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INDIAN SPACE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD (ISSO) - 2026

FINAL LEVEL OFFLINE WORKSHOP & EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

The final level of Indian Space Science Olympiad (ISSO) will comprise a 3-day offline workshop and examination. Candidates who are eligible to attend the final level offline examination can register through www.spaceolympiad.com.

VENUE OF FINAL EVENT & EXAMINATION

RAJAGIRI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY (RSET)

The Final Level Offline Workshop and Examination of the **Indian Space Science Olympiad (ISSO) 2026** will be conducted at **Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology (RSET), Rajagiri Valley, Kakkanad, Kochi, Kerala, India.**

About the Venue:

Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology is an autonomous engineering and technology institution located in the green and well-connected Rajagiri Valley campus at Kakkanad. The campus is situated close to **Infopark** and is well connected to major parts of Kochi and Ernakulam. The Rajagiri Valley campus is spread across approximately **95 acres**, providing a spacious and suitable academic environment for conducting a national-level student programme.

ADDRESS

Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology (RSET)

Rajagiri Valley, Kakkanad

Kochi – 682039

Kerala, India

Official Website: www.rajagiritech.ac.in

⚠ IMPORTANT VENUE CLARIFICATION

Please note carefully: The ISSO 2026 Final Level Workshop & Examination will be conducted at **Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology (RSET), Rajagiri Valley, Kakkanad, Kochi.**

This is NOT Rajagiri School located at Kalamassery.

Parents and candidates are requested to search specifically for:

“Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology (RSET), Rajagiri Valley, Kakkanad”

When using Google Maps or other navigation applications.

Do not search only for “Rajagiri School” or “Rajagiri”, as navigation services may display a different Rajagiri institution, including institutions in the Kalamassery area.

 Google Maps:

<https://maps.google.com/?q=Rajagiri+School+of+Engineering+%26+Technology,+Rajagiri+Valley,+Kakkanad,+Kochi>

For navigation, always select the location marked “Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology (RSET), Rajagiri Valley, Kakkanad.”

Parents are strongly advised to verify the destination shown on the map **before starting their journey**, particularly on the morning of the event.

HOW TO REACH THE VENUE ?

Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology is approximately **0.5 km from the Seaport–Airport Highway, Kakkanad, Ernakulam, Kerala** and about **3 km from Kakkanad Civil Station**.

BY AIR

The nearest airport is **Cochin International Airport (COK), Nedumbassery**.

The campus is approximately **25–29 km from Cochin International Airport**, depending on the route. Taxi and app-based cab services are readily available from the airport to Rajagiri Valley, Kakkanad.

Parents and candidates travelling by air are advised to allow sufficient time for road travel, particularly during peak traffic hours.

BY TRAIN

Candidates and parents travelling by train can reach the venue conveniently from the major railway stations in and around Kochi.

- 1. Ernakulam Junction Railway Station (ERS / South)** is the **recommended railway station for candidates travelling by long-distance trains**, as a large number of major express and long-distance services stop at Ernakulam Junction. The station is approximately **13–15 km from Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology (RSET)**, depending on the route taken. Taxis, app-based cabs and other local transport services are available from the station to Rajagiri Valley, Kakkanad.
- 2. Ernakulam Town Railway Station (ERN / North)** is approximately **10–12 km from the venue**. Candidates may use this station if their train has a scheduled stop at Ernakulam Town. However, passengers are advised to check their train schedule carefully, as not all long-distance trains stop at Ernakulam Town.

3. **Thrippunithura Railway Station (TRTR)** is another convenient option for trains having a scheduled stop there. It is approximately **8–10 km from the RSET campus**, depending on the route, and provides relatively convenient road access to Kakkanad and Rajagiri Valley.
4. **Aluva Railway Station (AWY)** is approximately **16–18 km from the venue** and may be convenient for candidates arriving from the northern side of Kerala or on trains that stop at Aluva.

Important: Candidates and parents are advised to check the scheduled stops of their train before booking their journey. Travel time may vary considerably depending on traffic conditions; therefore, candidates should plan to arrive well in advance of the prescribed reporting time.

