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Prof. S. P. Thyagarajan is a D.Sc. in Microbiology in addition to his Ph.D. and M.D. Degrees. He has also been conferred WITH SEVERAL Fellowship titles including those by National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Medical Sciences. He has put in 37 years of UG/PG teaching and research experience in Tamil Nadu Medical Colleges and in University of Madras. He has till date completed 57 research projects funded by national and inter-national funding agencies and mobilized grants over Rs.35.0 crores to the University of Madras. He has published 320 research papers and 16 books in the area of infectious diseases especially hepatitis, STDs and HIV/ AIDS. He is member of expert committees of UGC, ICMR, DST., DBT, DOD, Ministry of Health, WHO etc., He has guided 69 students for research and 32 candidates have been awarded Ph.D. under his supervision.

He had conducted international collaborative projects with scientists from 26 countries including USA, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Japan etc., with mutual visits to these countries. His research contributions have been recognized by 21 international and national awards. The awards of excellence include the Consultant Epidemiologist award of Glasgow University, UK; ICMR award in Virology and Kamal Kumari National award in Science and Technology. Dr. S.C. Agarwal Prize, IAMM Endowment Award and Dr. H.I. Jhala Award of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists; The latest being Dr. Pran Nath Chhuttani Oration Award of the National academy of Medical sciences, 2006 and the Italian Chavelier- Order of Merit of Italian Republic Award, 2007.

Prof. Thyagarajan is the inventor of a drug for the treatment of Chronic jaundice, called Hepatitis-B from the Indian medicinal plant, Phyllanthus amarus, [Kizhanelli in Tamil]. He has also secured national/ international patent for this discovery on the name of University of Madras and the patents have already been awarded in USA, UK, South Africa and North Korea. The drug has already been marketed by an University-Industry agreement under the brand name "VIROHEP" by Rallis India Pharmaceuticals/ Shreya Life Sciences, Mumbai, bringing financial benefits to the University. He additionally holds three more Indian patents.

Prof. Thyagarajan has served the Madras University in several administrative positions as Director, Dr. A.L. Mudaliar Post-Graduate Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, Taramani; Dean [Industrial Consultancy]; Registrar in-

charge and as Special Officer [Development Programmes]. As Coordinator, he facilitated the FIVE STAR level accreditation to the University of Madras by NAAC in 1999 and also secured the award of "University with Potential for Excellence" status to University of Madras with a grant of Rs.30.0 crores by UGC in the year, 2001. As the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras between 2003-2006, he sphere headed the 150th year celebrations of the University by securing a special grant of Rs.125 crores from Govt.of India and conducted the 150th Year celebrations on 4-5, Sept,2006 inaugurated by His Excellency, President of India and along with His Excellency Governor of Tamilnadu, Honourable Chief Minister of Tamilnadu, Union Ministers of MHRD, Finance, Communication &I.T. State Govt.Ministers of RDLA, Higher Education besides other VVIPS of UGC, Union& state planning commissions.

Prof. S. P. Thyagarajan, on completion of his term as Vice Chancellor of University of Madras, subsequently has taken over the position of Pro Chancellor (Research) at Sri Ramachandra University. He would be coordinating organizationally and administratively the International and national level research projects ongoing at the University funded by WHO, DST, DBT,CSIR and other funding agencies. He has set up the Central Research Facility as a unit to cater for basic medical research leading to Translational medical research in the University under one umbrella with an University-Industry Interaction centre to facilitate R&D projects and clinical trials for biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. Presently he is Professor of Eminence & Dean (Research) of Sri Ramachandra University.