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MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to see that the Indian Journal of Biochemistry and Biophysics (IJBB) of CSIR-NIScPR National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research in association with Department of Biochemistry, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara has brought out a special issue of theme 'Celebrating proteins on the birth centenary of Dr. G. N. Ramchandran'. The progress made by the journal IJBB CSIR-NIScPR, New Delhi since its inception, is providing comprehensive coverage of articles in the fields of Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Biotechnology.

CSIR-NIScPR, Research Journals Division, New Delhi is one of the Science publishing house in scholarly publications and Department of Biochemistry, Vadodara established under the stewardship of Prof. C. V. Ramakrishnan, is one of India's first few departments for Biochemistry. Over the years the department emerged into a major seat of learning and research for Biochemistry and allied sciences. In keeping with its objective of catering to needs of students and scientists nationwide and globally the CSIR-NIScPR, New Delhi and Department of Biochemistry, University of Baroda brought out this special issue under the theme celebrating proteins on the birth centenary of Dr. G. N. Ramchandran' was organized as a part of celebrations of Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The conference provided a platform for young researchers from different universities and institutes to interact with eminent scientists from premier institutes across the world. The research in the areas of protein structure and biology is rapidly advancing. High resolution and high end techniques like circular dichroism, fluorescence spectroscopy and microscopy, NMR spectroscopy, X-ray crystallography etc., have allowed scientists to visualize proteins and other biological structures with unprecedented detail, providing insights into the underlying mechanisms of proteins and the biological processes catalyzed by them.

I am delighted to see that the articles include a diverse range of topics on the structure of proteins and their biological roles. Finally, I would like to congratulate and thank the Guest Editor Prof C. Ratna Prabha for putting together such an exciting and informative collection of articles in the special issue.

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