



Programme

11:10 AM : Tea

11:30 AM : Welcome
: Dr. P. Thanikaivelan

11:35 AM : GT Memorial Lecture by
: Prof. M. Lakshmi Kantam

12:30 PM : Presentation of Citation

12:35 PM : Proposal of Thanks

LERIG Trust and Director & Staff CSIR- Central Leather Research Institute

Cordially invite you to
GT MEMORIAL LECTURE 2026

Delivered by

Prof. M. Lakshmi Kantam

*Former Director CSIR-IICT,
Dr. B. P. Godrej Distinguished Professor of Green Chemistry &
Sustainability & Engineering, J.C. Bose National Fellow (SERB-DST)*

On
7th May 2026 at 11.30 AM
at
Triple Helix Auditorium
CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute,
Adyar, Chennai 600020



Dr. Gopalakrishna Thyagarajan

Dr. G. Thyagarajan (02.05.1934 – 24-03.2024) obtained the degree of M.Sc. in 1956, and Ph. D in 1962, from Osmania University. Thereafter, he worked as a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of California at Berkeley in 1964-65. He was a visionary leader and made notable contributions in the fields of chemical process industries, synthetic drugs, organo-phosphorous pesticides, leather processing, chemical safety, technology management, and technology forecasting.

Dr. Thyagarajan was a unique science manager who successively headed three national laboratories. Back in 1974, Y. Nayudamma, then Director General of CSIR, appointed him as the Director of the Regional Research Laboratory in Jorhat (presently Northeast Institute of Science and Technology). Then, he assumed the role of Director at the Regional Research Laboratory, Hyderabad (presently Indian Institute of Chemical Technology) in 1981. Subsequently, he served as the Director of the Central Leather Research Institute for two spells (1984-87 and 1990-94).

Dr. Thyagarajan has the distinction of acting as the Adviser to the Secretary, Commonwealth Science Council, and Science Adviser to the Secretary General, Commonwealth Secretariat, U.K. He published over 75 papers and received numerous awards and fellowships.



Dr. M. Lakshmi Kantam

Dr. Mannepalli Lakshmi Kantam is a well-known Indian scientist of international repute in the field of catalysis, nanomaterials, and green chemistry. Her contributions to the design and development of homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysts with a strong emphasis on achieving high atom economy, selectivity, and sustainability are exemplary.

Dr. Kantam obtained her Ph.D. from Kurukshetra University and joined the CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad, where she rose to the position of Director and also served as Joint Director of the ICT-RMIT Research Centre, fostering international collaboration.

Dr. Kantam has an outstanding academic record with more than 260 research publications and 43 US patents, reflecting her strong commitment to translational research and industrial relevance. Her excellence has been recognized through several prestigious honours, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indian Chemical Society (2011), Fellowship of the National Academy of Sciences India (2008), AP Akademi Fellowship (2006), and the B.D. Tilak Visiting Fellowship at UICT, Mumbai. She was a recipient of the JSPS Visiting Scientist fellowship at Kyoto University, Japan, and has delivered pioneering lectures at leading international forums across Japan, China, Switzerland, and Europe, underscoring her global scientific standing.