

Prof. Satyajit Mayor got prestigious Chevalier De L'ordre National Du Mérite

Prof. Satyajit Mayor, Director of the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS-TIFR) was conferred the distinguished Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite, French order of merit by the Ambassador of France to India, Mr. H. E. Emmanuel Lenain on 19th November, 2019.



Prof. Satyajit Mayor with Mr. H. E. Emmanuel Lenain, the Ambassador of France to India,

Prof. Mayor is professor and director of the National Centre for Biological Science (NCBS), Bangalore, and Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine (inStem), Bangalore, India. In 2012, Prof. Mayor won the Infosys Prize for life sciences for his research on regulated cell surface organization and membrane dynamics. He studied chemistry at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay and has earned his Ph.D. in life sciences from The Rockefeller University, New York. He developed tools to study the trafficking of membrane lipids and GPI-anchored proteins in mammalian cells using quantitative fluorescence microscopy during his post-doctoral research at Columbia University.

Prof. Mayor has to his credit some of the prestigious national and international awards. Few of the awards and fellowships include Foreign Associate to US National Academy of Sciences, EMBO Fellow, TWAS Prize in Biology, JC Bose Fellowship, CSIR-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award, Swarnajayanti Fellowship, Wellcome Trust International Senior Research Fellowship, Mizutani Foundation for Glycoscience Award, Helen Hays Whitney Post-Doctoral Fellowship, etc.

The prestigious Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite award reflects Prof. Mayor's extensive efforts in supporting Indo-French scientific collaborations. His encouragement to collaborate globally has resulted in several MoU's signed between NCBS and other premier institutes, including the Institut Curie and Institut de Biologie du développement de Marseille (IBDM). His support has ensured that these strong associations sustain student mobility and progress.

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