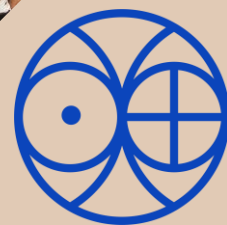


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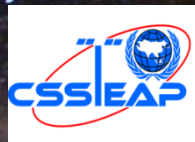
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## INTRODUCTION



Space science and technology plays a very important role in improving the quality of life on earth. Most noticeable impacts are in communication, television, telemedicine, satellite navigation, remote sensing data, weather forecasting, disaster mitigation through emergency mapping, etc. All countries, irrespective of rich or poor, have realised the importance of space technology for improving the living conditions of their citizens. Therefore, all countries should have access to space technology and must share equitable benefits. The global satellite data availability has made it possible for all countries to get benefits. However, a major

precondition to successful space technology applications is the development of essential indigenous capabilities, particularly human resources. A consensus emerged within the international community that if effective assimilation and appropriate application of space technology are to succeed in the developing countries, efforts must be made at different levels for capacity building in space technology.

Under the auspices of the United Nations, through its Office for Outer Space Affairs (UN-OOSA), six regional centres for Space Science and Technology Education have been established in the following regions: Asia and the Pacific (India and China), Latin America and the Caribbean (Brazil and Mexico), Africa (Morocco and Nigeria) and Western Asia (Jordan). All these Centres are affiliated to the United Nations through UN-OOSA. These Centres use existing facilities and expertise available in education and other research institutions in their respective regions.

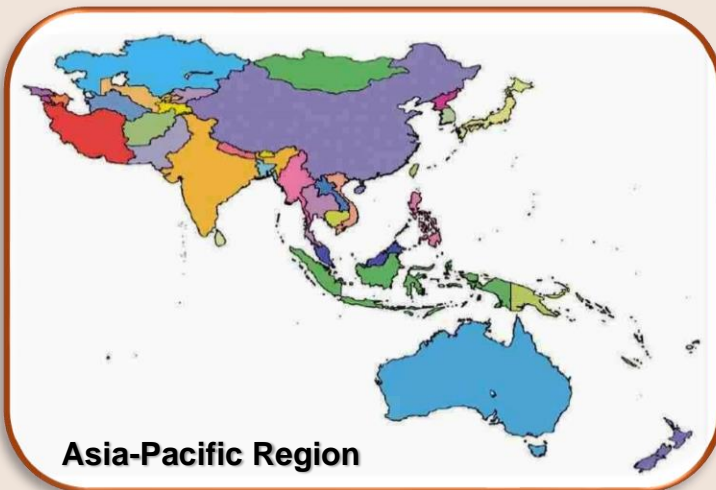
## THE REGIONAL CENTRE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC IN INDIA

The Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific (CSSTEAP) was established in India in November 1995 with its headquarters in Dehradun and is the Centre of Excellence. The 1st campus of the centre was established in Dehradun, India at Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS) which is a unit of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Government of India. For conducting its Remote Sensing (RS) & Geographic Information System (GIS) programs, the Centre has arrangements with IIRS as a host institution. The Centre has also arrangements with Space Applications Centre (SAC) Ahmedabad for hosting programs related to Satellite Communications (SATCOM), Global Navigation



Satellite System (GNSS), Satellite Meteorology and Global Climate (SATMET) and Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) Ahmedabad for Space and Atmospheric Science (SAS).

The Centre has been imparting education and training, helping participants in developing research skills through its programmes. This is achieved through rigorous theory, hands-on exercises, group discussions, field campaigns and pilot projects in the field of space science and technology. The programs aim at capacity building for participating countries in designing and implementing space-based research and application programs. The Centre also fosters continuing education to its alumni for advanced research leading to the PhD degree.



**It should be emphasized that the overall mission of the centre is to assist participating countries in developing and**

**enhancing the knowledge and skills of their citizens in relevant aspects of space science and technology in order that such individuals can effectively contribute to national development programmes.**

## **AFFILIATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**The Centre has entered into a cooperative agreement with the United Nations which states that the United Nations will cooperate with the Centre by providing expert advice, educational curricula, technical support, necessary documentation and other appropriate support.**

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME AND COURSES**

The educational program of the Centre is oriented towards the dissemination of knowledge in relevant aspects of space science and technology. The aim of the Centre is to deliberate on education and research in the field of space science with an emphasis on theoretical studies and hands-on experience on state-of-the-art instrumentation, continuing education and awareness and appraisal programs. The curriculum has been developed under the auspices of the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs (UN-OOSA) and the guidelines emerged from the meetings held for Education Curriculum Development for the Centre at Granada, Spain in February/March 1995. These curricula are reviewed periodically by an International Advisory Committee. The activities of the Centre are guided by a Governing Board, Academic Advisory Committee and respective Board of Studies for each programme.



## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The academic activity is divided into two phases. Phase-I is of 9 months duration and executed at the Centre in India. After successful completion of Phase-I, the participants are encouraged to take up Phase-II research project of one-year duration in their home country. Phase-II allows participants to take up a research project relevant to their home country or organization and apply the technologies.

