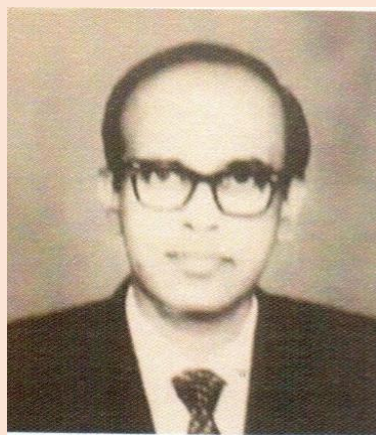


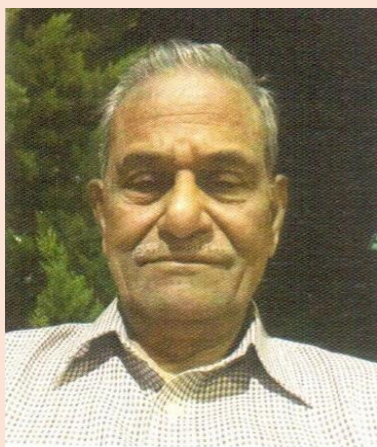
**Prof. P.S. MANISUDARAM**  
**1964-1982**

**Prof. Manisundaram**, affectionately called “Princi” by his students, was the First Gardener who built REC and nurtured it for close to 2 decades. Incidentally, he was by training a Civil Engineer. Outside REC, people knew him as an administrator par excellence, an educational visionary, a charismatic leader and a bold innovator. Prof. Manisundaram was also the first Vice- Chancellor of the Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.



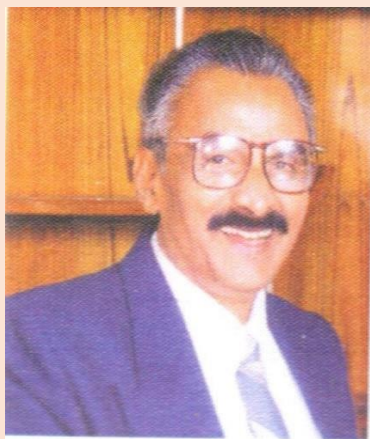
**Prof. NAGARATHNAM**  
**1982-1989**

**Prof. Nagarathnam** was the architect of academic autonomy. RECT became the first REC to become fully academically autonomous in 1986. Strengthening of teaching learning through regular class work was facilitated under his stewardship. Prof. Nagarathnam laid the foundation of the Computer Support Group and was instrumental in creating Asia’s largest computer centre with in-house PC assembling. The silver jubilee of the institute was celebrated during his term as principal.



**Prof. B. ILANGO**  
**1990-1995**

**Prof. B. Ilango** laid the foundation for administrative autonomy. Prof. Ilango understood the independence of the Board of the Governors as envisaged by the original framers of trusteeship. His bold initiatives kept the Institute free from political interferences. Prof. Ilango's reforms led to complete autonomy of PG programmes with all assessments and evaluations being carried out internally.



**Prof. P. ARAVINDAN**  
**1997-2000**

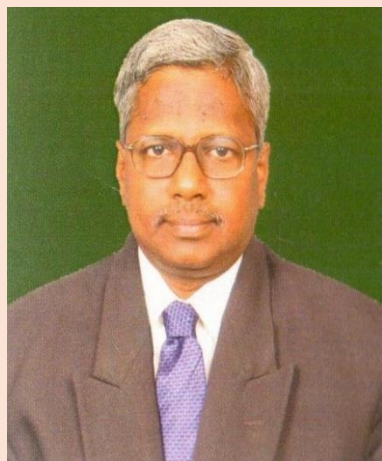
**Prof. Aravindan** used to call himself a 'Practicing Engineer'. Under his leadership and vision, 25 years 'Perspective Plan' was developed for REC, Trichy. Prof. Aravindan had taken initiatives to increase the student strength by taking an additional intake of 10 percent of students every year. During his tenure, new B.E Course on 'Industrial System Engineering and Quarter System' for U.G courses were introduced.



**Prof. M. ARUMUGAM**  
**2000-2003**

**Prof. M. Arumugam** was appointed as the 5th Principal of REC, Tiruchirappalli in 2000 and superannuated in 2003. During his tenure as Principal of REC Tiruchirappalli, the Institution was transformed as NIT Tiruchirappalli.

At REC, Tiruchirappalli he held various other positions like Dean, Head of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department, Head of PG programme in Computer Science, Hostel warden and Professor-in-charge of Students' Association.



**Dr. M. CHIDAMBARAM**  
**2005-2010**

**Prof. M. Chidambaram** was the first full time Director of NIT Trichy. He was a committed academician from IIT-Madras and an able administrator. Prof. Chidambaram introduced a lot of academic and administrative reforms with long term impact. He implemented E-Governance in a big way at NITT: Academic Audit, MIS, Student feedback and the Best Teacher Award are some of his notable reforms. Prof. Chidambaram recruited many young faculty members to minimize the Student- Faculty Strength. He regularized the posts of many non-teaching staff members. During his period, Lecture Hall complex, Central Library, New Guest House were constructed. More infrastructural facilities were created in the Hostels and Hostel Zones for the benefit of hostel inmates.



**Dr. S. SUNDARRAJAN**  
**(2011-2016)**

**Dr. S. Sundarrajan** was a Scientist who had served DRDL and DRDO before being appointed as the Director of NIT Trichy. The Golden Jubilee of the NIT Trichy was celebrated under his leadership. The President of the Republic of India was the Chief Guest for the Golden Jubilee function. Dr. Sundarrajan has taken many initiatives to collaborate with industry by signing MoUs with various agencies. He was instrumental to organize conclave on Academic Reforms. Flexible curriculum was introduced under his noble leadership. He was arguably, the most student- friendly director after Professor Mani Sundaram.



**Dr. MINI SHAJI THOMAS**  
**2016 Onwards**

**Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas**, is the First Woman Director of NIT Trichy. She is setting new standards and implementing more academic reforms to make NIT Trichy a Global Higher Education brand. Prof. Thomas formulated the Strategic Plan 2019-2024. She conducted recruitment and promotion of faculty after a lull of ten years. She has been taking initiatives to empower women and attract the best students within India and abroad. Collaborations with Industrial houses for Research and development; technology transfer; Siemens Centre of Excellence; streamlining the facilities to Increase the Number of Patents and many more are the notable achievements during the past four years of her tenure. NIT Trichy broke into the Top-9 among engineering institutes in the country's NIRF rankings for the first time in her 55-year history.