



# 37<sup>th</sup> KERALA SCIENCE CONGRESS

7 - 10 February 2025  
Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur

## G. N. RAMACHANDRAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

(A prelude to 37<sup>th</sup> Kerala Science Congress)

Date: **16 December 2024**

Venue: **Cherusseri Auditorium**  
Thavakkara Campus, Kannur University

### PROGRAMME

2.00 PM- 4.00 PM

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**Dr. Soorej M Basheer**

Welcome: Associate Professor and Head  
Department Molecular Biology  
Kannur University

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**Prof. (Dr) Joby K Jose**

Presidential Address: Registrar, Kannur University

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**Prof. A. Sabu**

Introduction to Prof.G.N. Ramachandran: Member Secretary, KSCSTE &  
General Convenor, 37<sup>th</sup> Kerala Science Congress

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**Prof. Anup Kumar Kesavan**

Introducing the Speaker: Director, IQAC, Kannur University

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G.N. Ramachandran  
Memorial Lecture:

**Prof. P. Balaram FNA, FASc, FNASc**

Visiting Professor, NCBS, Bengaluru &  
Former Director, IISc, Bengaluru

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Word of Thanks:

**Dr. P. Harinarayanan**

Senior Principal Scientist, KSCSTE

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**Dr. G N Ramachandran**, (8 Oct 1922 – 7 Apr 2001) was an Indian physicist who was known for his work that led to his creation of the Ramachandran plot for understanding peptide structure. He was the first to propose a triple-helical model for the structure of collagen. He also made other major contributions in biology and physics.



**Professor P. Balaram, FNA, FASc, FNASc** is a distinguished Indian biochemist and molecular biologist known for his significant contributions to the fields of protein chemistry, molecular biophysics, and bioorganic chemistry. He served as the director of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, from 2005 to 2014. Balaram's research has focused on the structure and function of peptides and proteins, particularly in understanding their folding and interactions. His work has been influential in advancing the understanding of bioorganic mechanisms. A recipient of numerous prestigious awards, including the Padma Bhushan (2014) and R. Bruce Merrifield Award (2021) by the American Peptide Society. Prof. Balaram remains a highly respected figure in Indian science. He currently serves as a Visiting Professor at National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru.