If desired by the candidate, then the candidate can submit the one-year research project to Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, India for Master of Technology (M. Tech.) degree. The eligibility criteria of the university will apply.

**(i) Post Graduate (P.G.) Programme:** P.G. Courses of nine months duration are organized in the following disciplines:

- ♣ Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System (RS and GIS) (at IIRS, Dehradun)
- ♣ Satellite Communications (SATCOM) (at SAC, Ahmedabad)
- ♣ Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) (at SAC, Ahmedabad)
- ♣ Satellite Meteorology and Global Climate (SATMET) (at SAC, Ahmedabad)
- ♣ Space and Atmospheric Science (SAS) (at PRL, Ahmedabad)

Core Modules (Semester I and II) emphasize the development and enrichment of the basic knowledge and skills of the participants in the field of space science and technology. This is followed by a pilot project, which provides an opportunity to fine-tune the skills for carrying out research in space science.

**(ii) Master's Programme:** This programme gives an opportunity and continuity in developing higher research skills for those who have completed successfully the nine-month P.G. Course. This is subject to qualifying for admission requirements of Andhra University, India. A research project by the scholars is conducted and executed in their respective countries with a view to transferring the technology to his/her organization. It will also be a test of the methodology and knowledge assimilated during phase-I at the centre.

## COURSE RECOGNITION BY ANDHRA UNIVERSITY

The Centre is in agreement with Andhra University (est. 1926) Vishakhapatnam, India for awarding M. Tech. degree subject to the eligibility criteria of Andhra University. The terms and conditions of this agreement are reviewed from time to time.

A few meritorious students of the P.G. Course are also considered for award of additional fellowship (six months to one year) to complete part of their research work at Centre's host institutions in India which may lead to an M. Tech. degree from Andhra University. Research project work needs to be submitted to Andhra University within four years from the date of joining the PG course.



**(iii) Short Courses:** Besides P.G. level courses, the centre also conducts short term courses of two to four weeks duration in specific themes of above subjects regularly. For further details, you may please visit our website [www.cssteap.org](http://www.cssteap.org).

## PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED

As on September 2019, the Centre has conducted 58 postgraduate courses (23 on RS & GIS, 11 each on SATCOM, SATMET, SAS, and 2 on GNSS). The Centre has also conducted various short Courses and workshops. These educational programmes have benefited more than 2000 scholars from 36 countries in the Asia-Pacific region and 19 countries outside the Asia Pacific region. Presently, 24<sup>th</sup> RS & GIS course at IIRS, Dehradun, 12<sup>th</sup> SATCOM and 3<sup>rd</sup> GNSS courses at SAC, Ahmadabad are in progress.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 12TH P. G. COURSE IN SPACE AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE

**Duration** : August 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021  
**Venue** : Physical Research Laboratory,  
Navrangpura, Ahmedabad 380 009, INDIA  
**Number of seats** : 20 (Twenty)

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Last date for Receipt of Applications** : March 30, 2020  
**Information of Selection** : April 30, 2020  
**Commencement of Course** : August 1, 2020  
**Completion of Phase-I (in India)** : April 30, 2021

Since the numbers of seats are limited, applicants are advised to process their applications well in advance of the last date to avoid inconvenience. Selected candidates will be intimated to initiate the action for joining the course.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

The course is designed towards the scientists, teachers, professionals and specialists of the Asia Pacific region, working in the government, autonomous or university systems and educational institutes in the field of space science and allied fields, who wish to improve their skills in the field of Space and Atmospheric Science and thereby improve their usefulness to their parent Institutes/Organizations.



It is strongly expected that the participating scholars will be able to:

- ◆ Serve as catalysts for furthering the skills and knowledge of other professionals in their countries.
- ◆ Enhance the self-reliance of their respective countries so as to lessen dependence on external experts.

## HOW TO APPLY?

Applications are invited from candidates in countries of Asia and the Pacific Region for the 12<sup>th</sup> P. G. Course in Space and Atmospheric Sciences. All the candidates need to be nominated/sponsored/recommended by recognized institutions (e.g. ministries, organizations, universities, etc.) in their respective countries. Nominating/Sponsoring institutions/authority should ensure that on return, the scholar will be given an opportunity to work in a development-oriented activity in the area of newly acquired knowledge and skills. After successful completion of the P. G. course, if the candidate wants to pursue research towards M. Tech. degree, it is assumed that the nominating/sponsoring authority will facilitate a one-year research project in the home country. However, the Centre will provide long-distance technical guidance. A limited number of short and long-term fellowships may be made available to meritorious participants to complete Phase II Research Project work in India.

The application form is attached at the end of this document. It can also be downloaded from [www.cssteap.org](http://www.cssteap.org) or [www.prl.res.in](http://www.prl.res.in). The duly filled and signed application form should be endorsed by the applicant's organization/recommending agency and sent to us at the contact details given below. For applicants from outside India, the duly filled, signed and endorsed application form should be forwarded to us through the Governing Board member of the applicant's country (contact details are given in the link [www.cssteap.org/governing-board](http://www.cssteap.org/governing-board)), or through the Indian Embassy/High Commission in the applicant's country, or through the Embassy/High Commission of the applicant's country in India.

