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Brief Profile

Prof. Arvind Anant Natu is a internationally acclaimed academician, currently Chairman of the Board of Governors of IISER Kolkata and Thiruvananthapuram and also an honorary advisor to the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (Pune). He was actively involved in the conceptualizing and planning of the IISERs, an Institute of national importance Of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Govt. of India.

For the last forty years, Prof. Natu is actively engaged in research at the National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Pune as a Senior Scientist in the Organic and Bio-organic Chemistry Group followed by at IISER Pune. He has significantly contributed to the areas of organic synthesis, natural products, and bio-organic Chemistry. He is fluent in German and has organised many international meetings.

He has equally contributed to the development of chemical Industry in various capacities such as member of board of directors, Consultant, IPR expert etc. A well trained chemist in India and abroad, was also involved in the process development of several drugs and drug intermediates fulfilling the motto "Concept to Commercialization". His work has been well-recognized globally by the Industries in India and abroad. Prof. Natu is an expert in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and patents and has participated in related deliberations in the Court of Law. He has served as Director and Consultant in Discovery, Process Development, and Management in the Pharmaceutical Industries throughout the globe.

Prof. Natu has a teaching experience of more than 25 years mostly at the post-graduate and PhD levels in Organic and Bio-organic Chemistry, Biology of DNA & RNA in India and Germany. He has led the Indian team in International Chemistry Olympiad thrice, where the Indian team came out with flying colours.

Prof. Natu is engaged in Indo-German cooperation in Research and Education. He was the recipient of the "Cross Order of Merit Award" which is the highest civilian award for foreigners bestowed by the President of Germany. It was a recognition of his contributions to Indo-German programmes in the area of education and research. He was also the Honorary Advisor and the German Research Ambassador of Science in 2007 and had represented many German Institutes.

Prof. Natu was bestowed with several Lifetime Achievement Awards for his contribution to education and research including the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Labdhi Research Development and Education (RDE) from the Labdhi Foundation, Gujarat. He was also the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award bestowed by a consortium of North Maharashtra University titled "Golden Opportunities" for the latest developments in Chemistry and Technology. He was a Fellow of the Maharashtra Academy of Science and a Member of the Board of Directors of Pharma companies. He was also the Scientific Advisor in the areas of scientific research and education and health of females in rural areas. He was a Member of Academic Councils of universities including Savitribai Phule Pune University; Founder Member of the Indian Peptide Society and Indian Society of Bio-organic Chemists; Member of the National Steering Committee for Olympiads in Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education and a Visiting Scientist at the Bielefeld University.

Prof. Natu has a keen interest in the upliftment of underprivileged tribal female students especially from the North-East. He has been actively involved in bringing them to the mainstream of the Indian higher education system. He runs many motivational programs throughout the country.