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## CONDOLENCE MESSAGE



**Janab MALACK MOHAMED HASHIM Sahib**  
**(01.09.1939 – 04.07.2025)**

On behalf of entire Leather & Footwear Industry in India, the Council for Leather Exports (CLE) expresses its heartfelt condolences on the passing away of Janab Malack Mohamed Hashim Sahib on 04.07.2025 at his hometown Melvisharam, Tamil Nadu.

Janab Malack Mohamed Hashim Sahib, was a visionary leader who has been instrumental in steering the leather & footwear industry in India, from manufacturer of raw materials in the 1970s to producer of value-added leather products, leather footwear and allied products, the momentum gaining ground from 1980s onwards to till date. He has played a vital role in transformation of the industry over the past decades.

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He was the **founder Chairman of the Council for Leather Exports (CLE)** from its inception on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1984 onwards, holding chairmanship of the CLE for 8 continuous years till 26<sup>th</sup> August 1992, and thereafter for another tenure of 2 years from 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1999 to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2001.

He has been fully involved in the CLE, and his experience and wisdom has contributed a lot to the development and growth of the Leather, Leather Products and Footwear Industry over the years. His wide experience in all aspects of the industry, right from the leather tanning process to the finished products manufacturing, makes him an industry expert adviser with foresight and wisdom.

Recognizing his immense contribution and growth of the leather & footwear industry in India, CLE has conferred Janab Malack Mohamed Hashim Sahib with the distinguished title of **‘Doyen of the Leather Industry’** and the said Award was presented to him on 31.01.2007 at Chennai. The CLE has honored him with the **‘Life-time achievement Award’** which was presented to him on 04.08.2018 at Chennai.

Janab Malack Mohamed Hashim Sahib was one of the leading Industrialists of India in the Leather & Footwear industry. He was the Chairman of KH Exports India Pvt Ltd. Besides CLE, he held several key positions in the industry organizations namely All India Skin & Hide Tanners & Merchants Association (AISHTMA), Indian Finished Leather Manufacturers & Exporters Association (IFLMEA), Indian Shoe Federation (ISF), Indian Leather Industry Foundation (ILIFO), Chennai Environmental Management Company of Tanners (CEMCOT), Leather Sector Skill Council (LSSC) etc.

It is with particular pride we recall the pioneering leadership role played by him in environment management in the leather tanning industry in India. The concept of Common Effluent Treatment Plants initiated in 1980s was a major industry initiative and he was actively engaged in close coordination with CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) for adoption of cleaner technologies in the leather industry. He was instrumental in tanning industry adopting the Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) technology in the CETPs in Tamil Nadu.

He was actively involved in several social welfare activities to uplift the vulnerable and weaker sections of the society by providing health and education facilities. He was the Chairman of MMH Medical & Charitable Foundation (which manages 150 bed Multi-Specialty Apollo KH Hospital at Melvisharam) and was the Chairman of KH Educational Foundation (which manages the KH Matriculation & Higher Secondary School at Melvisharam).

Indeed, the industry has lost a very prominent personality of the leather & footwear industry.

On behalf of CLE, we deeply mourn and convey our heartfelt condolences to all his family members, in particular to Shri M Abdul Wahab to bear this tragic loss. We pray for the departed soul to rest in peace.

*With profound sorrow,*

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