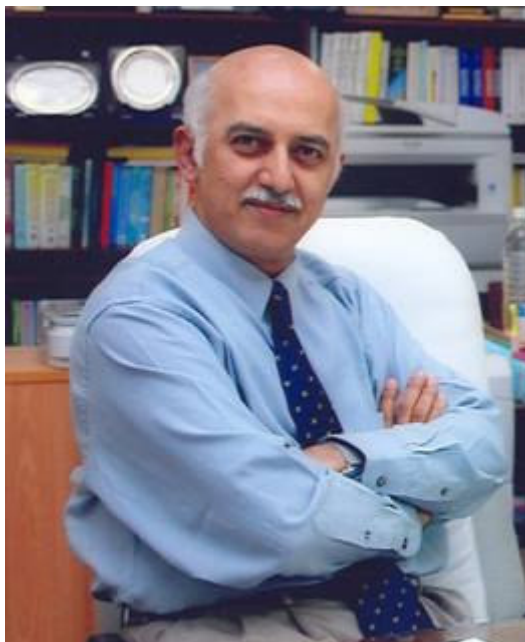


BIODATA OF Dr. V. PRAKASH



Dr. Prakash was born on November, 23, 1951 at Mysore, India and had early education at University of Mysore and got his Ph.D. degree in 1976. After Post doctoral fellowship during 1976 to 1980 at Texas Medical Centre at Houston and Brandeis University, Boston, he returned to India during 1981 as a Pool officer of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research at CFTRI and rose to the position of Director of CFTRI, Mysore during 1994.

Since then, he is steering the Institution to higher levels of Science, Technology and in dissipating appropriate technologies to producer and grower on one hand and tiny and small entrepreneurs on the other hand, with a focus on economic upliftment and employment generation by promoting adaptable technologies with a sustainability built into it. In this endeavour, his interaction with other R&D organizations, academia, National and International agencies, Non-Governmental organizations and Government departments is a trend-setter for taking Food Science to the public and to the entrepreneur. Today, as a result of his untiring efforts CFTRI is a National networking R&D Institute in Food Science & Technology and has made a very significant mark in the ASEAN region and other parts of the globe as an Institution which can support rural livelihood as well as entrepreneurship development. He has more than 160 publications in National, International journals, more than 410 papers presented in conferences and is the author of 6 books and 23 chapters in books, in addition to more than 50 patents to his credit including Patents in US and Europe. He has guided a number of Ph.D. students and continues to be active in his laboratory work with his Research team.

He is a fellow of Indian Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Association of Food Scientists and Technologists, National Academy of Sciences, Indian National Academy of Engineering and International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST). He is also a Councilor for International Academy of Food Science and Technology (IAFoST) for the term 2003-2006. He is a member of many National and International committees including WHO, UNDP and UNU for working out

policy matters, and is on the editorial board of several Scientific journals. He has spearheaded many missions at different levels of R & D, policy development and consultancy. His report as the Chairman of the Working Committee in Planning Commission on Agriculture and Food Processing for the 10th Plan has been a major driving force for the government to go ahead in many implementation of programmes in the country. He is also the Chairman of IUNS Task Force on Technologies for reaching out Nutrition. Under his leadership CFTRI alone has filed 900 patents, an unique distinction for any organization or R&D institution or Industry in India and abroad.

Amongst the many awards he has received for his Scientific and Societal Contributions, the Golden Jubilee Award of University of Mysore, Mysore during 1988; the Sarma Memorial Award of Society of Biological Chemists (India) during 1989; the Laljee Godhoo Smarak Nidhi Award of Association of Food Scientists and Technologists (India) during 1992; Prof. V. Subramanyan Industrial Achievement Award for 1998; CFTRI best Alumnus award for 1999; Soilendra Krishna Mitra Memorial Award for 1999 by All India Food Processors' Association during 2000 and 38th B.C. Guha Memorial Lecture Award and Citation by Indian Science Congress during 2001 and Kashalkar Memorial Award during 2003 are few to be cited.

Dr. Prakash is President elect of the International Academy of Food Science and Technology (IAFoST) for the year 2006-2008.

The Government of Karnataka has honoured him with 50th Anniversary of India's Independence Golden Jubilee Award for Science for the District of Mysore during 1997 and the Karnataka Rajyothsava Award for 1996. Recently the DuPont Protein Technologies International bestowed on him the 2001 Protein Technologist and Nutrition Award. The prestigious FICCI-2001 award was awarded during December, 2001 for his outstanding contribution in Life Sciences.

The prestigious National Science award of India, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize in the field of Biological Sciences was awarded to him for Biological Sciences. During 2003 he is elected as Fellow of The Royal Society of Chemistry (FRSC), UK.

Dr. Prakash is awarded PADMA SHRI by the Hon'ble President of India in recognition of his outstanding service to the Nation in the field of Science and Engineering.