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## Bindra, ISRO chief to be honoured

**Chennai:** Abhinav Bindra, the first Indian to win an individ-

ual gold medal in the Olympics and ISRO chairman G Madhavan Nair are to be awarded honorary doctorates by the SRM university



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in Chennai. "The degrees will be conferred on them during the fourth convocation of the university on September 7," said P Sathyanarayan, vice chancellor.

Bindra, who won the gold in the 10m air rifle event in the Beijing Olympics, will also lay the foundation stone for the proposed Rs 10 crore sports academy of the university.

The academy would spot and train talented students in hockey, basketball and volleyball, he said, adding that the university would provide them education and hostel accommodation free of cost to pursue their higher education. AGENCIES