

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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ANNUAL LEATHER RESEARCH INDUSTRY GET TOGETHER  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Annual Leather Research Industry Get-together (LERIG) was held in Chennai as appeared in the Hindu dated January 29, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the outcome thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes Sir. Annual Leather Research Institute Get-together(LERIG) was held from 28th January to 30th January, 2005 at Central Leather Research Institute(CLRI), Chennai.

(b)&(c): LERIG 2005 started with B.M. Das Oration Lecture by Dr. Campbell T. Page from TFL Leather Technology Ltd. Switzerland while the summary ; LERIG 2005 was conducted by Director, CLRI , Chennai . The LERIG 2005 was also addressed by a host of other prominent speakers. The major recommendations of LERIG were:

- (i) Launching of footwear mission with a goal to gain 5% of global footwear trade in value by 2010 to be implemented through an industry driven and institutional mechanism, which includes alliances with market leaders.
- (ii) Hold workshops in Taiwan and Europe with a view to attract investors and partners in Indian footwear industry.
- (iii) Tannery sector should be leveraged to gain sustainability of the footwear industry.