

## Press Release

Avra Laboratories, a leading pharmaceutical company founded by Padmabhushan Dr. A. V. Rama Rao, will be establishing three research chairs at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) with the aim to support and recognize exemplary work in the field of translational research. The chairs, named in honor of Dr. A. V. Rama Rao, a former Director of the CSIR-IICT, will provide a three year fellowship to selected scientists to recognize and advance their efforts. The chair selection committee has selected the following nominees for FY2020-2023 to receive the prestigious fellowship:

### 1. Dr. S. Chandrasekhar

Director, CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad for exemplary contributions in translational research for the Pharma sector.

### 2. Dr. Amol A. Kulkarni

Sr. Principal Scientist, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune for outstanding efforts in translational research and commercialization of continuous process equipments including micro and flow reactors.

Over 25 years, Avra has been working closely with domestic and multinational companies to develop and supply advanced pharmaceutical intermediates from lab to commercial scale, and has developed novel low-cost manufacturing processes for several complex molecules. Dr Chandra Ramarao, Chief Operating Officer at Avra and a member of the selection committee commented "It is indeed an honor and privilege for Avra to be associated with CSIR and highlight the work of exceptional scientists who have extended their laboratory research towards tangible solutions and products."