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Thiruvananthapuram 695 547 Department of Earth & Space Sciences Academic Audit Report 2022-2023

Academic audit committee

Internal members						
SI.No.	Faculty Name	Role				
1	Dr. Rama Rao Nidamanuri, Professor, Earth & Space Sciences	Chairman				
2	Dr. Deepak Mishra, Professor, Avionics	Member				
3	Dr. Govindan Kutty M, Associate Professor, Earth & Space Sciences	Convenor				

		Exte	rnal mer	nbers		
SI. No.	Name	Designation	Email	Mobile	Name of the Institute	Role
1	Prof. Krishna Mohan B	Professor			IIT,Bombay	Member

	I Department profile							
1	No. of Permanent Faculty Members	13						
2	No. of Adjunct Faculty Members	0						
3	No. of Contract Faculty Members	0						
4	No. of Guest Faculty Members	1						
5	No. of Emeritus Professors / Visiting Faculty Members	0						

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6	No. of Technical Staff / Tutors (Permanent)	0
7	No. of Technical Staff / Tutors (Contract)	4
8	No. of JRFs/ SRF/ JPF (excluding PhD students)	4
9	No. of Project Fellows	0
10	No. of Research Associates	. 1
11	No. of Post Doctoral Fellows	0

II Details of academic programmes and student strength in numbers

A .Undergraduate/ Dual Degree / Postgraduate programmes

SI. No.	Programme	Year	Sanctioned strength in the academic year	Student strength in the academic year (At the start of even semester)	Female student strength in the academic year	·	Pass Percentage
1	Dual Degree: Eng. Physics (B.Tech.)+ Astronomy & Astrophysics(M.Tech.)	IV Year	7	7	0	7	100.00
2	Dual Degree: Eng. Physics (B.Tech.)+ Astronomy & Astrophysics(M.Tech.)	V Year	5	5	0	5	100.00
3	Dual Degree: Eng. Physics (B.Tech.)+ Earth System Science(M.Tech.)	IV Year	4	4	1	4	100.00
4	Dual Degree: Eng. Physics (B.Tech.)+ Earth System Science(M.Tech.)	V Year	4	4	0	4	100.00
5	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics (Standalone)	l Year	11	6	2	6	100.00
6	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics (Standalone)	II Year	11	4	0	4	100.00
7	M.Tech.: Earth System Science (Standalone)	l Year	16	3	1	3	100.00
8	M.Tech.: Earth System Science (Standalone)	II Year	16	7	0	7	100.00

9	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics (Standalone)	I Year	11	10	1	10	100.00
10	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics (Standalone)	II Year	11	7	1	7	100.00
Total			96	57	6	57	

B. Details of Student Demand Ratio				
Programme	No. of students applied	No. of students admitted	Comments	Suggestions
Dual Degree: Eng. Physics (B.Tech.)+ Astronomy & Astrophysics (M.Tech.)	0	0		
Dual Degree: Eng. Physics (B.Tech.)+ Earth System Science (M.Tech.)	0	0		
Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics (Standalone)	237	6		
M.Tech.: Earth System Science (Standalone)	202	3		
M.Tech.: Geoinformatics (Standalone)	176	10		

C. Doctoral Degree								
	During the academic year							
PhD	Sanctioned No. of students adm		Current student strength	Degree awarded				
PART TIME	0	0	0	0				
FULL TIME	19	14	23	4				
Total	19	14	23	4				

	III Details of core courses and electives in each programme									
SI. No.	Programme Name	Course code	Course name	Core/ Elective	Credits assigned	As per curriculum revision/ newly added elective course/ syllabus revised				
1	B.Tech.: Aerospace Engineering	ES411	Introduction to Space Science Application	Institute Elective	2					
2	B.Tech.: Aerospace Engineering	ESA611	Introduction to Astronomy and Astrophysics	Elective	3					
3	B.Tech.: Electronics and Communication Engineering(Avionics)	ES411	Introduction to Space Science Application	Institute Elective	2					

