

M. K. VAINU BAPPU (1927 – 1982)



M. K. Vainu Bappu became the Director in 1960. He was the Director during the period (1960 - 1982). During his time Kavalur in Tamil Nadu was chosen for setting up an observatory for carrying on stellar work. Kavalur has a one metre telescope and a 2.3 metre telescope. Under Dr. Bappu, in 1971 Kodaikanal Observatory became the Indian Institute of Astrophysics an autonomous research institute.