

**Virtual Inauguration of the Training Programme
on Satellite Data Analysis for Bhutan, 6 May 2022**

Remarks by Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj

Shri S. Somnath, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation;
Shri Shantanu Bhatawdekar, Scientific Secretary, ISRO;
Officials from the Royal Government of Bhutan;
My colleagues from the Ministry of External Affairs and the Embassy;
Distinguished scientists from ISRO.

Needless to say, I am indeed pleased to address today's inaugural function that seeks to deliver upon request a customized training program on satellite data analysis for Bhutanese officials.

As Chairman ISRO has already indicated, this month-long training will be conducted by the Indian Space Research Organisation for our Bhutanese friends working across different departments such as forestry, agriculture, disaster management, information technology and telecom, etc.

The training will equip the participants with necessary skills to receive, process, analyse and interpret the images and the data received from the INS2TD - the technology demonstrator satellite launched on 14 February 2022.

I am also told that it will impart officials with the necessary skills to process remote sensing data from INS 2B - the India-Bhutan Satellite which is scheduled to be launched later this year.

I will say that cooperation between India and Bhutan in the new frontier of space has been outstanding since inception, starting with the launch of the South Asia Satellite in 2017. Our cooperation stems from the vision of His Majesty the King of Bhutan to harness space technology and its applications for the benefit of Bhutan and its people. It also adheres to Prime Minister Modi's vision to keep people at the heart of the India-Bhutan relationship. Thus, I am confident that the launch of the India-Bhutan satellite too will be yet another landmark for our nations.

Congratulations ISRO and to you, the participants of Bhutan! I wish you all the best, leading to productive outcomes. This is not the end, but the beginning of another stellar chapter in the India-Bhutan friendship.

Thank you! Tashi Delek!