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Speaker

Prof. P. BALARAM

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About the Speaker

Prof. P. Balaram is among India's most distinguished chemists and biophysicists. He is widely recognized for his pioneering contributions to understanding peptide and protein structure and conformation. After completing his M.Sc. at IIT Kanpur and Ph.D. at Carnegie Mellon University (1972), he pursued postdoctoral research at Harvard University with Nobel Laureate R. B. Woodward. He joined IISc in 1973, where he served for over four decades, including a highly impactful tenure as Director (2005-2014).

Prof. Balaram's research has provided fundamental insights into peptide design, protein folding, and membrane biophysics. Beyond his scientific achievements, he is celebrated as a visionary leader and a strong voice for Indian science, having served as Editor of Current Science for nearly two decades. His remarkable contributions have been recognized through numerous honors, including the TWAS Prize (1994), the Padma Bhushan (2014), and the R. Bruce Merrifield Award from the American Peptide Society (2021).



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