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## **Hohenstein India: New leather, footwear and PPE laboratory**

GURUGRAM, India (November 17, 2022) – On November 11, 2022, Hohenstein celebrated the opening of a second testing laboratory in Gurugram, India. The new addition to Hohenstein's expanding lab network will focus on physical, colorfastness and restricted substance testing of leather, footwear and personal protective equipment (PPE). The team also hosted a sustainability conference to discuss: How can economic success be linked with product responsibility and more sustainability?

The DAKKS accredited lab will complement Hohenstein's established textile testing labs in Asia, helping global brands and retailers ensure world-class quality products from India. Leather and footwear services will include testing quality and performance characteristics to international standards (ISO, DIN, ASTM, BS, EN, SATRA, etc.).

The agenda of the November 10<sup>th</sup> sustainability conference was tailored to the industry in India. "This event is a great opportunity for the Indian textile industry to benefit from the global expertise of Hohenstein, OEKO-TEX® and industry experts from Landmark Group, Colourtex Industries, Shahi Exports, Resil Chemicals and German Environment Agency," said a delighted host Vinod Kumar, Managing Director of Hohenstein India and Sri Lanka. "We are here to help optimize their products and processes, and ultimately achieve their sustainability goals in global competition."

Hohenstein CEO, Prof. Dr. Stefan Mecheels, welcomed the participants in his opening speech and referred to upheavals: "Times are changing rapidly in the global textile industry - sustainable products and processes are the order of the day."

Tours of the new leather & footwear laboratory were given by the Hohenstein India team, Prof. Dr. Mecheels, Dr. Christof Madinger, Hohenstein COO, and Dr. Helmut Krause, Hohenstein Technical Director Softlines and Shoes.

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Hohenstein held a ceremonial opening for its new leather & footwear laboratory in Gurugram on November 11, 2022. The ceremony was attended by distinguished representatives from CLE (Council of Leather Exports), ISCMA (Indian Specialty Chemical Manufacturing Association) with 50 guests from the Indian leather and footwear industry.

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More than 300 guests from 150+ organizations in the Indian textile, leather and apparel industry, including the Apparel Export Promotion Council AEPC and Ministry of Textiles, attended Hohenstein's sustainability conference in on November 10, 2022.

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With more than 40 offices and laboratories, Hohenstein is an international partner for independent testing, certification and applied research around the human-textile-environment interaction. They develop science-based methods and standards that consider the user in real life, not just in the lab. Through standard or customized testing, and interpretation of the results, Hohenstein experts solve problems, verify claims and help partners bring better, safer products to market – more sustainably. Hohenstein is a founding member and leading provider of the OEKO-TEX® portfolio of services, and is certified by the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC ID #1058) as a third-party, independent laboratory for CPSIA compliance verification. [Hohenstein.US](https://www.hohenstein.us)