

Foundation Day - 2019

Dear friends,

PAMA, the non-profit educational trust committed to trans-disciplinary scientific enquires is honoured to bring to your kind attention the programmes being organized as part of the first PAMA foundation day.

We cordially invite you with family and friends to the public function at 5.00 pm in the Press Club Hall Thiruvananthapuram, on March 31, 2019.

Prof. RV G Menon,

Chairman PAMA will preside over the function.

One of the highlights of the function will be facilitations to **Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair**, Director, Human Spaceflight Centre, ISRO, responsible for Gaganyaan, the first ever Indian manned mission to Space.

During the function **Dr V Ramankutty** will deliver the first PAMA Foundation Day lecture on ***Transcending disciplinary boundaries***

Venue and Time:

Ground Floor Hall, Press Club, Trivandrum
5.00 pm 31st March, 2019.

Please join us for coffee/tea at 4.30 pm.

Kindly confirm your presence by contacting us.

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Another important programme (not a public event) of foundation day is an interface with selected students from deprived backgrounds on

Science: a friend, philosopher and guide

During sessions starting at 9.30 am at Alive, A20 Pandit Colony, Nanathancode, conversations with the students will be led by C P Aravindakshan, RVG Menon, P J Cherian, Ajith Kumar G and Jaya G Nair.



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Dr.V.Ramankutty, a medical doctor, health activist and painter, has been active in the social sphere of Kerala for the last three decades. Currently, he is Emeritus Professor in the Health Sciences wing of the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology. An acclaimed artist, he has taken part in several exhibitions of Kerala Lalithakala Akademi and held solo exhibitions. Dr. V. Ramankutty has published more than 60 research papers in reputed journals. He is the author of the book, *Achutha Menonte JeevithaYathrayil*.



Dr. S. Unnikrishnan Nair, Outstanding Scientist, ISRO has made significant contributions in the areas of launch vehicles and reentering vehicles. He was associated with the prestigious Space Capsule Recovery Experiment (SRE) and was the Deputy Project Director for recovery of SRE capsule from sea. He has been associated with ISRO's Human Spaceflight Programme since its inception and was Project Director for technology development activities. He was Programme Director, Advanced Space Transportation Systems and Deputy Director (Structural Engineering Entity), VSSC and is a recipient of ISRO's Individual Merit award and Team excellence awards. Presently he is the founding Director of Human Spaceflight Centre, Bangalore, the new centre constituted in ISRO, under which 'Gaganyaan', the Indian mission for carrying a 3-member crew to Space by 2021 is functioning.

Transcending disciplinary boundaries

Abstract : In an effort to expose the intellectual and social challenges and possibilities of transcending experiences, Dr Ramankutty would trace his journey from a science enthusiast to medical doctor to public health activist to one dabbling in social science. His interest in art developing in parallel became a sort of watershed. In perhaps the last transformation, he has become an enthusiastic student of data science. Has it all been worth it? Is there any other way out?