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ISRO's Moon bound dreams, Island vibes

National Space Day celebration to commemorate the historic milestone of ISRO's lunar landing near the South pole of the Moon was conducted in Kavaratti Secretariat multipurpose hall, Lakshadweep on August 10, 2024.

The function was inaugurated by Shri Sandeep Kumar, IAS, Advisor to Hon'ble Administrator, UTL followed by Chairman, ISRO/Secretary, DOS, Dr. S. Somanath addressing the gathering which was streamed online.

Dr. Somanath emphasized that such great events will have a great impact on all sectors of people of India - with business opportunities, academia, scientific community or as an end-user.

Shri. Sandeep Kumar IAS gave an overview of the Indian Space Program and its contributions to society. He stressed the advantages of Satellite-based services as bliss to remote areas like Lakshadweep.

Dr. Unnikrishnan Nair, Director, VSSC gave a technical talk in online mode on the Indian launch vehicle program and interacted with nearly 250 students from Kavarathy, Minicoy, Bitra, Kiltan and Kadamathu islands. This was followed by Dr. V Ashok, Associate Director, VSSC delivering a talk on "Satellite launching – a simpler perspective."

Shri. R Hutton, Associate Director, LPSC, Prof. Kuruvilla Joseph, Registrar & Dean, IIST. Shri. Avinash Kumar IAS, Secretary Education and Shri. Arjun Mohan IAS, Secretary DST & District Collector offered felicitation. A fully packed auditorium with participants from different schools of Kavaratti Island covering students and teachers from other islands participated.

A documentary on the moon – "Moon – a timeless fascination, was also Screened. The program was followed by a panel discussion by eminent scientists from VSSC, LPSC and IIST. An exhibition with a theme of 'Indian Lunar Missions' was also arranged in connection with the event.

