

# India has made a mark in space world, says former ISRO chairman



Dr K Radhakrishnan addressing students at IIT-I on Monday

**Indore:** India has taken great strides in new space age and got recognition in the space world, said Dr K Radhakrishnan, former chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Monday.

Radhakrishnan was in Indore to attend the 11th foundation day celebration of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Indore.

Addressing a gathering of students and faculty, Padma Bhushan awardee Radhakrishnan stressed on five elements of the new space age.

"Exploration, exploitation, engineering, enterprise and engagement are the five new elements of the new space age," said Radhakrishnan. He delivered a pub-

lic lecture on "Vikram Sarabhai and beyond: Indian into the new space age".

"From 6 launchers and 14 Earth satellites in 1975-89 era to 45 launchers and 50 Earth satellites in 2010-19 era, we have taken great strides in the space world," said Radhakrishnan.

He said that the space global scenario has become multipolar from bipolar. He said that there are 72 government space agencies, 92 members in UN-COPUOS that are working towards rapidly increasing non-state space actors and stakeholders. Radhakrishnan also inaugurated two new student hostels in IIT named Vikram Sarabhai Halls of Residence and Devi Ahilya Hall of Residence. TNN

