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'Use high-end tech to end scarcities'

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KOLLAM: Padma Vibhushan Dr G Madhavan Nair, former chairman of the ISRO, has

stressed the need to use high-end technology for solving India's problems of food and water security, energy security, health security and education.

Inaugurating the campus day celebrations of Amritha Vishwa Vidyapeetham at Amritapuri on Thursday,

Madhavan Nair stressed the importance of "protecting our nature and environment and the need for integrating our ancient knowledge with modern technology".

Madhavan Nair who recalled ISRO's association with Amrita for the past six years, complimented the efforts made by Amrita faculty and students for completing several technical projects of national importance and

contributing towards building a strong research community. Dr Balakrishnan Shankar, Associate Dean, Amritapuri Campus, welcomed the gathering. Dr P Venkat Rangan, Vice-Chancellor, Amrita VishwaVidyapeetham, presided over the function. Dr V Krishna Kumar, Principal, School of Arts and Sciences welcomed the chief guest by draping him with a ponnada.

Dr Bipin Nair, Dean, School of Biotechnology, presented the campus annual report. Dr Madhavan Nair distributed awards of excellence to students and faculty for their outstanding achievements. The annual college magazine of Amritapuri Campus, 'Amritakshari', was also released on the occasion. Br. Sudeep, Director, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Amritapuri Campus, Dr. Sankara Chaitanya, Medical Director, School of Ayurveda and Dr Syamala, Principal, School of Ayurveda were present.

Dr Madhavan Nair also planted an Asoka sapling on the Amrita campus as part of the World Earth Day celebrations.

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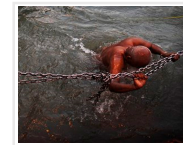
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