

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted every possible human endeavour over the last 2 years. Indian space programme was no exception to the challenges posed by the pandemic. However, by adopting new protocols, in line with national health guidelines, our national space agency, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) was able to continue its space operations and successfully execute 3 launch vehicle missions, which also put satellites from other countries in their orbit. We appreciate the achievements of our friends like UAE in their space endeavours, in spite of the various pandemic restrictions.

Madam Chair,

India, while pursuing her national space programme, has attached importance to international cooperation in peaceful use of outer space. We have been partnering with space-aspiring countries by sharing our experience. As part of UNISPACE+50 initiative, India has implemented a capacity building programme on small satellite building with hands-on training in assembling, integrating and testing small satellites. Experts from more than 30 countries have benefited from this program. Buoyed by the positive feedback, w1 Tm0 g0 G -0.00624 Tc[30]]TETQ.000008866 0 594.96

