## **Professor (Dr.) Lalit Mohan Das**

Prof. (Dr.) Lalit Mohan Das is a well-known name in the field of Energy studies. Born in Puri in 1947, Prof. Das completed his Graduation from REC, Rourkela, Post-graduation from IIT, Kharagpur and Ph.D. from IIT, Delhi in Mechanical Engineering.

Prof. Das worked as Lecturer at UCE, Burla for about 9 years before joining the Centre for Energy Studies, IIT, Delhi where he worked as Lecturer/Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor and Principal Scientific Officer. He is currently working as Emeritus Professor there.

Research interest of Prof. Das includes development of alternative-fuelled low emission engines/vehicles using an eco-conscious approach, in which he offers consultancy to many enterprises. He has published over 80 research papers in professional journals and supervised 31 Ph.D. thesis and 74 M.Tech. projects. He carried out research assignments in USA, England, France and Portugal and lectured in a large number of countries.

Prof. Das is member of a large number of professional bodies in various capacities. He was the Convener of the Technical Committee for the World Hydrogen Technology Convention held in 2009 in New Delhi. The many honours and awards received by Prof. Das include the Rajiv Gandhi Samman' from DST Odisha, the Lockhead Martin Award, the Outstanding Service Award' for his Áltruistic Contribution' to Hydrogen Economy from the International Association of Hydrogen Energy and the T.N. Vezirglo Award.

In humble recognition of the outstanding contributions to academics and research, the Odisha Bigyan Academy feels proud to confer on Prof. Das the 'Biju Patnaik Award for Scientific Excellence' for the Year 2014 and wishes him many more years of glorious life.