



Prof Dr Samuel Gnana Prakash Vincent, trained as a marine biotechnologist, received his PhD from the University of Madras in 2007. He started his academic career as a lecturer at the Centre for Marine Science and Technology (CMST), MS University, India. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 2007 and Full Professor in 2013 and has been the Director of CMST since 2016. He has published more than 80 papers and supervised 14 PhD students and over 200 M.Phil and M.Sc. students.

In 1994, he was selected by the Indian Ministry of Human Resource Management as a DAAD scholarship holder for a two-and-a-half-year doctoral programme at the University of Bonn as the best biotechnologist. For a brief period, he worked at the German Aerospace Centre in Cologne. In 2001, he completed a training programme in biotechnology at the University of Bari, Italy, as part of the UNESCO Biotechnology Action Council. He was a World Programme Fellow of the European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO) and did research in molecular biology at the Carl von Ossietzky University in Oldenburg, Germany. He also received a Marie Curie Fellowship from the European Commission and carried out an individual project on DNACHIP at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg, Germany, from December 2004 to November 2006. In 2013, he was appointed as the Focal Point for HORIZON 2020 by the Delegation of the European Union to India to promote co-operation between India and the EU. He played a crucial role in the establishment of the International Centre for Nanobiotechnology at CMST, where the first Master's programme in Nanobiotechnology in India was launched in 2008.

Prof Prakash currently holds several leadership positions, including Chair of the Board of Studies in Microbiology, Marine Biotechnology and Marine Sciences at MS University. In February 2023, MS University decided to set up the MS University Research Park on the campus of the Centre for CMST on an area of 100 acres to attract research and development from 100 global and Indian companies to the park and to host and nurture 400 deep tech startups within 2030. Prof Prakash is the coordinator of this research park. Many international institutions have been invited/being invited to collaborate, including: BRICS Biomed Centre, Horizon Europe Office, European Business and Technology Centre, SWISSNEX Centre and G20 Industry R&D Centre (four confirmed).