



### **PROF. GOVERDHAN MEHTA**

Professor Mehta is a leading researcher in the area of Chemical Sciences and presently National Research Professor and Jubilant-Bhartia Chair Professor at the School of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad. He obtained his PhD from Pune University and carried out postdoctoral research at Michigan and Ohio State University. He started his professional career at IIT Kanpur, and then moved to the University of Hyderabad where he became the Vice Chancellor during the period 1994-1998. Subsequently, he served as the Director of IISc, Bangalore for seven years (1998-2005). He remained attached with the Department of Organic Chemistry at IISc as CSIR Bhatnagar Fellow (2005-2010) following which he has taken up his present position at University of Hyderabad.

Professor Mehta is a Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS) and a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences. He is also a Fellow of all the three Science Academies in India and Third World Academy of Sciences and was the President of INSA. He is a recipient of Padma Shri from the President of India and has been conferred with "Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur" by the President of France. He had been offered several Visiting and Guest Appointments in leading Universities, has received over 30 medals/awards and numerous Honorary Doctorate degrees. He is on the Editorial Boards of many leading international journals in Chemical Sciences/Organic Chemistry.

Professor Mehta has made wide ranging research contributions in organic chemistry that encompass synthesis of biologically active and architecturally challenging natural products, creation of new and aesthetically pleasing molecular entities and incisive probing of stereoelectronic effects. He has around 500 research publications to his credit. His forays into synthesis have been marked by brevity, conceptual novelty and originality and his flair for devising simple solutions to complex and challenging problems of contemporary interest in organic synthesis have drawn attention internationally. In addition, he has made significant contribution to science education, science policy and planning and management of higher education in India.

Prof. Mehta was at NIT Rourkela on January 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 to deliver the first GOLDEN JUBILEE LECTURE of the Institute on "***Inventing a sustainable future: Chemistry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century***"