ICAR_NINFET signs MOU with FDDI Noida

ICAR-NINFET singed a Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) with FDDI on 30 September 2024. Dr. Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, IAS - Managing Director (MD), FDDI signed the MoUs on behalf of FDDI whereas Dr. D.B. Shakyawar, Director signed the MoU on behalf of ICAR-NINFET. FDDI is a premier institution under the Ministry of Commerce, Govt of India. It provides and develop appropriate knowledge, skills, infrastructure to promote rapid growth of footwear industries. It also plays a key role in imparting education in the area of footwear, leather accessories and lifestyle products. A collaboration in the field of the development of natural fiber-based footwear parts, leather alternative and sustainable technical textile products, as this kind of products have good future prospect in the field of safety, defense and sustainability. Dr. Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, IAS – MD, FDDI said, "It is a significant step in strengthening academic and research ties between FDDI and ICAR-NINFET, paving way for innovative product development through material and design advancements. Col. Pankaj Kumar Sinha Secretary, FDDI appreciated contribution of ICAR - NINFET in the field of natural fibers and both the institutes emphasized on the usage of natural fiber for making sustainable economic footwear parts. FDDI, also have shown keen interest to develop design and product development by the leather alternative prepared by ICAR-NINFET. Finally, based on natural fiber-based footwear parts, joint project will be formulated and executed under external research grant from funding agencies. Moreover, students of FDDI, also take part in In-Plant Training Program, dissertation courses of masters and PhD scholars. Dr. Madhusudan Pal, Director, FDDI, Col. Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary, and Nirmana Rana, Head, FDDI and Dr Santanu Basak, Sr Scientist, ICAR NINFET were also present on this occasion.

