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INDUSTRY EXCITEMENT BUILDS AS KOLKATA PREPARES FOR ALLPA 2025

Report by S&A

ver 100 exhibitors, 25+ visiting countries, and global brands are set to converge at the All India Leather Products & Allied Sourcing Fair (AILPA) from 28–30 October in Kolkata, a first of its kind B2B showcase for India's leather and accessories industry. Organized by the Indian Leather Products Association (ILPA) with the support of the Government of West Bengal and India Exposition Mart Ltd., Greater Noida, the event is being hailed as a landmark moment for India's leather sector.

A City Ready to Shine

Kolkata's credentials speak for themselves: over 500 tanneries, 9+ million sq. ft. of production space, and a workforce of more than half a million. Long regarded as India's leather capital,

the city combines artistry with industrial capability. The fair will welcome international buyers, sourcing heads and brand representatives from global retail. It will provide a stage for Indian manufacturers to showcase handbags, wallets, belts, travel goods and fashion accessories that blend sustainability with style.

Sustainable and Forward-Thinking

With sustainability driving global trade, AILPA 2025 places a strong emphasis on eco-friendly tanning processes, biodegradable materials, and ESG-compliant manufacturing. As the countdown begins, the industry's enthusiasm is palpable. For exhibitors, AILPA 2025 represents opportunity. For buyers, discovery. And for Kolkata it's a well-deserved spotlight moment.



"Kolkata has always had a rich design culture in bags and accessories category and hosting AILPA here feels like the right move. We're expecting strong regional participation and some hidden gems."

DIPIKA CHOPRA

Director ACDC Group (Buying consultant - Spain & Middle East)





"AILPA brings the whole ecosystem together from raw material suppliers to finished accessories makers. Looking forward to good networking, great sourcing."

ATUL SHARMA

Artha Resources – Buying Agency (French Market)





"What makes AILPA different is its attention to product quality and presentation. I'm excited to see what this season's exhibitors bring to the table."

PREM MADAN

Pitch Perfect (Sourcing for Leading brands & Chains for Indian Market)

"We're eager to connect with both new and longstanding suppliers."

ALOK PRAKASH

Director - Pierre Cardin





"I've marked my calendar for the AILPA Kolkata show. It's the most focused sourcing event for bags and accessories in the country right now."

MOHIT ISRANI

Koblerr (Leading multi-brand footwear retail stores)



"The AILPA platform bridges the gap between creativity and commerce beautifully. We're expecting some exciting collaborations to emerge from the Kolkata edition."

BIREN JASANI

Director – Jasani, House of Brands (leading corporate gifts & promotional products company in Middle East)



"The buzz around the Kolkata show is real. For us, it's a golden opportunity to spot both established manufacturers and upcoming design-driven manufacturers."

DEEPU VIRMANI

Vice President Sourcing -Reliance Retail / **Trends Footwear**



RAJESH KADAM

CEO at Inc.5 Shoes Pvt Ltd











"We're looking forward to the AILPA show. Kolkata is a perfect sourcing ground to discover new handbag trends and suppliers just before the season kicks in."

KINJAL SAVLA,

Managing Director - Buckaroo



"Our current product range is entirely imported. This presents a great opportunity for us to collaborate with local vendors."

NIRMAL KUMAR

Senior Buyer at Landmark Group and a Regional Manager at Lifestyle



"It's not just a trade show. It's India's craftsmanship taking center stage. The world will finally see Kolkata's evolution from traditional artisan clusters to modern, design-driven manufacturers who can compete with the best globally."

ARJUN MUKUND KULKARNI

President ILPA

"Buyers today are looking for ethical partners - not just suppliers. AILPA offers exactly that. It's a sourcing ecosystem rooted in transparency, skill, and creativity."

ADHAR SAHNI, Chairman

International Trade Fair Committee and Former President -ILPA









"This fair is as much about responsibility as it is about retail. It's India's way of saying craftsmanship can be green, and luxury can be ethical."

MD AZHAR

Sr Vice President



"Leather may be timeless, but Kolkata ensures it never goes out of trend. This show will remind the world why the city remains the true capital of Indian craftsmanship."

JAGDISH GULATI

Co- Chairman , INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR COMMITTEE & FORMER PRESIDENT, ILPA