The application should be completed in all respects and accompanied by attested and/or certified copies of all the certificates (School, Bachelor and Master, TOEFL, English Proficiency, etc.). Wherever these certificates are issued in a language other than English, the same may be translated in English and certified by the Head of the organization or provide English transcription of all such documents.

To download the application form or to know more about CSSTEAP, its past and future programmes, participants and countries who have benefited from these and the Pilot Projects carried out through these programmes, please visit us at [www.cssteap.org](http://www.cssteap.org).

***For faster processing, an advance copy of the duly filled application form can be sent to the following address either by email (preferable) or by post.***





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## ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

The prospective participants should possess a Master's degree in Physics/Astronomy/Astro-Physics/Solar Physics/Meteorology or other equivalent qualification relevant to Space and Atmospheric Science, OR Bachelor's degree in Engineering, (B.E./ B. Tech.) in Electronics and allied fields / Environmental Science/Engineering. Candidates having teaching or research experience would be preferred.

*Important and Mandatory: The applicants are advised to bring original documents for verification at the time of reporting in India.*

## SELECTION PROCEDURE

The Centre will select the candidates through a well-laid procedure, which includes satisfying academic eligibility, proficiency in English language, funding/forwarding by sponsoring authority/organization, country representation, etc. Only selected candidates will be intimated by April 30, 2020. **Preference in selection will be given to those candidates whose expenses are borne by the candidate/sponsoring agency.** Once a candidate has been sponsored and admitted, the sponsoring authority/organization or candidate need to inform at least 15 days in advance for withdrawal or cancellation of the candidature. If the sponsoring authority wishes to call back its candidate after joining the Centre or in the middle of the course, the travel cost needs to be borne by either the sponsoring authority or by the candidate. Nominating authority can change the candidate if so desired by them.

## ABOUT HOST INSTITUTE



Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), founded in 1947 by Dr. Vikram A. Sarabhai, is known as the cradle of Space Sciences in India. It is a premier scientific institution under the Department of Space, Government of India. The research activities of PRL are truly of multi-disciplinary nature at the cutting edge of science. These include Astronomy and Astrophysics, Space and Atmospheric Sciences, Solar Physics, Geosciences, Planetary Science, Atomic, Molecular & Optical Physics, Theoretical Physics & Cosmology. PRL has four campuses: the main campus at Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, with several world-class experimental and computing facilities; many leading laboratories in Thaltej campus, Ahmedabad; Optical and Infrared Observatory at Mount Abu, and Udaipur Solar Observatory at Udaipur. The research work done at PRL has been recognized by peers at both national and international levels. This is also reflected in international and national awards and honours received by PRL scientists over the years. The laboratory has a very strong human resource development component with doctoral (PhD), postdoctoral & visiting scientist programmes, a summer internship programme for B.Sc./M.Sc. students and college teachers, project training for graduate and postgraduate students in science, engineering and computer applications.

PRL alumni have played a key role in building and contributing to the development of other institutions in the country. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) was nucleated in PRL in the early seventies. For further details, you may visit PRL website [www.prl.res.in](http://www.prl.res.in)

## FACULTY

The faculty for the course constitutes experts in different fields drawn from Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, a number of ISRO Centres and various research institutes and universities in India and abroad. The core faculty has a strong scientific background with a number of publications, the experience of participating in international scientific programs and organizing a number of courses/workshops/symposia, etc. to their credit.

## MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTIONS

The medium of the instructions/teaching is English. **Proficiency in written and spoken English is most essential. The candidates who are not proficient in English are advised not to apply.** Applicants, who have done their higher studies in a medium (language) other than English, are required to submit TOEFL score or a diploma/certificate of English language issued by an accredited language institution for satisfactory establishment of the applicant's competence in spoken and written English language.

## TEACHING METHODS AND FACILITIES

Modern facilities exist at the Centre for class-room teaching and practical instructions/demonstrations.



Printed as well as digital course material of the lectures is supplied. The teaching methods include class-room lectures, video lectures, computer-based training packages, laboratory experiments, group discussions, demonstrations, and seminar presentations.



Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad is a premier institution of space research in India. A number of sophisticated experiments like digital ionosonde, high power LIDAR, optical instruments for photometry, spectrophotometry and imaging of day/night airglow emissions, instruments for surface/in-situ measurements of ozone, aerosols, trace gases, conductivity, electric fields in the middle atmosphere and of electron density, ion-neutral composition and electric fields in the ionosphere, form the backbone of the current space research activities. Computer facilities include a number of high power workstations with a large number of

PCs connected through network with connectivity to the Internet. PRL hosts an excellent library with a large collection of books and periodicals in varied fields of Space and Atmospheric Sciences.

For astronomy and Solar Observations, two dedicated Observatories, one operating in Infra-red and other in visual bands are there at Mount Abu and Udaipur, respectively. An ambitious research plan for the next five years has been drawn up and space-based experiments in Astronomy, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences are proposed.



## PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

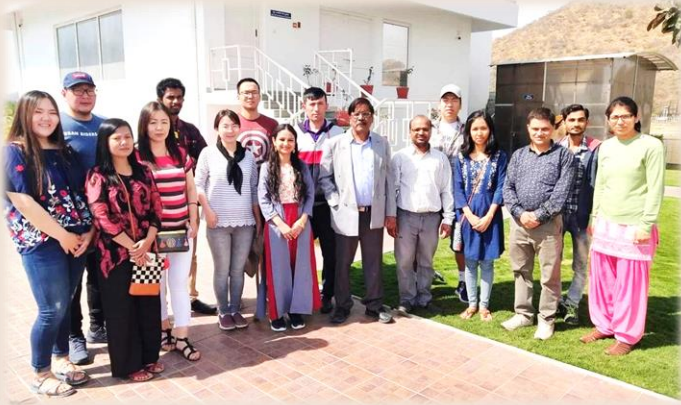
The performance of the participants is assessed through written, interactive sessions and/or computer-assisted practical exercises. Independent assessments of theory exams are conducted by external and internal faculty. However, the practical examination is conducted jointly. The participants need to pass each examination paper.

## AWARD OF DIPLOMA/DEGREE

On successful completion of the Phase-I study, i.e. 9-month course, the participants will be awarded Post Graduate Diploma. Certificate of Attendance will be given to the candidates who fail to clear the examinations. If the participant is able to complete Phase-II Project work (i.e. one-year research project in home country), satisfactorily within four years of joining the PG course, the work can be submitted to the Andhra University (India) for the award of M. Tech. degree.

## SCIENTIFIC AND SIGHTSEEING TOURS

As part of the programme, the students are taken on scientific tours to selected national centres of excellence in Space and Atmospheric Science. They also take part in festivals and visit historical sites.





## COURSE EXPENSES

The overall expenses of the course are given below. This does not include international travel (to and from the city of the course participant to course venue):

Course Fee:	US \$ 6000 per participant
Local tour expenses:	US \$ 750 per participant (Approx.)
Living expenses:	US \$ 2000 per participant (Approx.)

The participants are expected to find suitable sponsorships or funding for meeting the expenses while attending the course in India. Preference will be given to such candidates.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

To encourage the participants from the Asia-Pacific region, selected participants will be waived off the course fee and local tours. Furthermore, financial assistance will be provided to a few of the selected candidates as mentioned below:

Living expenses in India:	INR 16,000 per month for the duration of 9 months
Book allowance:	INR 2,000 (one time)
Project allowance:	INR 1,500 (one time)
Local tour expenses:	INR 50,000 (as per actuals)

The Centre receives some financial assistance for international travel for a limited number of participants of the Asia-Pacific region through agencies like UN Office for Outer Space Affairs (UN-OOSA) and UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP). **Candidates seeking financial assistance and international travel assistance have to specifically request for the same in the Application Form.**

## INSURANCE

Medical, life and disability insurance should be undertaken before reaching India, by the participants themselves or on their behalf, by their sponsoring institute/organisation for covering entire health and disability risks. No medical expenses will be borne by the Centre. However, participants who receive the Fellowship of the GOI will be paid medical expenses for minor ailments on actual basis (as outpatients only) as and when such expenses are incurred after recommendation by an authorised medical doctor of Physical Research Laboratory. The centre will have only limited liabilities as far as medical expenses are concerned in such cases. Candidates must clearly specify if they are suffering from any health disorders which may affect their study programmes. Candidates in sound physical and mental health

only need to apply. Participants, who are not covered by appropriate Medical insurance while in India, would be required to take a Medical Insurance policy in India by themselves. If any medical information requiring attention is kept hidden and found out during the course, the centre will be compelled to send the candidate back home and all expenses towards the same will be borne by the candidate/sponsoring organisation.

## LIFE AT CENTRE

The participants will stay in an international hostel on single occupancy basis with independent kitchenette.

The campus is equipped with good living facilities like gymnasium, tennis court, etc. A sum of Rs. 1500/- per month is to be paid by each participant towards accommodation charges. Boarding and other expenses such as cooking gas are to be borne by the participants. Spouse/no other person will be allowed to stay along with the candidate in the hostel during the entire tenure of the course. Staying in the hostel is compulsory for all the participants and staying outside is strictly not allowed.



of Holi (March) are occasions to enjoy.

The international hostel will provide an opportunity for the participants to interact and share their knowledge and cultural values. India is a country of festivals. So, the participants will also get to know about different colourful festivals throughout the year. The 9-day dance festival of Garba (October-November), followed 20 days later by the light and cracker festival of Diwali, the kite festival of Makara-Sankranti (January) and the colour festival

## ABOUT THE CITY



Ahmedabad is named after Sultan Ahmed Shah who founded this city in 1411 AD and graced it with splendid monuments. It is a great textile and commercial centre and was called the 'Manchester of India' in the past. Ahmedabad is today a prosperous, thriving city, the second-largest in western India. The city is associated with Mahatma Gandhi, the apostle of peace and non-violence whose Ashram or retreat, on the banks of the river Sabarmati is now a place of national pilgrimage.

