



VICENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

(2003-2023)

26TH JUNE 2023 AT 10.15 AM
VENUE: PRANAVAM AUDITORIUM



CHIEF GUEST

Dr. B ASHOK IAS

Principal Secretary & Agriculture Production Commissioner,
Agriculture Development and Farmer's Welfare Department, Govt. of Kerala.
Vice Chancellor In Charge, Kerala Agricultural University

Vidya Academy of Science & Technology

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INVITATION



Dear Sir/Madam,

On the occasion of completing 20 years (2003-2023) of successful service to the society with special focus on quality technical education, we are privileged to cordially invite you to the inaugural function of our Vicennial Celebrations to be held on Monday, 26th of June 2023 at 10:15 am in the College Auditorium (Pranavam). Dr B Ashok IAS, the Principal Secretary & Agricultural Production Commissioner, Agriculture Development and Farmer's Welfare Department - Government of Kerala, Vice Chancellor In Charge - Kerala Agricultural University, would be our Chief Guest during the function.

Vidya Academy of Science & Technology (VAST), Thrissur is one of the two self-financing engineering colleges managed by Vidya International Charitable Trust (VICT). VAST is a premier educational institution offering excellence for Technical Education and affiliated to A P J Abdul Kalam Technological University (KTU). Vidya offers B. Tech programmes in Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, Civil Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering. The institute also offers PG programmes in Structural Engineering (CE), Embedded Systems (ECE) and Master of Computer Applications (MCA). On the occasion of our vicennial celebrations, we are also launching the institution's "Strategic Framework" aiming at the sustainable development of VAST with special focus on developing Vidya as a Centre of excellence for Technical Education.

We solicit your esteemed presence to grace the occasion.

With regards,

Mr Sabu Soumian

Chairman-VICT

Mr Suresh Lal

Executive Director-VICT

Dr Saji C B

Principal-VAST



Programme Schedule

1. Prayer : Daivadasakam
2. Ranga Pooja : VAST Students' team
3. Welcome Address : Dr. Saji C B (Principal-VAST)
4. Brief history of Journey of Vidya : Er. P K Asokan (Chief Patron-VICT)
5. Video Presentation : Journey of Vidya
6. Presidential Address : Mr. Sabu Soumian (Chairman, VICT)
7. Briefing the Strategic Framework SF : Mr. Suresh Lal (Executive Director-VICT)
8. Inauguration, Inaugural address & launch of SF by Chief Guest : Dr. B Ashok IAS
(Principal Secretary & Agricultural Production Commissioner, Agriculture Development & Farmer's Welfare Department, Govt. of Kerala.
Vice Chancellor In Charge, Kerala Agricultural University)
9. Address by Secretary : Er. Manu Raghurajan (Secretary-VICT)
10. Felicitations : Dr. Santosh Prasannan (Former Chairman, VICT)
: Mr. Sudhakaran Polassery
(Former Chairman, VICT)
: Mr. Gireesh Kumar M (Vice Chairman, VICT)
: Mr. Shaji TG (Treasurer, VICT)
: Mr. AP Sadanandan (VICT General Coordinator)
: Mr. C R Unnikrishnan
(Central Kerala Regional Coordinator, VICT)
: Er. G Mohanachandran
(Former Executive Director, VICT)
: Mr. Manoj Chalakal (PTA President)
; Dr. Sobha AP
(Associate Professor, Dept of Applied Sciences)
: Mr. Jeswin Saju (Alumni, 2011 MCA)
: Mr. Jeeva H M (Student representative)
11. Vote of Thanks : Mr. PN. Unnirajan IPS (Retd)
(Director-Administration, VICT & Programme Convenor)

National Anthem



Dr. B ASHOK IAS

**Principal Secretary & Agricultural Production Commissioner,
Agriculture Development and Farmer's Welfare Department, Govt. of Kerala
Vice Chancellor In Charge, Kerala Agricultural University**

Dr B Ashok IAS, the Principal Secretary & Agricultural Production Commissioner of the Agriculture Development and Farmer's Welfare Department, Government of Kerala is an eminent educationist, writer, speaker, academician, and columnist. Currently holding additional charge as the Vice Chancellor of Kerala Agricultural University, he was also the first Vice-Chancellor of the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University established by the Govt. of Kerala.

A 1998 batch IAS officer, he served as the Director, Central Department of Agriculture; Deputy Director, National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie and faculty of Mussoorie IAS Academy over 15 years. He also held the posts of Energy Secretary, Chairman and Managing Director of the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB), and the Director of Water Resource Department. During his tenure as Chairman and Managing Director of KSEB, he had initiated many revolutionary reforms.

He holds a bachelor's degree in veterinary science from the University of Agriculture, a master's degree in water resources from the University of London, and a master's degree in political science from the University of Turin, Italy. In 2019, he won Canada's prestigious international research award for Sociology Research Dissertation. He received training in Management from TATA Management School India, University of London and Duke University, USA. He has also published many books including the one on the history of veterinary science, academic papers, and more than a thousand articles. He is currently the President of the Kerala IAS Officer's Association.