



# **11<sup>th</sup> Dr D BALAKRISHNAN COMMEMORATIVE LECTURE**

**16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 11.00 AM**



by

**Dr MOHANAN KUNNUMMAL**

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India

**VIDYA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

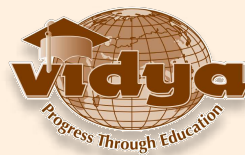
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## INVITATION



Dear All,

We cordially invite you to the Eleventh Commemorative Lecture organized in honour of Dr D Balakrishnan, Founder Academic Director and former honorary Advisor of Vidya Academy of Science & Technology (VAST), Thrissur, to be held online at 11.00 am on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, in zoom platform. You are invited to join through the link <https://bit.ly/dbday21>

Dr D Balakrishnan was a great visionary and leader who worked with imagination, insight, and boldness. He was a farsighted educationist and a social innovator whose ability helped VAST to achieve its goal of being one of the best engineering colleges in Kerala.

His contributions will always be remembered with gratitude. To perpetuate his legacy and to rededicate ourselves to the cause of the advancement of his vision, we observe "Dr D Balakrishnan Day" (DB Day) every year.

This year we are fortunate to have two eminent personalities as our honored guests. Dr Mohanan Kunnummal, Hon. Vice-Chancellor, Kerala University of Health Sciences (KUHS) and Dr K P P Pillai, Former Executive Secretary, Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), are joining us to bless the occasion.

We solicit your esteemed presence on this solemn occasion.

**Dr Santosh Prasannan**  
Chairman, VICT

**Sri Suresh Lal**  
Executive Director, VICT

**Dr Saji C B**  
Principal, VAST



# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

11.00 - 11.03 AM

Daivadasakam

11.03 - 11.07 AM  
Welcome Address

Dr Saji C B  
Principal, VAST

11.07 - 11.15 AM  
Presidential Address

Mr Manoj Kumar K B  
Vice Chairman, VICT

11.15 - 11.18 AM  
Introducing the Guest of Honour

Dr Ramani Bai V  
Professor & Head-CSE, VAST

11.18 - 11.28 AM  
Reminiscence Address

Dr K P P Pillai  
Former Executive Secretary, ISTE

11.28 - 11.31 AM  
Introducing the Chief Guest

Dr V N Krishnachandran  
Vice Principal

11.31 - 12.21 PM  
Commemorative Lecture

Dr Mohanan Kunnummal  
Hon. Vice Chancellor  
Kerala University of Health  
Sciences

***Topic : The world of Medical Imaging-Synergy of Technology and Medicine***

12.21 - 12.40 PM  
Paying Tributes

Er P K Asokan  
Chief Patron, VICT

Er G Mohanachandran  
Honorary Advisor &  
Non-Executive Director, VICT

Mr Suresh Lal  
Executive Director, VICT

Mr P N Unnirajan  
Director - Administration, VICT

Dr Sudha Balagopalan,  
Dean- Academics, VAST

Mrs Nisha Valsan Nair  
PTA President, VAST

12.40 - 12.45 PM  
Vote of Thanks

Ms Mahalakshmy A  
Asst Professor - CSE, Coordinator





## **Dr MOHANAN KUNNUMMAL**

Hon. Vice Chancellor,  
Kerala University of Health Sciences, India

Dr Mohanan Kunnummal, Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Health Sciences (KUHS) is a renowned expert in radio diagnosis. He has been recently elected as the President of "Association of Indian Health Science Universities ", the first Keralite to occupy this prestigious chair. Hailing from Kannur, he did his MBBS and MD in Radio Diagnosis from Govt. Medical College, Trivandrum. He has more than two and half decades of teaching experience in various medical colleges, including Govt. Medical Colleges and MES Medical College, Perunthalmanna. He was also the Principal of Govt. Medical Colleges at Thrissur & Manjeri.

Dr Mohanan had guided 19 research projects, authored 11 publications in international journals and has more than 100 scientific presentations to his credit. He has served as the President of Indian Radiological & Imaging Association during 2018-'19, and was the State President of Kerala Govt. Medical College Teachers Association for 4 terms during his service. Considering his commendable and committed service, the Govt. of Kerala recognised him with the "Best Doctor of the State" award in 2016. He is also the recipient of Dr PJ Alexander memorial award of the Indian Medical Association, Kerala Branch.



## **Dr K P P PILLAI**

**Former Executive Secretary, ISTE**

Dr K.P.P. Pillai, Former Executive Secretary of the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), took his B.Sc (Engg) & M.Sc (Engg) from University of Kerala and Ph. D from IIT, Kharagpur. He is the recipient of "The Prince Avittom Thirunal Gold Medal", of the University as the first rank holder. Started his career as a Junior Engineer at KSEB, he later took up his passionate profession as a teacher at College of Engineering, Trivandrum (CET). He joined CET as a lecturer in the Electrical Engineering Department, and became the Principal of CET, in the year 1991. He has also served as the Principal of Govt. Engineering College, Kannur.

He built up the LBS Centre for Science and Technology, Trivandrum during 1982-1988 in his capacity as its Chief Executive. He was the founder Director of School of Technology & Applied Sciences, M.G. University, and established the first University Engineering College in Kerala. During his tenure as the Executive Secretary of ISTE (1997 to 1999), Dr K P P Pillai contributed profoundly for improving the quality of technical education in our country. He was the special Private Secretary to Minister Education, Govt. of Kerala during 2000-2001. He is also a renowned consultant to many national and international organizations.