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V Prakash named as next Director General of CSIR

New Delhi, 29 November 2006, Dr. V. Prakash, Director, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore, will assume the charge as the Director General of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and Secretary, Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR), from 1 January 2007, when Dr. R.A. Mashelkar will relinquish his office.

Dr. Prakash, an outstanding food technologist, has contributed considerably in bringing together the producer and grower of farm produce on one hand and small entrepreneur on the other with a focus on economic upliftment and employment generation by way of promoting adaptable technologies. Dr. Prakash is internationally recognized for his research contributions in the area of Structural biology & Physical biochemistry of proteins and enzymes.

Dr. Prakash is the Fellow of Indian Academy of Sciences and Royal Society of Chemistry (FRSC), UK. His other academic distinctions include the Fellowship of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Association of Food Scientists and Technologists, National Academy of Sciences, Indian National Academy of Engineering. He is also the President elect of International Academy of Food Science and Technology (IAFoST) for 2008-2010.

Amongst the many awards he has received for his contributions, the most important ones are the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize in the field of Biological Sciences and the Karnataka Rajyothsava Award both in 1996 and the FICCI Award 2001.

The President of India honored him with the Padma Shri in 2004 in recognition of his outstanding service to the nation in the field of Science and Engineering.