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Honorary Doctor
The degree of Doctor
conferred
Friday, October 15, 2010

Madam Chancellor, to become President of the
remarkable person. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam is

He was born and raised on the island of Rameswaram
India. His passion for learning led him from humble
Technology, where he became an aeronautical

After a brief stint at the Defense Research and
joined the Indian Space Research Organization
India's first Satellite Launch Vehicle which placed

Later, he re-joined the Defence Research and
development of India's ballistic missile system.
Defence Minister of India. Dr. Kalam was appointed
India, in the rank of a Cabinet Minister, where
transforming India into a developed nation and
Chancellor of the Indian Institute of Space Sciences
many academic institutions.

However, his technological contributions also in
materials led to collaboration with medical scientists
and a cost-effective cardiac stent.

Widespread recognition, coupled with his extensive
choice for high office, and he became
2007. His popularity has endured
the gap between high office and the

In addition to the autobiographical
revealing:

India 2020: A Vision for the New India
Ignited Minds: Unleashing The Power
Target 3 Billion: PURA: Innovative
Envisioning an Empowered Nation

There are more, but the implications
society through technology, in particular
technology for human welfare.

Madam Chancellor, inspiring the young and engaging with the community are key aspects of our University's mission. Accordingly,