

## **Nano tech to solve power crisis: CECRI Director**

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“Nano technology is the panacea for India’s growing power crisis,” predicted Dr Vijayamohanan Pillai, Director of Central Electro Chemical Research Institute (CECRI), Karaikudi. He was delivering the 65th Foundation Day lecture at the Central Leather Research Institute ( CLRI ) at Guindy on Wednesday. The growing energy needs of India need to be addressed in the light of the fact that it has a vast growing population. Given the acute power shortage the state is facing today, nano technology will provide economically viable solutions to the crisis, he said on an optimistic note.

Dr Pillai, who made a powerpoint presentation on ‘Advances in nanomaterials and their impact on energy technology’, stated that the solar power cells and nano cells could solve the energy crisis of the future. India is committed to generate 20 gigawatts of electricity by the year 2020, he stated emphatically. The CLRI function was chaired by all the who’s who of India’s scientific research domain.

Earlier, A B Mandal, director of CLRI, welcomed all. He stressed the need to go in for research and development in leather technology. V Bharath Kumar of Good Leather Company, Chennai and D Saalai Maraan of Council of Leather Exports, Chennai, spoke on the occasion. A book on microbial technology authored by Dr R Puvana Krishnan was released on the occasion by Vinod Arya of Jaipur Leather complex Tanners’ Association. G Thyagarajan, former director general of CSIR and D Chandra Mouli, scientist, took part in the function.

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