**IIIT Surat and SAC-ISRO Forge Strategic Partnership to Advance Space Research and Innovation**


**Surat, April 17, 2025** — The Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Surat and the Space Applications Centre (SAC), a premier center of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Ahmedabad, have signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today to establish a long-term strategic partnership aimed at fostering collaborative research, innovation, and education in the domain of space technology and allied fields.

The MoU was formally signed at a special ceremony held at SAC, ISRO Ahmedabad in the presence of senior officials, scientists, and researchers. This collaboration marks a significant step in bridging the gap between academic research and space applications.

Under this agreement, IIIT Surat and SAC-ISRO will jointly undertake cutting-edge research and development projects in areas such as remote sensing, satellite communication, data science, artificial intelligence for space applications, and Earth observation systems. The partnership will also facilitate the exchange of faculty and students, joint workshops, and capacity-building initiatives.

Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Rajeev Shorey, Director of IIIT Surat, said, “This MoU opens new frontiers for our students and researchers. Partnering with SAC-ISRO will bring hands-on experience, exposure to real-world challenges, and opportunities to contribute to India’s space ambitions.”

Shri. Nilesh Desai, Director of SAC-ISRO, emphasized the importance of academic collaborations in nation-building and said, “We are delighted to partner with IIIT Surat. Together, we aim to push the boundaries of innovation and build an ecosystem that nurtures future leaders in space science and technology.”

The strategic partnership is expected to significantly contribute to the national vision of self-reliance in space technology and inspire a new generation of engineers and scientists dedicated to solving complex global challenges through space-based solutions.