

## Padma Bhushan Former Director - IISc, Bengaluru FNA, FNASc, FASc

Venue

Gujarat Biotechnology University GIFT-City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Program overleaf



## Prof. P. Balaram

## Foundation day lecture on

*"The Origins of Life: The Evolution of Biochemistry and the Birth of Biology"* 



Prof. Padmanabhan Balaram is an eminent Indian scientist well known in the scientific community for his extensive contribution for molecular biophysics and chemical biology in a career spanning over five decades. Born in 1949, he obtained his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Pune University, master's from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur, and Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon University. After a short postdoctoral stint with Nobel laureate Robert Burns Woodward from Harvard University in 1973, at a young age of 24, he joined at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore as a faculty, associating with Prof. G.N. Ramachandran. He served as the Director of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bangalore and has been associated with several prestigious institutions worldwide. For his phenomenal research contribution towards protein chemistry and structural biology, he earned international recognition and numerous awards, including the Padma Shri (2002) and Padma Bhushan (2014), one of India's highest civilian honors.

## **Program Schedule**

11:00 - 11:20 AM Subeer Majumdar, Director General, remarks about GBU academic and research achievements
11:20 - 12:30 AM Foundation Day lecture & interaction by Prof. P. Balaram Address by Ms. Mona K. Khandhar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of Gujarat
12:40 - 12:45 PM Vote of thanks by Jeetendra Lilani, Registrar, GBU
12:45 - 02:00 PM Lunch Cultural Evening



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