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Proposal by India

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The Permanent Mission of India to the International Organisations in Vienna presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, and has the honour to express its interest to associate with the Bureau of the newly established Working Group on LTS and pleased to inform that Mr. P. Kunhikrishnan as nominee of India. (CV enclosed)

The Permanent Mission of India to the International Organisations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Curriculum Vitae



Shri P. Kunhikrishnan, Distinguished Scientist of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) assumed as Director of U.R. Rao Satellite Centre (URSC), the lead Centre in the country for design, development and realization of all the satellites of ISRO, on 1st August, 2018.

As Director of the Satellite Centre, he is spearheading the satellite fraternity in ISRO to realize various types satellites to meet the increasing national requirements in the areas like communication, navigation, remote sensing, meteorology and inter-planetary exploration.

Before assuming charge as Director, URSC, he was the Director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSCSHAR), Sriharikota, the Spaceport of India, from 1st June, 2015 to 31st July, 2018. As Director, he was leading the entire operations of the Spaceport and was instrumental in providing world class launch service facilities to meet the requirements of our country as well as commercial launches of other nations. Under his dynamic leadership, the team could professionally execute multiple launch campaigns of different missions in quick succession. Due to his excellent foresight and meticulous planning, the Spaceport had undergone a major transformation towards an international class launch base, through six major projects, known as SHAR Projects, in diversified areas, to meet the demands of future decades. He also conceived and initiated a project of establishing a modern visitor's complex to enable 10000 visitors to witness the satellite launch at Sriharikota.

Prior to his taking over as the Director of SDSCSHAR, he had played significant role as the Project Director of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from 1st June, 2010 to 31st March, 2015. During his tenure as Mission Director, 13 consecutive successful PSLV missions were accomplished, adding each of these to ISRO's cherished successes. These include the launch of India's prestigious Mars Orbiter (Mangalyaan) by PSLV-C25.

Shri P. Kunhikrishnan joined ISRO at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram in 1986. He has shouldered many responsible positions in ISRO such as Head of the Quality Division for Test & Evaluation in VSSC, Associate Project Director for PSLV-C12 & PSLV-C14, Project Director of PSLV-C15 to PSLV-C27 and Deputy Director, VSSC for Mechanisms, Vehicle Integration and Testing (MVIT).

Shri P. Kunhikrishnan is the recipient of Swadesi Sastra Puraskar for the year 2015, Vigyan Pratibha Samman 2017 by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, ISRO Individual Merit Award for the year 2010, Astronautical Society of India (ASI) award for the year 2011, ISRO Performance Excellence Award in 2013, ISRO Team Excellence Award-2013 as Team Leader of PSLV C-25/Mars Orbiter Mission and ISRO Outstanding Achievement Award for the year 2018.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU) and GITAM University have conferred him with Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science in the year 2016 and 2019 respectively.

He is the National President of Indian Society of Systems for Science and Engineering (ISSE), Fellow of Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE), Fellow of Institution of Electrical & Telecom Engineering - IETE and Fellow of AP Academy of Sciences.

Shri P. Kunhikrishnan is the Chairman of Working Group of the Whole (WGW) of United Nations Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer space (UNCOPUOS) headquartered at Vienna. He is also the Co-Chair for ISRO-DLR (German Space Agency) working group to steer the spaceco-operation between both the countries.
