

BIODATA OF PROF. N. APPAJI RAO



Prof. N. Appaji Rao was born in Madras on September 25, 1934. He obtained the B.Sc., degree from Madras University, Madras and M.Sc. from Rajputana University, Jaipur. He joined the Department of Biochemistry, Indian Institute of Science, in 1956 to work for his Ph.D. degree with Prof. K. V. Giri. He worked as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., and Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, La Jolla, Calif., USA and returned in 1964 to join the Institute as a Faculty. He has worked as a visiting Professor in USA, UK, Japan and Australia. He served as Professor and Chairman, Department of Biochemistry and Dean Science Faculty. He has published more than 200 research papers in all the leading journals in Biochemistry in the area of enzyme structure and function and human genetics. He retired in 1995 and continues to work in Prof. Savithri's laboratory, till date, helping Ph.D. students and publishing research papers. He has mentored more than 50 Ph.D. students at the Institute and other Universities in India and abroad. His mentees hold leadership positions in biotechnology industry and universities in India and the USA. He has received many awards including the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2008. He is a Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy, Indian Academy and Sciences, and Poland Academy of Arts and Sciences.