BY ROAD / BUS

Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology is well connected by road from **Kakkanad, Infopark, Vyttila, Palarivattom, Edappally, Aluva, Kalamassery and other parts of Ernakulam**. The campus is located close to the **Seaport–Airport Highway** and is approximately **3 km from Kakkanad Civil Station**.

Candidates and parents travelling by bus may travel towards **Kakkanad / Infopark** and then proceed to Rajagiri Valley by local bus, auto-rickshaw or taxi.

GENERAL INSTRUCTION

- The **Indian Space Science Olympiad (ISSO) 2026 Final Level** is a structured academic programme consisting of a **three-day Offline Workshop and OMR Examination**. The programme follows a defined schedule, rules and code of conduct. It is an academic and competitive programme and should not be considered a leisure or luxury camping holiday.
- The programme will be conducted on **27, 28 and 29 December 2026** at: **Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology (RSET), Rajagiri Valley, Kakkanad, Kochi – 682039, Kerala**.
- All candidates must report to the venue **strictly according to the reporting time communicated by the organizing committee**. Candidates are advised to arrive sufficiently early to complete registration and verification formalities.
- On **27 December 2026**, candidates must report to the venue by **8:00 AM**.
- Candidates must carry **one original valid identification document**, such as:
 - School ID Card with photograph;
 - Aadhaar Card; or
 - Bona Fide Certificate issued by the school with the candidate's photograph.
- Parents are warmly welcome to attend the **Inauguration Ceremony on 27 December 2026 (9:30 AM – 11:30 AM)** and the **Closing Ceremony and Prize Distribution Function**

on **29 December 2026 (2:00 PM – 6:00 PM)**, both to be held at the **Main AC Auditorium, Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology (RSET)**.

- **Important:** Due to seating limitations and safety requirements, **only ONE accompanying parent/person per participant** will be permitted inside the Main AC Auditorium for each of these ceremonies. We kindly request your cooperation and understanding.
- Candidates are not permitted to leave the designated event premises during programme hours without prior permission from the **Camp Director/Event Director**. Unauthorized departure may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the programme.
- Mobile phones, laptops, tablets and other electronic gadgets may be brought to the venue; however, **all such devices must be kept in the designated area before entering the examination hall (During the examination hours only)**. This includes **smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, laptops, wireless earbuds and other electronic devices**.
- Candidates must remain in the examination hall until the examination session is officially concluded and the invigilator permits them to leave.
- The **Final Level Examination will be OMR-based and will consist of 50 Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs)**.
- The examination duration is **1 hour**, with **1 mark awarded for each correct answer, 0.25 mark deducted for each wrong answer, and no marks awarded for unanswered questions**.
- Candidates must use a **black or blue ballpoint pen** to mark their answers on the OMR sheet.
- Candidates must ensure that the OMR answer sheet is filled in correctly and remains clean, undamaged and free from unnecessary markings. Candidates must follow all instructions given by the invigilators while filling in the OMR sheet.
- **Any form of malpractice, cheating, copying, unauthorized communication or use of prohibited materials/devices will result in disqualification.**
- Parents/guardians must inform the registration desk if their child is taking any regular medication or requires specific medical attention during the programme.
- All medicines brought by candidates should be kept in their **original labelled containers**. Parents/guardians should provide necessary instructions regarding dosage and timing where applicable.
- Parents/guardians must provide **two valid emergency contact numbers** at the registration desk.
- **Edu Mithra will NOT provide or arrange accommodation/stay facilities for students or parents/guardians.** Parents are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for dropping off and collecting their children from the **designated venue, Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology (RSET), Rajagiri Valley, Kakkanad, Ernakulam, Kerala** according to the daily schedule communicated by the organizing committee.
- **The venue remains the same on all three days — 27, 28 and 29 December 2026.** There

will be no change of venue between the workshop, examination and closing activities unless officially communicated by Edu Mithra.

