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Madam Chancellor

On behalf of the Vice-Chancellor and Members of the Executive Council, it is my special privilege to present to you Prof Vasireddy Sivalinga Prasad better known as Professor V.S. Prasad a well- known educator and institution builder, who stands out amongst those few who have significantly contributed to the development and use of open and distance learning in South Asia especially with respect to human resource development and quality assurance.

Professor V.S. Prasad is an academician who strongly believes that the appropriate educational infrastructure, competent human resources and flexible governance are the key to the success of any educational system. His visionary approach is considered as milestone in paving pathway for access to higher education and national development and has highlighted the relevance of Education Sector being pivotal in social transformation.

Professor V. S. Prasad was born in an agricultural family of a small village in Mahadevapuram, Khammam district of Telangana, India in 1943 and obtained his Masters and Ph. D in Public Administration from Osmania University, Hyderabad, India.

Professor V.S. Prasad is known for his contribution to Open and Distance Learning and Quality Assurance. During more than four decades of his academic life, he held many prestigious academic and educational leadership positions which include Professor of Public Administration; Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Acting Vice-Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Open University; Vice-Chancellor of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University and Director of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

Professor V.S. Prasad is an internationally renowned expert in the field of Open and Distance Learning. For several decades he has closely associated with the activities of the Commonwealth of Learning and promoted academic activities of distance learning in Commonwealth countries. The Commonwealth of Learning, in recognition of his services to ODL honoured him with the award of "Fellow of Commonwealth of Learning". Prof. Prasad headed the Project of the Government of Mauritius as Project Director, Open University of Mauritius, from January 2009 to June 2010, for the establishment of an Open University in Mauritius.

Professor V.S. Prasad, as a Quality Assurance Professional, headed India's Premier Quality Assurance agency i.e., National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) for four and a half years in 2003-2008 and was also actively associated with the activities of International Quality Assurance Agencies.

In honouring Professor V.S. Prasad, an eminent academician and ODL expert of the country, we are honouring

ourselves and paying our respects to him for extending his services and continuous support for the growth and development of this University.

May I, Madam Chancellor, now present to you Professor V.S. Prasad and pray that he may be awarded the Degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University.