

## More Details: **Dr. Bhujanga Rao Vepakomma**

### 1. **Qualification:**

- (i) B.Sc (Physics), MSc (Physics/Electro-Acoustics), MS (Mech Engg), PhD(Mech Engg), PhD(Management), DSc(h.c.)
- (ii) Certified Level 'A' project Assessor of Project Management Association, India / IPMA, The Netherlands

### 2. **Previous Appointments:**

- (i) Former Distinguished Scientist and Director General (2011-2015)
- (ii) Former ISRO Chair Professor (2016-2021)

3. **Present Appointment:** Chairman, KIMS Foundation & Research Centre (2021- )

4. Dr Rao was a **Visiting Scientist** at **Centre for CS & IT, Florida State University**, Tallahassee, USA in 2004-05.

5. Dr. Bhujanga Rao Vepakomma is the **Founder President** of the **Condition Monitoring Society of India (CMSI)**, which he established in 2003. He currently serves as its Founder President and Patron. The Society has been a forerunner of Industry 4.0, with condition monitoring occupying a central role and serving as its backbone. It is a national-level professional society with nearly 800 life members, reflecting his visionary leadership well ahead of its time. He organizes an annual national conference to promote best practices in asset management and to enhance production efficiency across the country.

6. **GITAM University has been organizing annual endowment lectures in honour of Dr. Bhujanga Rao V. since 2012, delivered by eminent personalities, as listed below.**

- (i) **Prof. Dr. B. K. Nagaraja Rao**, Director, Condition Monitoring and Diagnostic Engineering Management (COMADEM), UK, ***The Key to Sustained Prosperity***, 31 January 2012.
- (ii) **Dr. V. Ramamurti**, Professor (Retd), Dept. of Applied Mechanics, IIT, Madras, ***Condition Monitoring-Indian Scenario***, 29 January 2013.
- (iii) **Dr. Kota Harinarayana**, Dr. D S Kothari DRDO Chair at ADA, Bangalore, ***Technology, Aviation & National Security***, 06 February 2014.
- (iv) **Dr. Prem Shanker Goel**, Prof. MGK Menon DRDO Chair, RCI, Hyderabad, ***Emerging Dimensions in Space Exploration***, 03 February 2015.

- (v) **Dr. Baldev Raj**, Director of the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, (former Director of the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research in Kalpakkam), ***Frontiers in Non-Destructive Evaluation for Condition Monitoring***, 04 March 2016.
- (vi) **Prof. Rajkumar Roy**, Director of Manufacturing, Director of Through-life Engineering Centre, Cranfield University, UK,(Present Dean in ***Loughborough University***), ***Through-life Engineering Services (TES): Now and the Future***, 10 April 2017.
- (vii) **Prof. Amaresh Chakrabarti**, Sr. Professor & Chairman, Centre for Product Design and Manufacturing, IISc, Bengaluru, ***Industry 4.0: Smart Monitoring of Manufacturing and Beyond***, 19 March 2018.
- (viii) **Dr. Amiya Ranjan Mohanty**, FNAE, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Kharagpur, ***The Past, Present & Future of The Past, Present & Future of Condition Monitoring***, 01 March 2019.
- (ix) **Dr. Nalinaksh S. Vyas**, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT-Kanpur, ***Data Integration and Analytics for Condition Monitoring of Large Systems***, 24 March, 2022.
- (x) **Mr. Probhal Ghosh**, Vice president, Tata Steel, Jamshedpur, ***Advanced Condition Monitoring Techniques in Steel Industry***, 05 April 2023.
- (xi) **Dr. B. N. Suresh**, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri Awardee, Chancellor, IISST, Trivendrum, Thiruvananthapuram, ***Usage of Space Technologies for the benefit of Common Man***, 06 August 2024.
- (xii) **Dr. A. Sivathanu Pillai**, Padma Bhushan, Founder CEO & MD BrahMos Aerospace and Former CC(R&D), DRDO, ***Building A Sustainable Future Integrated with National Vision***, 29 July 2025.

**For additional information please refer to URLs:**

- i) <https://vbhujangarao.com/>
- ii) <https://kfrf.co.in/>
- iii) <https://comsoi.org/>