

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

Cordially invite you to

MM HASHIM MEMORIAL LECTURE 2025

Delivered by

Dr. T. Ramasami

Former Secretary, DST &
Former Director, CSIR-CLRI

on

The Man Who Saw 50 Years Ahead

Presided by

Dr. M. Rafeeqe Ahmed

President, AISHTMA

Join Online Meeting



01 Sep, 2025 |  **04:00 PM**

Triple Helix Auditorium

CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute,
Adyar, Chennai - 20



Programme

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| 03:30 PM | High Tea |
| 04:00 PM | Welcome address
Dr K.J. Sreeram |
| 04:10 PM | Presidential Address
Dr. M. Rafeeqe Ahmed |
| 04:25 PM | MM Hashim Memorial Lecture
Dr. T. Ramasami |
| 05:25 PM | Presentation of Citation |
| 05:30 PM | Felicitations & Thanks Giving
Shri. M. Abdul Wahab
Managing Director
K.H. Exports India Pvt. Ltd. |
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Shri. Malack Mohamed Hashim

Shri. Malack Mohamed Hashim (01.09.1939 – 04.07.2025) was a pioneering luminary in India's leather and footwear industry, serving as the esteemed Chairman of KH Group (KH Exports India Pvt. Ltd.). Under his visionary leadership, the Group expanded its tanning, manufacturing, and export capabilities, achieving production scales of approximately 24 million sq.ft. per annum of finished leather and robust output across shoes, leather goods and gloves. Renowned for his unparalleled expertise in tanning, manufacturing, and global exports, Shri Hashim played a defining role in shaping and elevating the Indian leather sector. He established one of the country's first effluent treatment plants in his tannery in 1978. He championed ethical practices, employee welfare, and sustainability, including pioneering efforts in establishing common effluent treatment systems in collaboration with CSIR-CLRI, NEERI and UNIDO. He also provided remarkable industry leadership through prominent roles in the Council for Leather Exports (CLE), Leather Sector Skill Council, Indian Leather Industry Foundation (ILIFO), Indian Finished Leather Manufacturers & Exporters Association (IFLMEA), Indian Shoe Federation (ISF), All India Skin and Hide Tanners and Merchants Association (AISHTMA) and Chennai Environmental Management Company of Tamilnadu Limited (CEMCOT) among others. Through these contributions, he not only propelled business excellence but also drove impactful social and environmental initiatives. A recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from CLE in 2018, he was widely celebrated as a doyen of the leather industry.



Dr. Thirumalachari Ramasami

Dr. T. Ramasami, Former Secretary, Department of Science of Technology and Former Director, CSIR-CLRI, is a leather technologist cum chemist. His research interests span a wide area of science. Several technologies developed by his group are in extensive commercial use in the country. He worked closely with Shri MM Hashim in reopening over 700 tanneries in Tamil Nadu that had been closed by the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, within just 18 months in 1996 and the successful implementation of the Leather Technology Mission. His visionary headship of CSIR-CLRI established the institute's global leadership in leather research, and his contributions to strengthening academia-research-industry partnerships in the leather sector are widely recognized.

As Secretary, DST, he introduced landmark programs namely INSPIRE, which has emerged as the game changer in attraction of talent to science and PURSE, which strengthened research in Indian universities. He made significant contributions to India's Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy of 2013. Among his numerous honors, Dr Ramasami was awarded the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Chemical Sciences in 1993, Padma Sri in 2001 and Padma Bhushan in 2014. His visionary contributions continue to inspire the advancement of science, technology, and sustainable innovation in India.