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SPEAKER PROFILE



Dr Anil Bhardwaj
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- M.Sc. from Lucknow University (1987) & Ph.D. from the Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University (1992).
- Joined Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in 1993 as a scientist at the Space Physics Laboratory (SPL) of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) in Trivandrum.
- He became the Head of the Planetary Science Branch of SPL in August 2007, and was subsequently the Director of SPL during February 2014 to February 2017.
- Currently, he is the Director of Physical Research Laboratory (PRL).
- Worked at NASA Marshall Space Flight Centre, USA, for about 2 years as National Academy of Science (NRC) Senior Research Associate during 2004-2005.
- Principal Investigator (PI) of SARA experiment on the first Indian Lunar mission Chandrayaan-1 & Indian Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM).
- Dr. Bhardwaj has over 120 refereed publications and several chapters in books, including a Chapter in the “Encyclopedia of the Solar System”.
- Editor-in-Chief of Advances in Geosciences (Planetary Sciences) during 2005-2011, and on Editorial Board of Planetary and Space Science (Elsevier).
- Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize (2007)
- Indo-Swedish Project Award from Swedish Research Council (2010)
- Distinguished Alumnus Award (2015) from Indian Institute of Technology (BHU),
- INSA-Vainu Bappu Memorial (International) Award (2016) and Infosys Prize in Physical Sciences (2016)
- Currently the Vice-Chair of COSPAR Commission.