



Telangana Academy of Sciences

Cordially invites to the

11th Dr. Manohar V.N. Shirodkar

Memorial Lecture

Endowment instituted by

Smt. Rajkumari Indira Devi Dhanrajgir

to be delivered by

Dr. Balram Bhargava

Professor of Cardiology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

&

Former Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research &
Secretary, Department of Health Research, Government of India

On

“India’s Covid Vaccine Saga”

at 4.00 pm, on Wednesday, the 27th December, 2023

Venue:

Swami Vivekananda Auditorium, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IICT)
Uppal Road, Hyderabad

Dr. Ch. Mohan Rao

President, TAS, and
Former Director
Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology

Prof. S. Satyanarayana

Gen. Secretary, TAS and
Former, VC, Osmania
University





Prof (Dr.) Balram Bhargava
Former Director General, ICMR

Dr. Balram Bhargava, a global public health leader, is an eminent clinician scientist, accomplished cardiologist, innovator, and science administrator. He is former Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), and Secretary of the Department of Health Research. The government of India honoured him with the 'Padma Shri' award in 2014. He is currently the Chief of the Cardiothoracic Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi.

His role in vaccine development during the COVID-19 pandemic is well known. He has authored a book titled "Going Viral" which was made into a Hindi movie "The Vaccine War". Dr. Bhargava is known for promoting equity in access to health care, democratisation of scientific research and promoting public-private cooperation to bring new technologies and affordable innovative products into the health care systems.

Dr. Bhargava initiated the Indian chapter of the *Stanford Biodesign* to promote innovations in medical technology. He founded the "Society for Less Investigative Medicine (SLIM)" to combat excessive commercial practices. Dr. Bhargava was the Editor-in-chief of the British Medical Journal Innovations and of the Indian Journal of Medical Research.

He is the president of the National Academy of Sciences, India, Fellow of the American Heart Association (FAHA), Fellow of the National Academy of Medical Sciences (FAMS), and Fellow of the American College of Cardiology (FACC). Dr Bhargava is a recipient of the UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences (2015), and the Dr LEE Jong-Wook Memorial Prize for Public Health (2019). He is a recipient of the S. N. Bose Centenary Award of the Indian Science Congress, the Platinum Jubilee Award of the National Academy of Sciences, and the Vasvik Award.

Programme

27th December, 2023; 4:00 pm

Welcome Address	: Prof. S. Satyanarayana Gen. Secretary, TAS, and former VC, Osmania University
Profile of Dr. Manohar V.N. Shirodkar	: Dr. B. Sesikera Former Director, ICMR-NIN
Presidential Remarks	: Dr. Ch. Mohan Rao President, TAS and Former Director, CSIR-CCMB
Address by Guest of Honour	: Dr. D. Srinivasa Reddy Director, CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad
Introducing the Speaker	: Dr. G. Bhanuprakash Reddy Vice President, TAS, & Chief Scientist, ICMR-NIN
Dr. M.V.N. Shirodkar Memorial Lecture on "India's Covid Vaccine Saga"	: Dr. Balram Bhargava Former Director General, ICMR, New Delhi
Brief Remarks by	: Smt. Rajkumari Indira Devi Dhanrajgir
Vote of Thanks	: Prof. V. Ravinder Joint Secretary, TAS, Professor of Chemistry, KU, Warangal

National Anthem

Please occupy your seats in the hall by 3.45 pm