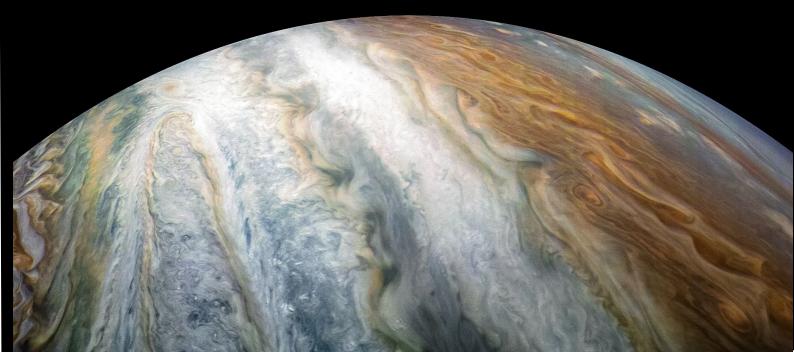


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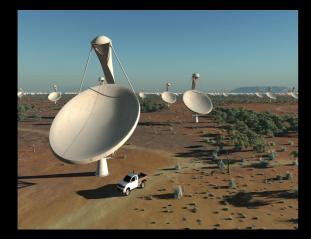
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#### **POST GRADUATE PROGRAM**



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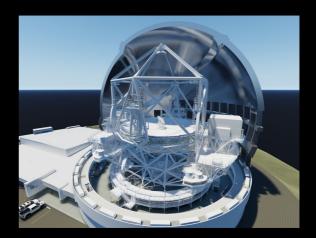
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The department is continuously looking for students, researchers and faculty who are passionate about learning and contributing to this cutting edge of human endeavours: Space Exploration !

# POST- GRADUATE PROGRAMMES OFFERED

The department currently offers M.Tech and Ph.D. In the near future, it plans to also offer a B. Tech. degree in Space Science & Engineering and an M.Sc. Degree in Astronomy and Astrophysics. All programmes will train students in various aspects of observations, instrumentation and theoretical and computational modelling.

### LABS/ FACILITIES

The following four laboratories are being currently developed:

- 1. Space Instrumentation laboratory
- 2. Optical Instrumentation laboratory
- 3. Planetary Science laboratory
- 4. Radio Astronomy laboratory
- 5. Data Analysis laboratory



## FACULTY

**Amitesh Omar, HOD** (Ph.D. RRI Bangalore; JNU): Galaxy astrophysics, instrumentation, optical and radio astronomy.

**Pankaj Jain** (Ph. D. Syracuse; Emeritus) : Astrophysics and Cosmology, Radio Astronomy, Cosmic Rays, X-ray Astronomy.

**Soumyabrata Chakrabarty (**Ph.D., Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur) : Space Weather interaction of Spacecrafts, Computational Electromagnetics, Design and development of Antennas for Radio Telescopes and Microwave Sensors.

**Ishan Sharma** (Ph. D. Cornell University) : Planetary Science, Granular Minor Planets; Mechanics, Applied Mathematics.

**Sharvari Nadkarni-Ghosh** (Ph.D. Cornell) Theoretical Cosmology, planetary science, non-linear dynamics.

**Kunal P. Mooley** (Ph.D., Caltech, NRAO) : Transients ,Jets, Compact objects, Galactic center, Life in the Universe, Space Instrumentation.

**Prashant Pathak** (Ph.D. SOKENDAI Univ.) : Exoplanet characterization: direct imaging, transmission spectroscopy. Adaptive optics and wavefront control techniques. Ground and space-based optical and IR instrumentation.

**Rohit Sharma** (Ph.D., National Center for Radio Astrophysics, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Pune, India) : Solar Physics, Space Weather, Radio Astronomy, Plasma Physics, Radio Wave Propagation, Data Science, Imaging Algorithms.

### FACULTY (DISTINGUISHED/VISITING)

**J. S. Yadav** (Ph. D. Kurukshetra University) : X-Ray Astronomy, Space Detectors and Instrumentation, Cosmic Rays.

**Avinash Deshpande** (Ph. D. IIT Bombay/RRI) : Radio Astronomy, Pulsars, Radio Transients, Interstellar Medium, Instrumentation and Signal Processing.

**Arun Mishra** (Prof. McGill University, Canada) : Satellite dynamics and control, space robotics, and dynamics of aerospace structures.

**Renu Malhotra (Prof.** University of Arizona, U.S.A) : Planetary Science, Orbital Dynamics.

**Hiroaki Katsuragi** (Prof. Osaka university, Japan) : Granular Matter, Soft Impact Dynamics, Planetary Cratering.

**Yamini Jangir** (Ph.D., University of Southern California) : Astrobiology, Space Biology, Life in Extreme Environments, Microbe-Mineral Interaction, Microbial Ecology.

#### **BROAD RESEARCH AREAS**

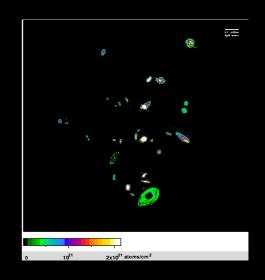
- Space Instrumentation, Space Technology & Space Manufacturing
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- Astronomy, Astrophysics & Cosmology
- Instrumentation for Astronomy
- Solar Physics
- Spacecraft Mechanics
- Astrobiology



Crab Nebula imaged Using the 3.6 m Devasthal Optical Telescope (DOT)



Nearby Galaxy imaged by the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS)



Neutral Hydrogen map of a galaxy group made using the GMRT



Rubber-pile asteroid Bennu 's shape can be explained using granular physics.



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