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Cordially invites you to the



13th Dr. Manohar V.N. Shirodkar Memorial Lecture

Endowment instituted by

Smt. Rajakumari Indira Devi Dhanrajgir

to be delivered by

Dr. Soumya Swaminathan

Former Director General, ICMR
Chair, MS Swaminathan Research Foundation
On

“Climate Change and Global Health”

4.00 pm on Wednesday the 7th January, 2026

Venue

PM Bhargava Auditorium
Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)
Uppal Road, Hyderabad

Prof. Ch. Mohan Rao
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Dr. Soumya Swaminathan

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Dr Soumya Swaminathan is an eminent clinician scientist, well known for her research contributions in the area of infectious diseases such as tuberculosis and HIV. She has worked throughout her career to translate research into impactful programs. She was Secretary to the Government of India for Health Research and Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). As DG, ICMR, she focused on bringing science and evidence into health policy making, building research capacity in Indian medical schools and forging south-south partnerships in health sciences. Subsequently, she was appointed as the Deputy Director-General for Programs, at the World Health Organization (WHO), She has also served as the Chief Scientist at WHO.

Dr. Swaminathan is an elected Fellow of India's three premier science academies: the National Academy of Sciences (India), Indian National Science Academy, and Indian Academy of Sciences. She also holds Foreign Fellowship in the US National Academy of Medicine and The Academy of Medical Sciences (UK).

Currently, Dr. Soumya Swaminathan chairs the "M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation". She also co-chairs the global commission "Our Common Air," and serves on the Kofi Annan Commission on Food Security, Chairs the Scientific Advisory Board of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) among other roles. She holds adjunct professorships at Karolinska Institute (Sweden) and Tufts University (USA).

Programme

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Welcome Address

Prof. S. Satyanarayana

Gen. Secretary, TAS & Former VC, OU

Dr. Manohar V.N. Shirodkar- A Profile

Dr. B. Sesikeran

Former Director, NIN, Hyderabad

Presidential Remarks

Prof. Ch. Mohan Rao

President, TAS, Former Director, CCMB
Senior Professor and Head, Dept. of Biological Sciences,
BITS-Hyderabad.

Address by the Guest of Honour

Dr. Vinay K Nandicoori

Director, CSIR-CCMB

Introducing the Speaker

Dr. G. Bhanuprakash Reddy

Vice-President, TAS & Chief Scientist, NIN

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"Climate Change and Global Health"

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Felicitations to the Speaker by

Prof. Ch. Mohan Rao & Sri Mahesh Viswantha

Vote of Thanks

Dr. L. Giribabu

EC Member, Chief Scientist, CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad

National Anthem

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