



**CENTRE FOR TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
AND TRANSFER**

Anna University, Chennai – 600 025

Cordially invites you to the inaugural function of

**TECHNOLOGY DAY CELEBRATIONS AND
AWARD FUNCTION 2019**

on 10th May 2019 @ 10.30 am

Prof. Dr. M. K. SURAPPA

**Vice-Chancellor,
Anna University, Chennai**

will preside

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Padma Bhushan. Dr. A. SIVATHANU PILLAI

**DRDO Dr. DS Kothari Chair, Research & Innovation Centre, IIT (Madras) Research Park and
Founder CEO & MD BrahMos Aerospace**

will be the Chief Guest

Venue

**TAG Auditorium, CEG Campus,
Anna University, Chennai – 600 025**

PROGRAMME

(Date: 10-05-2019, Time: 10.30 am)

TAG Auditorium, Anna University, Main campus

- 10.30 am** **Invocation**
- 10.35 am** **Welcome Address** **Prof. Dr. K. BASKAR**
Director, CTD
- 10.40 am** **Felicitation Address** **Prof. Dr. J. KUMAR**
Registrar i/c, Anna University, Chennai.
- 10.45 am** **Presidential Address** **Prof. Dr. M. K. SURAPPA**
Vice-Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai.
- 10.55 am** **Chief Guest Address** **Padma Bhushan. Dr. A. SIVATHANU PILLAI**
DRDO Dr. DS Kothari Chair, Research & Innovation Centre,
IIT (Madras) Research Park and
Founder CEO & MD BrahMos Aerospace
- Title of the talk** **Audacity of vision for Technology Leadership**
- 11.10 am** **Distribution of Awards**
- 11.45 am** **Vote of Thanks** **Prof. Dr. M. KANTHABABU**
Director, CIPR

BRIEF BIODATA

Dr. A Sivathanu Pillai, PhD, D.Sc

DRDO Dr. DS Kothari Chair, Research & Innovation Centre, IIT (Madras) Research Park

Former Hon' Distinguished Professor, ISRO (2015-18)

Former Chief Controller (R&D), DRDO (1996-2014)

Founder CEO & MD BrahMos Aerospace (1995-2014)

Hon' Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (2015-2016)

Visiting Prof. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (2014-15)

Former Chairman BOG, NIT, Kurukshetra

President, Project Management Associates, India

Born on 15 July 1947, Dr. Pillai graduated in Electrical Engineering from Madras University, underwent Management Programme at Harvard Business School and obtained PhD from Pune University and D.Sc from Tumkur University. Dr. Pillai's forty five years of experience in ISRO and DRDO under the great visionary leaders Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, Prof. Satish Dhawan and Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam made him a Technology Leader in the field of Satellite launch vehicles, guided missiles and Aerospace systems.

Dr. Pillai's contributions to the successful development of SLV-3 as a core team member and evolution of PSLV configuration for ISRO have been remarkable. His skills in networking multiple institutions for the development of critical missile technologies overcoming technology denial regimes imposed by developed nations, enabled realization of Agni, Prithvi, Nag and Akash missiles under the IGMDP, as its Programme Director and Chief Controller R&D of DRDO.

BrahMos Aerospace is a unique Joint Venture, first of its kind between India and Russia to design, develop, produce and market the most advanced supersonic cruise missile. His outstanding leadership qualities, as CEO & MD of Brahmos Aerospace, made India proud to possess the fastest, highly precise and the most potent missile BRAHMOS which is now inducted in the Indian Armed Forces. BRAHMOS is a world leader in the family of Cruise Missile surpassing those in the development countries.

As the Architect and Founder CEO&MD of the Joint Venture, Dr.Pillai is regarded as the "Father of BrahMos" which has become a role model for establishing joint ventures between India and any other country.

Well-known as a defence technologist in the world, Dr. Pillai has been recognized by many prestigious engineering and management institutions with fellowships. He has received Honorary Doctorates from more than ten reputed Universities of India and Russia. The Moscow University of Security, Defence and Law Enforcement honored Dr. Pillai with the "Order of **Peter the Great**" and the Academician of the University. Dr. Pillai has published many papers in the international and national journals and chaired many conferences.

Dr. Pillai has written many books including **The Path Unexplored-Success Mantra of Brahmos, Revolution in Leadership, Nano Science and Nano Technology for Engineering, Ocean Warfare. He co-authored with Dr. Kalam, the books (a) Envisioning an Empowered Nation and (b) 'Thoughts for Change – we can do it'**.

Dr. Pillai is a recipient of various prestigious awards including Technology Leadership Award, Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Research Award, OISCA – Organization for Industrial, spiritual & Cultural Advancement, International Award from Japan, Raja Rammohan Puraskar, Lokamanya Tilak Award, Performance Excellence Award from institution of industrial Engineering Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award by the President of India and most importantly **Padma Shri (2002) & Padma Bhushan (2013) by the Govt. of India** for his contribution to Aerospace, Missile and Defence Technologies and "**ORDER OF FRIENDSHIP**" by the Govt. of Russian Federation, the highest Russian Award for foreign citizens.