

Indian Space Policy 2023

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In news– The Union Cabinet has recently approved the Indian Space Policy, 2023.

About the policy-

- The policy seeks to institutionalise and mostly facilitate the access of private sector participation in the space sector for India.
- The policy delineates responsibility to ISRO, New Space India Limited (NSIL, a space sector PSU), and Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (IN-SPACe).
 - **NSIL:** Strategic activities related to the space sector will be carried out by NSIL, a public sector undertaking under the Department of Space, which will work in demand-driven mode.
 - **INSPACe:** this recently created agency will be the interface between Indian Space Research Organisation and non-governmental entities.
- The policy also spells out the framework for the private sector to use ISRO facilities for a small charge and also encourages them to invest in creating new infrastructure for the sector.
- **It states that ISRO will not do any operational and production work** for the space sector and focus its energies on developing new technologies, new systems and research and development.
- **The operational part of ISRO's missions will be moved to the NewSpace India Limited,** a public sector undertaking under the Department of Space.
- It also allows the private sector to take part in end-to-end space activities that include building satellites, rockets, and launch vehicles, data collection and dissemination.

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