



# Starting May, ISRO to launch a string of 'defence' satellites

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## **Launch of few earth observation satellites advanced**

- Between now and early 2020, the space above India looks set to see an unprecedented rush of satellites meant solely or mainly for the country's military.
- Starting May, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) plans to send up at least eight earth observation (EO) satellites of varied hues and at the rate of almost one a month.
- Communication satellite GSAT-32 is also in the offing next year to replace GSAT-6A, which was lost in a failed launch and was meant to mainly serve the ground forces.
- Until now, such defence-use satellites were spaced out over a few years; or were put up only once a year as in the case of the Cartosat-2 series high-resolution imaging satellites.
- While traditionally, payloads for ISRO's satellites come from the Space Applications Centre, the payloads of the Microsat-R and EMISAT were from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

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