

# Centre for Contemporary Studies

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## Combating the Munnabhaisation of Reality

Speaker:

**Dr. Uday Balakrishnan**

*Officer, Indian Postal Service and  
Formerly Registrar of Indian Institute of Science*

**Thursday, 5th March '09, Time: 4:00 pm**

**Venue: CCS Seminar Hall, IISc, Bangalore 12**

**Tea/Coffee will be served at 3:30 pm**

□ *We are dangerously trivializing our present as well as our immediate past. There is not much authenticity in the interpretation of our recent times, no effort to tell it as it was. To an already vacuous rendering, especially since liberalization began in right earnest, the State as well as private interests are busier than ever in selectively presenting this period from points of view that are neither honest nor innocent. Soon enough when the post independence generation follows the pre-independence one into oblivion we, as a people and a nation, would have forever lost the many truths of how we got to where we are today - through wars, famines, conflicts and violent sectarian strife - to airbrushed interpretations that will endure.*

□ *In his talk, 'Combating the Munnabhaisation of Reality' Dr. Uday Balakrishnan dwells on the one last opportunity he believes we all have, to gather and preserve the raw material from which future generations can authentically reconstruct a momentous period gone by.*

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