

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MADRAS**  
Chief Guest of Convocations held at IIT MADRAS since 1964.

Convocation	Date	Chief Guest
First	11.07.1964	Dr S Radhakrishnan, President of India
Second	03.04.1965	Shri M C Chagia, Union Minister for Education
Third	30.07.1966	Dr C V Raman, Nobel Laureate
Fourth	22.07.1967	Shri C Rajagopalachari, Former Governor, General of India
Fifth	02.08.1968	Dr Vikram A Sarabhai, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
Sixth	02.08.1969	Dr S Bhagavantham, Scientific Adviser to the Ministry for Defence
Seventh	29.08.1970	Shri V V Giri, President of India
Eighth	30.07.1971	Prof M G K Menon, Director, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
Ninth	26.08.1972	Dr Malcom S Adisheshaiah, Director, Madras Institute of Develpt. Studies
Tenth	11.08.1973	Shri M S Pathak , Member, Planning Commission
Eleventh	09.09.1974	Srimathi Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India
Twelfth	27.09.1975	Shri P N Haksar, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
Thirteenth	20.08.1976	Dr M S Swaminathan, D.G., ICAR, New Delhi
Fourteenth	09.09.1977	Shri Prabhudas B Patwari , Governor of Tamil Nadu
Fifteenth	03.07.1978	Shri P C Chunder, Union Minister for Education
Sixteenth	20.09.1979	Shri V G Rajadhyaksha Member, Planning Commission
Seventeenth	22.08.1980	Dr A Ramachandran, UN Executive Director
Eigtheenth	12.08.1981	Shri R Venkataraman
Nineteenth	04.09.1982	Dr Y Nayudamma, Vice Chancellor, J.N.U., New Delhi
Twentieth	18.09.1983	Shri Giani Zail Singh, President of India
Twenty first	31.07.1984	Swami Ranganathananda
Twenty second	26.07.1985	Prof E C G Sudarshan Director, Institute of Mathematicsl Sciences, Madras
Twenty third	05.07.1986	Prof C N R Rao, Director, IISc., Bangalore
Twenty fourth	31.07.1987	H E Mr Guenther, Schoedel, Ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany
Twenty fifth	29.07.1988	Dr V S Arunachalam, Scientifice Adviser to the Ministry of Defence
Twenty sixth	08.08.1989	Dr Russi Modi, Chairman, Mg. Director, Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd., Jamshedpur

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Twenty seventh	11.08.1990	Shri Arif Mohamed Khan Union Minister for Energy & Civil Aviation
Twenty eighth	09.08.1991	Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Director, Defence Res. & Develpt. Hyderabad
Twenty ninth	31.07.1992	Dr P Rama Rao, Secretary, Dept. of Science & Tech., Gol
Thirtieth	30.07.1993	Sri K L Chugh, Chairman, ITC Ltd., Calcutta
Thirty first	30.07.1994	Dr Manmohan Singh, Min. of Finance, Gol
Thirty second	27.07.1995	Shri Madhavrao Scindia, Min. of MHRD, New Delhi
Thirty third	26.07.1996	Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, Dir. Gen., CSIR & Secy. Dept. of Sci. & Ind. Res., New Delhi
Thirty fourth	26.07.1997	Sri S R Bommai, Min. of MHRD, New Delhi
Thirty fifth	31.07.1998	Sri Krishan Kant, Vice President of India
Thirty sixth	06.08.1999	Dr Jamshed J Irani, Managing Director, TATA Steel
Thirty seventh	28.07.2000	Dr Gururaj Deshpande, Co-Founder & Chairman, Sycamore Networks, Inc., USA
Thirty eighth	27.07.2001	Mr Azim H Premji, Chairman, WIPRO Corporation, Bangalore
Thirty ninth	26.07.2002	Dr K Anji Reddy, Chairman, Dr Reddy's Group of Companies, Hyd.
Fortieth	09.08.2003	Prof Dr Murli Manohar Joshi, Hon'ble Union Minister, HRD, Gol
Forty first	30.07.2004	Prof V S Ramachandran, Director of the Center for Brain and Cognition and Professor of Neurosciences and Psychology University of California, San Diego, (Award Degree of Doctor of Science – Honoris Causa)
Forty Second	29.07.2005	Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission, GOI.
Forty third	28.07.2006	Shri Ratan N Tata. Chairman, Tata Group of Companies
Forty Fourth	27.07.2007	Dr. R. Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Adviser, Gol
Forty Fifth	25.07.2008	Air Chief Marshal Fali Homi Major
Forty Sixth	31.07.2009	Professor Jagdish N. Bhagwati, Columbia University