

Mission SCOT

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The Prime Minister of India lauded **Indian space startup Digantara** for the success of **Mission SCOT** (Space Camera for Object Tracking).

- Mission SCOT: It is the world's first commercial <u>Space Situational Awareness (SSA)</u>
 satellite, launched aboard <u>SpaceX's</u> Transporter-12 mission.
 - SSA is the tracking and characterization of space objects and their orbits.
 - Mission SCOT tracks Resident Space Objects (RSOs) as small as 5 cm in Low Earth Orbit (LEO).
 - It is backed by Aditya Birla Ventures and the <u>Small Industries Development Bank of</u> <u>India (SIDBI)</u>.
- Transporter-12 Mission: It is part of SpaceX's rideshare program, aims to provide cost-effective access to space for multiple customers in a single launch.
- India's Efforts in SSA: <u>Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)</u> conducts proximity analyses and <u>Collision Avoidance Manoeuvres (CAM)</u> to prevent satellite collisions.
 - · India has a Multi Object Tracking Radar at Sriharikota range, but it has a limited range.
 - ISRO System for Safe and Sustainable Operations Management (IS40M), provides the annual Indian Space Situational Assessment Report (ISSAR) for space environment insights.
- NETRA Project: Under the <u>Network for Space Objects Tracking and Analysis (NETRA)</u>, ISRO is establishing a **Space Surveillance and Tracking (SST) network** with advanced radars and optical telescopes to enhance threat analysis and protect space assets.

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