

Dr. C P Kuriakose Memorial Lecture Series at CET

Inaugural lecture on 5th September 2018 (Teachers' day) delivered by Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, Former Chairman of ISRO and Honorary Advisor to the Department of Space. The lecture series is being organised by the Department of Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering Trivandrum in memory of former Professor in the department, Dr. C. P. Kuriakose (1921-2018), who was a great visionary and engineer of extraordinary calibre. Later he had served as the Director of Technical Education and Pro-Vice Chancellor of Cochin University of Science and Technology. He was an expert in Electrical Machines and kept his passion for Electrical Engineering till the end of his life. He authored and published a text book on Circuit Theory at the age of 84.

Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, Former Chairman of ISRO and Honorary Advisor to the Department of Space inaugurated and delivered the first lecture of the series at College of Engineering Trivandrum. He spoke extensively on the frontiers of space technology in the electrical engineers' perspective. Space missions have basically three components – exploration, engineering and enterprise. Therefore, space technology is an interdisciplinary area and the role of electrical engineering in it is very significant. From the very early stages of space technology, electric motors, actuators, solar power systems and control equipment were integral parts of any mission.

Dr. K. P. P. Pillai, former Director of Technical Education, Dr. R. V. G. Menon, Former Principal, Government Engineering Kannur, Dr. Jiji C. V., Principal College of Engineering, Dr. Sreedhar Dhas, Former Associate Director LPSC (ISRO), Dr. S. Ushakumari, Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Prof. Valsa Varghese, family member of Dr. Kuriakose addressed the gathering.

The lecture series is proposed to be conducted every year on teachers' day (September 5) which also happens to be the birth day of Dr. C. P. Kuriakose. This event is organised jointly by the disciples of Dr. C P Kuriakose, Former professors of College of Engineering Trivandrum, family members of Dr. C. P. Kuriakose and the Department of Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering Trivandrum.

Future activities

It is suggested to form a trust or a committee to take forward the memories of Dr. CPK by

1. Conducting the lecture series on 5th September every year (Teacher's day)
2. To bring the alumni of the department back to campus for delivering the lecture.
3. To provide internship to one or two of our brilliant students to the firms abroad.
4. To associate the faculty of our department for joint projects with R&D agencies.