

Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment

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KERALA SASTHRA PURASKARAM- 2025

Kerala Sasthra Puraskaram is an annual award instituted by the Government of Kerala to honour an outstanding **Scientist/Technologist of Kerala origin**, working anywhere in the world, for distinguished and sustained contributions to science and technology. The **Science and Technology Department, Government of Kerala**, through the **Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE)**, administers the award process. The award recognises **decades of sustained contributions, outstanding research accomplishments, and lifetime achievements** of a Scientist/Technologist who has made significant contributions to the advancement of science and technology. The award carries a **cash prize of ₹2 lakh, a memento, and a citation.**

Nominations are invited for **Kerala Sasthra Puraskaram 2025**, the highest honour instituted by the Government of Kerala in the field of Science and Technology. The nominee(s) recommended for the award are expected to exemplify the high standards and stature associated with the distinguished recipients of the award in previous years. Eminent Scientists of Kerala origin who have made outstanding and sustained contributions to science and technology may be nominated by:

- Fellows of National Academies of Sciences;
- Vice-Chancellors of Universities;
- Directors/Heads of national scientific institutions and establishments;
- Eminent Scientists of national or international repute; and
- Previous recipients of Kerala Sasthra Puraskaram.

There is no upper age limit for consideration for the award. Applications or self-nominations **will not be entertained.** A nomination, once submitted, shall remain **valid for a period of three years**, subject to the provisions of the applicable guidelines. Nominators are requested to carefully go through the **Brochure/Guidelines for Kerala Sasthra Puraskaram 2025** for detailed information on eligibility, nomination requirements, evaluation criteria, and the nomination process before submitting their nominations.

Recipients of Kerala Sasthra Puraskaram:

2011 Prof. E.C.G. Sudarshan (University of Texas, Theoretical Physics)

2012 Prof. M. Vijayan (IISc, Structural Biology)

2013 Prof. M.S. Valiathan (SCTIMST, Medical Science)

2014 Prof. K.P. Gopinathan (IISc, Microbiology)

2021 Prof. M. S. Swaminathan (ICAR, Agricultural Science)

2021 Prof. Thanu Padmanabhan (IUCAA, Theoretical Physics)

2022 Prof. P. K. Ramachandran Nair (University of Florida, Agroforestry)

2023 Dr. S. Somanath, Former Chairman, ISRO

2024 Dr. Tessy Thomas, Distinguished Scientist & Former Director General
(Aeronautical Systems), DRDO

Last date of receipt of nominations: **30th September 2026**. Duly completed
Nomination Proforma may be sent as registered speed post, in the following address and e-
mail id (keralasasthrapuraskaram2025@gmail.com)

The Executive Vice President

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