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Dr. Manoj Changat is a distinguished academician and researcher with significant contributions to discrete mathematics, combinatorial optimization, and futures studies. As a Senior Professor and Head of the Department of Futures Studies at the University of Kerala, he also served as the Director of the School of Technology. Over his illustrious career, he has published 56 research papers in reputed international journals, authored an edited volume, and contributed to nine book chapters. Prof. Changat has developed extensive international collaborations, including partnerships with the University of Louisville (USA), the University of Leipzig (Germany), and the Econometric Institute at Erasmus University (Netherlands). He led two bilateral Indo-Slovenia research projects, fostering ties with Slovenia's Maribor Research Group on Discrete Mathematics. He has successfully coordinated seven research projects funded by organizations such as DST, UGC, and AICTE. His leadership established a vibrant research group in discrete mathematics and combinatorial optimization, supported by prominent national funding bodies. Dr. Changat has supervised 14 Ph.D. scholars and over 130 M.Phil. and M.Tech. students.

In academia, he introduced innovative courses in technology foresight, systems engineering, and operations research for postgraduate students. Prof. Changat is also a member of the American Mathematical Society and various national and international editorial boards. His teaching and research excellence, coupled with his expertise in social networks, facility location problems, and foresight studies, make him a key contributor to the discussion on science, technology, and innovation governance.

In the upcoming conference, Prof. Changat will be giving the *keynote address* under the theme of *“Foresight in R&D Governance”*.