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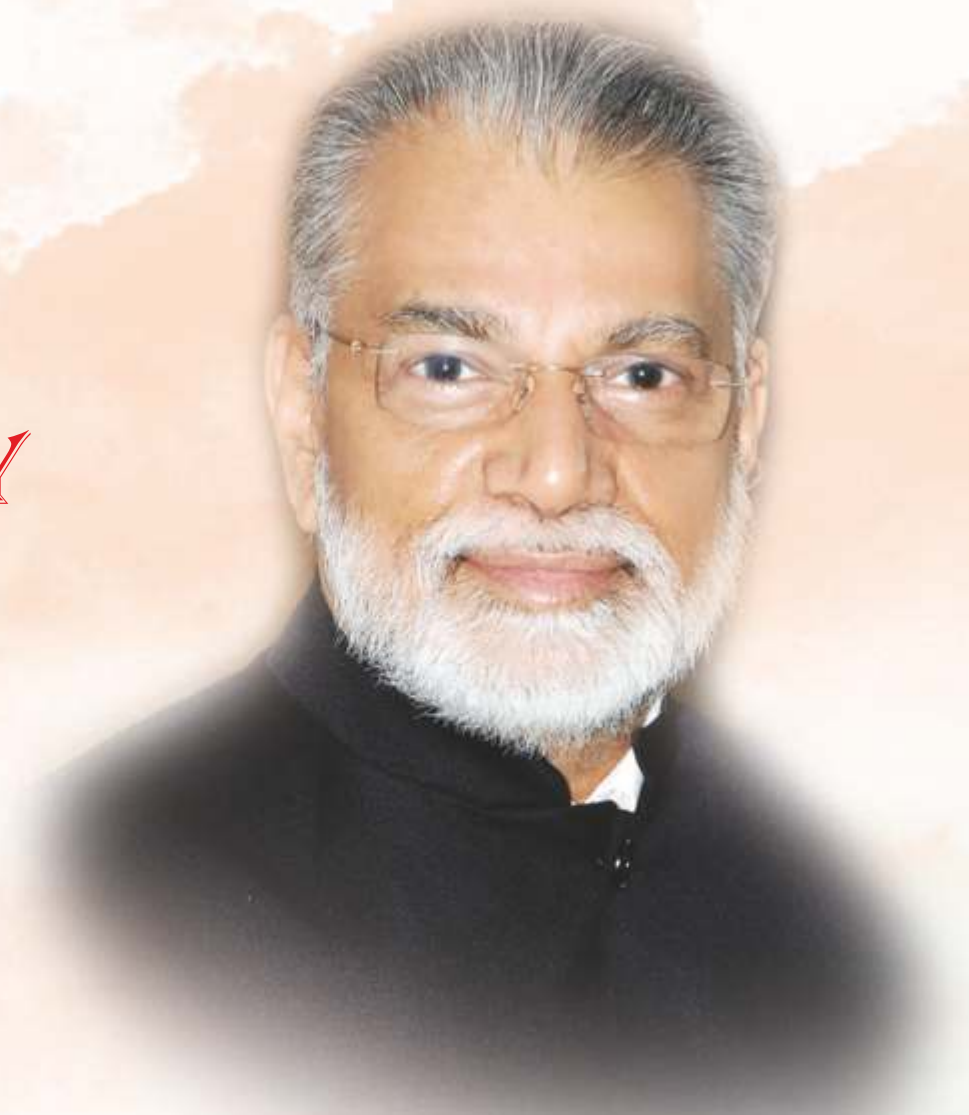


**NORTH MAHARASHTRA UNIVERSITY**  
**JALGAON, M.S. INDIA**

**DOCTOR OF LETTERS**

**Convocation Ceremony**

Date : 16th March 2015



**Dr. Koppillil Radhakrishnan**

*Roll of Honour*

On behalf of the Honourable Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, and all office bearers of the North Maharashtra University, we are honoured and privileged to confer on Dr. Koppillil Radhakrishnan, the honorary "Doctor of Letters". We venerate and pay our tributes to him for his yeoman's service in space research, space engineering and technology, space applications and programme management.

Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, a technocrat par excellence, is an insightful institution builder. He has adopted inclusive, transparent and consultative organization processes. His dynamic and innovative pioneering efforts of leadership development have moulded younger generations. He started his career as Avionics Engineer at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) and has held several decisive positions in Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). Dr. Radhakrishnan, with his relentless zeal has led ISRO through several milestones with the 'Mission on Mars' being the crowning glory. Under his leadership, the country's space program attained glorious heights and created history when its Mars space craft, 'Mangalyaan', was successfully placed in Mars' orbit in its maiden attempt in September 2014. Conceived, planned and implemented with a great deal of innovation and ingenuity, the Mars Orbital Mission (MoM) is the most economical inter-planetary mission launched from India and was named as one the 10 Best Scientific Inventions and a technological feat of 2014 by TIME magazine. Several other landmarks were achieved during his tenure at ISRO. The country became self reliant in complex cryogenic technology and also developed its next generation launcher with capabilities to steer clear through the crucial atmospheric phase. The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) was hired by as many as 11 countries to launch a total of 18 satellites. ISRO completed two joint satellite missions with the French Space Agency (CNES) and signed an agreement with NASA to jointly build an advanced radar imaging satellite.

For his outstanding contributions, Dr. Radhakrishnan has received many coveted national and international awards and recognitions. He has been named as one of the 'Top 10 People Who Mattered in 2014' by the prestigious Nature International Weekly Journal of Science. He received Technovation-Sarabhai award of Indian Electronics and Semi conductor Association; 'Most Influential Indian' in the field of science by the Gulf Connoisseur Magazine; Vikram Sarabhai Memorial Award of Indian Science Congress; and the Distinguished Alumnus award by IIT, Kharagpur and IIM, Bangalore. The country decorated him with its third highest civilian award, 'Padma Bhushan' in 2014. He held several positions of prestige nationally and internationally, the most notable being, Director, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC); Director, National Remote Sensing Agency in Ministry of Earth Sciences; Founder Director, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS); First Project Director, Indian National Tsunami Warning System; Vice Chairman, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission; and Founder Chairman, Indian Ocean Global Ocean Observing System.

For putting Indian Space Research on the global map, Dr. Radhakrishnan is the pride of all Indians. A true son of the soil he pragmatically charted out an ambitious program of utilizing space capabilities in societal services. He worked tirelessly to create synergy and harmony among Indian industry, academia, national R & D laboratories and institutions to make ISRO a formidable organisation internationally. On behalf of North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon, Maharashtra State, India, we are extremely happy and privileged to pay our salutations to Dr. K Radhakrishnan by awarding an honorary "Doctor of Letters".

Date : 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Place : NMU Jalgaon

*Prof. Sudhir U. Meshram*  
*Vice Chancellor*  
*North Maharashtra University,*  
*Jalgaon, Maharashtra, India*





# NORTH MAHARASHTRA UNIVERSITY, JALGAON

We, the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor  
and the Members of the Senate, Academic Council and  
Management Council are greatly honored  
to confer the Honorary Degree of

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on

**Dr. K. Radhakrishnan**

at the

23<sup>rd</sup> Convocation Ceremony,  
of the North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon  
held on Monday, 16th March 2015.

In Testimony whereof is set the  
Seal of the University and signature  
of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor

Prof. Sudhir U. Meshram  
Vice-Chancellor



C. Vidyasagar Rao  
Chancellor