



India's Space Policy: Unlocking the Full Potential of International Cooperation

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The Most Interesting Programme in Space....



A Key Experience for All Space Nations

- Unique Beginnings - Developing Country
- A Mature Space Faring Nation
- An Established Space Power

With Relevant Assets and Talent:

- Attractive Market with Untapped Possibilities
- Frugal and Reverse Engineering

And Great Potential:

- Indispensable pillar of the Future Space Governance
- Key actor in the Future Space Economy

 **Increased Interest in G2G and B2B Dialogue and Cooperation with India**

... Without a Declared Space Policy

No apparent need of Declared Space Policy?
 Lack of strategic vision or way to maintain flexibility?



Increased Ambiguity from
 a Foreign Perspective



To us there is no ambiguity of purpose. We are convinced that if we are to play a meaningful role nationally and in the comity of nations, we must be second to none in the applications of advanced technologies to the real problems of man and society."

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"The frustrating thing about India's [space programme] is that whatever you can rightly say about it, the opposite is also true".

- Civil in nature or moving towards militarisation?
- Oriented towards International Norms or Freedom of Action?

**No complete answer because
 lack of policy articulation**

Space Policy: Enhancing G2G Dialogue and Cooperation

All major spacefaring nations value the importance of an explicit Space Policy to optimise benefits and ensure clarity in goals and intentions both internally and internationally



A Declared Space Policy
is highly valuable
from an International
Perspective

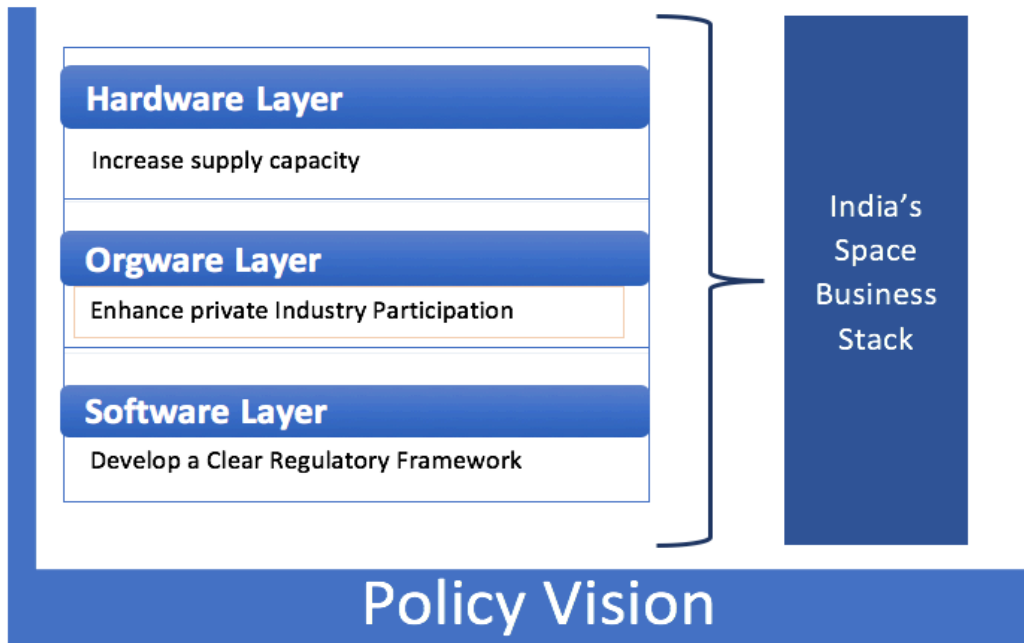
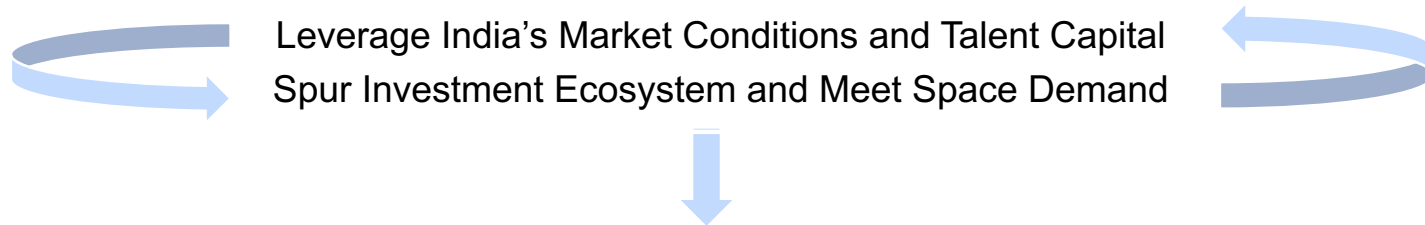


- Space Policy can serve as **communication tool** to affirm *principles* and *boundaries* and avoid speculations /misperceptions about India in Space
- Space Policy is *per se* an invaluable **TCBM** to allay tensions in the regional and international arena
- Articulating a Space Policy would enhance India's standing as space power and partner in **international rule-making** based on shared national interests
- Knowing India's interests, needs and priorities helps foreign partners to better frame the **scope of cooperation** in terms of:
 - Data and Information exchange
 - Policy Dialogue
 - Joint Activities in areas of mutual interest

"International cooperation is rarely pursued haphazardly, but is instead often part of larger policy and strategic considerations [that] may feature in policy documents (M. Othman).

Space Policy: Enabling B2B Opportunities

Much scope for mutually beneficial B2B solutions in a variety of fields.



- The successful delivery of space products and services based on several layers, all of which require an overall Policy Vision
- This would in turn allow to better identify B2B opportunities and enable them to flourish

Thank you for your attention!

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