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Delhi school-goers to click Earth's images with NASA's astronauts

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New Delhi, Feb 7 (IANS) As part of an international educational programme of NASA, nearly 800 students from across 65 schools in [New Delhi](#) and [Punjab](#) will get a chance of imaging the Earth from a unique perspective of space.

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In the mission, programmed by Sally Ride EarthKAM (Earth Knowledge Acquired by Middle school students) and organised by New Delhi-based Science Popularisation Association of Communicators and Educators (SPACE) organisation, the students with the help of on-board Astronauts will access the digital camera mounted at a nadir pointing window in the International Space Station (ISS).

"This is a special opportunity for the school students to access the camera on board of ISS, like professional scientists and astronomers, the students can use the acquired data for their classroom purposes," [Sachin Bahmba](#), Chairman and Managing Director, SPACE Group, said in a statement.

The programme -- from Tuesday till February 10 -- will be held in nine schools of Delhi-NCR and six schools of Punjab.

The students will be guided by SPACE educators to select locations of geographical and environmental interest, based on weather and orbit checking, and through a software interface submit requests which will be sent to ISS.

"Sally Ride EarthKAM is a fantastic way to engage students in subjects such as Earth Sciences, Space Science, Geography, Social Studies, Mathematics and Satellite Communications," [Bahmba](#) added.

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