

## **A Report on Thiru. Arunachalam Endowment Lecture, 2011**

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology (AVIT) an ambit institution of Vinayaka Missions University was established in the year 1998 as an affiliated college of Madras University. In 2004, the institution became a constituent college of Vinayaka Missions University, Salem. AVIT is located on the Old Mahabalipuram Road near Thiruporur. It encompasses a sprawling campus of 50 acres with a built up area of 6 lakh square feet. The institution offers 14 under graduate programs and 7 post graduate programs under various disciplines in the faculties of Engineering, Technology and Management Studies.

The college is well-equipped with all the requisite state of the art facilities with the departmental laboratories and library. The institution has on its rolls more than 350 highly qualified and experienced faculty out of which more than 10% of them are Ph. D degree holders and nearly 50% of them are pursuing their Ph. D in various fields of Science, Humanities Engineering and Technology. The college has hostel facilities for both men and women.

In accordance with the vision of the Vice Chairman, VMU, Dr. A. S. Ganesan, an Endowment Lecture has been instituted this year for providing increased knowledge and wisdom to the faculty members of various institutions under Vinayaka Missions University. The Endowment Lecture has been instituted in the name and style of Thiru Arunachala Chettiar, the revered father of the VMU Chancellor, Dr. A. Shanmugasundaram.

The University aspires to host this Endowment Lecture every academic year inviting eminent personalities. Shri. Arunachala Chettiar excelled in the field of Astrology, Indian Medicine and Religion. He was instrumental in inculcating religious endeavor among his family members.

The honorable Chancellor, Dr. A. Shanmugasundaram, following in the footsteps of his father Arunachala Chettiar has equipped himself with exemplary knowledge in Religion, Medicine and Education, and today all the institutions under

the umbrella of Vinayaka Missions University are a standing example of his tireless pursuit, versatility and dedication in the field of Education. It is extremely appropriate to have an Endowment Lecture for the benefit of society, the nation and the world at large.

It is even more fitting and a privilege to have the renowned personality Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai, Director, Chandrayan 1 & 2 Missions, Indian Space Research Organization, Bangalore deliver the first Endowment Lecture on the topic “Spirit of Research – The Guiding Light for Mankind”.

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology takes great pride in initiating the First Endowment Lecture instituted by the University and expresses its deep sense of gratitude to the authorities concerned and also to the Chief Guest Dr. Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai, Director, Chandrayan 1 & 2 Missions, Indian Space Research Organization, Bangalore. This first Endowment Lecture was very well attended by researchers – scholars and supervisors, pursuing research in Engineering, Technology, Management Studies, Life Sciences, Medicine, Dentistry and Allied Health Sciences. The lecture is proved to be of immense motivation to more than 300 members of faculty, who attended the same.







