Press Release:

Professor Kattesh V. Katti Receives Doctor of Science (DSc) at Convocation of Karnatak University

Four honorary doctorates were conferred on January 23, 2009 at the 59th annual convocation of Karnatak University in Dharwad, India including a Doctorate of Science to Professor Kattesh V. Katti. Dr. Katti is an alumnus of Karnatak University, a fellow of the Royal Society of Chemists, a Professor of Radiology, Physics and Senior Research Scientist at the University of Missouri Research Reactor, and the editor of *Synthesis and Reactivity in Inorganic, Metal-Organic, and Nanometal Compounds*. His original contributions in the areas of Chemistry, Physics, Materials Science, Biomedicine, Radiopharmaceutical Sciences, Nanotechnology and Nanomedicine have led to many discoveries and over 50 patents. He is considered one of the 25 most influential scientists in molecular imaging in the world.

Development of biocompatible gold and silver nanoparticles for applications in nanomedicine have won him worldwide acclaims and numerous international awards including the highly coveted “Outstanding St. Louis Scientist Fellows Award” in 2007 given by the oldest science academy in the world, St. Louis Academy of Science. He is also the first Indian to receive the highest award from the State of Missouri, the “Outstanding Missourian Award” given by Missouri House of Representatives in 2008. To be distinguished in all of these fields simultaneously is a rare feat.

Dr Katti’s pioneering research on “Green Nanotechnology” has led to the development of biocompatible gold and silver nanoparticles using plants, thereby establishing a symbiosis between green nanotechnology and nature. He is the editor of a new journal in 2009 published by Taylor & Francis, the *International Journal of Green Nanotechnology* which will be appear shortly in three separate sections.

Governor Rameshwar Thakur with ISRO Chairman G. Madhavan Nair, nano-scientist Kattesh Katti, Yakshaganaartiste Keremane Mahabala Hegde and seer of Ilkal Math Sri Mahantappagalavaru who were given honorary doctoral degrees at the 59th annual convocation of Karnatak University in Dharwad on Wednesday, January 23, 2009. Vice-Chancellor S.K. Saidapur (left) is also seen.