This is to invite you to the felicitation Programme in honor of Professor V. M. Naik, to be held as part of COMPFLU 2018, as a tribute to his service to Chemical Engineering research in Industry and Academia particularly in the areas of Soft Matter and Complex Fluids.

Prof. V. M. Naik got his B. Tech.in Chemical Engineering from IIT-Bombay, and his M. Chem. Engg. from UDCT, Mumbai.

Prof. V. M. Naik retired from Unilever in 2007 as Vice President Corporate Research, Unilever R&D and Dy. Head of Unilever R&D, Bangalore. In his 37 years span at Unilever, he played a vital role in establishing basic research programmes in varied areas like Chemical Engineering, Materials Science, Interfacial Engineering, Electrodynamics, and Neurobiology in Unilever. He provided strategic leadership in the areas of Industrial/Speciality/Oleo chemicals, Beverages/Foods, and Home/Personal Care Products and contributed to a number of inventions, innovations and technology transfers to the business, resulting in more than 25 inventions with more than 200 international patent grants.

Prof. V. M. Naik joined IIT Bombay in 2008, after his retirement from Unilever. The areas of his current research interests are electrodynamics, materials science of soft condensed matter, interfacial engineering, and bio-fuels. He has been very active in Indian S&T and served on several Expert Committees set up by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, Scientific Advisory Committee of the (Union) Cabinet (SAC-C), Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) etc, in various capacities as Chairperson or member. He was Elected as a fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE) in 2006.

He has several peer reviewed research publications, some of which have appeared on the cover pages of prestigious journals viz. Langmuir and Soft Matter. He is a Co-Editor of two books on Materials Science published by Royal Society-Imperial College Press, UK.

Besides active research and teaching, he has keen interests in Epistemology of Science, Socio-Economic history, and creative photography.
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

● 5.45 PM   High Tea
● 6.00-6.10  Introduction
● 6.10-6.30  Technical talk by Prof. Prabhu Nott
● 6.30-6.50  Technical talk by Dr. Janhavi Raut
● 6.50-7.30  Prof. VA Juvekar in conversation with Prof. Naik
● 7.30-7.45  Reminiscences
● 7.45-8.00  Reply to felicitation by Prof. VM Naik

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