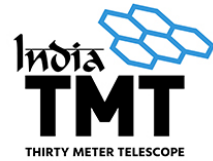




## Project: Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT)

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Panel Discussion: Leveraging collaboration for Indian science and industry



### About the Panel Member:

- Ajit Kembhavi is Professor Emeritus and Raja Ramanna Fellow at the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune. He was Director of IUCAA during 2009-2015. Professor Kembhavi is a distinguished astronomer who works on galaxies, quasars and other extragalactic objects, various areas of high energy astrophysics and X-ray and radio pulsars. He has published a large number of research papers and several books. He is involved in many international collaborations and for several years been involved with the Thirty Metre Telescope (TMT) Project and the LIGO India projects. He is now on the Apex Committees of these projects. In the field of data driven science, Professor Kembhavi has led the Virtual Observatory-India project for fifteen years and now leads a Big Data project supported by NKN. He is Vice-President of the International Astronomical Union and former President, Astronomical Society of India. He was a member of the Space Commission. He is a Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences, India.

