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By Khabrein.Info Correspondent,

New Delhi, Aug 31, 2009: India's top aero space scientist and ISRO chief Madhavan Nair has been appointed the chief of chairman of the International Academy Astronautics. It is a big achievement for any Indian scientist.

ISRO chairman Madhavan Nair graduated in Engineering from Kerala University in 1966 and underwent training at Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC), Bombay. He joined Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station (TERLS) in 1967. Since then, he has held various positions posting illustrious milestones on his way to the present position.

Madhavan Nair is currently the Chairman of Indian Space Research Organization entrusted with the responsibility of development of space technology and its applications to solve the problems of man & society in India.

Madhavan Nair is a leading technologist in the field of rocket systems and has made significant contributions to the development of multi-stage satellite launch vehicles, achieving self-reliance in independent access to space using indigenous technologies. Impressed with his numerous contributions to the development of the first Indian Satellite Launch Vehicle SLV-3, he was tasked with the responsibility of developing the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle as its Project Director. PSLV has become the workhorse launcher for India helping in establishing end-to-end capability in the remote sensing arena. He led composite team of scientists and engineers in research & development activities in multi disciplinary areas such as System Design, Aeronautics, Structures, Propulsions, Avionics, Integration and Checkout, etc., for realization of PSLV.

In his tenure as the Director of the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre from 1995-99, India's efforts towards indigenous development of cryogenic technology took concrete shape and vital infrastructures were built and critical technologies were developed. In his role as the Director of VSSC from 1999 till he took over the present position, Shri G.Madhavan Nair led VSSC, the largest Centre of ISRO with about six thousand employees working in various engineering and scientific disciplines towards the development of India's Geo-synchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle – GSLV capable of orbiting 2000 kg class of satellite into Geo Transfer Orbit, which had its successful flight in the very first attempt, and declared operational after its successful flight in 2003. He was also responsible for charting the road map for future development of ISRO's activities, especially in the launch vehicle area targeting low cost access to space.

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Madhavan Nair as Chairman, Space Commission is responsible for chalking out the future plan for space research in the country. Major thrust are in scientific exploration of outer space using the ASTROSAT and Chandrayaan (moon) missions apart from implementing schemes for telemedicine, tele-education and disaster management support systems. He is also providing guidance and leadership in undertaking new technology developments related to launch vehicle, spacecrafts for communication, remote sensing and applications programmes to meet societal needs.

In the international arena, Mr Madhavan Nair has led the Indian delegations for bilateral cooperation and negotiations with many Space Agencies and Countries, specially with France, Russia, Brazil, Israel, etc., and has been instrumental in working out mutually beneficial international cooperative agreements. Mr Madhavan Nair has led the Indian delegation to the S&T Sub-Committee of United Nations Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UN-COPUOS) since 1998.

Madhavan Nair's focus has always been to achieve self-reliance in the high technology areas and to bring the benefits of space technology to the national development, specially targeting the needs of the rural and poor sections of the society.

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Congratulations on well-deserved recognition. The times are changing. The IAA is now becoming truly International.

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SA Ilangoan, PhD, India 2009-09-02 08:36:51

Heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Madhavan Nair who richly deserves the such an International recognition especially in the arena of astronautics. He is always keen and focussed, that are imbued with dedication and urge, to bring the benefits of space technology to common man. In my view, this is a fine example that the hardwork and fire in mind would cross over anything to confer achievement. Very best wishes that the Intrenational community would also be surely harvesting the space born resources for mankind.

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