

A Legacy of Excellence in Infectious Disease Research

ICMR National Institute for Research in Bacterial Infections, carrying the legacy of excellence in infectious disease research was founded in 1962 as the Cholera Research Institute. This institute has transformed over the years into a leading center for infectious disease research in India. Previously known as ICMR-NICED, it has been at the forefront of significant studies, interventions, policy translations on cholera & diarrhoeal diseases along with bacterial & viral infections, antimicrobial resistance, and public health initiatives. In 2024, the institute was renamed as the ICMR-National Institute for Research in Bacterial Infections to better reflect its broadened mission—serving as a cutting edge research hub dedicated to bacterial infections and antimicrobial resistance in India.

PROGRAM : FOUNDATION DAY 2026

 **18th February 2026**  **NIRBI II Seminar Room**

10.30 – 10.40 am : Inaugural song
10.40 – 10.50 am : Welcome address by the Director, ICMR-NIRBI
10.50 – 11.00 am : Inauguration and lighting of lamp
11.00 – 11.25 am : Address by the Guest of Honour
11.25 – 12.35 am : Felicitation & Oration by the Chief Guest Prof. P. Balaram
12.35 – 12.45 pm : Award Ceremony for the winners of Early Research Scholar Conclave 2026
12.45 – 12.55 pm : Felicitation of the staff completing 25 years
01.30 – 02.30 pm : Lunch

Cultural Program | 3.00 pm-5:00 pm

- Opening Dance (Music: Ananda Shankar)
- Tribute to Salil Chowdhury - Group Performance
- Song by Dr Jayanta Saha
- Classical Dance
- Modern Song
- Group Performance by Dr Moumita Bhowmik lab
- Recitation:Tribute to Sukanta Bhattacharya
- Drama by staff members: Written by Sukumar Roy
- Folk dance
- Hindi Recitation
- Esraj

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Formerly
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Cordially welcomes your gracious presence
in the celebration of the

64th Foundation Day



18th February 2026 • ICMR-NIRBI, Kolkata

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Kolkata-700 010, West Bengal, India



Invitation

Sir/Madam,

The Director and Staff of ICMR-National Institute for Research in Bacterial Infections (ICMR-NIRBI) cordially invite you to grace the program organized on the auspicious occasion of the 64th Foundation Day Celebration of the Institute on 18th February 2026.



This is our second Foundation Day following renaming of our Institute from ICMR-National Institute of Cholera And Enteric Diseases (ICMR-NICED) to ICMR-National Institute for Research in Bacterial Infections (ICMR-NIRBI), this reflects our expanded mandate and newer responsibilities in the field of bacterial infections.

We are pleased to have *Prof. P. Balaram*, Padmabhusan & Former Director of Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore as the 'Guest of Honour' who will deliver the *Dr. S. C. Pal Oration 2026*. The title of the Oration is "Discovering Forgotten Pioneers of Human Infectious Disease: The Stories of Cholera and the Corona Virus."

Please find the agenda of the program overleaf. Your participation will be highly motivating for us. You may also join the program virtually through the link: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/86591998046>

Director & Scientist 'G'
(On behalf of all Staff of ICMR-NIRBI)

Dr. S.C. Pal Oration 2026

Title: Discovering Forgotten Pioneers of Human Infectious Disease: The Stories of Cholera and the Corona Virus.

By:

PROF. PADMANABHAN BALARAM

Padmabhusan & Former Director,
I.I.Sc. Bangalore
Senior Visiting Professor NCBS
Chairperson, ATREE



Prof. P. Balaram obtained his B.Sc. (1967) from Poona University, M.Sc. (1969) from IIT Kanpur, and Ph.D. (1972) in Chemistry from Carnegie Mellon University, USA. He carried out postdoctoral research as a Research Associate at Harvard University during 1972–73.

He served as a faculty of the Molecular Biophysics Unit at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, from 1973 to 2014, and was the Director of IISc from 2005 to 2014. Since 2017, he has been associated with the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru.

Research contributions of Prof. Balaram span over Molecular Biophysics and Chemical Biology. He served as Editor of Current Science journal from 1995 to 2013 and authored over 300 editorials on science, scientists, and scientific policy.

He is a recipient of numerous national and international honours, including the Padma Shri (2002), the Padma Bhushan (2014), the R. Bruce Merrifield Award (2021) of the American Peptide Society, and the Ernesto Scoffone Prize (2024) of the Italian Peptide Society.