

Honorable Chief Guest of
Moon Village Association -India
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Born on 16 May 1961 in Trichur, Kerala, Dr. Venkitakrishnan joined ISRO in 1983. A leader with 38 years of rich experience in the field of Launch Vehicles, Aerospace Materials & Manufacturing, he assumed various technical and managerial positions at ISRO such as Deputy Director (Materials and Mechanical Entity) and Associate Director of "The Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)", Director of the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), before retiring from his position as Director of the Capacity Building Programme Office (CBPO) at ISRO Headquarters. He was chairman for the Indigenization of Space Materials Committee (ISM).

Recipient of the National Merit Scholarship, Dr. Venkitakrishnan graduated from Cochin University (B.Tech.), Annamalai University (postgraduate diploma, MBA) and the IIT Madras (M.Tech., Ph.D.). He is fellow of the Institute of Engineers (India), fellow of Indian Institute of Metals (IIM), and is Governing Council Member at the Aeronautical Society of India (AeSI). He specialized in the areas of Industry interface and development, National Capacity Building for launch vehicle manufacturing and Academia interface. He was responsible for many important initiatives taken as the founding Director, Capacity Building Programme Office CBPO in ISRO HQ from 2018 to 2021.

He initiated Government Owned Company Operated (GOCO) in several areas with PSLV Productionisation through NSIL. Responsible for Space Enterprise Encouragement & Development (SEED) Programme initiated for Space Startups, He initiated Capacity Building in Industries for launch vehicle manufacturing.