Ahmedabad's long and prosperous historical past has given it a rich architectural legacy. The earlier monuments of the city date back to the pre-Mughal Muslim Sultans of Gujarat who founded the city and embellished it with mosques and mausoleums in mellow, honey-coloured sandstone to create what is now known as the Indo-Saracenic style of architecture - a rare and happy blend of Muslim and Hindu styles.

With growing wealth and affluence, the textile magnates of Ahmedabad added new architectural marvels to their city. The ancient skills of temple building were revived with the construction of Jain temples in and around the city, superbly carved, sculptured and ornamented in pure white marble. And thanks to their progressive and sophisticated patronage, Ahmedabad acquired some of the most striking and excitingly contemporary architecture in India. Many of Ahmedabad's new buildings bear the signature of such world-celebrated architects as Le Corbusier and Louis Kahn and India's Doshi and Correa.

It is also the home of many premier academic and cultural institutions, mainly due to the vision of Vikram A. Sarabhai, who was the founder of PRL. Prominent among them are Ahmedabad Textile Industries Research Association, National Institute of Design, Indian Institute of Management, Institute of Indology, Vikram Sarabhai Community Science Centre and Darpana Academy of Performing Arts apart from PRL and Space Applications Centre (SAC). The city is well connected by rail, road and air with all major cities in India. There are daily air services from Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Bengaluru. PRL is situated about 8 km from the railway station and about 15 km from the airport.

Life in Ahmedabad reflects the variety and continuity of its traditions. The crowded bazaars and chowks of the old city are awash with the ebb and flow of people buying and selling Gujarat's traditional handicrafts, hand-painted and block-printed cloths, brass utensils, woollen rugs and shawls, wooden chests and silver jewellery.



Summer months from April to June are very hot. Rainfall in the area is moderate, The weather is pleasant from November to March.

*In July 2017, the Historic City of Ahmedabad or Old Ahmedabad was declared as India's first UNESCO World Heritage City.*





## SPACE AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE COURSE AT A GLANCE

The course consists of two phases. Phase-I is of 9 months duration. Successful completion of this phase leads to the award of a Post-Graduate (PG) diploma by the Centre whereas Phase-II is a one-year research project for a Master of Technology (M.Tech.) degree from Andhra University (AU), Visakhapatnam, India.

### PHASE-I: NINE-MONTH PG DIPLOMA COURSE

The Space and Atmospheric Science (SAS) Post-Graduate Diploma course of 9 months duration is spread over two semesters. There are 5 theory papers and 10 related laboratory experiments in the first semester, while 4 theory papers and 10 experiments are to be completed in the second semester. Introductory lectures on topics covering all the branches of space science and technology are delivered in the beginning of the course for about one or two weeks. The course ends with a pilot research project of two months. A brief description of the course content is as follows:

#### **THEORY:**

**Semester 1:** 5 papers, 200 Marks each

***Paper 1: Earth's Atmosphere and Climate Change (4 credits, 40 hrs)***

Topics covered: Concepts of Earth's Atmosphere (10 hrs), Effects of Solar Radiation on Atmosphere (5 hrs), Aerosols, Greenhouse Gases and their effects on Radiation Budget and Climate Change (15 hrs), Dynamics of Earth's Atmosphere (10 hrs)

***Paper 2: Ionosphere and Radio Communication (4 credits, 40 hrs)***

Topics covered: Structure and Variability of Earth's Ionosphere (13 hrs), Ionospheric Plasma Dynamics (13 hrs), Electromagnetic Wave Propagation in Ionosphere (14 hrs)

***Paper 3: Planetary Science and Exploration (4 credits, 40 hrs)***

Topics covered: Atmospheres of other Planets and Satellites (10 hrs), Ionospheres of Planets and their Satellites (10 hrs), Solar System Objects and their Exploration (8 hrs), Data Analysis Techniques (12 hrs)

***Paper 4: Ground-Based Experiments for Near-earth Environment (4 credits, 40)***

Topics covered: Radio Antenna (12 hrs), Radio sounding (12 hrs), Optical Techniques (10 hrs), Airglow (6 hrs)

***Paper 5: Space Instrumentation (4 credits, 40 hrs)***

Topics covered: Launch Vehicles, Satellites and their Orbits (5 hrs), Attitude Control, Power and Thermal systems of Spacecrafts (10 hrs), Selection of Materials for Space-borne payloads (5 hrs), Reliability, Tests and Qualification of Payloads for Space Experiments (5 hrs), Telemetry, Tracking, Command (TTC hrs) and Data Handling System (5 hrs), In Situ Techniques on Space Platforms (10 hrs)

**Semester 2:** 4 papers, 200 Marks each

***Paper 6: Sun and Space Weather (6 credits, 60 hrs)***

Topics covered: Elements of Solar Physics (20 hrs), Origin of Magnetic Field of Earth (10 hrs), Magnetosphere of Earth (10 hrs), Phenomena in Magnetosphere (10 hrs), Space Weather and its Effects (10 hrs)

