

2 UTU institutes become state's 1st Isro nodal centres

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Dehradun: Two institutes under Veer Madho Singh Bhandari Uttarakhand Technical University (UTU) have become state's first Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) nodal centres for Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START-2024) programme expected to be conducted in April and May.

Women Institute of Technology, Dehradun, had been selected as Garhwal nodal centre in March and now Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Institute of Technology, Tanakpur, from Kumaon region has been chosen as the second nodal centre from UTU, said officials. "A faculty member at both institutions has been appointed as a nodal coordinator and we will have live online training here for students in the final year of engineering from various domains like electronics, computers, mechanical, instrumentation, applied physics and other selected departments in April and May," said VC Onkar Singh.

He added that the programme will help increase student interest in space sciences and research and the university will provide all necessary resources and support for the programme to be a success. Officials said ISRO has already provided a framework for START-2024.

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