



**SOMAIYA**  
VIDYAVIHAR UNIVERSITY



*Invitation*

One Hundred Years of Macromolecules

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

Symposium organised by

The Society of Polymer Science, India

&

Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai

Shri Samir S Somaiya  
Chancellor Somaiya Vidyavihar University &  
Chairman, Somaiya Trust

cordially invites you to

**One Hundred Years of Macromolecules**

symposium co-organised with

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at 9.30 am - 1.00 pm

at Nalanda Auditorium,  
4th Floor, K J Somaiya Institute of Management  
Somaiya Vidyavihar, Vidyavihar East, Mumbai - 400077

## **Programme**

### **Inaugural Session - 09:30 am - 10:30 am**

Campus Prayer and Lamp Lighting

Welcome Address by Prof. V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chancellor Somaiya Vidyavihar University

Presidential Address by Prof. S. Ramakrishnan IISc, Bangalore, President, SPSI

Introduction of SPSI by Prof. S. Sivaram, IISER, Pune

Address by Shri. Samir Somaiya, Chancellor, Somaiya Vidyavihar University & CMD, Godavari Bio-Refineries Ltd

Key-note Address & Inauguration of Mumbai Chapter of SPSI by Prof. M. M. Sharma, Emeritus Professor -Eminence at ICT, Mumbai

### **Technical session - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

11:00 - 11:45: Prof S. Sivaram, IISER, Pune

Topic: One Hundred Years of Macromolecules: Some Vignettes from History

11:45 - 12:15: Dr. Prakash D. Trivedi, Gharda Chemicals

Topic: Thermo Plastics - Industrial Perspectives

12:15 - 12:45: Prof. S. Ramakrishnan, President, SPSI

Topic : Why The Excitement About Controlled Radical Polymerization?

## One Hundred Years of Macromolecules

This is the first symposium organized by the Society for Polymer Science, India and Somaiya Vidyavihar University to commemorate 100 years of Macromolecules. The Mumbai chapter of SPSI is also planned to be launched on this occasion. The symposium will highlight the journey of Macromolecules from its inception to current times. The speakers are from Academia and Industry to emphasize on the development and commercialization of Industrial polymers. This is going to be a unique learning experience for the Polymer Science students as they would get a chance to interact with some of the most eminent scientists of India.

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### **About Somaiya Vidyavihar**

Somaiya Vidyavihar founded in 1959 encompasses 34 institutions, with more than 39,000 students and 1,500 faculty. Its main campus is in Mumbai, but Somaiya Vidyavihar also operates six schools in rural India. It was founded by Padma Bhushan Karamshi Jethabhai Somaiya in 1959, to provide quality holistic education.

Somaiya Vidyavihar has always been a place with a purpose - making a positive difference in the quality of life of its students and the community. It is known as much for its Science, Technology, Engineering, Management, Social Sciences and Commerce programs, as for its programs for academic studies in various faiths and cultures of India. Since 2010, Somaiya Vidyavihar is a Self - financed University, enacted by the Maharashtra State legislature and approved by the Maharashtra State Legislature and approved by the UGC, Government of India

### **About the Society for Polymer Science**

The Society for Polymer Science, India has had an interesting history of over three decades. The Society was established as Professional Society in March 1979 under the guidance and leadership of Prof. H. Kothandaraman and had its office at Madras in Department of Polymer Science, Anna University, Madras. Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, Ex-Director General, CSIR was elected as the President of this society in 1991 during the Symposium "Polymers' 91". In order to establish a vibrant national-level professional society to help to shape national policies in the area of polymeric materials, a decision was taken in February 1995 to unite all existing polymer-related societies in India under one banner namely "The Society for Polymer Science" India. Society functions through twelve regional Chapters, namely Bangalore, Calicut, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Kharagpur, Kolkatta, Mumbai, Pune and Thiruvananthapuram. Each chapter functions independently in organising professional activities for the benefit of chapter member.



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