

Prof. M. Vijayan



Prof. M. Vijayan was born (1941) in Cherpu, Thrissur District, Kerala, India. He had his BSc degree from Kerala Varma College and MSc from Allahabad University. Dr. Vijayan took Ph.D from Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and he did Post-Doctoral work at Oxford with Prof. Dorothy Hodgkin. Prof. M. Vijayan is one of the most distinguished Scientists in India and has been associated with the advancement of science in Kerala for a very long time. Prof. Vijayan has carried out outstanding research in the field of Structural Biology. He is largely responsible for the growth of the field of Macromolecular Crystallography in India and his research on the structures of plant lectins and proteins from mycobacterium tuberculosis have been very widely recognized. His students now occupy senior positions in scientific establishments across the country. Prof. Vijayan has also been involved in the administration of science both at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and at the national level. He has served as the Associate Director at IISc, and has been the President of Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi. He continues to be an active researcher. He is a fellow of all the Science academies in India. He has published 314 peer reviewed research articles.

He has been honoured with several awards and distinctions which include the S.S. Bhatnagar Award in Biological Sciences, Om Prakash Bhasin Award, Jawaharlal Nehru Birth Centenary Award, DBT Biotechnologist Award, FICCI Award and Ranbaxy Award. The Nation honoured Prof. Vijayan with Padma Shri in 2004.