- Parents/guardians are requested to ensure that their child is collected promptly at the designated dispersal time on each day.
- **Unauthorized photography, videography or recording is prohibited during examination and competition sessions.** Participants must follow the instructions of the organizing committee regarding photography and recording.
- Edu Mithra will not be responsible for the loss, theft or damage of **valuable or personal belongings** brought by candidates. Participants are strongly advised NOT to bring expensive items or unnecessary valuables to the venue.
- Participants must wear/display the **official ISSO ID card provided by Edu Mithra** throughout the Olympiad whenever instructed by the organizing committee.
- **Dress Code: Formal attire is mandatory.** Candidates are expected to maintain a neat, appropriate and professional appearance throughout the programme.
- Possession or consumption of **alcohol, narcotic drugs or other prohibited/intoxicating substances** is strictly prohibited. Any participant or parents found under the influence of or in possession of such substances will be removed from the programme immediately.
- All candidates must maintain **discipline, decorum and cleanliness** throughout the Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology campus and must respect the rules of the venue.
- Candidates must follow the instructions of the **ISSO Organizing Committee, Camp Director, mentors, invigilators, volunteers and authorized venue personnel** at all times.
- Edu Mithra or authorized event/venue personnel will **not request any additional payment or fee** beyond the officially communicated registration/programme fee. Any such unauthorized request must be reported immediately to the **Event Director/ISSO Organizing Committee**.
- The organizers reserve the right to photograph and/or record participants during the programme for **event documentation, educational communication, publicity, promotional, advertising, trade and archival purposes**. Parents/guardians who do not wish their child's photograph or video to be used for such purposes are requested to ensure that the participant does not participate in photography or videography sessions conducted by Edu Mithra or its authorized representatives.
- **Lunch and snacks will be provided to registered candidates during the programme.** The cost of lunch and snacks is not included in the ISSO registration fee. A separate food/meal fee will be applicable and will be communicated to parents/candidates in advance. Vegetarian and non-vegetarian meal options will be available as arranged by the organizers.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for arranging their own meals.
- A **water bottle will be included in the participant welcome kit.**
- **Food and beverages are STRICTLY PROHIBITED inside the Main AC Auditorium.**

- Candidates are expected to use the facilities responsibly and maintain the cleanliness of the campus. Any deliberate damage to venue property may result in disciplinary action and/or recovery of the cost of damage from the responsible participant.
- The organizing committee reserves the right to make reasonable changes to the programme schedule, operational arrangements or venue procedures when required for **academic, administrative, safety or security reasons**. Any significant changes will be communicated to registered candidates/parents through the official communication channels.

SAFETY & EMERGENCY SUPPORT

- **Participant safety is a priority throughout the ISSO 2026 Final Level programme.** Candidates will remain under the supervision of the ISSO Organizing Committee, mentors, coordinators and authorized venue personnel during scheduled programme activities.
- The organizing team will take appropriate measures to maintain a **safe, disciplined and controlled academic environment** throughout the three-day programme.
- All participants will be issued an **ISSO ID card** containing relevant identification details and emergency contact information as applicable.
- Parents/guardians must provide **two valid emergency contact numbers** during registration so that they can be contacted promptly whenever necessary.
- Parents/guardians must inform the registration desk about any **medical condition, regular medication, allergy or special medical requirement** that may require attention during the programme.
- Candidates requiring regular medication must carry their medicines in their **original labelled containers**, along with appropriate instructions from their parent/guardian.
- **Dedicated Medical Support:** A full-time doctor and nurse, along with emergency medical facilities and an ICU-equipped ambulance, will be available throughout all three days of the event, dedicatedly arranged by our Medical Partner, **VPS Lakeshore Hospital**, to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of all participants.
- In the event of a medical emergency or situation requiring further medical attention, the organizing team will take appropriate steps to **contact the parent/guardian and arrange or facilitate access to suitable medical assistance or emergency services**.
- Parents/guardians are requested to keep their emergency contact numbers **reachable throughout all three days of the programme**.
- Candidates must immediately inform the organizing team, mentor or coordinator if they feel unwell, sustain an injury or require medical assistance at any time during the programme.
- The safety instructions issued by the **ISSO Organizing Committee and Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology (RSET) authorities** must be followed by all participants and accompanying persons.
- All participants must comply with the **fire safety, emergency evacuation, electrical safety and general safety procedures** applicable at the RSET campus.

