IFCOMA organized its 11th edition of Shoetech Mumbai Exhibition of Footwear Components, Accessories & Machinery at Nehru Centre, Worli, Mumbai on 30th & 31st August 2019. Mumbai is one of the ever growing sector on Footwear, Leather & faux Leather Bags, Leather Garments & Leather goods etc. The Event was marked by great enthusiasm from the participants representing the multifold components sector from various cities including Agra, Delhi, Noida, Surat, Noida, Kanpur, Chennai, Mumbai & other locations from all over India.

Shoetech Mumbai was inaugurated by Shri PR Aqeel Ahmed, Chairman Council for Leather Exports along with Guest of Honours Shri Naresh Bhasin, Chairman (Western Region), Shri HR Malik, Chairman, Malik’s Traders, Shri Sandeep Mandlecha, President Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture (MACCIA) and many other leading luminaries of the industry. Shoetech Mumbai was inaugurated by auspicious lighting of the lamp and cutting of Ribbon by the Chief Guest Shri PR Aqeel Ahmed, Chairman, Council for Leather Exports.

IFCOMA facilitated Shri HK Razdan, Chairman, Harman Sales Pvt Ltd, with IFCOMA Lifetime Achievement Award. The Award was presented by Shri PR Aqeel Ahmed Chairman, Council for Leather Exports along with a Shawl.

IFCOMA also honoured and recognised the efforts of Shri KS Nagi, Founder President of IFCOMA with the IFCOMA Excellence Award. The coveted Award was presented by the Chief Guest Shri PR Aqeel Ahmed along with a shawl as a special gesture.
The Chief Guest, Shri PR Aqeel Ahmed in his brief speech appreciated the efforts of Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA). He also lauded IFCOMA of bringing the concept of Buyer Seller Meet in the country. This was the 49th edition in series of such events in the domestic circuit organised by IFCOMA.

The Chief Guest & Guest of honours visited all the stalls of Shoetech Mumbai & appreciated the availability of new trends and variety of Components & Accessories after the inauguration ceremony.

The dignitaries were in praise of IFCOMA for pursuing with the idea of organising the Shoetech Mumbai Exhibition to facilitate the trade linkage. This kind of exhibition helps the local Industry to know about the latest trends and technological up gradation.

During the Exhibition most of the footwear components viz. Soles in PU/TR/TPR/Rubber & PVC, Moulded Heels, Heel plates, Insoles, Toe puff and Counters, EVA Sheets, Footbeds, Finished Leathers, Cutting Dies, Varnishes & Pigments, Dye Solutions, Narrow woven fabrics, Narrow woven belts, Bonded Leather, Rubber sheets, water based adhesives, Reinforcement tapes, Shoe Finishes & Chemicals, Shoe Interlinings, Foams and allied products, Finished Bonded Leather, Shoe Buckles & Trims, Laminated fabrics, Moulded Cup socks, fabrics, Latex/PU Foam, Fur linings, EVA Laminated fabrics etc. were on Display. Besides machines used in making Footwear & Leathergoods were also on display.
SHOETECH MUMBAI 2019 was successful with more than 1000 visitors from the Footwear, Bags & Leather goods Industry. Major Buyers and manufacturers visited the fair and appreciated the Exhibition. They were pleased to see a broad spectrum of products/components available in display and serving their needs & requirements. Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Mumbai also participated in the show with their unique flavour of products.

The dignitaries included visitors Mr Asif Merchant, Managing Director, Catwalk, Technical team from Ram Fashion, Senior officials of Sambena, 8V shoes, RS Prakash, VIP Industries, Tata International, Raymond Apparels, Unicorn Fashion, Zara Footwear & Metro Shoes visited the Show. The Visitors appreciated the fair and the participation of various members with display of different types of components, accessories & machinery.

Mr Naresh Bhasin, Chairman (Western Region) Council for Leather Exports and appreciated the efforts of IFCOMA for organising a very useful event for the benefit of the Industry. Mr Asif Merchant emphasised that there is a need for closer interactions between the component suppliers and Footwear manufacturers so as to accelerate the growth of Business.

Mr HR Malik, the doyen of the Industry, appreciated the participant's motivation & he made an appeal to the exhibitors of the Shoetech Mumbai and the component Industry as a whole for bringing up improvised components and improving upon price & delivery. He said that the Industry needs to come together to encounter the current phase of recession.
Shri Sandeep Mandlecha, President, Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture (MACCIA) appreciated the management and organising of the Shoetech Mumbai Event by IFCOMA. He observed that he is motivated to take it forward in other sectors too.

IFCOMA has now adopted a new measure of recognising the merits and proficiency of the members. In continuation with the initiative following awards were presented on the 30th August 2019, evening during the Trade Dinner.

a) Most Innovative Product Award to M/s Sanghavi Shoe Accessories, Mumbai
b) Innovative Product Award to M/s DSM Sole Products Pvt Ltd, Agra
c) Best Stall Award (Shoetech Mumbai'2019) to M/s Konark Rubber, Mumbai.

Visitors from the Industry appreciated the availability of variety of components under one roof. They were happy to see the latest range of products that were put on display. Exhibitors also showed great enthusiasm to find the Exhibition of substance and worth for the Business. Eleventh Edition of Shoetech - Mumbai thus ended on a sound note.