4	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE553	Project (Midterm + Phase II)	Core	18	5
5	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE554	Comprehensive Viva-Voce	Core	2	
6	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE552	Project (Midterm + Phase I)	Core	14	
7	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE411	Dynamics of Atmosphere	Core	3	
8	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE412	Physical and Dynamical Oceanography	Core	3	
9	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE413	Earth Resources and Tectonic Systems	Core	3	
10	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE414	Radiation Processes in Atmosphere	Core	3	
11	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE415	Atmospheric Thermodynamics and Cloud Physics	Core	3	
12	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE431	Observational Techniques Lab	Core	1	
13	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE432	Geology Lab	Core	1	
14	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE461	Planetary Atmospheres	Elective	3	
15	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE462	Numerical Weather Prediction	Elective	3	
16	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE463	Planetary Geosciences	Elective	3	
17	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE467	Boundary Layer Meteorology	Elective	3	
18	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE472	Atmospheric and Oceanic Instrumentation and Measurement Techniques	Elective	3	
19	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE441	Elective Lab -1	Core	1	
20	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE442	Elective Lab - 2	Core	1	
21	Dual Degree: Earth System Science	ESE451	Seminar	Core	2	

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	Dual Degree:		1		1 1	
22	Astronomy &	ESA553	Thesis Phase II	Core	17	
	Astrophysics					
	Dual Degree:				-	
23	Astronomy &	ESA551	Seminar II	Core	2	
	Astrophysics			0010	-	
	Dual Degree:					
24	Astronomy &	ESA552	Thesis Phase I	Core	16	
	Astrophysics			0010	10	
	Dual Degree:					
25	Astronomy &	ESA411	Astronomical	Core	3	
20	Astrophysics		Techniques	0010	5	
	Dual Degree:		Radiation			
26	Astronomy &	ESA/12	Processes in	Core	3	
-0	Astrophysics		Astrophysics	COIR	5	
	Dual Degree:		Suchusace			
27	Astronomy &	ESA413	Planetary	Core	3	
21	Astrophysics	E3A413	Sciences	Core	3	
	Dual Degree:					
28	Astronomy &	ESA414	Computational	Core	4	
20	-	E5A414	Astrophysics	Core	4	
	Astrophysics					
29	Dual Degree:	ESA431	Data Analysis	Core		
29	Astronomy &	ESA431	Astronomy Lab		1	
_	Astrophysics					
30	Dual Degree:	504404	1 Structure and Evolution of Stars	0		
30	Astronomy &	ESA421		Core	3	
_	Astrophysics		Outraine			
	Dual Degree:		Galaxies			
31	Astronomy &	ESA422	(Structure,	Core	3	
	Astrophysics		Dynamics and			
	Dual Degree:		Evolution)		-	
32	Astronomy &	EQ1/22	Cosmology	Core	3	
<u>.</u>	Astrophysics	LOA423	Cosmology	COLE	3	
	Dual Degree:					
33	Astronomy &	ESVIES	High Energy	Elective	3	
00	Astrophysics	E3A403	Astrophysics		3	
	Dual Degree:					
34	Astronomy &	ESA441	Observational	Core	2	
74	Astrophysics	E3A441	Astronomy Lab	Core		
	Dual Degree:					
35	Astronomy &	EQAAEA	Seminar I	Coro		
55	-	E3A451		Core	2	
	Astrophysics					
26	Dual Degree: Astronomy &	ESA452	Comprehensive	0		
36	MSTONOMA &	1ESA452	Viva-Voce II	Core	2	

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	Dual Degree:	1	Introduction to Earth,			2 ¹¹
37	Engineering Physics	ES322	Atmosphere and Ocean Sciences	Core	3	
38	Dual Degree: Engineering Physics	ES323	Astrophysical Concepts	Core	3	
39	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA653	Seminar II	Core	2	
40	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA654	Thesis Phase I	Core	16	
41	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA655	Thesis Phase II	Core	17	
42	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA611	Introduction to Astronomy and Astrophysics	Core	3	
43	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA612	Astronomical Techniques	Core	3	
44	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA613	Radiation Processes in Astrophysics	Core	3	
45	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA614	Computational Astrophysics	Core	4	
46	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA615	Planetary Sciences	Core	3	
47	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA631	Data Analysis Astronomy Lab	Core	1	
48	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA621	Structure and Evolution of Stars	Core	3	
49	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA622	Galaxies (Structure, Dynamics and Evolution)	Core	3	
50	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA623	Cosmology	Core	3	
51	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA663	High Energy Astrophysics	Elective	3	

