



CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology Hyderabad

The 36th Foundation Day Lecture

by

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Secretary, Department of Biotechnology
Government of India

on

Harmonizing Connections: Exploring Inter-Organ Crosstalk for a Stronger Foundation

at 4.00 P.M. on Sunday, 26th November 2023

Venue: Auditorium of the
CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT)
Uppal Road, Hyderabad 500007



About the Speaker

Dr. Rajesh S. Gokhale (born 1967) is currently the Secretary for Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India. He joined National Institute of Immunology after conducting his postdoctoral training at Stanford University. He was the Director of Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology from 2009 to 2016.

Dr Gokhale is known for his studies on the metabolic diversity of pathogens. He is credited with the discovery of a family of Long-chain Fatty acyl-AMP ligases (FAAL), and his studies assisted in the elucidation of biochemical crosstalk between fatty acid synthases and polyketide synthases in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. He holds US and Indian patents for his invention of method to modulate pigmentation process in the melanocytes of skin.

Dr Gokhale is a fellow of the Indian Academy of Science, the Indian National Science Academy, and National Academy of Sciences. He has also been awarded with Sun Pharma Research Award, Tata Innovative Fellowship, Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Prize in Biological Sciences, Swarajayanti Fellowship, The National Bioscience Award for Career Development and the Infosys Prize in Life Sciences.

PROGRAMME

3.30 P.M.	Welcome and overview	Dr Vinay K Nandicoori, Director, CCMB
4.00 P.M.	Foundation Day Lecture	Dr Rajesh S Gokhale
5.10 P.M.	High Tea	Shantiniketan, CCMB

