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Thursday, 26 November 2026

11:00 AM	**High Tea**
11:30 AM	Welcome **Dr P. Thanikaivelan** Director, CSIR-CLRI
11:40 AM	Presidential Address **Padma Shri Dr. M. Rafeeque Ahmed** President, AISTHMA
11:50 AM	M. M. Hashim Memorial Lecture **Shri A. Sahasranaman, IAS (Retd.)**
12:50 PM	Presentation of Citation
01:00 PM	Felicitation & Thanksgiving **Shri M. Abdul Wahab** Managing Director, K.H. Exports India Pvt. Ltd.

Indian Leather Sector, LERIG Trust and Director & Staff of CSIR- Central Leather Research Institute

cordially invite you to the

2nd M. M. HASHIM MEMORIAL LECTURE 2026

Delivered by

Shri A. Sahasranaman, IAS (Retd.)

Founding Managing Director of CEMCOT and Former Executive Director, CLE

"The transformation in the leather sector in India in the last five decades: What lies ahead?"

Presided by

Padma Shri Dr. M. Rafeeque Ahmed

President, AISHTHMA

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Triple Helix Auditorium

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Shri Malack Mohamed Hashim

1 September 1939 – 4 July 2025

Shri Malack Mohamed Hashim was a pioneering figure in India's leather and footwear industry and Chairman of KH Group (KH Exports India Pvt. Ltd.). Under his leadership, the Group expanded its tanning, manufacturing, and export capabilities, producing approximately 24 million sq. ft. of finished leather annually, as well as shoes, leather goods, and gloves.

Renowned for his expertise in tanning, manufacturing and global exports, Shri Hashim helped shape the Indian leather sector. In 1978, he established one of the country's first tannery effluent treatment plants. He championed ethical practices, employee welfare and sustainability, including common effluent treatment systems developed with CSIR-CLRI, NEERI and UNIDO.

He held leadership roles in CLE, the Leather Sector Skill Council, ILIFO, IFLMEA, ISF, AISHTMA and CEMCOT. The Council for Leather Exports honoured him with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018. He was widely regarded as a doyen of the leather industry. His vision strengthened industry collaboration, environmental responsibility, and India's reputation in international leather markets.



Shri A. Sahasranaman, IAS (Retd.)

Founding Managing Director of CEMCOT and Former Executive Director, CLE

Shri A. Sahasranaman is a distinguished former IAS officer and industry leader who has contributed to the growth, modernization and environmental sustainability of the Indian leather industry. A postgraduate in Economics from Panjab University, he joined the IAS in 1973 and held senior positions in Jammu and Kashmir, including District Magistrate of Kargil and Jammu and Divisional Commissioner, Jammu.

As the first Executive Director of the Council for Leather Exports (1984-1990), he helped establish the organization, promoted value-added leather exports and strengthened India's international presence. As National Programme Manager of the UNDP-assisted National Leather Development Programme, he strengthened technical institutions, training and international collaboration. Later, as Regional Programme Coordinator of UNIDO, he advanced cleaner tanning, pollution control and occupational safety across Asia.

As the first Managing Director of CEMCOT, he guided six Zero Liquid Discharge projects in Tamil Nadu's tannery clusters. Closely associated with CSIR-CLRI, he fostered collaboration among research institutions, government and industry, and helped establish ILIFO. He continues to serve the leather sector through advisory roles and his commitment to sustainable industrial development.