52	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA641	Observational Techniques Lab	Core	2	
53	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA651	Seminar I	Core	2	
54	Master of Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics	ESA652	Comprehensive Viva-Voce	Core	2	
55	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE654	Project (Midterm + Phase I)	Core	14	
56	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE655	Project (Midterm + Phase II + Thesis)	Core	18	
57	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE611	Dynamics of Atmosphere	Core	3	
58	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE612	Physical and Dynamical Oceanography	Core	3	
59	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE613	Earth Resources and Tectonic Systems	Core	3	
60	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE614	Radiation Processes in Atmosphere	Core	3	
61	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE615	Atmospheric Thermodynamics and Cloud Physics	Core	3	
62	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE631	Observational Techniques Lab	Core	1	
63	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE632	Geology Lab	Core	1	
64	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE661	Planetary Atmospheres	Elective	3	
65	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE662	Numerical Weather Prediction	Elective	3	
66	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE663	Planetary Geosciences	Elective	3	
67	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE667	Boundary Layer Meteorology	Elective	3	

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68	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE672	Atmospheric and Oceanic Instrumentation and Measurement Techniques	Elective	3	
69	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE641	Elective Lab - I	Elective	1	
70	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE642	Elective Lab II	Elective	1	
71	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE651	Seminar	Elective	2	
72	M.Tech.: Earth System Science	ESE652	Comprehensive Viva-Voce	Elective	2	
73	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG651	Dissertation - Phase I	Core	12	
74	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG655	Geospatial Outreach	Core	2	
75	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG656	Mini Project and Scientific Report Writing	Core	3	
76	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG657	Comprehensive Viva	Core	2	
77	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG653	Dissertation - Phase II	Core	15	
78	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG611	Introduction to Remote Sensing and Image Analysis	Core	3	
79	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG612	Geographic Information System	Core	3	
80	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG616	Scientific Computing for Geospatial Data Analysis	Core	2	
81	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG664	Photogrammetry	Core	3	
82	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG631	Remote Sensing and Image Analysis Lab	Core	1	
83	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG632	Geographic Information System Lab	Core	1	
84	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG633	Photogrammetry Lab	Core	1	

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85	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG634	Scientific Computing for Geospatial Data Analysis Lab	Core	1	
86	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG624	Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning	Core	3	
87	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG625	Analysis and Modelling of Geospatial Data	Elective	3	
88	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG665	Hyperspectral Image Processing and Analysis	Elective	3	
89	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG666	Satellite Based Positioning and LiDAR Remote Sensing	Elective	3	
90	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG667	Computer Vision and Advanced Image Processing	Elective	3	
91	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG669	Remote Sensing and GIS for Atmospheric Sciences and Ocean Studies	Elective	3	
92	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG643	Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning Lab	Elective	1	
93	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	IES(644	Analysis and Modelling of Geospatial Data lab	Elective	1	
94	M.Tech.: Geoinformatics	ESG645	Hyperspectral Image Processing and Analysis Lab	Elective	1	
95	Ph.D.: Course Work - January	ESE661	Planetary Atmospheres	Credited	3	
96	Ph.D.: Course Work - January	ES662	Numerical weather Prediction	Credited	3	
97	Ph.D.: Course Work - January	ESE663	Planetary Geoscience	Credited	3	
98	Ph.D.: Course Work - January	ESE667	Boundary Layer Meteorology	Credited	3	

