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Padmanabhan Balaram obtained his B.Sc. (1967) from Poona University, M.Sc. (1969) from IIT Kanpur and Ph.D. (1972) in chemistry from the Carnegie-Mellon University, USA. He was a Research Associate at Harvard University (1972-73). He served on the faculty of the Molecular Biophysics Unit, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore from 1973 to 2014. He was Director of IISc from 2005-2014. He has been associated with the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore since 2017. His research contributions have been in the areas of Molecular Biophysics and Chemical Biology.

He was the Editor of Current Science from 1995 to 2013, during which he authored over 300 editorials on diverse subjects related to science and scientists.

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