Membrane based separation technologies have already become an economically viable unit operation in a number of areas namely water desalination, waste-water treatment, chlor-alkali production, hydrocarbon processing, ethanol processing, milk processing, pharmaceutical industry, textile industry and metal finishing industries. The chief advantage of membrane based separations lie in their ambient nature of operation. Besides these well known processes, there are many other membrane processes of considerable application potential such as membrane based solvent extraction, membrane reactors, and membrane distillation which are presently under developmental stage. The growth of membrane technology depends on advances in science of membrane materials, engineering of membranes devices or modules and their application development.

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The present seminar involving invited lectures from eminent personalities in the field is another attempt of the Society to meet its objectives.

INVITED SPEAKERS

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- Dr. A.V.R. Reddy
  CSMCRI, Bhavnagar
- Dr. Malini Balakrishnan
  TERI, New Delhi
- Dr. S. Sridhar
  IICT, Hyderabad
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