

PRESS NOTE

Indian leather industry has grown from exporting raw hides/skin and semi-finished leathers in 1944-45 to the tune of Rs. 8 crore to exporting finished leather and leather products. The growth of the Indian leather and leather products industries is analogous to the growth of the institute. For the industry to accomplish this growth, the CSIR-CLRI has provided technological support and human resource.

CSIR-CLRI has been very active in providing technologies connected to Leather Manufacturing, Leather Chemical Manufacturing, Management Technologies for Wastewater Treatment, Solid Waste Utilization, Leather Products and Health Care Products. In addition to the technologies, CSIR-CLRI has been steering the global fashion forecasting of colors and designs.

CSIR-CLRI in collaboration with Anna University conducts B.Tech, M.Tech and Ph.D. programmes in Leather and Leather Products technology. CSIR-CLRI conducts various Diploma, PG Diploma and Executive training programmes in leather and leather products manufacture, directly contributing to the generation of skilled manpower for the sector.

CSIR-CLRI has been providing services connected to testing and analysis of intermittent leathers, finished leathers, leather chemicals, wastewater, solid wastes, components for leather products, and leather products as per the relevant and internationally acclaimed procedures. Testing Services from CSIR-CLRI is now ISO 17025:2017 accredited by NABL.

CLRI, today, is a central hub in Indian leather sector with direct roles in education, research, training, testing, certification, designing, forecasting and planning, social empowerment and S & T leadership. The institute is committed to address the technology, knowledge and human capital needs of the leather and products sector. In addition to the Indian Leather Sector, this institute is the most sought after organization for global benchmarking of the leather industry and also capacity building in various countries.

Leather Research Industry Get-together (LERIG) 2020

Triple Helix of Leather viz. Research, Academy, Industry Get together every year during last week of January for co-generating a plan and path forward and engaging in conversation with the government. Leather Research Get together is the program organized at CSIR – Central Leather Research Institute by, of and for the Leather sector.

LERIG 2020 is special as our Academy Partner is observing its Platinum Jubilee. In celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of Academy of Leather Technology, the theme for LERIG 2020 is **“Research Academy Industry for Sustainable Ecosystem (RAISE) for Leather”**. Sustainable Ecosystem demands research academy and industry work for the common purpose of enabling Leather Sector cogenerating values for the country through Leather Sector.

LERIG 2020 will be inaugurated on 28th January 2020 4:00 pm, Dr K Kasthurirangan, Former Chairman, ISRO will be the Chief Guest for the programme, Shri PR Aqeel Ahmed, Prof M.K. Surappa, Vice Chancellor, Anna University and Dr M Rafeeqe Ahmed, President, AISHTMA will be other guests for the programme. The inauguration programme will cover presentation of awards for best performers in the Industry, Students and Scientists. The programme will also cover the presentation of Outstanding Entrepreneur Award from Nagappan Foundation. This year, Shri V Raja Seenivasan, M/s VRS Leather Pvt Ltd will receive this award. On 29th January 2020, Dr K J Sreeram, Director, CSIR-CLRI will present the Theme lecture followed by two important sessions on “Leather and Leather Products Education” and “Sustainability of Leather Sector”. On 30th January, Open Day is planned for the visit of Leather, Leather Products and Leather Chemicals Manufacturers to CSIR-CLRI Techno Exhibition and for one to one discussions with Scientists of various departments of CSIR-CLRI.

CSIR-CLRI always leads in planning of Indian Leather sector. As a part of Leather Technology Mission (LTM) carried out between 1995 and 1999, successfully completed a mission mode programme and also developed Indian Vision 2010, a Vision beyond Mission was developed. In 2016, Technology Mission plan for Leather sector with a financial outlay of Rs. 2600 Crores was prepared by CSIR-CLRI. Way forward for Leather 2035 is the stated goal of LERIG 2020. It is proposed to present a master plan to the Government for follow-up actions.