

# Russia's own space station

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**In News:** As tensions between Russia and a number of Western countries rise on the ground, the Russian space agency's head has announced that work on a Russian space station has begun.

## About International Space Station (ISS)

- The International Space Station (ISS) was launched in 1998.
- International collaborations, involving Russia, the United States, Canada, Japan, and the European Space Agency
- The International Space Station (ISS) is a low-Earth-orbiting compact space station (habitable artificial satellite).
- The International Space Station (ISS) acts as a microgravity and space environment research facility for astrobiology, astronomy, meteorology, physics, and other fields.
- The International Space Station (ISS) orbits the Earth every 93 minutes, doing 15.5 orbits every day.
- Following the Soviet and later Russian Salyut, Almaz, and Mir stations, as well as the US Skylab, the ISS is the ninth space station to be visited by crews.