

CSIR-NIIST Golden Jubilee Conclave on

“ CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN R&D SECTORS ”

Chief Guest



Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar
Director, AcSIR

Guests of Honour



Prof. Kuruvila Joseph
Pro Vice chancellor
IIST, Trivandrum



Dr. Sharmila Mary Joseph IAS
Principal Secretary
Higher Education Department,
Govt. of Kerala



Shri. K. Jayakumar IAS
Director, IMG & Former Chief Secretary
Government of Kerala

Presidential Address



Dr. C. Anandharamakrishnan
Director, CSIR-NIIST



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PROGRAM



09:00 AM : **Registration**

Inaugural Session



09:30 AM : **Welcome Address**
Dr. T. P. D. Rajan

Head, HRAD, CSIR-NIIST

09:35 AM : **Lighting the Lamp**

09:40 AM : **Presidential Address**
Dr. C. Anandharamakrishnan

Director, CSIR- NIIST

Addresses by Guests of Honour

09:50 AM : **Prof. Kuruvila Joseph**

Pro Vice chancellor, IIST, Trivandrum

10:00 AM : **Dr. Sharmila Mary Joseph IAS**

*Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department,
Govt of Kerala*

10:10 AM : **Shri. K. Jayakumar IAS**

Director, IMG & Former Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala

10:20 AM : **Keynote Address by the Chief Guest**

Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar

Director, AcSIR

10:50 AM : **Vote of Thanks**

Dr. Joshy Joseph

Convener, HRAD Conclave

National Anthem

10:55 AM : **High Tea**





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- 11:15 AM : **Distinguished Lecture**
Topic: Role of Skill Training in Career Development
Shri. K. Jayakumar IAS
Former Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala & Director, IMG
- 12:00 PM : **Panel Discussion on Career Prospects in Academia, Industry & Strategic Sectors**

Chair : Dr. T. P. D. Rajan, *Chief Scientist & Head, HRAD, CSIR-NIIST*

Distinguished Panelists:

Dr. Prabodh Halde, *Head, Global Regulatory, Public Policy, and Advocacy, Marico Limited*

Shri. S. Shanmugham, *Global Leader, Materials Technology, ZF CVCS, Chennai*

Dr. A. K. Asraff, *Former Associate Director (R&D), VSSC Thiruvananthapuram*

Dr. U.S. Hareesh, *Chief Scientist & Head, CSTD, CSIR-NIIST*

- 01:15 PM : **Lunch**

TECHNICAL SESSIONS (FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS)



- 02:00 PM : **Session 1: Profile with a Purpose - Resume and LinkedIn to Create, Connect and Conquer**
Dr. Sreejith Shankar
Senior Scientist, CSIR- NIIST, Trivandrum
- 03:00 PM : **Session 2: How to Ace Interviews? Dos and Don'ts !**
Prof. Mahesh Hariharan
Deputy Director, IISER Trivandrum
- 04:00 PM : **High Tea**
- 04:30 PM : **Session 3: The Silent CV: Skills that Bridge Campus and Career**
Dr. Vaisakhan Thampi D. S.
Assistant Professor, MG College, Trivandrum