***Paper 7: Stellar and Galactic Astronomy (4 credits, 40 hrs)***

Topics covered: Introduction to Astronomy (10 hrs), Introduction to Astrophysics (10 hrs), High Energy Astrophysical Processes and Phenomenology (12 hrs), Basics of Radio Astronomy (4 hrs), Radio Sources (4 hrs)

***Paper 8: Electronic Devices and Detectors for Space Instrumentation (2 credits, 20 hrs)***

Topics covered: Electronic Devices (10 hrs), Detectors (10 hrs)

***Paper 9: Space Exploration (4 credits, 40 hrs)***

Topics covered: Space Missions (20 hrs), Astronomical Instruments and Observing Techniques (20 hrs)

**PRACTICAL** :( 2 Credits in each semester)

In addition to theory classes, participants spend considerable time in carrying out various practicals involving laboratory works. In these, they conduct various experiments under the supervision of experts at the host institution. The students perform 10 Practical in each Semester. The suggested list of Practical is given below:





### **Semester I: *Measurement Techniques for Near-Earth Environment***

- 1 Simultaneous study of total ozone, water vapour and aerosol optical depth
- 2 Measurements of Aerosols
- 3 Optical Depth Measurement Using Filter Photometer
- 4 Surface Monitoring of trace gases
- 5 Balloon-borne measurements of Atmospheric Ozone
- 6 Cloud dynamics using Ceilometer
- 7 Measurement of Atmospheric Temperature by NdYag Lidar
- 8 Multi-wavelength Airglow Photometer
- 9 Airglow Imaging
- 10 Ionospheric Sounding using an Ionosonde/Digisonde
- 11 Effect of solar X-ray flare on Ionosphere
- 12 Study of Ionospheric Scintillations
- 13 Total Electron Content measurements using GPS receiver
- 14 Equatorial Anomaly using TVM Data
- 15 Study of Acoustic Detectors

### **Semester II: *Measurement Techniques for Solar and Stellar Astronomy***

- 1 Characterization of X-ray detector
- 2 Measurement of geo-magnetic field
- 3 Measurement of Sun's photospheric temperature
- 4 Study of solar rotation
- 5 Determination of Heliographic Coordinates
- 6 Sunspot area and number
- 7 Solar magnetic field
- 8 Light Curve of Variable Star
- 9 Radio Pulsar Studies using GMRT/OSRT
- 10 Polarization & directivity of Radio Antenna
- 11 Radiation properties of Radio Antenna
- 12 Plotting HR diagram of star clusters and finding their distances.
- 13 Finding abundance in stellar atmosphere of a few elements using the curve of growth.
- 14 Finding the plate scale for a telescope.
- 15 Measurement of star size by lunar occultation

## SEMINAR :( 2 CREDITS IN EACH SEMESTER)

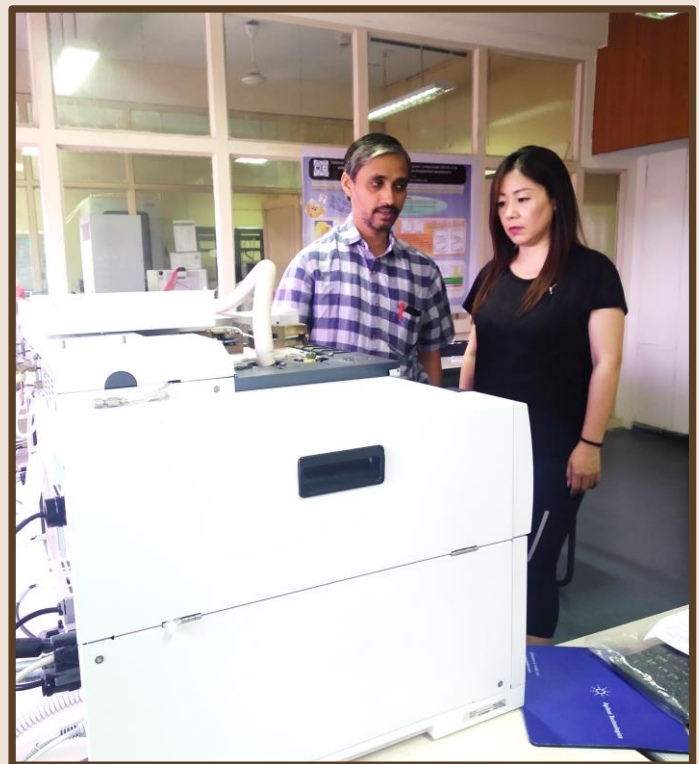
Besides theory and experiments, short presentations (10 minutes each) are made by students in any of the topics covered in the syllabus.



## PILOT PROJECT: (2 months, 4 Credits)

Each student will carry out research work using observation, analysis, modelling and simulation on his/her topic of interest after consultation with the supervisors in India as well as in the home country. During this two-month period, the student will be guided by an Indian supervisor and get a) guidance on the line of action to be pursued at home, b) all the necessary experimental data if required and c) the necessary software tools, etc.

