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Prof. G. RAM REDDY MEMORIAL



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“Distance and open education system is the only approach which can meet the challenge of educational problems in the third world.”

- Prof. G. Ram Reddy



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Prof. G. Ram Reddy, a renowned architect of Distance Education in India was born on 04 December, 1929 in Myalaram village in Karimnagar district of Andhra Pradesh. He obtained M.A. in Political Sciences from Osmania University and joined as a lecturer in his alma mater - Osmania University. He served as the founder Honorary Director of Social Sciences Research Council in the newly established centre in Hyderabad from 1973-77. In 1977 he became the Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University and served with distinction for two terms till 1982. Prof G. Ram Reddy was instrumental in setting up the Andhra Pradesh Open University in 1982 (now called Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University) - the first full-fledged Open University and became its first Vice-Chancellor

In 1985, he was appointed by the Government of India to prepare the project report for the establishment of the Indira Gandhi National Open University. The Project Report together with the draft legislation was presented to the Government of India in 1985 in a record time of six months and the Indira Gandhi National Open University came into being on September 20, 1985. As the first Vice-Chancellor of IGNOU from 1985 to 1989, it was Prof. Ram Reddy, who foresaw, planned, designed and shaped the course structure and administrative set-up of this mega university. Prof. Ram Reddy was also the first Secretary General (Honorary) of the Asian Association of Open Universities, Bangkok. He also held the distinguished position of first Vice-President of the Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver, Canada from 1989 - 1991. He took over as the Chairman of the University Grants Commission in 1991, the highest educational position in the country and later became the Chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research. He worked as key person in the establishment of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) to promote quality assurance in higher education in India.

In spite of many administrative responsibilities, Prof. G Ram Reddy retained his academic orientation. He has numerous research papers and scholarly works to his credit including ten books. His significant contributions are in the theory and practice of Distance Education which are still used as reference books for Distance Education in India and abroad. Thus he was a pioneer of Distance Education. The COL – International Council of Distance Education (ICDE) Award for Excellence conferred on Prof. G Ram Reddy is an eloquent testimony to the international recognition of his vision and contributions.

In memory of his remarkable services, the Andhra Pradesh Government named the Centre of Distance Education in Osmania University as G. Ram Reddy Centre of Distance Education. In order to commemorate the legendary educationist and the founder Vice-Chancellor, Prof. G. Ram Reddy Memorial Lecture was instituted by IGNOU in 1996 and is held on 02 July, every year.

A Memorial has been set up in the Library & Documentation Division, IGNOU Headquarters, New Delhi. This was inaugurated by Smt. G. Pramila Ram Reddy, wife of Late Prof. G. Ram Reddy on 2nd July, 2008.

