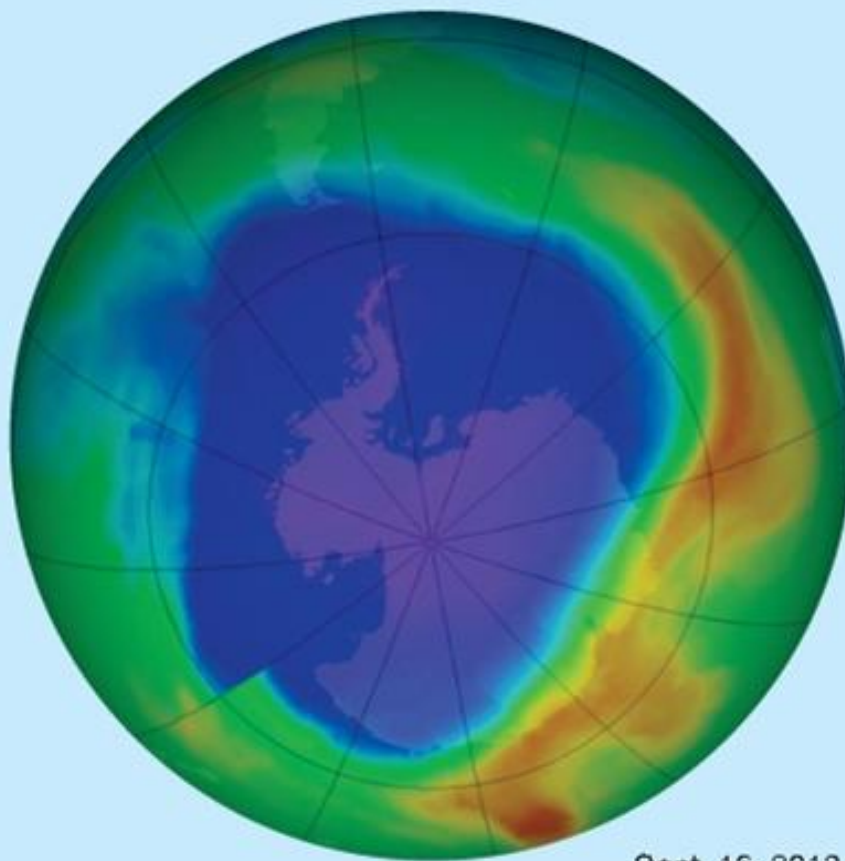
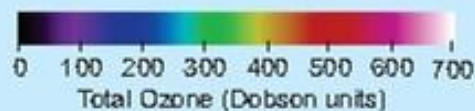


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Space and Atmospheric Science  
For  
Academic Year 2014-2015**

**To be held at  
Physical Research Laboratory  
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## Introduction

Space technology plays a very important role in improving the quality of life of today's human society for information and decision making. Most noticeable are 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 the 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. Towards this, the United Nations General Assembly called for the establishment of Centres for Space Science and Technology Education at the regional level in the developing countries. Under the auspices of the United Nations, through its Office for Outer Space Affairs (UN-OOSA), the six regional Centres established are: Asia and the Pacific (India), Latin America and the Caribbean (Brazil and Mexico), Africa (Morocco, Nigeria) and Amman (Jordan) for West Asia. All of these Centres are affiliated to the United Nations through UN-OOSA.

## 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 & GIS programs the Centre has arrangements with IIRS as a host institution. The Centre has also arrangements with Space Applications Centre (SAC) Ahmedabad, playing as host-institution for programs related to Satellite Communications, Satellite Meteorology and Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) Ahmedabad for Space and Atmospheric Science.

The Centre has been imparting education and training, helping participants in developing research skills through its Master Degree and Post Graduate courses. This is achieved through rigorous class-room (theory and hands on exercises), group discussions, field campaigns and pilot projects in the field of space science and technology. These 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 advance research leading to Ph.D. 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 focus of the Centre is to deliberate on education and research in the field of space science with emphasis on theoretical studies and hands on experience on state of 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 consisting of 16 member countries.

## Academic Activities

The academic activity is divided into two phases. Phase-I is of 9 months duration and executed at the host Centres in India. After successful completion of the 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 research project relevant to their home country or organization and apply the technologies.

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

(i) **Post Graduate 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)
- Satellite Meteorology and Global Climate (SATMET) (at SAC, Ahmedabad)
- Space and Atmospheric Science (SAS) (at PRL, Ahmedabad)

Core Modules (Semester I and II) emphasize on 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 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 months 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 transfer the technology in his/her organization. It will also be a test of the methodology and knowledge assimilated during phase-I at the centre.

**Recognition of Master's Programme**

The Centre is in agreement with Andhra University (est. 1926) Vishakhapatnam, India for award of M. Tech. Degree. The terms and conditions of this agreement are reviewed from time to time. A few meritorious students of P.G. Course are also considered for award of additional fellowship of six months to one year to complete part of their research work at Centre's host institutions in India which may lead to a M. Tech. Degree of Andhra University.

