The Genesis

First abode of CLRI on 24 April 1948. A house in Coral Merchant Street is the place from where CLRI commenced activities.

- Leather technology course was introduced from 1945 in the University of Madras
- As the college buildings were not ready yet, the classes for leather subjects were held at the institutes of leather technology premises at Washermanpet, Madras
- On 4th September 1978, when Anna University was established, A.C. college of Technology became part of the same.

Shri TT Krishnamachari cutting the ribbon to mark the opening of CLRI in 1953.
Birth of Trinity Model

Dr AL Mudaliar argued for CLRI being located in Chennai where an university and flourishing industry coexist. Dr Y Nayudamma receives Dr Mudaliar to give a tour to the first ever Indian leather fair at CLRI campus in 1964. Mr Sankaran, Indian leather and Mr Nagappan accompany. It is a company of Academy-Research-Industry. A mighty alliance!

Dr Y Nayudamma (Research), Prof GS Ladha (Academy) and Sri Nagappa (Industry) in close company – discussing means to strengthen an alliance probably!
A 2 year post B.Sc. (PG) programme in Leather Technology, known as B.Sc. (Tech) was introduced.

The first Ph.D in Leather Technology was introduced.

Commencement of the 1st M.Sc. (Tech) by research degree.

Anna University was established. A.C. college of Technology became part of the same.

3 year Ph.D degree in Leather Technology was introduced.

National Leather Development Program, certificate and diploma programmes for Master Technicians.

The Leather Technology Mission enabled leather education.

M.Tech degree programs converted into 4 semester.

7 semesters B.Tech (part time) degree programme introduced.

M.S. (by research) programme commenced.

M.Tech. degree in Footwear Science and Engineering was introduced.

Introduction of a 4 year B.Tech. degree programme in Leather Technology.

2 year M.Tech degree program in leather technology.

4 year B.Sc. (Tech.) programme was introduced.

Eventful Journey from 1944

Establishment of Alagappa Chettiar College of Technology

Genesis of CARE

Increase in student intake

Increase in core area placement

A HRD mission launched

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M.Tech. degree in Footwear Science and Engineering was introduced

Introduction of a 4 year B.Tech. degree programme in Leather Technology

2 year M.Tech degree program in leather technology

4 year B.Sc. (Tech.) programme was introduced
Uniqueness of the Programme

- Scientists of CLRI are the core faculty (honorary) members for the Department of Leather Technology of Anna University
- More than 50 scientists are involved in teaching process: Dept. with a high faculty to students ratio
- CLRI interfaces between leather industry and academy; trinity of Academy-Research-Industry
- Dynamism in tuning the curriculum according to changing needs of the industry
HALL OF FAME

Prof. Seshachalam Choudhary 1945-1951
Mr. Siviah Choudhary 1951-1953
Prof B M Das 1953-1956
Dr Y Nayudamma 1958-1973
Dr M Santappa 1973-1981

Dr N Ramanathan 1981-1983
Dr G Thyagarajan 1984-1987
Prof R B Mitra 1988-1990
Dr KV Raghavan 1994-1996
Dr T Ramasami 1996-2000

Dr S Sadulla 2000-2008
Dr B Chandrasekaran 2008-2016
Dr J Raghava Rao 2016-Till Date
HALL OF FAME
Genesis of Centre for Academic and Research Excellence (CARE)

- CARE was inaugurated on 24th April 2017 by Dr Girish Sahni, DG, CSIR
Hands on Training
Access to State-of-the-Art Facilities

Texture Analyzer
Shaker Incubator
Continuous Centrifuge
High Performance Liquid Chromatography
Fast Performance Liquid Chromatography
UV-Visible Spectrophotometer
Fluorescence Inverted Microscope
Lyophilizer
Electrospinning Apparatus
Biosafety Cabinet
Footwear Design and Testing Lab

- Gait analysis system
- Computer Aided Pattern Design
- Gait Laboratory for fabricating customized footwear
- Digital Softness Tester
- Universal Testing Machine
- Sewability Tester
- Drape meter
Going Beyond Curriculum: Shaping Future

ALT Activities

Crosslinks
Dissemination Activities (Conferences)

- Greener Leather Processing”, under the Scheme “Promotion of University Research and Scientific Excellence (PURSE)”
Students Strength & Placement Trend

100% placement record for more than a decade

*In the academic year 2014, students intake increased from 40 to 60.

B.Tech Leather Technology
Driving Excellence in Leather Science & Technology

- The department has contributed in producing high quality minds
- The alumni have held some of the highest positions both in academic and industrial establishments
- Several of our alumni are entrepreneurs setting up leather and leather products industries thereby contributed in generation of huge employment potential for the nation

Distinguished alumni awardees of AC College
International Partnerships in Leather Education & Research

- CLRI has cooperation with various reputed international training and research organizations in leather
  - British School of Leather Technology, University of Northampton, UK
  - LLPTI (now LIDI), Ethiopia and Other African Countries including Sudan, Kenya
  - Lederinstitut Gerberschule Reutlingen (Leather Institute/Tanners School Reutlingen), Germany
  - ITECH LYON, France
  - Spanish Institute
CLRI’s Contribution Towards HRD for Leather

- From 1948, CLRI partnered with Universities for B.Tech degree program
- More than 1500 students with B Tech from the academy-research alliance in leather
- 250 University students learn at CLRI annually
- CLRI commands 30-35% share (at tertiary level) of global HRD base
- 60% of the industry is manned by alumni of DLT
- About 1000 candidates from more than 60 countries have undergone training at CLRI

*Countries benefited from training at CSIR-CLRI, Chennai*
RETURN TO THE ROOTS CAMPAIGN
CELEBRATIONS PLANNED

- “Hall of Fame”
  - Creating a gallery of Who-is-Who in the Leather World – thanks to Leather Education at AC Tech
  - A 1000 sq.ft area in CSIR-CLRI highlighting the achievements of Leather Education – Research – Industry Partnership

- Lectures
  - Institution of Named Lecture Series in honor of the past Heads of the Department of Leather Technology to be delivered by Eminent Educationalists

- Prized Possessions
  - 75 Years of Leather Education – A Photo Story with a Cover Article
  - 75 Years Badge, necktie, T-Shirt, wallet, bags…..
  - 75 TIPS in leather and footwear making
  - Articles by alumni on common shop floor trouble shooting

- Creating a way forward to 100 document in tune with SDG – 4
LAUNCH OF START-UP SUPPORT

A club of the students, by the students and for the students
Strong Connect with Alumni
LEATHER EDUCATION

Marching towards 100
THANK YOU