



## Address by Chief Guest

**Dr. V.K.Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog & Chancellor, JNU, New Delhi**

### About the Speaker:

- Dr. V.K. Saraswat retired as Secretary, DRDO, after more than four decades of service. He is a Ph.D. from Osmania University. During his illustrious career, Dr Saraswat, has been credited with indigenous development of (i) Missiles namely PRITHVI, DHANUSH, PRAHAAR and AGNI-5; (ii) Development of two-tiered Ballistic Missiles Defence (BMD) systems (iii) Initial Operational Clearance of Light Combat Aircraft TEJAS; and Nuclear Submarine INS Arihant.
- Dr. Saraswat played a pivotal role in: (i) establishment of the command, control, communication, storage, transportation and deployment infrastructure for strategic nuclear assets, (ii) Flight Evaluation long range sub-sonic cruise missile, (iii) Long Range Radars for tracking incoming (enemy) Ballistic missiles, Command control and communication network, Command Centres with decision support system and (iv) Establishment of Cyber Security Research and Development Centre.
- Some of his well-known initiatives are development of clean coal technologies, Silicon-Photonics technology, high efficiency concentrated solar power systems, bio-energy and Hydrogen based economy, development of Indian Microprocessor, National Super Computing Systems, setting up Indian Railway Research Institute (SHRESHTHA) and development of National Super Computing Systems.
- He is a recipient of many awards and most notable among them being Padma Shri (1998), Padma Bhushan (2013). He has been conferred Honorary Doctorates by more than 25 Universities.

