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ROLE OF SPACE LAW IN THE DEVELOPING NATIONS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO INDIA

Abstract

The developing nations have so many problems related with human development viz. poverty, unemployment, illiteracy, malnutrition, food and water scarcity, managing natural resources and hence suffering from poor investment infrastructure for research and development in space science and technology. But there is a vast scope in developing nations to harness the potential of space science and technology for its societal development. Some developing nations like India are following high investment trajectory in its national budgets for building space infrastructure.

In the above background, the space law takes an important role to promote and regulate the development of space science and technology for societal benefits following its commercialization and privatization though there is no national space law or even a general space policy or strategy in many space aspirant developing nations including India. But the developing nations like India feel the need of national space law. This need comes not only from the trend of commercialization and privatization but also due to global demand as well as regional and local need for environmental and natural resources management; emerging holistic approach for safety and security regime; human habitation in outer space etc. Finally space law plays the pivotal role for the means and methods for sustainable development and human security and prosperity for developing nations.