

# Varaprasad Reddy

Varaprasad Reddy was born in 1948 in Andhra Pradesh. Reddy is an entrepreneur who worked most of his life in the biotechnology industry. He is also a lifelong patron of arts.

Reddy has degrees in Science and Engineering. Later he did postgraduate studies in West Germany. He also has a M.B.A. degree.



After his graduation, Reddy worked for Defence Electronics Research Laboratories and later for Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation (APIDC). In this job he was instrumental in promoting entrepreneurs who were starting different industries.

After leaving APIDC, Reddy had brief stints with some private companies. Soon he started his own company. He is currently the Managing Director of Shantha Biotechnics which he helped found. His company produces affordable and high quality cost-effective drugs and vaccines.

During his illustrious career, Reddy was bestowed with several honors. The Government of India honored him with Padma Bhushan. He was Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year in 2000. In 2007, he received the BioSpectrum Person of the Year Award. He has a string of many other noteworthy awards.

Reddy is a big fan of Savithri. He was one of the encouraging factors in Smt. Pallavi's book "Maha Nati Savithri – Vendi Thera Samragini".