(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.

The Centre has so far conducted 41 post graduate courses, 17 on RS&GIS, eight each in SATCOM, SATMET and SAS. The centre has also conducted 33 short Courses/Workshops in the last 18 years. These educational programs have benefited 1260 participants from 35 countries in the region and 29 participants from 18 countries outside Asia Pacific region. Eighteenth RS & GIS course at IIRS Dehradun and ninth SATCOM course at SAC Ahmadabad are in progress. Centre also organized two special courses with UN-OOSA/UN-SPIDER/UN-ESCAP, IWMI on themes Flood Risk Mapping, Modeling and Assessment using Space Technology and Development of Geo-referenced Information System for Disaster Risk Management

## Alumni Meet

Alumni meets were organized to develop a network and to establish meaningful linkages between CSSTEAP, faculty and its past students. These were aimed to provide common platform to interact and apprise about the latest development in the space technology and its applications. Such meets were held in Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka in 2011. These meets took place in Kathmandu, Dhaka and Colombo. The centre proposes to 2-3 such meetings in coming years in different countries.

**Next Course:** 9th P. G. Course in Space and Atmospheric Science

Duration: August 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015

Venue: Physical Research Laboratory,  
Navrangpura, Ahmedabad 380 009, INDIA

Number of seats: 15

Last date of receipt of applications: March 01, 2014

**IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>Last date for Receipt of Applications</b>	:	<b>March 1, 2014</b>
<b>Information of Selection</b>	:	<b>April 30, 2014</b>
<b>Commencement of Course</b>	:	<b>August 1, 2014</b>
<b>Completion of Phase-I (in India)</b>	:	<b>April 30, 2015</b>
<b>Admissions in M. Tech</b>	:	<b>May, 2015</b>

The list of selected candidates will be available on our website [www.cssteap.org](http://www.cssteap.org) by last week of April, 2014. Selected candidates may initiate the action to join the course. Since the numbers of seats are limited, applicants are advised to process their applications well in advance of the last date to avoid inconvenience.

## Who can apply?

The course is designed towards the scientists, teachers, professionals and specialists of the Asia Pacific region, working 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 9th P. G. Course in Space and Atmospheric Science. All the candidates need to be nominated/ sponsored (i.e. endorsed) by recognized institutions (e.g. ministries or universities in their respective countries). Sponsoring institutions/authority should ensure that on return, the scholar will be given opportunity to work in a development oriented activity in the area of newly acquired knowledge and skills. The execution of a one year project work in their respective countries is the beginning of this process and it is assumed that sponsoring authority will facilitate 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.

Please submit the duly filled application form through the CSSTEAP Governing Board member of your country to the Indian Embassy/High Commission in your country (For list of the members please see inside of the front cover page). However, the applicants from non-Governing Board Member countries need to submit completed application forms to the Centre through the Indian Embassy/High Commission of the respective country. 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. However, an advance copy may be forwarded at the following address for advance action and follow-up at this end:

### Course Director

#### Space and Atmospheric Science

Physical Research Laboratory

Navrangpura, Ahmedabad 380 009, INDIA

Telephone: +91-79-26302275 and +91-79-26314507

Fax: +91-79-26302275 and +91-79-26314407

Email: [uncsc@prl.res.in](mailto:uncsc@prl.res.in)

To download 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)

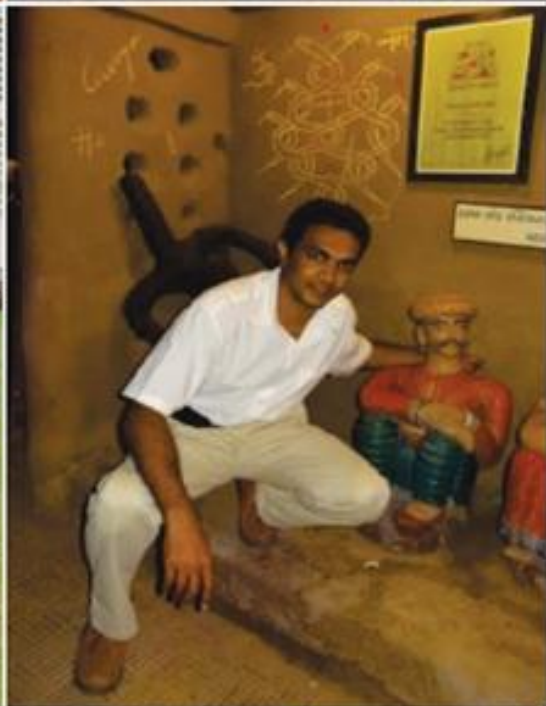
## Eligibility for admission

The prospective participants should possess a Masters Degree in Physics 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. Candidates possessing higher qualifications viz. a Ph. D., would also be eligible for admission.

