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# Welcome to Thiruvananthapuram

Located at the south-western tip of Indian subcontinent and wedged between the western ghats on the east and Arabian Sea on the west, the narrow strip of land called 'Kerala' is a destination of a lifetime. Adorned by its beautiful beaches and backwaters, enchanting woods and forests, lush hill stations and exotic wildlife, traditional ayurvedic practices, century old art forms and magical festivals, Kerala happens to be a place to experience life in its full glory. No doubt National Geography magazine names Kerala as one of the "ten paradises of the world" and "fifty must see destinations of a lifetime". Thiruvananthapuram meaning the land or "Lord Anantha" is the capital of Kerala. The city is well connected by trains and flights. It has an excellent public transport system in auto-rickshaws and taxis. The climate in the month of May is pleasant with a maximum of 33°C and a minimum of 25°C. Hotel accommodation is available in plenty suiting all tariff ranges. Details of hotels in the city are available in the website www.keralatourism.org

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# FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT Prof. Brahm Prakash Birth Centenary Workshop **High Temperature Materials and Hot Structures** (HTMHS - 2013) May 09-10, 2013

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# **About the Workshop**

Materials and structures capable of withstanding higher temperatures, govern largely the limits of emerging advanced technologies for frontier sectors such as aerospace, nuclear and defence. Therefore, the continuous endeavour of material scientists world over is to design and develop newer classes of high temperature materials and hot structures which can withstand extremely harsh operating environments. Onus shifts to engineers for harnessing these new developments for actual applications for the benefit of mankind. Thus, academic institutions, R&D laboratories and industries play an equal share of crucial role in qualifying the potential materials from lab to launch.

The Workshop on 'High Temperature Materials and Hot Structures' (HTMHS-2013) being organized by The Indian Institute of Metals (IIM), Trivandrum Chapter during May 09-10, 2013 primarily focuses on recaptulating the recent advances in this area. The Workshop provides a platform for academicians, scientists, engineers and industrialists working in the field to meet and exchange information on latest developments and emerging trends in high temperature materials and hot structures. It also aims at formulating an approach for imparting thrust to the promising areas under the main theme of the Workshop.

Prof Brahm Prakash is remembered in the country and abroad for his outstanding contributions in Metallurgy and Materials Science. He ushered in an era of advanced materials including high temperature materials in India with no fanfare. He was a technology-leader and institution-builder par-excellance. Birth centenary of this great scientist and mentor falls on August 21, 2012. As an humble tribute, the Workshop is dedicated to his memory.

# Scope

Traditionally, monolithic ceramics and refractory metals were identified for use at high temperatures. Considerations such as higher operating temperatures, increased thermostructural loads, lower density, etc. brought exotic materials such as ceramic matrix composites, carbon based composites, ODS alloy, intermetallics and thermal barrier coatings to the horizon. Advent of ultra high temperature ceramics and functionally graded materials further pushed the threshold of applicability of high temperature materials and hot structures. Impressive progress in this area has been possible because of the fact that characterization tools along with design and simulation techniques have constantly kept pace with advancement occurring in the processing methods of these materials. The workshop will feature invited lectures by eminent experts on various topics under the main theme. Its scope includes:

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- \* Thermal Protection Systems and Materials
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