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99	Ph.D.: Course Work - January	ESE672	Atmospheric and Oceanic Instrumentation and Measurement Techniques	Credited	3	τ.
100	Ph.D.: Course Work - January	ESA623	Cosmology	Credited	3	
101	Ph.D.: Course Work - January	ESA663	High Energy Astrophysics	Credited	3	
102	Ph.D.: Course Work - January	ESG624	Pattern Recognition & Machine Learning	Credited	3	
103	Ph.D.: Course Work - January	ESG665	Hyperspectral Image Processing and Analysis	Credited	3	
104	Ph.D.: Course Work - January	ESG669	Remote Sensing and GIS for Atmospheric Sciences and Ocean Studies	Credited	3	
105	Ph.D.: Course Work - January	ESG666	Satellite Based Positioning and LIDAR Remote Sensing	Credited	3	
106	Ph.D.: Course Work - July	ESE611	Dynamics of Atmosphere	Credited	0	
107	Ph.D.: Course Work - July	ESE613	Earth Resources and Tectonic Systems	Credited	0	
108	Ph.D.: Course Work - July	ESE614	Radiation Process in Atmosphere	Credited	0	
109	Ph.D.: Course Work - July	ESE615	Atmospheric Thermodynamics and Cloud Physics	Credited	0	
110	Ph.D.: Course Work - July	ESA611	Introduction to Astronomy and Astrophysics	Credited	0	
111	Ph.D.: Course Work - July	ESA613	Radiation Process in Astrophysics	Credited	0	

IV Review on Curriculum

Criteria	Reponse	Revision made during this academic year	Comments on curriculum, if any	Suggestions fo
			The quantitative	
			overview	
			demonstrates the	
			comprehensive and	
			research-oriented	
			nature of the	
Qualitative comment on the	EXCELLENT	yes	curriculum,	No Suggestion
content of the curriculum		,	emphasizing a	
			balanced approach	
			between theoretical	
			knowledge, practical	
			skills, and	
			computational	
			techniques	

	V Revi	ew on Teaching, Learr	ning and Evaluati	on				
SI. No.	Criteria	Response based on criteria	Comments	Suggestions				
1	Any innovative teaching methods/ aids adopted?	Yes Problem-Based Learning ResearchIntegrated Learning	No comments	Interdisciplinary Projects can be included				
2	ls any e-learning modules developed?	Yes Virtual mineral identification lab, simulated geological field trips, and online weather monitoring stations.	No comments	No Suggestions				
3	3 Student evaluation procedure							
	Criteria	Response	Comments	Suggestions				
Course	e evaluation		No comments	No suggestions				
Projec	t evaluation		No comments	No suggestions				
4	Evaluation compone	ents						
	Criteria	Response	Comments	Suggestions				
Theory		Continuous assesment and end semester exam	No comments	No suggestions				
Lab		Continuous assesment and end semester exam Continuous assesment and course project	No comments	No suggestions				

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Project/ Internship/ Seminar Mid term evaluation and final evaluation No comments

No suggestions

		Final evaluation		
5	Continuous Assessn	nent Components		
	Theory	Quiz I Quiz II -	No comments	No suggestions
	Lab	Class exercise evaluation End Semester Examination	No comments	No suggestions
6	Is there any remedial coaching to support weak performers?	Yes	Individual Tutoring: Personalized one-on-one sessions with instructors or teaching assistants to address specific areas of difficulty. Peer Tutoring Programs: Pairing students with peers who excel in the subject to foster collaborative learning and peer support.	No suggestions
7	Is academic feedback from students taken regularly?	Yes	No Comments	No Suggestion:
8	What are the steps taken based on student's feedback?	Communication with Faculty members: Inform faculty about the feedback received and the steps being taken to address their concerns. Implementation of Changes Put the action plan into effect, making the necessary changes to curriculum, teaching methods, resources, or facilities. Implement solutions such as revised course materials, enhanced support services, or improved	No Comments	Provide professional development opportunities fo faculty based o feedback may be implemented
9	Is Class committee meetings conducted?		No Comments	No Suggestion

	VI Department faculty credentials						
SI. No.	Criteria	Response	Comments	Suggestions			
1	Percentage of faculty with PhD	100	No Comments	No Suggestions			

2	No. of journal articles published	41	No Comments	Publication no. may be less and it may be
3	No. of books published	0	No Comments	increased No Suggestions
4	No. of book chapters published	5	No Comments	No Suggestions
5	No. of invited talks/ conferences/ workshops attended	5	No Comments	This no. is less and has to be increased
6	No. of research projects funded by IIST	0	No Comments	No Suggestions
7	No. of research projects funded through ASRG/IIST-ISRO/DoS	9	No Comments	No Suggestions
8	No. of externally funded research projects like CSIR, DST, DRDO etc.	9	No Comments	This no. is less and has to be increased
9	No. of patents published/ awarded	0	No Comments	This no. is less and has to be
10	No. of patents filed	0	No Comments	increased No Suggestions
11	No. of faculty/student awards received	2	No Comments	This no. is less and has to be increased
12	No. of conferences/Workshops/ seminars/Colloquium Organized	6	No Comments	No Suggestions
13	No. of conference paper published	21	No Comments	No Suggestions
14	No. of visits made by the faculty/ student for research collaborations/invited talks/ conferences abroad	6	No Comments	No Suggestions
15	No. of Industry collaborative projects	0	No Comments	No Suggestions
16	No. of ISRO mission related projects/ activities	0	No Comments	No Suggestions
17	No. of consultancy services entertained	0	No Comments	Consultancy services needs to encouraged

