

ISRO's START programme is now open to all students & enthusiasts

Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START) is a programme envisaged by ISRO as an online introductory-level awareness programme in space science and technology.

The lectures cover Earth and Near-Earth Space, Solar System Exploration, Space Mission Design and Observations, Astronomy, Astrophysics, and Cosmology. Technological aspects like accessing space, space instrumentation, lectures on the Indian space exploration programme and research opportunities in the fields of space science are included.

Training is tentatively scheduled for July-Aug 2023 with 2-3 hours/day lectures for 2-3 weeks online through ISRO's e-class platform <https://eclass.iirs.gov.in>

The programme primarily aims at undergraduate and postgraduate students of science and technology. **Based on the eagerness shown, the participation is now extended to other students and enthusiasts.**

One can register at <https://elearning.iirs.gov.in/edusatregistration/student> (A link will be sent via e-mail for activation. May select START programme and complete the registration).

Over 280 institutions have been approved as nodal centres for the programme. The students of these institutions may scroll-select and register through the institution/nodal centre to become eligible for taking exams and merit certificates.

Students of any institution or general enthusiasts can register individually at the same link (<https://elearning.iirs.gov.in/edusatregistration/student>) and attend the sessions through <https://www.youtube.com/@edusat2004> Participation certificates will be provided to the eligible, registrants.

The sessions can be watched, without registration also.

The START programme is free. There is no registration fee/admission fee.

The last date for registration is July 15, 2023.