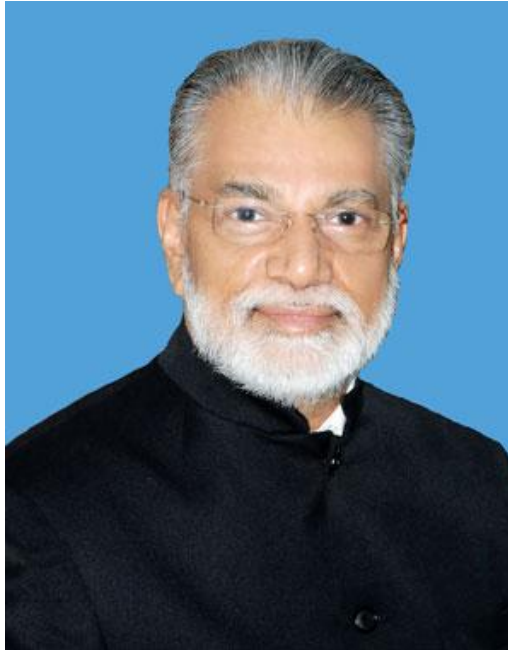


Dr Koppillil Radhakrishnan, the Chief Guest, 7th Convocation, 13th July, 2019



IIITDM Kancheepuram is extremely honoured to inform that Padma Bhushan Dr K Radhakrishnan, shall be the Chief Guest of the 7th Convocation of the Institute to be held on 13th of July, 2019. Dr Koppillil Radhakrishnan is learned to be a Technocrat par excellence; a dynamic and result-oriented Manager with very fine personal and inter-personal qualities; an astute Institution-builder with a strategic vision; an able and diligent Administrator with a positive attitude; and an inspiring Leader with a rather rare skill of nurturing leadership in the younger generation.

Dr Radhakrishnan was born on August 29, 1949 at Irinjalakuda, Kerala. He graduated in Electrical Engineering from Kerala University (1970), completed his PGDM from Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore (1976) and obtained Doctorate for his thesis titled “Some Strategies for Indian Earth Observation System” from Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (2000).

Dr Radhakrishnan joined ISRO in May 1971 at the Space Science & Technology Centre at Thiruvananthapuram (the present VSSC) as a design and development engineer of electro-mechanical devices. Later he worked on system planning and technology management for avionics systems of SLV-3, ASLV and PSLV. As the Director of National Remote Sensing Agency, he scripted India’s modern multi-mission ground station for Earth Observation Satellites.

As the VSSC Director, he oversaw many successful launches of PSLV including the Chandrayaan-1 in October 2008 as well as formulation of Indian Human Spaceflight programme.

In November 01, 2009, Dr Radhakrishnan assumed the concomitant responsibilities of Chairman of Space Commission and Secretary, Department of Space, Government of India as well as the Chairman of the ISRO. Mars Orbiter Mission also known as *Mangalyaan* was conceived, planned and executed, within four years, establishing India as the first country to have successful mission to Mars in its maiden attempt, and at significantly low cost. As India’s space chief from November 2009 to December 2014, Radhakrishnan led ISRO to achieve 37 space missions including Megha

Tropiques and SARAL jointly with the French National Space Agency and agreed to build advanced Radar Imaging Satellite jointly with NASA. During his tenure, PSLV launched 18 commercial satellites for 11 countries. Re-defining the *Chandrayaan-2* mission with a lander and rover and extending the application of space technologies and tools to all central ministries are highlights of his leadership regime at ISRO. During his leadership, ISRO received numerous awards. Under his guidance, the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning Centre was set up in the aftermath of the Tsunami disaster in 2004.

Dr Radhakrishnan has been advising the Indian Scientific spectrum in numerous portfolios as Chairman of INSAT Coordination Committee, IIST Thiruvananthapuram, Semiconductor Laboratory Chandigarh, North-Eastern Space Applications Centre, National Atmospheric Research Laboratory, Physical Research Laboratory, National Natural Resources Management System, National Aerospace Laboratory and Chairman BoG of IIT Kanpur. He is a Member of the Council of NITs and Governing Councils of several IISERs.

Dr Radhakrishnan is recipient of numerous accolades other than the Padma Bhushan including the prestigious Allan D Emil Award from International Astronautical Federation; Distinguished Alumnus Award” of IIT Kharagpur and IIM Bangalore, Vikram Sarabhai Memorial Award of Indian Science Congress, Social Sciences Award of the International Academy of Astronautics; Athivishishta Rajakeeya Puraskaram - "Sastra Ratna" by the Pazhassiraja Charitable Trust, BHASKARA Award of

Dr Radhakrishnan has contributed to academia in several ways. He had been author/co-author for more than 55 publications. He has delivered several prestigious addresses including the 1st Invited Lecture at IISc Alumni Association, Air-Marshall Katre Memorial Lecture, "Statistics Day of India" Technical Seminar at ISI Calcutta, Subroto Mukherjee Memorial Oration of Indian Aerospace Society and ARDB Dr Satish Dhawan Memorial Lecture of Aeronautical Society of India. He has delivered the Convocation Addresses at SCT Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, IIM Bangalore and IIIT Hyderabad.

And we feel so proud that our Institute would be added to the above list from 13th July after Dr Radhakrishnan addresses our 7th Convocation.

Even after leading a very successful and demanding professional life, Dr Radhakrishnan has been keen to pursue the interests of his heart, the Carnatic music and Kathakali. He has performed at Bengaluru Sangeethotsav, Swaralaya, JSS Sangeetha Sabha and Chembai Vaidyanatha Bhagavathar Music Festival. He has been singing at Guruvayoor Chembai Sangeetholsavam every year since 2008.

With utmost humility and great honour we welcome Dr K Radhakrishnan to our campus.