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Criteria	Response	Comments	Suggestions
Whether students are involved in extra curricular & co- curricular activities?	Yes	Astronomy Club, Field trips to geological sites, rock and mineral identification workshops, guest lectures from geologists, and participation in geological surveys.	Participating in competitions focused on solving real-work
Whether students are doing internship abroad?	Yes Externally sponsored	ANU,Australia Niigata University, Japan	No Suggestions
national academic	Yes Externally sponsored Self sponsored	NARL, NRSC, Aries, SPL	More ISRO institutes may be considered
Whether students are doing internship at ISRO/ Industries/ R&D institutes?	No	No Comments	Needs to encouraged
Whether the department conducts outreach programs?	Yes	DST Sponsored "Water and Environmental Monitoring using Remote Sensing" during 9 - 30 March, 2023	More outreach program needs
Whether department has alumni activities?	No	Alumini activities are conducted at the institute level	

IX Details of placement/ higher studies of students

Criteria	UG	PG	PhD	Comments	Suggestions
No. of students placed	0	4	0	No Comments	No Suggestions
No. of students opted for higher studies	0	8	4	No Comments	No Suggestions
No. of students cleared GATE/ SLET/ NET/ CSIR/ UGC/ Others etc.	0	6	0	No Comments	No Suggestions

	X Infrastructure in the Department							
SI. No.	Criteria	Response	Comments	Suggestions				

No. of classrooms	3	No Comments	No Suggestions
No. of seminar/ conference rooms	0	No Comments	No Suggestions
No. of instruction labs	5	No Comments	No Suggestions
No. of research labs	2	No Comments	No Suggestions
No. of full-fledged e- learning classrooms	0	No Comments	No Suggestions
No. of computing labs	2	No Comments	No Suggestions
Is there any lab with potential for centre of excellence?	No	No Comments	No Suggestions
ls there any labs sponsored by external agency?	No	No Comments	No Suggestions
Inter-disciplinary research facility	No	No Comments	No Suggestions
Is there any common amenities like restroom, recreation club, etc.?	Restroom:2 Recreation club:1	No Comments	No Suggestions
Is there any facilities for differently abled?	Yes Lift and Ramp	No Comments	No Suggestions
ls there any Department library?	No	No Comments	No Suggestions
	No. of seminar/ conference rooms No. of instruction labs No. of research labs No. of full-fledged e- learning classrooms No. of computing labs Is there any lab with potential for centre of excellence? Is there any labs sponsored by external agency? Inter-disciplinary research facility Is there any common amenities like restroom, recreation club, etc.? Is there any facilities for differently abled? Is there any Department	No. of seminar/ conference rooms0No. of instruction labs5No. of instruction labs2No. of research labs2No. of full-fledged e- learning classrooms0No. of computing labs2Is there any lab with potential for centre of excellence?NoIs there any labs sponsored by external agency?NoInter-disciplinary research facilityNoIs there any common amenities like restroom, recreation club, etc.?NoIs there any facilities for differently abled?Yes Lift and Ramp	No. of seminar/ conference roomsNoNoNoCommentsNo. of instruction labs5No CommentsNo. of instruction labs5No CommentsNo. of research labs2No CommentsNo. of full-fledged e- learning classrooms0No CommentsNo. of computing labs2No CommentsIs there any lab with potential for centre of excellence?NoNo CommentsIs there any labs sponsored by external agency?NoNo CommentsInter-disciplinary research facilityNoNo CommentsIs there any common amenities like restroom, recreation club, etc.?NoNo CommentsIs there any facilities for differently abled?Yes Lift and RampNo CommentsIs there any Department NoNoNo Comments

