

Obituary

Prof. Vaidyeswaran Rajaraman



(September 08, 1933- November 8, 2025)

Prof. Vaidyeswaran Rajaraman, *FNAE* born on September 8, 1933 passed away on November 8, 2025. He was elected to INAE Fellowship in the year 1987 and affiliated to Engineering Section II (Computer Engineering and Information Technology).

Prof. Vaidyeswaran Rajaraman, *FNAE*, Emeritus Professor and former Former TataChem Professor & Chairman, Supercomputer Education and Research Centre (SERC), Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore was a pioneering computer scientist, visionary educator, and one of the chief architects of Computer Science education in India. He joined IIT Kanpur in 1963 as a faculty member wherein he played a pivotal role in shaping the early computing curriculum. In 1982, he joined the Indian Institute of Science where he guided research in high-performance computing and contributed significantly to India's indigenous supercomputing initiatives. From the analog computing laboratories of the 1950s to the supercomputing centres of the 21st century, his work helped lay the intellectual and institutional foundations of India's digital era. Prof Rajaraman was a recipient of several prestigious awards and honours including the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize, Om Prakash Bhasin Award, Homi Bhabha Prize, Distinguished Alumnus Award of the Indian Institute of Science, INAE Lifetime Contribution Award in Engineering and the Padma Bhushan. He was a Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences, Indian National Science Academy and INAE, among others. Prof Rajaraman nurtured several generations of students who went on to define the country's scientific and digital future, and set the stage for India's emergence as a major software power.

May God bless his soul to rest in peace