If the student is eligible and wants to pursue M. Tech. under Andhra University, he/she will have to carry out a one-year research project at home for which the pilot project will initiate the foundation.



## PHASE II: ONE-YEAR PROJECT

The students who successfully finish their PG course and are interested in continuing for a Master of Technology (M.Tech.) degree, the Centre offers the opportunity to do so, in collaboration with Andhra University (AU) in Visakhapatnam, India. To this end, the student will have to carry out an approved project

in his/her home country for a period of one year. This is to be formulated jointly by the scholar and his/her

advisor at the Centre during Semester II of Phase I in an area relevant to the interest of the sponsoring institution/ country. The sponsoring institution/country is obliged to guarantee that the student, on return, would remain in a suitable position with commensurate and progressive remuneration and other entitlements for a minimum period of 3 years and will be provided with all facilities to carry out the work. This course programme will be considered complete on acceptance/ approval of the submitted project report.

## ABOUT ANDHRA UNIVERSITY



others as Vice-chancellors.

Andhra University is considered to be one among the 14 best Universities in India in terms of Research by the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India. Andhra University also offers PhD programmes in various specialisations of contemporary interests by all the departments.

Andhra University was established in 1926. It is a premier institute of higher learning and it became a trendsetter in higher education and university administration. It is accredited with 'A' Grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council of India and has ISO 9001:2008 certification for its quality standards. The University is strong in all faculties and was headed by great personalities like Sir C.R. Reddy, and Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and

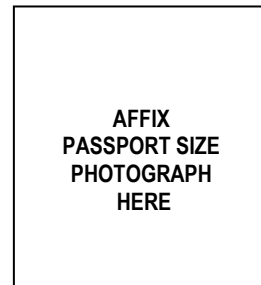




**Centre for Space Science and Technology Education  
in Asia and Pacific (CSSTEAP)  
(Affiliated to the United Nations)**

**APPLICATION FORM FOR 12<sup>TH</sup> POST GRADUATE COURSE IN SPACE AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE**

Duration: 9 months (August 1, 2020-April 30, 2021)  
Venue: Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, India  
Last date for receipt of application: March 30, 2020



(For office use only)  
Application No.....  
Date Received.....

**Important:**

All the correspondence from CSSTEAP (issue of admission letter, e-tickets for travel, enquiries, etc) with the applicants will be by E-mail and sometimes by phone (Home/ Office). Therefore, kindly ensure that email-id, phone, fax, etc, are correctly and clearly mentioned.

(PLEASE TYPE OR USE BLOCK CAPITALS)  
(Name: (As mentioned in the passport)

Dr./Mr./Ms./ .....

First

Middle

Last

2. Father's Name----- 3. Name of mother/husband/wife-----

4. Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)----- 5. Place of Birth-----

6. Gender (Male/Female) ----- 7. Nationality-----

8. Contact Information: Present official Address (Valid until date-----)

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Contact number (Please give complete Phone no. with country and city codes)

Office (Tel) ----- Office (Fax) -----

Mobile: ----- E-mail-----

**Important**

- Interested persons may detach last 4 pages from this brochure and use them as Application Form.
- It is essential that full passport details are mentioned in the Application Form. Application Forms without passport details may not be considered.
- Providing alternate email-id, and the phone number would ensure timely communication with applicants, especially during urgency/emergency.
- For faster communication with the applicants, CSSTEAP Secretariat will be using your email-id for all purposes (e.g. Admission letter, air tickets and logistic arrangements).

9. Your permanent home address in your country/ contact details -----  
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➤ Contact number (Please give complete phone no. with country, city codes)

Home (Tel): ----- Home (Fax): -----

Email (alternate preferably Gmail or Yahoo): -----

10. Nearest International airport (Specify the place/city): -----

11. Academic Qualifications (mandatory)\*

Degrees(Bachelor /Master) /Diploma	Duration of Course(mention from	University/ Institution	Year of passing	Grade/ percentage	Major Subjects/ specialization

\*(Enclose copies of Degree/Diploma/Certificates/marks/grades obtained etc. and their certified transcription in English)

➤ Major Subjects in the Last Examination:----- ➤ Area of Specialization:-----

➤ Medium of instruction/language: ----- ➤ TOEFL Score (Proficiency in English): -----

Proficiency in English (please tick the option)

Reading: Fair/Good/Very Good

Writing: Fair/Good/Very Good

Spoken: Fair/Good/Very Good

Enclose certified copies of marks/grades of degree, diploma, TOEFL (validity period), etc certificates and their certified translations in English).

12. DETAILS OF EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

➤ Present Position/ Designation: : ----- ➤ Present Responsibilities: : -----

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➤ Organization and complete Address: -----

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➤ Date of Joining this Organization (dd/mm/yyyy): -----

\* If necessary, attach additional sheets giving details of your technical activity during last one year.

