



37th KERALA SCIENCE CONGRESS

7 - 10 February 2025
Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur

P.T. BHASKARA PANICKER MEMORIAL LECTURE

(A prelude to 37th Kerala Science Congress)

Date: **30 January 2025**

Venue: **Govt. College for Women**
Thiruvananthapuram

10.30 AM- 12.00 PM

PROGRAMME

Welcome: **Smt. Anila J. S.**
Principal, Govt. College for Women
Thiruvananthapuram

Presidential Address: **Prof. A. Sabu**
Member Secretary, KSCSTE and
General Convenor, 37th Kerala Science Congress

Introduction to
P.T. Bhaskara Panicker: **Dr. K. Vijayakumar**
Principal Scientist, KSCSTE

Introducing the Speaker: **Prof. (Dr.) Bosco Lawrence**
Head, Department of Botany
Govt. College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram

P.T. Bhaskara Panicker
Memorial Lecture: **Dr. B. Ashok IAS**
Vice Chancellor
Kerala Agricultural University

Word of Thanks: **Dr. Binuja Thomas**
Principal Scientist, KSCSTE &
Convener, Focal Theme & Memorial Lecture
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Sri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker (1922–1997) was a famous social activist and writer of Kerala, India. Panicker was one of the leaders of the science popularisation movement- the Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishad- in the 1960s and 1970s. He was the founder editor of journals such as Sasthra Keralam (Science Journal for Children), Primary Teacher (Journal for School Teachers), and Pusthaka Sameeksha [പുസ്തകസമീക്ഷ] (Journal for Book Review). He was also the editor of encyclopedias like Jeevacharithrakosam [ജീവചരിത്രകോശം] for children, Science Encyclopedia for children, Balavijnanakosam [ബാലവിജ്ഞാനകോശം] Sasthra Vijnanakosam [ശാസ്ത്രവിജ്ഞാനകോശം] and Dravida Vijnanakosam [ദ്രാവിഡവിജ്ഞാനകോശം]. He published more than 100 books, mostly scientific and educational.



Dr. B. Ashok, IAS, is an eminent educationist, writer, speaker, academician, and columnist, currently and Vice Chancellor of the Kerala Agricultural University. Dr B Ashok was the first Vice-Chancellor of the Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University. He was a Professor and Registrar at Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth University in Kochi. A 1998 batch IAS officer, he served as Director, Central Department of Agriculture; Deputy Director - National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, and Faculty of Mussoorie IAS Academy for over 15 years. He held the posts of Power Secretary, KSEB Chairman and Managing Director, and Water Resources Director. During his tenure as Chairman and Managing Director of the Electricity Board, he initiated many reforms.

