

## LUXURY AND LEATHER IS MANTRA OF THE INDUSTRY!

Leather is processed from Animal skin process, neither woven nor knitted nor compressed. It is purely a skin! Leather does not get classified as textile fibres. As leather does not come in conventional textiles and process of making is completely different. Leather is an ancillary industry from slaughter houses, meat industry. Leather processing gives its unique look and feel which is very widely sought by fashion community. Fashion industry cannot survive without leather products, fashion accessories, shoes, bags many more. Highly reputed brands prefer only leather. The skin of each creature is a cost for human fashion luxury statement. There is a great scope for diversifying products and finding new applications. For the development of this sector, new product / process technology, chemicals, waste management research and R&D has already been going on at CSIR- Central Leather Research Institute.

The leather industry is an employment intensive sector, providing jobs to about 2.5 million people, mostly from the weaker sections of the society. Women employment is predominant in leather products sector with about 30% share. India is the second largest producer of footwear and leather garments in the world. This sector is known for its consistency in high export earnings, and it is among the top ten foreign exchange earners for the country.

Vegan community is against the use of leather. Few companies advertise their fabrics as eco-friendly leather, which is made from natural materials such as leaves, mushrooms, bark, waxed canvas, organic cotton, recycled rubber, coconut, apple, many more. Sustainability is the mantra that works for them. Industry contributors can explore the sector and increase country's export earning!

We wish you luxury of life with a Virus Free World! Stay Safe... Take Care...!

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