➤ Research or working Experience:

Name of Organization (s)	Position(s)/ Post (s) held	Nature of work done	Duration



13. (a) Activities & Projects in which your present organization is engaged (mandatory) and nature of work done or will be done

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13. (b) Main technical/scientific facilities available in your organization \*(including approximate number and type of computers, type of software available etc.)

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14. Have you done any other course from CSSTEAP (If yes, please give details including theme and year):

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15. How this Course will help you in your work/organization? Please describe below.

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16. (*Not applicable to Indian citizens*) DETAILS OF PASSPORT: Please provide valid passport details below and if not holding a valid passport, please forward a copy of the passport whenever available.

Passport Number	Place of Issue (City and Country)	Date of issue	Passport valid up to	Issuing Authority	Whether previously visited India, if so, place and date of the last visit

17. Physical Fitness:

(a) Are you suffering from any recurring/chronic/serious communicable disease which may affect your study program in India?  
(b) If yes, please specify nature of the illness (Candidates are advised to attach medical fitness certificate from a government hospital or government recognized hospital on hospital letterhead for HIV, yellow fever, complete blood test, urine test, blood group, migraine, dental infection, for T.B. chest X-ray, etc.)

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(c) If necessary, the candidate may be asked to undergo necessary medical tests on arrival, and if found medically unfit then he/she will be asked to return to his/her country and the cost of travel will have to be paid either by the recommending/nominating organization or by the candidate.

18. How do you propose to meet international travel & stay expenses in India? (Preference will be given to those who will make their own travel arrangement)

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19. Declaration by the candidate

I have read the Announcement brochure and will abide by the rules and regulations of the Centre. I have made/am making/have not made travel arrangements for attending the Course, and for local expenses for the period of stay in India.

Date:  
Place:

Signature of the candidate

## 20. RECOMMENDING/ NOMINATING AGENCY CERTIFICATE

Mr./Ms----- working in this organization is recommended/nominated by----- (Ministry/ Department) to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Post Graduate Course in Space and Atmospheric Science, to be held at Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, India during August 1, 2020-April 30, 2021. We envisage utilizing his/her experience in specific tasks of our organization/agency. The candidate will be allowed to carry out a Research Project for a period of one year after his/her return to this country and will be provided with all the facilities required for the same.

- (a) He/She will be / will not be provided international travel support.  Mandatory:  
Please tick  
the  
appropriate  
option.
- (b) He/She will be/will not be provided financial assistance for the period of stay in India.
- (c) He/She possesses adequate knowledge of English Language required by the course

Date:-----

Signature:

Place:-----

Name in Capital Letters:

Designation:

Phone /Fax No:

E-mail:

(Official seal of the recommending/nominating authority/CSSTEAP GB member)

Note: Application without the official seal of sponsoring or nominating authority and their details will not be considered

(21) (*Not applicable to Indian citizens*) FORWARDING NOTE EITHER BY THE RESPECTIVE INDIAN EMBASSY/HIGH COMMISSION IN YOUR COUNTRY OR YOUR EMBASSY/HIGH COMMISSION IN INDIA

This is to forward the application of Mr./Ms----- of ----- (specify the country name here) for the 12<sup>th</sup> Post Graduate Course in Space and Atmospheric Science, to be held at Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, India during August 1, 2020-April 30, 2021.

Date-----

Signature:

Place-----

Name:

Designation:

Phone/Fax No:

E-mail:

(Official Seal of the Embassy/High Commission of India)

N.B. Please send an advance copy of the application form duly signed by the nominating or sponsoring agency to *Prof. J. Banerji, Course Director, Space and Atmospheric Science, Room # 762, Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad 380 009, India by post, or fax (+91-79-2631-4900) or via email ([uncsc@prl.res.in](mailto:uncsc@prl.res.in))* for quick processing. Original copy to be sent through Indian Embassy/High Commission of your country after being duly signed by the recommending or nominating authority.

### IMPORTANT

- The Application which is not complete in all respects is likely to be rejected.
- Candidates must attach copies of certificates of:
  - ✓ Medical fitness to attend the course including Chest X-ray (PA), Blood Test (including Random Blood Sugar, HIV, HBs, Ag), Urine complete (in case any medical information requiring attention is hidden and if found during the course, the centre will be compelled to send the candidate back home.
  - ✓ Highest degree obtained (Degree certificate and marks sheet/grade card)
  - ✓ Proof of Proficiency in English or certificate by the nominating agency needs to be provided.
  - ✓ All Degree Certificates, if not in English, may please be translated in English and attested by the Head of the organization or transcript in English can also be submitted.
- Expectant mothers are advised not to apply for the course.
- Smoking and consuming alcoholic drinks in classroom and office campus is prohibited.

## IMPORTANT

<b>Last date for Receipt of Applications</b>	<b>: March 30, 2020</b>
<b>Information of Selection</b>	<b>: April 30, 2020</b>
<b>Commencement of Course</b>	<b>: August 1, 2020</b>
<b>Completion of Phase-I (in India)</b>	<b>: April 30, 2021</b>

***An advance copy (preferably scanned) should be forwarded to the following address for advance action and follow-up:***

**Prof. J. Banerji**

**The Course Director**

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