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INVOCATION

WELCOME BY THE DEAN (STUDENTS)

**Dr. Swaroop Sahoo**

REPORT BY THE STUDENTS' GENERAL SECRETARY

**Ms. Dhaarini M.**

SPEECH BY THE ALUMNI

ADDRESS BY THE DIRECTOR

**Prof. A. Seshadri Sekhar**

SPEECH BY THE CHIEF GUEST

**Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy**

*Former Secretary, Dept. of Defence R&D and Chairman, DRDO*

*Former Scientific Advisor to Raksha Mantri*

*Member, National Security Advisory Board*

*Honorary Advisor to Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and*

*President, Aeronautical Society of India*

DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

CULTURAL EVENTS





## ABOUT THE CHIEF GUEST



### **Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy**

Dr. Satheesh Reddy, a renowned defence and aerospace scientist is acclaimed for his significant contributions to Defence R&D and technology leadership spanning four decades. He graduated in Electronics & Communication Engineering (ECE) from JNTU Anantapur and holds MS degree and PhD in ECE from JNTU, Hyderabad. He joined Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL) in 1986 and subsequently at Research Centre Imarat (RCI), the brain child of Dr. Kalam, after its formation.

He started his journey as a young navigation engineer and later as Technology Director developing many inertial sensors and diversified hybrid navigation systems making India self-reliant in navigation and guidance technologies. As Project Director, he developed India's first guided bomb paving way for indigenous development of long range smart precision weapons. Dr. Reddy spearheaded the development of advanced avionics as Director, Research Centre Imarat (RCI) and headed Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex as Director General, Missiles and Strategic Systems. During his illustrious career, he held many prestigious appointments in Government of India as the Secretary Department of Defence R&D, Chairman, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Director General, Aeronautical Development

Agency (ADA) & the Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri (SA to RM). He is presently the President of Aeronautical Society of India, a leading professional body in the field of aeronautics, aviation and aerospace, founded in 1948 in India.

He made significant contributions to India's science and technology ecosystem as a member of the Governing Councils and Committees of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Science Education & Research (IISER), Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Prime Minister's Science, Technology & Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC), Technology Development Board (TDB) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and many other professional bodies.

In recognition of his path-breaking contributions to Defence R&D, he has received numerous International, National and DRDO awards. He is the first Indian in over 100 years to be conferred with the prestigious Honorary Fellowship and Silver Medal by the Royal Aeronautical Society London, an internationally renowned Scientific Society founded in 1866. He is the first recipient outside the USA in over four decades to be honoured with the prestigious Missile Systems Award by American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), world's largest Aerospace Technical Society. He is a Foreign Member, Academy of Navigation and Motion Control, Russia. He has been conferred with over 25 Honorary degrees of Doctorate from reputed Universities and Institutes across the country.