XII Additional Information					
1.	Does the curriculum of each programme offered by the department provide the Programme Educational Objectives (PEOs)/Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs) and Programme Outcomes (POs)?	Yes			
2.	Do the courses offered in each programme by the department provide the Course Objectives and Course Outcomes (COs) written in clear terms?	Yes			
3.	Give the status of adopting Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in the programmes offered by the department	Not yet to be mitiate			
4.	Give the status of adopting Objective Based Education (OBE) in the programmes offered by the department.	Not yet to be initiated			
5.	Satisfaction level of support of academic, administrative, and other support units of the institution	Excellent			
6.	The status of taking feedback from stakeholders and expert groups for revision and design of curriculum of a programme.	Student Faculty Employers Academic Peers			

7.	The list of extension programmes conducted by the department	DST Sponsored "Water and Environmental Monitoring using Remote Sensing" during 9 - 30 March, 2023 IIST Astronomy and Astrophysics School
8.	List Faculty Development Programme conducted (any programme aiming at updating the knowledge of faculty of the department).	DST Sponsored "Water and Environmental Monitoring using Remote Sensing" during 9 - 30 March, 2023
9.	Does students take projects involving Field work/Survey. If yes, give the list.	Total:18
10.	The List of MoU and MoAs, that are currently operational during the year	Dr.Rajesh V J,Niigata University,Japan,Signed Date:Jan 8,2020(5 Years)
11.	Detail the mechanism adopted to help academically disadvantaged students to cope with academic requirements	1) Regular meetings with academic advisors 2) Support for mental health
12.	Detail the mechanism adopted to help students who perform very much below the class averages	same as in pourt 21
13.	The total grant/revenue generated/received from different agencies by the department conducting research projects/consultancy services during the year.	total : 218-6
14.	The suggestions to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the IIST system.	D Industry pastnerships

XIII Strength of the Department (maximum 150 words)

Diverse and Specialized Programs: Offering dual degrees and standalone Master's programs in Earth System Science, Astronomy & Astrophysics, and Geoinformatics, catering to varied interests and career paths within the field. Strong Focus on Research: Emphasizing practical, theoretical, and computational research across disciplines such as Astronomy & Astrophysics, Atmospheric Sciences, Geology, and Remote Sensing. Experienced Faculty: A team of dedicated faculty members with expertise in their respective fields, actively engaged in cutting-edge research and publication. State-of-the-Art Facilities: Access to modern laboratories, observatories, and computational resources supporting advanced research and practical training.

XIV Weakness of the Department (maximum 150 words)

Inadequate laboratory space, research facilities, and classroom infrastructure to support advanced learning and research activities. Few outreach programs to engage with local schools, communities, and the general public to promote Earth and Space Sciences.

XV Challenges (maximum 150 words)

Ensuring access to the latest technological tools and platforms for teaching, research, and data analysis. Establishing and maintaining collaborative relationships with other institutions, research organizations, and industry partners. Ensuring that the curriculum stays current with the latest advancements and trends in Earth System Science, Astronomy & Astrophysics, and Geoinformatics.

XVI Opportunities (maximum 150 words)

Developing new courses and specializations that reflect the latest trends and advancements in Earth and Space Sciences. Establishing robust internship programs with space agencies, research institutes, to provide hands-on experience to the students Conducting research on weather and climate, natural resource management, and sustainability to contribute to global efforts in these areas.

XVII Any other details relevant to the department

Final Recommendations

Expand access to digital resources such as e-books, online journals, and remote learning tools. Invest in modern laboratory equipment and technologies to support cutting-edge research.

On the day of visit, the team verified all the documents and records available in the department and evaluated the academic process. A detailed report of the audit is given above. The report is signed by the following:

Date of visit to the department:

Signature of Committee Members

- Dr. Rama Rao Nidamanuri, Professor, Earth & Space Sciences:
- 2 Dr. Deepak Mishra, Professor, Avionics:

Dr. Govindan Kutty M, Associate Professor, Earth & Space Sciences: Prof. Krishna

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मोफ: जुर्कविका जोसफ, Prof. Koruvilla Joseph क्षेत्र (मीहि.जे), आईलाईएसटी Dean (Academics), 45T 2. y