

The ISRO chief Kailasavadivoo Sivan announced name of four astronauts selected for first manned Mission, *Gaganyaan*



The *Gaganyaan* is a crewed orbital spacecraft proposed to send astronauts to space for a minimum of seven days by 2022 as part of the Indian Human Spaceflight Programme, and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Bengaluru intends to send a woman astronaut on the mission. According to ISRO chief, K Siva, the major tasks of current year includes testing of *Gaganyaan*'s systems and crew training. The first strategy adopted by ISRO Chief K Sivan was expansion of ISRO. The second stage of the mission will be capacity building and outreach activities, third one being reduction of physical work at ISRO, and how to engage industry to make it low, fourth one is development at conventional launches, and related things.

In 2019, a good progress was made in *Gaganyaan* and many designs have been completed, besides the identification of four astronauts for training purpose. According to ISRO Chief, land acquisition for new spaceport in Tuticorin has been initiated, and training of astronauts shall begin in the third week of January, 2020 in Russia.

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