**Important: 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 30th April 2014 and list of selected candidates will also appear at Centre's web-site ([www.cssteap.org](http://www.cssteap.org)). The entire correspondence will be on email (e.g. admission letters, confirmation, e-tickets, etc.). Therefore, participants are advised to mention email ids correctly. If necessary we may make a phone call, therefore, latest contact details need to be provided. 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 need to borne by either sponsoring authority or by the candidate itself.

### **The Host Institute (Physical Research Laboratory)**

Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), founded in 1947 by Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, is a premier scientific institution under the Department of Space Government of India. As is very well depicted in its logo, PRL research encompasses the earth, the sun immersed in the fields and radiations reaching from and to infinity, all that man's curiosity and intellect can reveal. The research activities are multi-dimensional and cover Astronomy and Astrophysics, Solar Physics, Planetary Sciences and Exploration, Geosciences, Space and Atmospheric Sciences and Theoretical Physics. PRL has four campuses –the main campus is at Navarangpura, Ahmedabad and the others are at Thaltej, Ahmedabad, the infra – red observatory at Gurushikhar, Mount Abu, and the Udaipur Solar Observatory at Udaipur. PRL is contributing significantly to the scientific manpower development through Doctoral (Ph.D.) and Post-Doctoral programmes, Associateship Programme for university teachers, Summer Programme for M.Sc. students and college teachers and Project Training of Engineering, MCA and Diploma students. 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. Two of the past Chairman of ISRO - Professor U.R. Rao and Dr. K. Kasturirangan - are alumni of PRL. For further details you may visit PRL website: <http://www.prl.res.in> .

### **Faculty**

The faculty for the course constitutes experts in different fields drawn from the 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, experience of participating in international scientific programs, organizing a number of courses / workshops / symposia, etc. to their credit. A few visiting international experts will also be invited to deliver special lectures.

### **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 or by the local UNDP for satisfactory establishment of the applicant's competence in spoken and written English language. Preference will be given to those who secure high score in TOEFL examination.

### **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.

PRL has also acquired highly sophisticated experimental facilities such as the Ion Probe, Stable Isotope Mass Spectrometer, Gas Chromatographs and a state of the art Thermal Ionization Mass Spectrometer (TIMS) for studies in Planetary and Geosciences. A nano-SIMS and a Noble Gas Mass Spectrometer have been commissioned. These instruments are capable of measuring isotopic ratios of different elements very precisely, and will help to study solar system, planetary and geological evolutionary processes and their time scales. A state-of-the-art Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometer has been set up under IWIN project, which can measure the isotopic ratios of heavier and lighter isotopes.

For astronomy and Solar Observations, two dedicated observatories, one operating in Infra-red and other in visible 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. Computer facilities include a number of high power workstations with a large number of PCs connected through network with connectivity to Internet. PRL hosts an excellent library with a large collection of books and periodicals in varied fields of Space and Atmospheric Science.

### **Educational visits**

As a part of the course curriculum, the participants will have the opportunity to visit PRL observatories, some centres of ISRO / Dept. of Space, Govt. of India and other organizations concerned with space research.

## 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. nine-months course, the participants will be awarded Post Graduate Diploma. Certificate of Attendance will be given to the candidates who fail to qualify. If the participant is able to complete Phase-II Project work, i.e. research project in home country satisfactorily within four years thereafter the work can be submitted to the Andhra University (India) for award of M. Tech. Degree.

## Course Expenses

The overall expenses of the course are given below, this is besides the international travel (to and from city of the course participant to course venue):

- Course Fee : US \$ 6000 per participant
- Local tours : US \$ 1200 per participant
- Living expenses : US \$ 1100 per participant

The participants are expected to find suitable sponsorships or funding for meeting the expenses while attending the course in India.

## Financial Assistance from Government of India

For this course, Government of India (GOI) has offered to bear the course fee of US \$ 6000 per participant from the Asia-Pacific region to the selected candidates by the Centre. Thus no course fee is payable by the selected participants from the Asia-Pacific region. GOI will provide financial assistance as follows:

Living expenses in India:	INR 16,000 per month for the duration of 9 months.
Book allowance:	INR 2,000 per annum
Project allowance:	INR 1,500 per annum
Study tours	INR 50,000

The Centre is trying to obtain 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), UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP). UN-ESCAP has been supporting over the years to the CSSTEAP education programmes and has extended travel grants to a good number of CSSTEAP course participants since its inception. This contribution by UN-ESCAP is highly supportive to the overall CSSTEAP activities.

## Financial Assistance through TCS

This course is approved by the Ministry of External Affairs. Government of India under its TCS of Colombo Plan Fellowship for the foreign nationals from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Fiji, Indonesia, Iran, Republic of Korea, LAO PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. The fellowship covers to and fro international travel and other training related expenses. The applicants from the above countries are encouraged to apply for TCS Fellowship. The details of this fellowship and prescribed application form may be obtained from the Embassy/High Commission of India in the home country of the candidates and duly completed form need to be submitted to them. Simultaneously, they are required to send their bio-data on the CSSTEAP prescribed application form, appended in the announcement brochure, to Director CSSTEAP, along with a copy of duly completed TCS fellowship form submitted to Embassy/High Commission of India in their country.

Candidates proposing to avail the GOI Fellowship and the international travel assistance have to specifically request for the same in Application Form. Candidates who are not offered GOI Fellowship and travel assistance, have to make their own arrangements for living expenses and international travel. Preferences will be given to self-sponsored candidate or whose organizations will bear either full cost or international travel or fellowship.

## Insurance

Medical, life and disability insurance should be undertaken before leaving their country for India by all the participants themselves or on their behalf by their sponsoring institute/organization 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 out patients only) as and when such expenses are incurred. The Centre will have limited liabilities as far as medical expenses are concerned in such cases. Candidates in sound physical and mental health only need to apply.

**In case if any information requiring medical attention is hidden and if found during the course, the centre will be obliged to send the candidate back home any time. The travel cost will be borne either the sponsoring authority or by the candidate itself.**

### **Life at Centre**

Accommodation will be arranged in international hostel with good living facilities for participants only. This gives an opportunity for participants to interact and share their knowledge and cultural values. Accommodation on single occupancy basis is provided to all the selected participants. The campus is equipped with good living facilities, like independent kitchenette, gymnasium, tennis court, etc. A sum of INR 1500/-per month is to be paid by the participant towards the accommodation. Boarding and other expenses are to be borne by the participants themselves. Since India is country of festivals, the participants get to know about different colourful festivals throughout the year.

### **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 pre-Mughal Muslim Sultans of Gujarat embellished it with mosques and mausoleums in mellow, honey colored sandstone to create the Indo-Saracenic style of architecture - a rare and happy blend of Muslim and Hindu styles. The 9-day dance festival of Garba (October-November), followed 20 days later by the light and cracker festival of Divali, the kite festival of Makarasankranti (January 14) and the color festival of Holi (March) are occasions to enjoy.

Ahmedabad is associated with Mahatma Gandhi, the apostle of peace and nonviolence whose Ashram or retreat, on the banks of the river Sabarmati is now a place of national pilgrimage. 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 Bangalore. PRL is situated about 8 km from railway station and about 15 km from the airport.

### **Weather**

The weather of Ahmedabad is predominantly warm throughout the year except for brief cold spell during second half of December and the month of January, when minimum temperatures may go to 4-6° Celsius for a few days. Light woollens are advised during this period.

#### **Rainfall**

Annual Average	780 mm (mostly during 15 June - 15 September)
Highest	1997 mm in the year 1927
Lowest	214 mm in the year 1918

#### **Temperature**

Highest	47.8°C on 27 <sup>th</sup> May, 1916
Lowest	2.2°C on 6 <sup>th</sup> February, 1920

**Space and Atmospheric Science Course:** As per the guidelines of Andhra University Visakhapatnam, the M.Tech. programme consists of two phases as given below:

### **Phase I (Nine months)**

This part of the course of PG Space and Atmospheric Science Course, which is of nine month duration, is organized in two semesters of 20 & 19 weeks each. There are Four theory papers and six laboratory experiments in the first semester, while two theory papers, pilot project and six more laboratory experiments are to be completed in the second semester. Introductory lectures on topics covering all the branches of space science and technology are taken in the beginning of the

course for about one or two weeks. These topics together form common module. The details of common module as well as semesters I and II are given below:

### **Common Module: One week**

1. Properties of Electromagnetic Spectrum: reflection, refraction, absorption, emission, scattering, polarization – effect of atmosphere on the propagation of EM radiation and its impact on various applications – fundamentals of radiometry – definition of radiometric quantities.
2. Orbits and Platforms: Types of orbits – viewing geometry – types of satellites, main frame subsystems, payloads, GPS
3. The Universe: its structure, constituents and origin
4. Ionosphere: its structure and role in communication
5. Solar Activity: its influence on terrestrial phenomena and space weather
6. Earth's Atmosphere: its structure, composition and long term variability, basic meteorological parameters. Land-ocean-atmosphere interaction affecting weather
7. Meteorological Satellite Applications: Parameter retrieval, application of Met Satellite – cyclone tracking, weather forecast, agro meteorological service etc.
8. Global Climate and Climate Change: Radiation balance, influence of CHG, sources and monitoring of CHG – International Coordination – IPCC.
9. Evolution of Communication Satellites: Early days, Passive satellites, Active satellites, Operational systems, Evolution of INTELSAT satellites, Evolution of Earth stations, Evolution of Regional and Domestic satellite systems, Evolution of satellite services, Important satellite operators at present in FSS / MSS / BSS / DAB / B-MBS / Satellite Navigational systems, pros & cons of NGSO / GSO Orbits for communications satellites
10. Elements of Satellite Communications Systems: Space segment, Ground segment, network configurations for different services, radio spectrum, Allocations of frequency bands
11. Satellite Communications Link and Propagation Effects: Link quality, Link parameters, Satellite communications systems model, Link Budget, Performance of time specifications, Radio wave propagation mechanisms, Radio wave propagation factors, propagation through atmospheric gases, Radio noise in satellite communications
12. International Regulations: Radio regulations, Frequency allocations, Frequency assignment steps, Regulations relating to satellite networks, Procedure for applying to non-planned bands, Satellite – terrestrial coordination, GMPCS- MOU, Role of ITU, WTO agreements, Harmonization of Regulations in Europe
13. Applications and Trends in Satellite Communications: Applications trends, Connectivity trends, Technology trends, Frequency trends, Regulatory trends, User trends, Global market trends
14. Basic Principles of Remote Sensing: end to end system concept – concept of signature - remote sensing sensors – overview – optical and thermal, microwave – sensor parameters – past, present and future sensor system.
15. Data Reception and Data Products: organization of ground system for data reception, preprocessing – radiometric and geometric correction – special processing – georeferencing, output medium - data analysis – visual image analysis – digital classification, classification accuracy atmospheric effect.
16. Geographic Information System (GIS)
17. Applications of Remote Sensing: food security, water resources management, environmental monitoring and conservation, inputs for infrastructure development etc.
18. Space Law

### **Semester I: 20 Weeks 4 papers 200 Marks each**

#### **Paper 1 SAS 101 Structure, Composition and Dynamics of Planetary Atmospheres (50)**

##### **1.1 Basic Concepts of Earth's Atmosphere (10)**

Structure and composition – Homosphere and heterosphere - Vertical thermal structure – troposphere-stratosphere-mesosphere-thermosphere, Scale height - Geopotential heights – Hypsometric equation, Hydrostatic equilibrium, Winds in the atmosphere and its seasonal variability – Jetstreams, Planetary boundary layer, Clouds – formation, classification and distribution.

##### **1.2 Solar Radiation and its Effects on Atmosphere (10)**

Solar radiation at the top of the atmosphere – Solar constant, Attenuation of solar radiation at various levels – absorption - emission - scattering - Reflectivity and transmissivity - atmospheric window - albedo, Radiation balance of the earth-atmosphere system, radiative transfer, Thermal effects of radiation, Atmospheric aerosols – source and distribution - radiative properties,

##### **1.3 Atmospheric Chemistry and Climate Change (10)**

Chemistry of the lower and middle atmosphere, Basics of chemical kinetics, Green house gases in the atmosphere – Water vapor, carbon dioxide, oxides of nitrogen, methane – Atmospheric ozone – ozone photochemistry – ozone hole, Climate

change and variability - Aerosol chemistry, its impact on climate change, Global warming – Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and its effects, anthropogenic effects on global warming.

#### **1.4 Dynamics of the Earth's Atmosphere (10)**

Equation of motion of neutral atmosphere – balanced motion – geostrophic, gradient and thermal wind, Equation of continuity, Thermodynamics of the atmosphere – potential temperature - Atmospheric stability, Atmospheric energetics – thermodynamic energy equation, Circulation and Vorticity, Waves in the atmosphere – Rossby waves, Gravity waves, Kelvin waves - Vertical propagation of planetary waves, Tides in the atmosphere

#### **1.5 Atmosphere of Other Planets and Satellites (10)**

Structure and composition of inner planets of the solar system - Common features of inner planets – its similarity to the Earth's atmosphere - Thermal structures of Mercury, Venus and Mars, Characteristics features of Giant planets and their satellites. Lunar atmosphere – Discovery of water vapor in moon, Basic understandings of the atmosphere of natural satellites of other planets - Composition of Titan atmosphere.

### **Paper 2 SAS .102 Ionospheric Physics (50)**

#### **2.1 Structure and Variability of Earth's Ionosphere (15)**

Introduction - Chapman's Theory of photo-ionization – Continuity equation and photo-chemical equilibrium – Loss processes -  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  Chapman layers - Chemistry of E and F1 regions - D region chemistry – Water cluster ions and their significance - Electron attachment and negative ions in the D region - F region processes – F layer splitting - Vertical transport - Ambipolar diffusion and F2 peak - Topside ionosphere – Diffusion between ionosphere and proton-sphere - Morphology – diurnal, seasonal and solar cycle variations of ionospheric regions - F- region anomalies - SIDs

#### **2.2 Ionospheric Plasma Dynamics (15)**

Properties of magneto plasma – Gyro frequency - Plasma frequency - Debye length and Frozen in field - Basic fluid equation - Steady state plasma motions due to applied forces - Electrical conductivity of the ionosphere - Generation of electric field and electric field mapping - Ionospheric dynamo - Ionospheric irregularities – Equatorial Spread F and Equatorial Electrojet (linear theories) - Mid-latitude ionospheric irregularities – Sporadic E

#### **2.3 Electromagnetic Wave Propagation in Ionosphere (15)**

Theory of Wave propagation - Properties of plane waves in isotropic and anisotropic media - Group propagation - Ray and group velocities - Radio waves in ionized media – Propagation in isotropic plasma and refractive index - Concepts of critical frequency and virtual height - Magnetoionic theory – Appleton-Hartree formula for refractive index - Ordinary and extraordinary waves - Reflection conditions - Deviative and nondeviative absorption formulas - Oblique incidence propagation – MUF and skip distance.

#### **2.4 Ionospheres of other Planets and Satellites (5)**

Ionospheres of Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and Titan

### **Paper 3 SAS.103 Measurement and Data Analysis Techniques (50)**

#### **3.1 Radio Frequency Techniques (15)**

EM radiation - Small dipoles and Loops - Half wave dipole - Antenna Arrays - Reflector Antenna –Applications for Radio Astronomy - Transmission lines and Impedance Matching Techniques - Receivers and Transmitters - Ionospheric Absorption Techniques - Ionosonde - HF and VHF Radars – Coherent and Incoherent Scatter Radars (HF, VHF and MST) - Radio Beacon Techniques - Global Positioning System (GPS),

#### **3.2 Optical Techniques and Airglow (15)**

Photomultiplier Tubes - Image Intensifiers – Lasers - Semiconductor Photonic Devices - Photo diodes - Avalanche diodes - Laser diodes - CCD & CMOS imaging detectors – Imagers - Interference Filters and Etalons – Fabry Perot Interferometer - Filter Photometers – Lidar - Airglow – Oxygen green and red line emission - Nightglow – Dayglow – Twilight Glow – Applications of Airglow Measurements for Ionospheric Dynamics

#### **3.3 In Situ Techniques on Space Platforms (10)**

Langmuir Probe – Electric Field Probe – Ion Drift Meter – Retarding Potential Analyzers – Mass Spectrometers and Magnetometers – Satellite based temperature measurement - Satellite Drag for Neutral Densities - Measurement of Aerosols, Trace Gases and Ozone

### **3.4 Data Analysis Techniques (10)**

Error analysis - Time series – Fourier Transform – DFT – FFT –Least Square Method – Linear Fitting – Statistical test of Significance – Correlation – Chi Square Test.

## **Paper 4 SAS.104 Basics of Space Technology (50)**

### **4.1 Launch Vehicles, Satellites and their Orbits (5)**

Principles of Rocketry - Rocket Motors - Solid and Liquid Fuel Rockets - Sounding Rockets - Cryogenic engines - Multistage Rockets - Satellite Launch Vehicles - Basics of Satellite orbits- Kepler's Laws – Sub-satellite Point – Orbital Parameters – Sun-synchronous and geosynchronous Orbits – Low-Earth Orbits

### **4.2 Attitude Control, Power and Thermal systems of Spacecrafts (15)**

Attitude Sensors – Sun Sensors – Star Sensors – Earth Sensors – Magnetic Aspect Sensors- Accuracy – Spin Stabilization and Gyros – Control of Flight-path – Close-loop Guidance, Spacecraft Power System –Solar Cells and Panels – Primary and Secondary Batteries— Special Power Sources – Radioactive Thermoelectric Generators (RTG) , Spacecraft thermal control techniques

### **4.3 Selection of Materials for Space –borne payloads (10)**

Behavior of Materials in Space (Temperature, Pressure and Radiation) – Outgassing – Corona Discharge— Coating and Coating-compounds – Radiation Damage –,Mounting of Subsystems – Structural and Mass Limitations – Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic ( CFRP) - Honeycomb Structures —Effects of Vibrations and Shocks on Spacecraft Structures – Spacecraft Thermal Environments – Thermal Paints and Surface Finish .

### **4.4 Reliability, Tests and Qualification of Payloads for Space Experiments (5)**

Fabrication of Electronics – Subassemblies- Electromagnetic Compatibility—Checkout, Reliability Considerations and derating - Test and Evaluation - Thermovac tests - Vibration and shock tests

### **4.5 Telemetry, Tracking, Command (TTC) and Data Handling System (5)**

Telemetry System – Signal Conditioner, Onboard Data Recorder, Telecommand – Encoder—Decoder—Pulse and Data Commands - RF Systems – Receivers, Transmitters and Antenna— Ground Segments – Real-time and Off-line — Tracking

### **4.6 Remote Sensing, Weather and Communication satellites (5)**

Indian and foreign operating remote sensing, weather and communication satellites and their instruments - Vital parameters and sensitivity, Examples of applications/usages

### **4.7 Science Satellites (5)**

Instruments, capabilities and important findings of Space and Astronomy satellites/missions like ENVISAT, Hubble Space Telescope, Spitzer Observatory, Chandra X-ray Observatory, Rossi X-ray Timing explorer, Chandrayan I, Astrosat and Swift mission

*At the end of this semester usually there would one study tour of North-India. This would including visit to CSSTEAP head quarter and important educational centre as well as historical places.*

**Semester II: 19 Weeks 2 papers 200 Marks each and Pilot Project 500 Marks**

## **Paper 5 SAS.201 Solar Physics, Magnetospheric Physics and Space Weather (50)**

### **5.1 Origin of Magnetic Field of Earth and Other Planets (10)**

Dipole Description of Geomagnetic Field –Local elements and their determination - Secular and Diurnal Variation of Geomagnetic Field – Determination of Geomagnetic Coordinates of Station — Magnetic Fields of Other Planets.

### **5.2 Elements of Solar Physics (15)**

Sun and its Atmosphere – Solar Magnetic field - Sunspots and Solar Cycles – Solar Flares , Coronal Mass Ejections ( CME) and Solar Wind

### **5.3 Magnetosphere of Earth and Other Planets (15)**

Effects of Solar Wind on Planetary Magnetic Fields – Formation of Geomagnetic Cavity – Magnetopause – Magnetosheath and Bow Shock – Polar Cusp and magnetotail – Effect of Interplanetary Magnetic field on Magnetosphere Plasmasphere and Van Allen Radiation Belts – Magnetotail Dynamics - Substorms , Aurorae and Storms - Magnetosphere of Other Planets

#### **5.4 Space Weather and its Effects (10)**

Geomagnetic Storms – Sub-storms and Current Systems – Coronal Mass Ejections – Effect of Magnetic Disturbance on Ionosphere and Thermosphere System - Effects on Space and Ground Based Systems

### **Paper 6 SAS.202 Astronomy and Astrophysics (50)**

#### **6.1 Introduction to Astronomy (8)**

Celestial Sphere; Coordinate systems; Measurement of Time; Observable quantities; Continuum radiation from Stars; Terminology - Brightness, Luminosity, Magnitude scale, colour; Size and Distance; Stellar spectra - formation of spectral lines - line broadening - curve of growth; Local Thermodynamic Equilibrium - Saha's equation; Spectral classification of stars; HR diagram; Binary stars and determination of stellar parameters.

#### **6.2 Solar System Objects and their Exploration (5)**

Planets and satellites of the planets and their orbits - Structure and topography of planets and their satellites - Physical and chemical characteristics - Space imagery of planets and their environment - Comets, asteroids and other minor bodies in the solar system - Their orbits, surface and composition - Comet and asteroid collisions

#### **6.3 Introduction to Astrophysics (12)**

Main sequence phase of stars - Energy sources; Equations for Stellar interiors - stability; Atmospheres of stars; Post-main sequence evolution of stars; Fate of stars at the late stages of evolution - Mass loss - Planetary nebulae - supernovae; Chandrasekhar limit - Degenerate core remnants - White Dwarfs - Neutron stars - Black Holes; Interstellar medium and Star formation; Galaxies and their classification; Hubble's law; Introduction to Active Galactic Nuclei and Gamma Ray Bursts; Extra-solar planets.

#### **6.4 High Energy Astrophysical Processes and Phenomenology (10)**

Radiation processes - Cosmic Rays – Composition, energy and origin - X-ray Sources - X Ray Binaries - Supernova Remnants – Pulsars – Galaxies - Active Galactic Nuclei - Solar X-rays - Gamma –ray astronomy- Gamma-rays from Pulsars - Supernova Remnants and Active Galactic Nuclei - Neutrino astronomy

#### **6.5 Astronomical Instruments and Observing Techniques (10)**

Telescopes - Different types of telescopes - Angular resolution and Diffraction Limited Resolution - Image formation in a camera - Plate Scale - Observatories (Ground Based & Space Based) - Focal Plane Instruments—Imagers - Photometers - Spectrometers – CCDs and their use in astronomy - Detectors for Optical, Infrared, UV, X-rays, and Gamma-rays - Effect of Atmosphere (Seeing and Scintillation)

#### **6.6 Basics of Radio Astronomy (5)**

Radio Telescopes - Aperture Synthesis - Very Long Base Interferometry (VLBI) – Radio Sources and Radiation Mechanisms, Radio Galaxies.

### **Practical**

In addition to theory classes, participants spend considerable time in carrying out various practical involving laboratory work, where they conduct various experiments under supervision of experts at host institution. Some of the experiments are available at select institutions in India and the experiments are conducted there during the educational tours. Lists of these suggestive experiments for both the semesters are given below:

#### **Semester I: Any six of the following experiments are to be carried out**

1. Measurement of geo-magnetic field\*
2. Ionospheric Sounding using an Ionosonde/Digisonde
3. Surface Monitoring of Ozone
4. Multi wavelength Airglow Photometer
5. Study of Ionospheric Scintillations
6. Radiation properties of Radio Antenna\*
7. Optical Depth Measurement Using Filter Photometer
8. Balloon borne measurements of Atmospheric Ozone
9. Total Electron Content measurements using GPS receiver
10. Measurements of Aerosols\*

11. Airglow Imaging
12. Photo ionization studies using Recoil Ion Momentum Spectrometer

**Semester II: Any six of the following experiments are to be carried out**

1. Light Curve of Variable Star\*
2. Study of Planetary Nebulae
3. Simultaneous study of total ozone, water vapour and aerosol optical depth\*
4. Radio Pulsar Studies using GMRT/OSRT
5. Study of solar rotation\*
6. Characterization of X-ray detector\*
7. Sunspot area and number\*
8. Solar magnetic field\*
9. Measurement of Atmospheric Temperature by Nd Yag Lidar
10. Atmospheric Wind by MST Radar

Note: New Experiments have been marked with \*

**Pilot Project SAS.203 (500 Marks)**

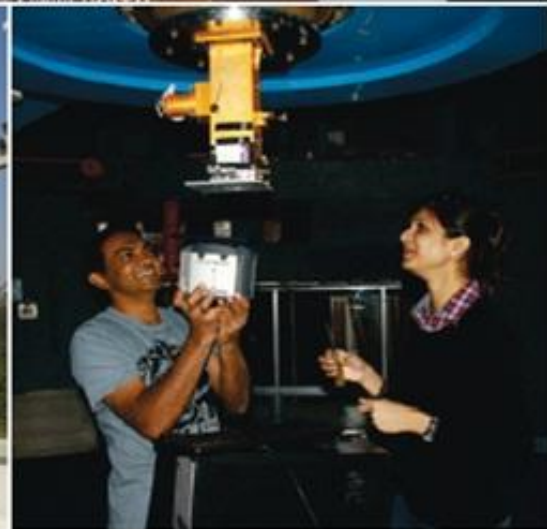
The Pilot Project will be done throughout, after completion of papers 5 and 6 during Semester-II. Course participants select a pilot project in consultation with their parent institution and a host institution project supervisor. The participants are encouraged to choose topic of interest to their respective home country. It is supposed to be precursor to the one-year project undertaken by the participant in their home country. This also ensures that the participant can start the research project right away.

**Phase II: One year research project**

Each participant after successfully completing Phase-I of the course, 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 Module 3 of Phase I in an area relevant to the interest of the sponsoring institution/ country. The sponsoring institution/country is obliged to guarantee on the return the scholar 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 all facilities to carry out the work. This course programme will be considered complete on acceptance/ approval of the submitted project report.









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APPLICATION FORM FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> POST GRADUATE COURSE IN SPACE AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE  
(AUGUST 01, 2014 TO APRIL 30, 2015)**

at

**Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, India**

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11. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS (mandatory)\*

Degree/ (Bachelor/Master) Diploma	Duration of Course (mention from which year to year)	University/ Institution	Year of Passing	Grade/ percentage	Major Subjects/ specialization

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16. DETAILS OF PASSPORT: Passport details are essential for selection of candidates and send copy of the passport wherever available.

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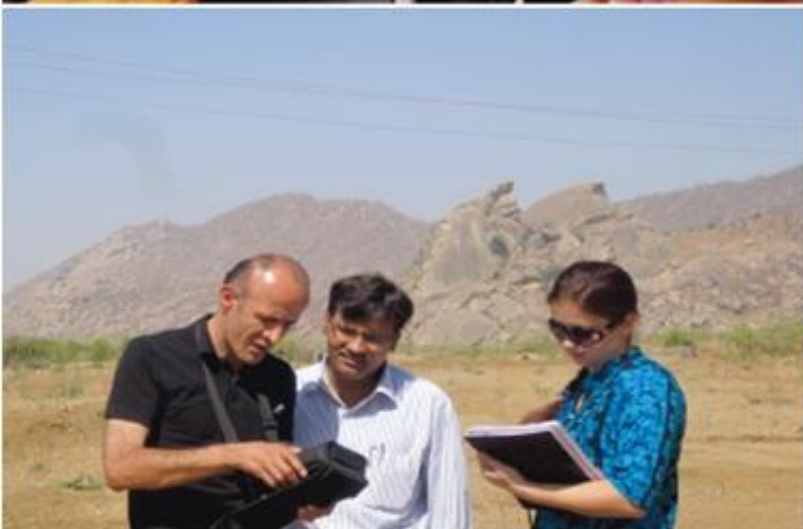
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