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West Bengal



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**LEATHER
SECTOR AND
WEST BENGAL**

The leather strength in West Bengal

The leather sector of West Bengal is one of the prominent sectors of the State contributing about 20% to the overall export of leather and leather products of the country. West Bengal is also one of the leading states in India in leather tanning and downstream industries. The State is a major hub for finished leather, accessories, apparels, industrial gloves and shoes. Factors that contribute to West Bengal's strength in leather include:

- Second most important tanning centre in the country – about 26-27% of the country's tanning
- Strong raw material base; largest availability of goat skin and one of the largest in cattle hide, sheep skin, buffalo hide
- Availability of Nappa, the special, soft quality cow leather
- Among the few states in India that allow slaughter of

animals for meat and hide

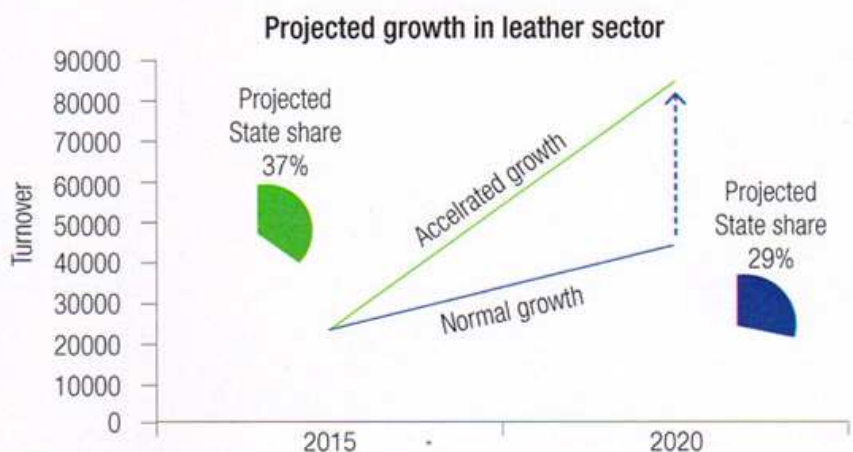
- Large pool of traditionally skilled and competitive labour force
- Strong presence of reputed institutions for training in design, manufacturing processes and technology
- Calcutta Leather Complex (CLC), Asia's largest integrated facility with appropriate infrastructure
- Presence of many global players in manufacturing of leather products

Backed by these factors coupled with compliance to international environmental standards, dedicated support of allied industries and planned interventions by and active support of the State Government, the leather industry in West Bengal is expected to achieve a turnover of US\$13 billion in the next few years.



Market size and growth

- Total turnover close to Rs. 23,000 crore (US\$3.5 billion); expected CAGR 30% in the next 5 years
- Estimated export Rs. 6,500 crore (US\$1 billion)
- Major items of leather include finished leather; footwear; leather goods such as wallets, belts, garments, bags, key/debit/credit card holders etc; and leather garments



Calcutta Leather Complex (CLC)



Located 14 km away from Kolkata, CLC is an integrated complex comprising tanneries and manufacturing units. Spread over 1100 acres of land, it offers facilities such as internal roads, effluent treatment plants, green cover, effluent transportation network, drainage, canals, water bodies, etc. It is one of its kind in the country with state of the art facilities including a design studio and a Training and Service Centre.

Footwear Development and Design Institute (FDDI): An institute of international standard in the core area of expertise in the leather industry as a whole. Located in CLC, FDDI-Kolkata with a built-up area of approximately 3 lakh sq. ft, provides Bachelor degree course and Master degree courses in different programs like Retail, Footwear, Leather Goods & Accessories Design and Fashion Designing. Apart from modern classrooms, workshops, library etc the institute has a Cutting and Closing Lab; Visual Merchandising Lab; Hi-Tech IT Lab; design Lab & Design Studio.

Vital statistics

1. Area: 1110 acres
2. Leather Footwear Park: 100 acres
3. Tannery: 212 acres
4. Leather Goods Manufacturing: 73 acres
5. CETP: 22 acres
6. Water bodies and canal: 133 acres
7. Raw Material Mart: 61 acres
8. Roads: 230 acres (21 km)
9. IT SEZ: 130 acres
10. Business area & others: 119 acres

Initiatives to boost infrastructure

1. Repair and refurbishment of four existing CETPs (5 MLD each)
2. Construction of two new CETPs (5 MLD each)
3. Repair and overhauling of ET system
4. Construction of Tannery Solid Waste Disposal facility
5. Construction of CFC for leather goods manufacturing
6. Setting up Sewerage Treatment Plant for leather goods
7. Construction of common workshop for micro tanners
8. Construction of common workshop for shaving scrap burners
9. Cleaning of canals
10. Leather footwear park

Tanning Training and Service Centre (TTSC): Being set up within the CLC in collaboration with Italian Trade Commission (ITC), Calcutta Leather Complex Tanners' Association (CLCTA), Council of Leather Exports (CLE), ASSOMAC and College of Engineering and Leather Technology. It aims at imparting world class training to workers associated with the leather industry.

Footwear, a major segment: In terms of turnover and export, share of leather footwear is the largest in the country. In export itself, it contributes about 46% of total exports. To provide integrated facilities in leather footwear sector, a mega footwear park is being set up at Calcutta Leather Complex on 100 acres of land.

Investment opportunities in leather sector in West Bengal

- Setting up leather tanneries in CLC and outside
- Manufacturing leather goods, including footwear and industrial leather apparel
- Setting up of a mega leather cluster
- Setting up chemical industry required for leather sector
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- R&D, testing, certification and quality control ventures

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