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We are happy to share with you that BITS Pilani has decided to confer the **BITS Pilani Distinguished Alumnus Award 2021** to the following alumni for their significant and outstanding contributions.

S. No.	NAME	CATEGORY
1	<b>Prof. T.N. Vijaykumar</b> Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Purdue University	Academia and Research
2	<b>Prof. Malla Raghava Rao</b> ICEMR Program Director and Deputy Branch Chief of the NIAID Parasitology and International Programs Branch	Academia and Research
3	<b>Prof. Padmanabhan Seshaiyer</b> Professor of Mathematical Sciences   Director of the STEM Accelerator Program, College of Science   Director of COMPLETE (Center for Outreach in Mathematics Professional Learning and Educational Technology), George Mason University	Academia and Research
4	<b>Dr. Vikram Sampath</b> Independent Researcher, Author & Historian   Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, Monash University	Academia and Research
5	<b>Ms. Ramkripa Ananthan</b> Chief of Design, Mahindra & Mahindra	Corporate Leadership
5	<b>Mr. Pratik Pota</b> Chief Executive Officer, Jubilant Foodworks Ltd.	Corporate Leadership
7	<b>Mr. Sukumar Ranganathan</b> Editor-in-Chief, Hindustan Times, HT Media Ltd.	Corporate Leadership
8	<b>Mr. Ranjan Kumar Mohapatra</b> Director HR, Indian Oil Corporation   Chairman of Lanka IOC	Corporate Leadership
9	<b>Mr. Sriharsha Majety and Mr. Nandan Reddy</b> Co-Founder(s) Swiggy	Entrepreneurship/ Public Life / Philanthropy
10	<b>Mr. Abhinav Asthana and Mr. Abhijit Kane</b> Co-Founder(s) Postman	Entrepreneurship /Public Life / Philanthropy
11	<b>Mr. T. M. Vijay Bhaskar, IAS (Retd.)</b> Chairman, Karnataka Administrative Reforms Commission-II   Former Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka	Entrepreneurship /Public Life / Philanthropy
12	<b>Mr. Diaz Nesamoney</b> Founder & CEO Jivox   Council of Global Advisors Yale School of Management   Vice-Chair American India Foundation	Entrepreneurship /Public Life / Philanthropy

The awardees have been selected by a panel consisting of:

1. **Mr Uday Kotak** (Exec. Vice Chairman & MD, Kotak Mahindra Bank): Chairperson
2. **Mr Harish Bhat** (previous DAA winner), Brand Custodian at Tata Sons; Director of several Tata companies.
3. **Ms. Akila Krishnakumar** (previous DAA winner), Founding Partner, Social Venture Partners
4. **Mr Debu Bhattacharya**, Vice-Chairman, Hindalco, ABG
5. **Prof R N Saha**, Acting Vice Chancellor, BITS Pilani
6. **Prof. Arya Kumar**, Dean, Alumni Relations, BITS Pilani: Member-Secretary

and approved by the Chancellor. The selection was based on the impact of one's contribution to (a) dissemination or creation of knowledge, (b) enrichment of lives of people, (c) distribution or creation of wealth, (d) promotion or establishment of high ethical standards in private or public life, as also on the person's integrity and stature, and who thereby makes his Alma Mater proud.

Please join us in congratulating them on their success.

*Arya Kumar*

