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NIQR – INDIA PISTONS AWARD for LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT -2018

to

Dr. Munirathna Anandakrishnan

Presented on 11th August 2018 at Chennai

“Real Education enhances the dignity of a human being and increases his/her self respect. If only Quality Education could reach individual in every field of human activity, the world will be so much a better place to live in” said Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Today we are celebrating the achievement of a person who throughout his professional life stood for Quality in Education, often battling against forces that tend to erode the very foundation of that quality.

Dr. Munirathna Anandakrishnan was born in 1928 in Vaniyambadi, Tamil Nadu and after graduating as Civil engineer from the famous Guindy Engineering College in 1952, went to the University of Minnesota for his masters and PhD degrees. He returned to India in 1962 and joined Central Road Research Institute New Delhi, as Senior Officer.

Dr. Anandakrishnan then moved to IIT Kanpur as a faculty in Civil Engineering Dept. and served successfully as a Sr. Professor, Dean, Advisor-Campus Development and Acting Director. He has authored six books and published over 150 scientific and technical papers.

In 1974, Dr. Anandakrishnan joined the newly created position of science Councillor under Department of Science & Technology at Embassy of India, Washington DC, where he had to handle adroitly sensitive issues during the difficult phase of Indo – US relations post Pokhran. In 1978 he joined the UN centre for Science and Technology (CSTD) as the chief of new Technologies. He also held the post of Deputy Director at CSTD and Secretary of the UN Advisory Committee on Science and Technology for Development.

Dr. Anandakrishnan is perhaps one of the most distinguished Vice Chancellors and more particularly remembered for his contribution for two consecutive terms from 1990 to 1996, on return from the UN. During his tenure at the Anna University, the single window system of admissions was introduced for all engineering colleges throughout the state of Tamil Nadu. During this period he also served in the Committee for Assessment of Implementation of the 600 million dollar World Bank project for development of Science and Technology in Brazil. On leaving Anna University, he became the Vice Chairman of Tamil Nadu State Council on e-governance.

Even after retirement, several leading Educational Institutions and Societies continue to seek his advice and guidance. He was the chairman, Governing Board of IIT Kanpur for nine years (three terms). He was elected as the Chairman of the Higher Education Committee of the FICCI. He served as Executive Council Member of Central Universities at Kerala, Sikkim, and Haryana.

Dr. Anandakrishnan has received several accolades and recognition over the years for his academic achievements. He is Fellow of National Academy of Sciences, Institution of Engineers and Indian Society for Technical Education. He was honoured with Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) from Chatrapati Shahuji Maharaj University, Kanpur (2010) and Rajasthan University (2014). He has been conferred with Qimpro Platinum Standards 2017 Award for Education.

He has also received numerous Awards for his contribution in wide ranging sphere of activities. Notable among them are Indian Invention Promotion Award in 1972; Engineering Personality Award in 1992 from Institution of Engineers; for the sake of Honour award from Rotary club of Madras in 1995; Order of Scientific merit from the Govt. of Brazil in 1996; Distinguished Leader award from University of Minnesota in 2003; To top it all, the Govt. of India conferred on him the prestigious Padmasri Award in 2002.

Dr. Anandakrishnan through his lifelong dedication to the cause of Higher Education and impeccable integrity in professional life has brought dignity and honour to the community of Indian Scientists and Technologists.

We, the members of NIQR are privileged to present NIQR-INDIA PISTONS AWARD for “LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT - 2018.” to Dr. Munirathna Anandakrishnan, on this day, 11th August 2018 at Chennai

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