- In the event of a **fire, natural disaster, medical emergency or any other emergency**, participants must remain calm and immediately follow the instructions of the ISSO Organizing Committee, RSET authorities, security personnel and emergency response personnel.
- Participants must not use lifts/elevators during a fire or other emergency evacuation unless specifically instructed by authorized emergency personnel.
- **Fire exits, emergency stairways, fire extinguishers and designated evacuation routes must not be blocked, obstructed or misused** under any circumstances.
- If an emergency evacuation is announced, candidates must proceed in an orderly manner to the **designated assembly/safe area** and remain there until further instructions are provided.
- Candidates must never attempt to return to the building or event area during an emergency until the venue authorities officially declare it safe to do so.
- Any emergency evacuation, fire drill or safety instruction conducted during the programme must be followed seriously and without disruption.

FEE DETAILS

ISSO Final Level 3 Day Workshop & Examination Registration Fee: INR 10,000 + GST (*Lunch & snacks are not included.*)

Lunch & Snacks: INR 1,250 (*This may be paid separately, preferably one month prior to the event.*)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Registration Process for Final Examination

1. Eligibility for Final Examination:

Candidates must check their status to confirm whether they are listed as:

- **Eligible to Attend Final Level Offline Workshop & Examination**
- **Waiting List 1 and Waiting List 2**

Only candidates whose status is shown as “**Eligible to Attend Final Level Offline Workshop & Examination**” can proceed with registration.

2. Registration Deadline for Eligible Candidates:

All candidates currently listed as eligible must complete their Final Level registration by **5:00 PM on 20th October 2026**. Candidates who fail to complete registration within the prescribed deadline may lose their eligibility, and the resulting vacant seats will be offered to candidates on the waiting lists.

3. Waiting List 1:

If seats become available due to non-registration or cancellation of eligible candidates, candidates from **Waiting List 1** will be moved to the Eligible List based on the prescribed selection order. **Waiting List 1 candidates may be considered for registration from 21st October to 25th October 2026**, subject to seat availability. Candidates who are moved to the Eligible List will receive a **separate confirmation by email or WhatsApp** and may proceed with registration only after receiving such confirmation.

4. Waiting List 2:

After the Waiting List 1 registration period, any remaining vacant seats may be offered to candidates from **Waiting List 2**, subject to availability. **Waiting List 2 candidates may be considered for registration from 26th October to 30th October 2026**, subject to seat availability and confirmation of their eligibility status. Candidates who are moved to the Eligible List will receive a **separate confirmation by email or WhatsApp** and may proceed with registration only after receiving such confirmation.

5. Important Instruction for Waiting List Candidates:

Being placed on **Waiting List 1 or Waiting List 2 does not guarantee participation** in the Final Level Workshop & Examination. Candidates will become eligible to register only when their status is updated to the **Eligible List**.

LAST DATE FOR CURRENT ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES: 5:00 PM, 20TH OCTOBER 2026.

For registration and to check your eligibility/waiting list status, visit: www.spaceolympiad.com

ISSO 2026 — FINAL LEVEL

FINAL LEVEL WORKSHOP & EXAMINATION • 27–29 DECEMBER 2026

DAY 1 • 27 DECEMBER 2026		
PROGRAMME	TIME	FACULTY / TOPIC / DETAILS
Reporting Time	8:00 AM	At Registration Counters
Registration	8:00–9:30 AM	Registration & Participant Formalities
Inauguration Function	9:30–11:00 AM	Inauguration Ceremony
Invited Talk 1	11:00 AM–1:00 PM	Topic: Remote Sensing of Earth from Space Dr. K. Rajeev — Distinguished Scientist & Former Director, Space Physics Laboratory and Satish Dhawan Professor, VSSC, ISRO
Lunch Break	1:00–2:00 PM	Lunch
Invited Talk 2	2:00–3:30 PM	Topic: Indian Space Research Dr. Umamaheswaran R. — Distinguished Scientist & Former Director, Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC), ISRO
Tea Break	3:30–4:00 PM	Refreshment Break
Invited Talk 3	4:00–5:30 PM	Topic: Astrophotography Mr. Sarath Prabhavu J. — Astrophysics Researcher, Science Communicator & Astrophotographer
Invited Talk 4	5:30–6:30 PM	Topic: Beyond the Sky Prof. N. Shaji — Adjunct Faculty, Department of Physics, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT)
Invited Talk 5	6:30–8:00 PM	Topic: Introduction to Sky Watch Dr. Manosh T. M. — Cosmologist & Postdoctoral Fellow, Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA)
End of Day 1	8:00 PM	Programme concludes for the day

