## Strengthening Academia-Industry Collaboration

## NRSC ISRO Signs MoUs with Leading Academic Institutions

The National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), formalized collaborations with leading academic institutions through the signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The signing ceremony took place in the august presence of Dr. V. Narayanan, Secretary, Department of Space and Chairman, ISRO. The event witnessed the participation of distinguished dignitaries, including Dr. Prakash Chauhan, Director, NRSC; Dr. S. K. Srivastav, CGM, RCs, NRSC; Dr. Sameer Saran, DGM RRSC-North, NRSC; Dr. W. Selvamurthy, President, Amity Science, Amity University; Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani; and Dr. Karthik Krishnan, Associate Dean Research, Shiv Nadar University.

In his keynote address, Dr. V. Narayanan emphasized his close association with academia and underscored that India's space program has always been driven by a vision extending beyond technological achievements. He highlighted that the fundamental goal of space science and technology is to empower people, enhance national capabilities, and contribute to global scientific advancements. Stressing the significance of partnerships between ISRO and academic institutions, he reiterated the need for fostering innovation through collaborative research and resource sharing.



MoU Signing between NRSC ISRO & Amity University



MoU Signing between NRSC ISRO & BITS Pilani



MoU Signing between NRSC ISRO & Shiv Nadar University

The signing of these MoUs marks a pivotal step in strengthening academia-industry collaboration, reinforcing ISRO's commitment to leveraging the expertise of educational institutions for national and global benefits. These partnerships aim to facilitate knowledge exchange, research

advancements, and technological developments that will contribute to the ongoing growth of India's space ecosystem. The event concluded with a shared vision among all dignitaries to drive innovation, scientific excellence, and impactful applications through these collaborations. These partnerships will open new avenues for students, researchers, and professionals in space technology and allied domains, further enhancing India's leadership in space research and applications, expanding outreach initiatives, and aligning with the New Space Sector reforms to foster greater participation from private and academic institutions in space activities.



Group Photograph with Dr. V. Narayanan, Secretary Department of Space & Chairman ISRO