

PUBLIC LECTURE

Speaker: Prof Asis Datta,

Distinguished Scientist,
Former Vice Chancellor and Director,
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Title of Talk :

“Chasing the Dream – The Path from Research to Human Benefit”

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About the Speaker:

Asis Datta acquired his PhD and DSc degrees in Biochemistry from Calcutta University. Datta started his professional career in 1973 at School of Life Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), and ascended to the position of Professor (1978). Datta performed admirably at JNU as Dean, School of Life Sciences (1983-85), Rector (1993-96) and as Vice-Chancellor (1996-2002). He was awarded DSc (hc) in 2002, 2004 and 2008, respectively, from the University of Burdwan, Bidhan Chandra Agricultural University and Vidyasagar University, respectively. Professor Datta was the Founder Director of National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), New Delhi (2002-08). India's first and only one research Institute of its kind.

Academic and Research Achievements: Professor Datta has researched and taught at many internationally respected institutions. He has done pioneering work in the field of molecular biology and identification and manipulation of novel genes leading to the production of transgenics of high societal value. In fact, his group received US patent for genes first time in India. His relentless effort throughout has established a vibrant school of research on "structure-function-application" of eukaryotic genes, which led to the establishment of the National Institute of Plant Genome Research **Awards and Honours:** Professor Asis Datta received several prestigious awards such as: SS Bhatnagar Award (1980); Guha Memorial Award (1988); Sir Amulya Rattan Oration Award (1988); First GD Birla Award (1991); Padma Shri (1999); Dr Nitya Anand Endowment Award of INSA (1993); Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Award (2000) and also honoured with the Life Time Achievement Award of Indian Science Congress (2006) He was awarded Padma Bhushan by the Government of India (2008). He is a Fellow of Academy of Sciences for Developing World (TWAS), Indian Academy of Science, Bangalore and National Science Academy (India), Allahabad. Datta was the General President of Indian Science Congress Association (2003-04).

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