



# 38<sup>th</sup> Kerala Science Congress

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Ernakulam

## M. S. Valiathan Memorial Lecture

(A prelude to 38<sup>th</sup> Kerala Science Congress)

18 November 2025  
10:30 am- 12.30 pm

### Venue

Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science  
Studies Auditorium, Sree Chitra Tirunal  
Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology  
(SCTIMST)



**Dr. M. S. Valiathan**  
(24-05-1934 - 17-07-2024)



**Speaker**

**Prof. Rajesh S. Gokhale**

**Secretary**

**Department of Biotechnology  
Government of India**

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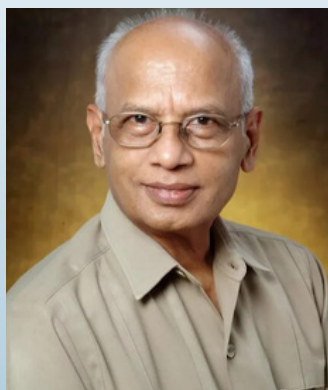


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**Dr. M. S. Valiathan (1934–2024)** was a pioneering Indian cardiac surgeon, the founding director of the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute (Thiruvananthapuram), and a key force behind India’s indigenous TTK-Chitra mechanical heart valve. Trained at Trivandrum Medical College, Liverpool, and later at Johns Hopkins and Georgetown, he combined surgery with biomedical innovation and institution-building. He was the first Executive Vice President of Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE). He also served as the first Vice-Chancellor of the Manipal Academy of Higher Education, became a National Research Professor, and wrote acclaimed works on Ayurveda (The Legacy of Caraka, Suśruta, and Vāgbhaṭa). Honours include the Padma Vibhushan (2005) and leadership of the Indian National Science Academy.



**Prof. Rajesh S. Gokhale** is Secretary of the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India, on deputation from IISER Pune. He formerly directed the CSIR–Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB), where he established its South Campus and led translational genomics research on complex diseases. Trained as a chemical biologist at IISc Bangalore and Stanford University, his work has uncovered novel metabolites implicated in disease pathophysiology, including Mycobacterium tuberculosis infection and vitiligo. Dr. Gokhale is a recipient of the Infosys Prize and the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize, and is a Fellow of all three national science academies of India.

