

Dr. Kalpana Chawla Scholarship Project Sends Iconic Image to the Moon

AUSTIN , TEXAS, USA , June 7, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Dr. Kalpana Chawla Scholarship](#) Project announced today that it sent an image of Dr. Kalpana Chawla to the world's first private commercial data center on the surface of the Moon in February of this year. "This image is a fitting tribute to Dr. Chawla's passion for exploration," said Kalpana Scholarship advisor Madhu Thangavelu. "Hosting it on the lunar surface is a reminder of her legacy and an inspiration to future generations."

The [Institute of Space Commerce](#) (ISC) arranged for the image of Dr. Kalpana Chawla, taken aboard Space Shuttle Columbia in 1997, to be sent to the lunar surface as part of a 2024 mission led by Lonestar Data Holdings. According to ISC co-founder Michael Potter, "Sending an image of Dr. Kalpana Chawla to the Moon is intended as a powerful way to inspire girls and young women to pursue their passions in science and technology."



Image: Mission Specialist Kalpana Chawla at the aft flight deck station of Space Shuttle Columbia controlling its Remote Manipulator System (RMS) arm in 1997. Image courtesy of NASA.

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Scholarship Project.

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About the Dr. Kalpana Chawla Scholarship for Innovation, Entrepreneurism, and Space Studies

The Kalpana Chawla Project for Innovation, Entrepreneurism and Space Studies at the International Space University (ISU) has been established to honor the Indian-American Astronaut Dr. Kalpana Chawla. The scholarship project is focused on developing strong technical and leadership qualities with talented Indian women. The scholarship is used to provide funding for Indian nationals to attend ISU's Space Studies Program (SSP). The goal is to attract talented Indian women who are post-graduate students with backgrounds in science, medicine, materials, satellite technology, and other space-related fields who also share Dr. Chawla's selfless and passionate pursuit of education and excellence.

<https://www.kalpanachawlascholars.org>

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Since its founding in 1987, ISU has graduated more than 5,500 students from over 110 countries. Together with hundreds of ISU faculty and lecturers from around the world, ISU alumni comprise an extremely effective network of space professionals and leaders that actively facilitates individual career growth, professional activities and international space cooperation. The International Space University's 36th annual Space Studies Program (SSP) session will convene in Houston, Texas, USA from 8 June to 3 August 2024. The program will be co-hosted by Rice University and NASA's Johnson Space Center.

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