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**Chairman, Space Commission**

**Secretary, Department of Space &**

**Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation**

*My dear Somnath*

At the outset, let me congratulate you personally and ISRO for the exceptional recognition that the country has bestowed on you and the Chandrayaan 3 team, that of the first Rashtriya Vigyan Team Puraskar, a very highly laudable achievement. This is yet another unprecedented mark of success in ISRO's journey. Your leadership and your close associates need all my kudos for this and also my admiration of the highest level.

We all recognise the kind of exclusive scientific data that Chandrayaan-3 is providing which has significantly contributed in enhancing the global knowledge base about the Moon; one can already see this in the literature and other forms of communication. I think this is just the tip of the iceberg of the information explosion we can expect.

I want to use this momentous occasion to place on record these feelings from an individual like me who was allowed to live, see and experience this event. I would also like you to pass on this message to Sankaran, Narayanan, Nileshe and all your other colleagues who worked in making this a pioneering point in the history of India's Space endeavour in the last several decades. All the best and may God bless you.

With my warm regards,

*Copy To Directors, URSC, SAC  
LPSC, VSSC*

*Congratulations to SAC team,*

*- Anil Kumar  
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Sincerely yours,

(K. Kasturirangan)