DAY 2 • 28 DECEMBER 2026		
PROGRAMME	TIME	FACULTY / TOPIC / DETAILS
Reporting & Assembly	8:30–9:00 AM	At Allocated Class Rooms
Syllabus-Based Session 1	9:00–10:00 AM	Academic Session
Tea Break / Study Time	10:00–10:30 AM	Break
Syllabus-Based Session 2	10:30–11:30 AM	Academic Session
Break / Study Time	11:30 AM–12:00 PM	Break
Syllabus-Based Session 3	12:00–1:00 PM	Academic Session
Lunch Break	1:00–2:00 PM	Lunch
Syllabus-Based Session 4	2:00–3:00 PM	Academic Session
Tea Break / Study & Revision	3:00–4:00 PM	Study, Revision & Examination Preparation
Examination Seating & Instructions	4:00–4:30 PM	Seating Arrangement & Examination Instructions
EXAMINATION	4:30–6:30 PM	ISSO 2026 Final Level Examination

DAY 3 • 29 DECEMBER 2026		
PROGRAMME	TIME	FACULTY / TOPIC / DETAILS
Reporting Time	8:30 AM	At Main AC Auditorium
Invited Talk 5	9:00–11:00 AM	Topic: Interplanetary Mission Dr. Nigar Shaji — Programme Director, ISRO & Project Director, Aditya-L1 Mission
Tea Break	11:00–11:30 AM	Refreshment Break
Invited Talk 6	11:30 AM–1:00 PM	Topic: Career in Space Science — IIST Prof. Anand Narayanan — Professor & Head, Department of Earth and Space Sciences, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST)
Lunch Break	1:00–2:00 PM	Lunch
Closing Ceremony, Valedictory Function & Prize Distribution	2:00–6:00 PM	Valedictory Ceremony & Prize Distribution
THE END	6:00 PM	Conclusion of ISSO 2026 Final Level Programme

Note: Programme timings may be subject to minor changes as required by the organisers.

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CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

All participants are required to maintain acceptable behaviour at all times during Edu Mithra's Indian Space Science Olympiad, including outside official event hours. This includes respectful interactions with other participants, trainers, guests, faculty, and staff. Unacceptable behaviour, such as verbal or physical abuse, deliberate damage to property, or actions that endanger others, will result in immediate removal from the programme without any refund.

FORCE MAJEURE

Edu Mithra Intellectual Services Pvt. Ltd. shall not be liable for any delay, interruption, suspension, cancellation, or failure to perform any programme, event, examination, workshop, or related obligation due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including **acts of God, natural disasters, epidemics or pandemics, war, terrorism, riots, civil unrest, governmental or regulatory actions, strikes, accidents, fire, power or communication failures, technical failures, transportation disruptions, or shortages of essential services or facilities.**

In the event of Force Majeure, Edu Mithra may, at its reasonable discretion, **postpone, reschedule, modify, relocate, suspend, or cancel** the affected programme or any part thereof, without liability for any resulting loss, cost, claim, or expense, subject to applicable law.

CAMP VISITOR POLICY

Visitors are strictly prohibited during camp days. Candidates may bring smartphones to contact their parents during designated free times as outlined in the program schedule.

COMPLAINTS

Complaints that cannot be resolved between the student and instructor or Edu Mithra staff during the event should be mailed to:

Edu Mithra Intellectual Services Pvt. Ltd

2nd Floor, Palm Arcade, Vazhakkala, Kochi, Kerala, India - 682030

All disputes related to this event will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Ernakulam, Kerala, India.

For further assistance, please call +919446321098 between 9 AM and 5 PM or email to info@edumithra.com.



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