

An Illustrious Alumnus Achievement

We are happy to share an achievement of an illustrious alumnus of our Institution – **Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan**, who has been picked by the President of the America to lead the prestigious **National Science Foundation (N.S.F)** as per the White House Report dated 20th December, 2019.

* The National Science Foundation (NSF) is a U.S. government agency that supports fundamental research and education in all the fields of science and engineering except medical.

* According to the Director of the **White House Office** of Science and Technology Policy, -- "Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan brings to this position a wealth of experience in research, innovation, academic administration, and policy as exemplified by his long and distinguished career".

* NSF Director is a Senate-confirmed position for a period of six-years.

* Dr. Panchanathan is a distinguished Alumnus of **Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda College** 1978-81 batch of B.Sc Physics.

* According to the Chief Technology Officer of the United States, -- "Dr. Panchanathan's expertise and dedication will ensure that the NSF continues to be a driving force for US discovery, innovation, and technological growth. He will be a key partner in advancing research and development in the technologies that will benefit all Americans, from artificial intelligence to quantum information science and high performance computing".

* In a statement, Dr. Panchanathan said he was "humbled and honoured" to be chosen as the NSF Director. His recent photo is attached for your kind perusal in the next page.



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Standing 1st Row : 1. R. Venkatraman, 2. M.V. Srinivasan, 3. D. Mahesh, 4. R. Jayamurthy, 5. R. Poovanan, 6. R. Vijayabaskar,
7. V. Ramakrishnan, 8. S. Umamaheswaran, 9. J. Ganesh, 10. S. Kannan, 11. P. Mohan.
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7. K.N. Swaminathan, 8. K. Chandrasekar, 9. S. Murali, 10. V. Thyagarajan, 11. S. Panchanathan.
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8. M.S. Narayan, 9. R. Sudharsan.
Standing 4th Row : 1. Kuppan, 2. Vadivelu, 3. Govindarajan.

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Standing Second Row (L to R): Last Student is **Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan**