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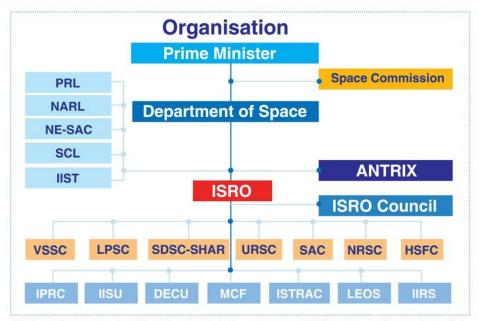
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PRL: Physical Research Laboratory NARL: National Atmospheric Research Laboratory NE-SAC: North Eastern Space Applications Centre SCL: Semi-Conductor laboratory IIST: Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology ISRO: Indian Space Research Organisation Antrix: Antrix Corporation Limited VSSC: Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre LPSC: Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre SDSC: Satish Dhawan Space Centre URSC: U R Rao Satellite Centre SAC: Space Applications Centre NRSC: National Remote Sensing Centre HSFC: Human Space Flight Centre IPRC: ISRO Propulsion Complex IISU: ISRO Inertial Systems Unit DECU: Development and Educational Communication Unit MCF: Master Control Facility ISTRAC: ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network LEOS: Laboratory for Electro-Optics Systems IIRS: Indian Institute of Remote Sensing

Organization chart showing structure of the Department of Space.

### Agencies and institutes

- The Department of Space manages the following agencies and institutes:
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- Space Applications Centre (SAC), Ahmedabad.
- Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthapuram India's space university.

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Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram.

Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC), Thiruvananthapuram.

Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC-SHAR), Sriharikota.

ISRO Satellite Centre (ISAC), Bangalore.

Space Applications Centre (SAC), Ahmedabad.

National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Hyderabad.

ISRO Inertial Systems Unit (IISU), Thiruvananthapuram.

Development and Educational Communication Unit (DECU), Ahmedabad.

Master Control Facility (MCF), Hassan.

ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC), Bangalore.

Laboratory for Electro-Optics Systems (LEOS), Bangalore.

Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), Dehradun.

Antrix Corporation – The marketing arm of ISRO.

Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad.

National Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NARL), Gadanki.

North-Eastern Space Applications Centre (NE-SAC), Umiam.

Semi-Conductor Laboratory (SCL), Mohali.

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#### History

- In 1962, the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) set up Indian National Committee for Space Research (INCOSPAR), with Dr. Vikram Sarabhai as chairman, to organise a national space programme.
- Dr. Kailasavadivoo Sivan is the current chairman, Space Commission, Secretary, Department of Space.
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In 1961, the Government of India entrusted the responsibility for space research and for the peaceful use of outer space to the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), then under the leadership of Dr. Homi J. Bhabha. In 1962, the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) set up Indian National Committee for Space Research (INCOSPAR), with Dr. Vikram Sarabhai as chairman, to organise a national space programme.

In 1969, (INCOSPAR) was reconstituted as an advisory body under the India National Science Academy (INSA) and the Indian Space Research Organisation was established. The Government of India constituted the Space Commission and established the Department of Space (DoS) in 1972 and brought ISRO under DoS management on 1 June 1972.

Dr. Kailasavadivoo Sivan is the current chairman, Space Commission, Secretary, Department of Space. Vanditha Sharma is the Additional Secretary of the department.

# See also

- Indian Space Research Organisation
- Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology

Indian Space Research Organisation

Swami Vivekananda Planetarium, Mangalore

Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology

#### References

# **External links**

- Official website of the Indian Space Research Organisation.
- Official website of the Department of Space.

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