeque Ahmed gracing the event and sparing their valuable time. He said that in these exciting times for the industry, we are holding SHOETECH exhibitions across the country to showcase to the domestic market and the world our range of products. SHOETECH Vellore will have 100 exhibitors and 122 stalls and we expect around 1,000 visitors over these two days from within and outside India. International brands like Clarks, Marks & Spencers, Timberland and Kickers France are among the brands / buyers have confirmed that they will be attending the show. We expect SHOETECH to boost our efforts to make India the biggest sourcing hub in the world.





Ms. Aparna Umachandar MD Gemini & Co., being honoured with Women Entrepreneur Award during the inaugural ceremony of Shoetech Vellore



Shri Manoj Bhaiya Director on behalf of his father Late Shri BD Bhaiya receiving the Posthumous recognition Award during the inaugural ceremony of Shoetech Vellore



Janab MM Hashim Sahab at M/s Sandeep Rubber Industries Stall during his visit to various stalls during the Shoetech Vellore

The Chief Guest and Guest of honour unveiled the ISF Directory the Shoemaker 2022.

India is the second largest producer of footwear and leather garments in the world. The leather products and footwear industry have been seeing robust growth across the last two quarters as India continues its economic rise after the pandemic. This has come about due to reduced dependence on China, a global giant in the industry, the increasing productivity of Indian factories; the raw material that Indian has; the infrastructure that is being created and major investment by the Government in skilling programs.

With Government investment in world class institutions like the Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) and Central Footwear Training Institute (CFTI), the proactive approach by the Private Sector and Councils like Council for Leather Exports (CLE) & Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO), the industry looks to maintain its high levels of productivity and competitiveness.

The shoe component industry in India, in particular, is projected to **grow at a rate of 15% this financial year and around 45% across the next three years**. The turnover of the Indian footwear industry is expected to increase from USD 10 bn in 2021-22 to USD 18 bn by 2025-26 and the Production to from 2.6 billion pairs in 2021-22 to 4.55 billion pairs in 2025-26.

To harness this potential and exhibit the industry's abilities to the world market, the Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA) and the Indian Shoe Federation (ISF) are organizing the next edition of their flagship exhibition, **SHOETECH, on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July '22 in Vellore** at the Ramani Shankar Mahal.

More than 100 Exhibitors participated in the Shoetech Vellore and displayed various Footwear components, accessories & machinery. The above included specialized Finished leather, Buff leather, Soles (TPR/TPU/PU etc.) of the latest design, PU, Semi-PU, PVC, Machinery, Adhesive, Varnishes, Release Agents, Water based adhesives, Plastic shoe lasts, Insoles, toe-puff & Counters, Shank Boards, Technical textiles, Linings & Interlinings, Laminated fabric, EVA & PU foam, Moulded Socks, Comfort foam Insole, Heel grip, Non-woven fabrics, Velcro tapes, Shoe finishing Chemicals, Buckles, Metal fittings, Industrial Sewing Threads, Finishes & Chemicals, Packaging Boxes, Synthetic leather, fur, labels, Moulded counters, Shoe Machinery, Spares for Machinery, Knitted fabrics, Fusible Interlinings, etc.

As per the tradition, IFCOMA recognized and facilitated the special talent and achiever of the Industry. The Doyen of the Industry Mr. MM Hashim was honoured with **Life time Achievement Award**.

**IFCOMA Excellence Award** was presented to M/s Versatile Group Shri Manuj Seth received the Award

Ms Aparna Umachandar (MD Gemini & Co.) was honoured with the **Women Entrepreneur award** for achieving milestones in Footwear components production.

Late Shri Bulaki Das Bhaiya, Chemcrown Group was awarded the **Posthumous Recognition award**. The Award was presented to Shri Manoj Bhaiya, Director, Chemcrown group.

Over 100 exhibitors with about from Kanpur, Agra, Ambur, Noida, Delhi, Gurgaon, Chennai, Bangalore, Mumbai, Bahadurgarh, Vellore, and other locations PAN India, participated in this Grand Fair. The fair was much appreciated by the Footwear & Leather Industry. Majority of the Exhibitors shared their satisfaction on the interactions and outcome of the fair. Approximately 2000 business visitors visited the Shoetech Vellore from various parts of the country.

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