



COMPUTER SOCIETY OF INDIA

Dr. S. SRIKANTAN

Dr. Sivasubramaniam Srikantan is the man who gave India its first commercial digital computer. It should be a matter of great pride to all of us that this computer TDC-12 was based entirely on indigenous R&D. Dr. Srikantan started the computer division of ECIL and was responsible for introducing a range of digital computers, to name the most significant of them TDC-16 and TDC-332. He laid the foundation for ECIL, a commercial venture from what started as a R&D activity at BARC. One can appreciate the pioneering efforts of Dr. Srikantan when one thinks of how everything had to be started from scratch - assemble and train a group of committed individuals and learn manufacturing from first principles. It is such path breaking activity which leads to significant achievements that builds a nation's self confidence and pride.

Dr. Srikantan got his B.E. from the University of Madras in 1954, M.S. in 1962 and Ph.D in 1964 from the University of Philadelphia in Electrical Engineering. He chose to comeback to India and serve the Atomic Energy Establishment to lay the foundation for the Indian Computer Industry.

Dr. Srikantan is recipient of the Vikram Sarabhai Research Award for outstanding work in the field of Electronics and Telecommunication in 1974. Dr. Srikantan is currently serving as Managing Director of KEONICS in Karnataka helping that state to become an electronic city. The now popular aspect of every CSI convention namely the exhibition was started with the support of Dr. Srikantan way back in 1974 when a working computer namely TDC-16 was shown for the first time at a CSI convention.

In grateful recognition of Dr. Srikantan pioneering services to the cause of Indian Computer Industry, who in some sense have started it all, the Computer Society of India has decided to confer on him the honour of FELLOW of the society. The society takes pride and pleasure in presenting him with this Citation on the occasion of the 24th Annual Convention in Bangalore.



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