



**Programme:**  
**Birth Anniversary of Sir C V Raman**  
**The Journey of Indian Space Programme**

*(Lecture on Success Story of Indian Space Programme over 75 Years)*  
**November 08, 2021**

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) is an initiative of the Government of India to commemorate 75 years of progressive India. As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, Space Applications Centre (SAC), and Development & Educational Communication Unit (DECU) organise a number of events every month. In order to ensure greater outreach of AKAM activities, SAC has jointly planned outreach coordination with Gujarat Council on Science & Technology (GujCOST), Gandhinagar.

During November 2021, on the occasion of Birth Anniversary of Sir C V Raman, SAC & DECU organized a lecture on “The Journey of Indian Space Programme” depicting success story of Indian Space Programme over 75 years. The Lecture was delivered by Shri B S Bhatia, Former Director, DECU.

The lecture was disseminated through blended mode, having both online and offline audience presence. The audience comprised members of SAC & ISRO fraternity, GujCOST centres, academia, professional societies and students.

At the beginning of lecture Shri T V S Ram, DD, MISA gave welcome address followed by AKAM programme briefing by Dr D Ram Rajak, Alt. Chairman, SC-AKAM. Shri Nilesh M Desai, Director, SAC gave opening remarks highlighting contribution and achievements of Sir C V Raman on occasion of his birth anniversary.

Shri B S Bhatia delivered talk by recalling his experiences of the initial journey of Indian Space Programme. He began talk with discourse over the definition of “Success” and reasons that triggered high success rate of ISRO initiatives. He also highlighted about ISRO work culture that instilled process oriented approach and various types of review mechanism since inception of space programme. He, then further stressed on ISRO work culture that paved way of highly successful Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (SITE) and its follow on missions during that decade. Shri Bhatia also stressed on dedication and vision of Dr Vikram Sarabhai that inspired realization of multiple project with minimal resources. Shri Bhatia concluded lecture with certain thought provoking aspects on public vs. private initiatives and its motives.

At the end of the lecture, Shri Nilesh M Desai felicitated the honourable speaker Shri B S Bhatia and presented some mementoes on behalf of AKAM at SAC.