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## Foundation Day Lecture, 2015 IISER Thiruvananthapuram



### Speaker: Prof. P. Balaram,

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Professor Padmanabhan Balaram, obtained his B.Sc. (1967) from Poona University, M.Sc. (1969) from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur and Ph.D. (1972) in chemistry from the Carnegie-Mellon University, USA. He worked as a Research Associate at the Harvard University (1972-73) with Prof. RB Woodward of the Department of Chemistry. On return to India, he joined the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bangalore as a Lecturer (1973), and then became Assistant Professor (1977), Associate Professor (1982) and finally a Professor in 1986. He was Director of the Institute from 2005-2014.

He has contributed extensively to the area of molecular biophysics and chemical biology in a career spread over four decades. As the Editor of Current Science from 1995 to 2013 he authored over 300 editorials on a wide range of topics of interest to the scientific community in India. He has been associated with a number of advisory bodies of the government .

Professor Balaram is a recipient of several awards and honours, including Padma Shri (2002); Padma Bhushan (2014). He is a Fellow of Indian Academy of Science, Bangalore; INSA, New Delhi and the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS).

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