



**Media Coordinator's Office  
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**Press Release/ Invite**

**Prof. Jayant Narlikar to deliver lecture at Jamia Millia Islamia on February 13, 2017**

The newly set-up Multidisciplinary Centre for Advance Research and Studies (MCARS), Jamia Millia Islamia is organising its inaugural lecture to be delivered by renowned Astrophysicist, **Padmavibhushan Prof. Jayant V. Narlikar** on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 3 pm at the university's Dr. M.A. Ansari Auditorium.

Prof. Narlikar known for his path-breaking contribution in the field of cosmology and theoretical Astrophysics will speak on 'Searches for Life outside the Earth'.

**Prof. Talat Ahmad**, Vice Chancellor, JMI shall Chair the inaugural lecture session.

The talk will dwell upon the present evidence for extra-terrestrial life and the Drake equation which forms the basis of estimating the number of advanced extra-terrestrial civilizations in our Galaxy. The present strategies adopted for contacting the ETs will be briefly described. At a more modest level, the series of experiments sponsored by ISRO to detect microorganisms will be outlined. The implications of its findings will be discussed.

Prof. Narlikar started his brilliant Academic career in BHU and Cambridge where he won several prizes and recognition including the Smith's Prize and Adam's Prize apart from being Wrangler and Tyson Medallist in the Mathematical Tripos.

He was a fellow of King's College and founder Staff Member of Institute of Theoretical Astronomy, where he did his pioneering work in cosmology in collaboration with his mentor Fred Hoyle.

He is also recipient of several other awards including Bhatnagar award, M.P. Birla award, Prix Janssen of the French Astronomical Society, Padmabhushan in 1965, Padmavibhushan in 2004 and Maharashtra Bhushan in 2011.

He was the President of the Cosmology Commission of the International Astronomical Union from 1994 to 1997.

In recognition of his great talent to simplify science and bring it to the average reader through his books, articles, and radio/TV programmes and fictional short stories UNESCO awarded him with the Kalinga Award in 1996.

Prof. Narlikar is a Fellow of all the three Science Academies as well as the Third World Academy of Sciences.

Prof. Sushant G. Ghosh is the Hony. Director and Dr. Syed Naqui Kazim is the Hony. Dy. Director of the Multidisciplinary Centre.

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