

## **CENTRAL FOOTWEAR TRAINING INSTITUTE, Chennai**

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION:

Govt. of India established Central Footwear Training Centre (CFTC) in 1957 under Small Industries Development Organization, Ministry of industry to overcome shortage of managerial and supervisory staff with technical qualification in respect of Leather Industries. The prime objective of the centre was to provide young and technically sound personnel to the footwear industry and to upgrade the knowledge and skill of the existing staff. The departmentally run CFTC was modernized with the assistance of the National Leather Development Programmer of UNDP and equipped with state of art infrastructure during early 1990s. It was then tied up with International Textile Institute, U.K., a world renowned institute in footwear technology for conducting a Diploma Course in “Footwear Manufacture and Design” during the year 1994-95.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1996 the Central Footwear Training Centre, Chennai was converted into an Autonomous Body and was renamed as “Central Footwear Training Institute (CFTI)”, a Govt. of India society under Ministry of Small Scale Industries, (Presently Ministry of MSME), Govt. of India with an objective of smooth functioning and quicker implementation of managerial decisions. It is primarily involved in human resources development for footwear and allied industries through its various Long Term, Short Term and Specialized Training Programmes. The Institute has now occupied significant position for producing techno-managers for the Indian footwear industry. The students of the Institute are well recognized and placed in different capacities by the industry. Many of the successful entrepreneurs are the ex. student of this esteemed Institute. To fulfil the growing need, CFTI has conducted many outreach programmes throughout Tamilnadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan & Tripura

The Institute is governed by its Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations. The activities of CFTI are monitored and controlled by the Governing Council under the Chairmanship of the Additional Secretary and Development Commissioner (MSME), Govt. of India along with other members from different Central and State Govt. organizations, Promotional Agencies and leading industrialists from footwear sector.

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