

India's First Earth Observation Satellite Constellation

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India is set to launch its **first fully indigenous commercial earth observation (EO) satellite constellation**, led by a private consortium under a **public-private partnership model**.

- Bengaluru-based PixxelSpace-led consortium has been selected by <u>Indian National Space</u>
 <u>Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe)</u> to build and operate India's first EO satellite constellation.
 - The consortium will build 12 satellites over five years, and launch, operate them, develop ground infrastructure, and commercialise the data.
 - The constellation will include a variety of satellites with high resolution, wide coverage, including <u>Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)</u> and <u>hyper-spectral satellites</u>.
- Developed satellites will provide Analysis Ready Data (ARD) and Value-Added Services
 (VAS) for climate change monitoring, disaster management, agriculture, infrastructure, marine surveillance, national security, urban planning and meet global demand for geospatial intelligence.
 - This initiative ensures data sovereignty and reduces dependence on foreign satellite data.
- IN-SPACe: It is a single-window, independent, nodal agency under the Department of Space that enables and regulates private sector participation in satellites, launch vehicles, and space services, acting as a link between Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and non-governmental entities.

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