

P.T. Bhaskara Panicker Memorial Lecture

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Sir Syed College, Taliparamba, Kannur



Sri. P.T. Bhaskara Panicker (15.10.1921 - 30.12.1997)













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Sri. P.T. Bhaskara Panicker (1921–1997) was a noted social activist and writer from Kerala. Born on 15 October 1922 in Adakkaputhur, Palakkad, he worked briefly as a school teacher after completing his BSc and BT. A leading figure in the science popularisation movement through the Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishad in the 1960s and 1970s, he founded and edited journals such as Sasthra Keralam, Primary Teacher, and Pusthaka Sameeksha. He also edited major encyclopedias including Jeevacharithrakosam, Science Encyclopedia for Children, Balavijnanakosam, Sasthra Vijnanakosam, and Dravida Vijnanakosam. Author of over 100 books, mostly in science and education, he passed away on 30 December 1997.

Prof. Kana M. Sureshan earned his PhD from the University of Pune in 2002 and completed postdoctoral research in Japan, the U.K., and Germany. He joined IISER Thiruvananthapuram in 2009 and is currently a full Professor at the School of Chemistry. Working in organic and supramolecular chemistry, he has published 137 papers, filed eight patents, and delivered over 250 invited talks. His awards include the InnoCentive Award, Ramanujan and Swarnajayanti Fellowships, CRSI Bronze Medal, MRSI Medal, Rajib Goyal Prize, Technology Innovation Award, and the JC Bose National Fellowship. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry and an elected fellow of India's premier science academies.











