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# 13th G. RAMACHANDRAN ENDOWMENT LECTURE

on

# "The Challenges in Managing Climate Change in India"



## A TRIBUTE

# Programme

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| **09.30 a.m.** | : | Registration |
| **10.30 a.m.** | : | Programme |
| Welcome Address | : | **Mr. V N SHIVA SHANKAR**<br>President, SICCI |
| A Tribute to Shri G Ramachandran | : | **Mr. R. GOPALAN,** IAS (RETD)<br>Former Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance |
| | : | **Ms. KALYANI COMAL**<br>Daughter in law of Shri. G. Ramachandran |
| Introduction of Chief Guest | : | **Mr. NAVNEET GANAPATHI**<br>Grandson of Shri. G. Ramachandran |
| Endowment Lecture | : | **Mr. MONTEK SINGH AHLUWALIA**<br>Former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India & Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Revenue Augmentation Committee |
| Presidential Remarks | : | **Dr. C. RANGARAJAN**<br>Chairman, Madras School of Economics<br>Former Chairman, Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council<br>Former Governor, Reserve Bank of India |
| Interactive session, the endowment and recognition of topper of PGDM Programme | : | **Mr. R. GANAPATHI**<br>S/o. G Ramachandran &<br>Past President, SICCI |
| Vote of Thanks | : | **Dr. N.R. BHANUMURTHY**<br>Director<br>Madras School of Economics |
| **01.00 p.m onwards** | : | Networking Lunch |

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*Cordially invite you to the*

# 13th G. Ramachandran Memorial Lecture

*at 10.30 a.m. on Friday the 4th December 2026*

*at*

**Madras School of Economics**
Behind Government Data Center,
Gandhi Mandapam Road, Chennai - 600 025

## Mr. MONTEK SINGH AHLUWALIA

Former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India &
Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Revenue Augmentation Committee

*will deliver the Endowment Lecture on*

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**Dr. C. RANGARAJAN**
Chairman, Madras School of Economics
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*will preside over the function.*

## Brief Profile of G. Ramachandran

G. Ramachandran, who had a brilliant career in the Civil Services, was a First Class First in MA Economics from the Madras University and stood first in the All India Competitive Exam for appointment to the IAS in 1949. He served as Personal Secretary to Chief Minister Rajaji and worked later with Chief Ministers Kamaraj, Bakthavatsalam and Annadurai with distinction. He was the youngest officer to become Finance Secretary in Tamil Nadu in 1965.

G. Ramachandran was handpicked for the post of Joint Secretary (Economics) by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Secretariat in1969. He helped Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to formulate progressive measures like Bank Nationalisation and Poverty Alleviation.

G. Ramachandran rose to become Finance Secretary, Government of India, a strategic position in the management of the financial affairs of the country. He continued in the post of Finance Secretary in the Janata regime, despite the political changes, to serve under Prime Ministers Morarji Desai and Charan Singh. He finally retired in 1985 as Executive Director of the Asian Development Bank, Manila.

G. Ramachandran, besides being a highly rated intellectual, was a voracious reader, an avid lover of cricket and an engaging conversationalist.