

Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh has taken charge as Director, CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute, since January 2021. She worked at the same institute for 32 years, having joined as junior scientist in 1991 and rose to Chief Scientist and Head, Protein Chemistry and Technology Department before taking on the mantle of Director.

Dr. Singh completed her Masters degree in Food Technology from CSIR-CFTRI, University of Mysore in 1988 and PhD in Food Science in 2001 also from University of Mysore. Her research mainly focused on understanding the structure-function-activity relationship of enzymes. She has been the principal investigator of several government and industry projects. She has also been involved in the development of supplementary high protein foods and protein rich ingredients. The products have commercial and social relevance in India and the world. Her efforts as a leader or part of the team have resulted in around 40 technology transfers to entrepreneurs.

Dr. Singh has authored around 55 research papers and book chapters. She has also 8 active patents. She has supervised 6 PhD theses and continues active research. Currently, she is guiding four students for their doctoral studies. She has been part of several nutrition intervention programs and collaborations with various state government agencies, institutes and private organizations to address undernutrition in children, using products developed by CSIR-CFTRI to combat protein-calorie and iron deficiencies, particularly in Odisha, Karnataka, West Bengal and so on.

Dr. Singh is chairperson/ member of institute governing councils, Taskforces, national committees and board of studies of DBT, FSSAI, DST and universities. She has been deputed to several countries including Germany, USA, France, Finland and Thailand.

Dr. Singh is Hon. Fellow of the Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, recipient of DAAD fellowship (sandwich model) 1996 – 98, INF-Kraft Fellowship in 2006, Young Scientist Travel Award to Germany 2000 among others.