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A Public Lecture

on

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by

Prof.V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai

Executive Vice President

Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment

in the Conference Hall of the
Kerala State Science and Technology Museum
PMG, Thiruvananthapuram-33

on

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Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai



Prof. V N Rajasekharan Pillai (VNR Pillai) is the Executive Vice President of the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE) and Ex-officio Principal Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Kerala. Concurrently he serves as the Chairman of the Kerala Biotechnology Commission. Prof. Pillai is also chairing the Kerala State Coastal Zone Management Authority, under the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India.

Prof. Rajasekharan Pillai has been at the helm of affairs of many higher education institutions during his career spanning over 4 decades. His experiences and contributions to the field of Science and educational administration are rich and varied. He has served as the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, Vice-Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, Chairman, Distance Education Council, Govt. of India, New Delhi, Executive Director of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore, Vice-Chancellor of the Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala; Vice Chancellor of the Cochin University of Science and Technology; Founder-Director of the School of Chemical Sciences; Dean of Faculty of Science, Controller of Examinations; Director of College Development Council; Founder-Director of School of Professional Distance Education and Chief, Employment and Information Guidance Bureau of the Mahatma Gandhi University. He is a Fellow of Indian Academy of Sciences and an Honorary Senior Fellow of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore. Professor Pillai is also an Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers.

In January 2008, Prof. Rajasekharan Pillai received the Presidential Gold Medal of the Indian Science Congress from the Prime Minister of India. In 2007, he has been conferred the Triennial National M V Pylee Award for the Top Academician of India. In 2005, he received the Indian Chemical Society Award for his life-long research achievements in the area of chemical sciences. In 1996, Dr. Pillai received the Materials Research Society of India lecture award. His contributions to science and education have also been recognized by the conferment of honorary doctorates and honorary fellowships. Widely travelled all over the world, Dr. Pillai has presented papers, given invited and plenary lectures, chaired sessions in a large number of National and International conferences, organized large number of National and international seminars / conferences in various capacities, delivered Convocation Addresses, Endowment lectures and Special Orations in a large number of Universities and other institutions in India and abroad.

