

Celebration of
104th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Vikram A. Sarabhai
on National Remote Sensing Day 2023 Under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
Organised by
Space Applications Centre, CVM University, ISRS-AC, ISG-AC, IMSA,
INCA on August 12, 2023 at Sardar Patel Memorial, Karamsad

National Remote Sensing Day 2023 was celebrated on 104th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Vikram A. Sarabhai at Sardar Patel National Memorial Hall at Karamsad (Anand, Gujarat) under the Umbrella of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) on Aug 12, 2023 by Space Applications Centre (SAC), NVPAS College, CVM University and Four Professional Societies ISRS-AC, ISG-AC, IMSA and INCA. The highlights of the programs were Inaugural Session, Key Note Address, Interaction Session and Quiz Program.

Shri Nilesh M Desai, Director SAC, inaugurated the Program. He emphasized that the Space borne missions are mainly developed for societal benefits and we need collaboration among all the stakeholders to reach the larger share of society. ***Er. Shri Bhikhubhai Patel, Chairman, CVM*** Presided the function. He also emphasised the need to give priority to local language for better reach of technology to the common persons. He suggested to the colleges to collaborate for a common purpose. ***Dr. Basudeb Bakshi, Principal, NVPAS*** introduced the speakers.

Dr. D. Ram Rajak, Chairman AKAM@SAC gave brief introduction of the program and briefed the activities carried out under the banner of AKAM by SAC in past two years. ***Dr. Rashmi Sharma*** introduced the professional societies to the audience and said that the professional societies are bridging a gap between the technology and outreach to common people. ***Dr. Mehul Pandya*** proposed the vote of thanks, emphasising that we were fortunate to organise this program in Karamsad, on the land of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He thanked all stakeholders especially NVPAS College who took the lead role in organising the concluding program under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in a befitting manner.

This was followed by the Key Note Address by ***Shri Nilesh M Desai, Director SAC*** on “**Indian Space Capabilities - March towards Strong and Self Reliant Nation**”. He elaborated on various aspects of Remote Sensing and how the technologies were developed in India towards a self-reliant Nation. He also talked about Gaganyaan, future missions especially NASA - ISRO SAR, NISAR and a detailed perspective of Chandrayaan-3. It generated enthusiasm among students and Faculty members. The August issue of the ISRS Newsletter, The Signatures, was released during the inaugural function by the dignitaries.

This was followed by Space Quiz for students conducted by ***Shri Vibhuti Jha, Scientist, SAC-ISRO***. There were six teams and it was appreciated by all.

Mrs. Richa Srivastava, Secretary, AKAM@SAC, delivered vote of thanks as a token of appreciation to all who contributed either directly or indirectly towards successful execution of this program. The program was attended by around 380 students from various colleges under CVM University, 40+ Faculty members and 35 Scientists from SAC, ISRO, Ahmedabad.

**Program Schedule of NRS Day2023 at Sardar Patel Memorial, Karamsad
under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations**

S.No.	Activity	Duration
1.	Introduction of the Program and call the Dignitaries to the dais by Prof. Himanshu Trivedi	10:00 - 10:05
2.	Prayer	10:05 - 10:08
3.	Welcome & Introduction of Guests by Dr. Basudeb Bakshi, Principal, NVPAS	10:08 - 10:13
4.	Lighting of the Lamp	10:13 - 10:15
5.	Address: Introducing AKAM@SAC and about the programme by Dr. D. Ram Rajak, SAC-ISRO	10:15 - 10:18
6.	Address: About Professional societies by Dr. Rashmi Sharma, SAC-ISRO	10:18 - 10:21
7.	Special address by Shri Mehul Patel, Joint Secretary, CVM	10:21 - 10:24
8.	Special address by Prof. Himanshu Soni, Provost, CVM University	10:24 - 10:27
9.	Presidential address by Er. Shri Bhikhubhai Patel, Chairman, CVM	10:27 - 10:32
10.	Inaugural address by Shri Nilesh M. Desai, Director, SAC-ISRO	10:32 - 10:37
11.	Release of ISRS- AC Newsletter, The Signatures, (Aug 2023 issue)	10:37 - 10:40
12.	Felicitation and mementos to the guests	10:40 - 10:43
13.	Vote of thanks by Dr. Mehul R. Pandya, SAC-ISRO	10:43 - 10:45
14.	Keynote Address by Shri Nilesh M Desai, Director, SAC "Indian Space Capabilities - March towards Strong and Self Reliant Nation"	10:45 - 11:45
15.	Interaction of Students with eminent ISRO Scientists	11:50 - 12:30
16.	Space Quiz for students by Shri Vibhuti Jha, SAC-ISRO	12:30 - 13:15
17.	Vote of Thanks by Mrs Richa Srivastava, Member Secretary, AKAM@SAC	13:15-13:20
	Lunch	13:30

GLIMPSES OF THE PROGRAM









