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The Birth and Growth of Biotechnology in India

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Professor Dorairajan Balasubramanian (PhD) is the Director Emeritus of Research and Distinguished Scientist at the L. V. Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad. Earlier he held the positions of Director of Research L. V. Prasad Eye Institute, Director, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad, Professor and Dean, University of Hyderabad and Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur. Prof. Balasubramanian completed his undergraduate training in Chemistry from the Birla College, Pilani and obtained his PhD in Biophysical Chemistry from Columbia University, USA. His early research work in India was focused on conformational aspects of peptides and proteins. Later on his research was directed towards the study of protein disorders in cataract and glaucoma and on aspects of congenital disorders of the human eye. He has published 170 research papers and 2 books and mentored several students. The very successful research career of Prof Balasubramanian, has seen him bestowed with multiple prestigious national and international honors such as the Padma Shri (2002), Chevalier de l'Ordre National de Merite (2002), Third World Academy of Science Award in Basic Medical Sciences (1995), and the SS Bhatnagar Award in Chemical Science, India (1981), to name a few. A very unique aspect of Prof Balasubramanian's scientific life has been his commitment in the area of Public Understanding of Science, an endeavor that he has achieved through popular science newspaper columns, radio and TV programs. He has published over 400 popular articles and 6 books and has worked with governments and agencies on issues of science and technology. He was awarded the UNESCO Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science, (1997). To people who know him, Prof Balasubramanian's (or Prof Balu's) explanatory and oratory skills are second to none, with lectures often being delivered in an engaging and entertaining fashion. The theme of this public lecture is on the genesis and growth of Biotechnology in India. To interested members of the public, press, undergraduate and graduate students from colleges and universities in Hyderabad and to the members of academic institutions of Hyderabad, CDFD extends a warm welcome on the occasion of this public lecture.

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