





# **BELIEFSAT-0**

#### New Leap Labs (formerly known as New Leap Initiative)

(formerly known as New Leap Initiative) K J Somaiya Institute of Technology Sion, Mumbai - 400022



### Institute Details

- K J Somaiya Institute of Technology established in 2001 under the Somaiya Vidyavihar Trust
- 4 UG, 1 PG and 3 Ph. D. Programs
- Permanently affiliated to University of Mumbai
- NBA and NAAC Accreditation
- Best College under Urban region by University of Mumbai
- Best performance IIC in Western zone of India under Ministry of Education
- KJSIT positioned in the rank band 50-100 in NIRF-India ranking 2023 (Innovation category)



# Who we are...

- New Leap Initiative (NLI) is the **student satellite** team of K. J. Somaiya Institute of Technology.
- This initiative was started in 2017 as an attempt to promote **space tech** and **product development** skills among students.
- We at NLI take pride in nurturing talent and pushing our boundaries to achieve optimal technology cost-effectively.
- Achievements:
  - 1. Winner at Touch Jovian Moon Lander Mission Design Contest organised by LPSC, ISRO in 2018
  - 2. 1st prize at UHF/VHF antenna making contest(YEAR)
  - Developed Indigenous Upper Air Sounding System which received 3<sup>rd</sup> position at National Level Project Competition "ANVESHAN" Organised by All India University Association.
     Received Research Grants from The University of Mumbri
  - 3. Received Research Grants from The University of Mumbai



# **Broad Objectives**

- Global communication among the HAM Radio operators
- Tribute to 100 years of Amateur Radio in India
- Service to the Amateur Radio community worldwide
- Satellite will perform UHF to VHF FM voice repeating and APRS digipeating in VHF.
- To gain the space history for KJSIT New Leap Lab group for future mission.





- The payload (BeliefSat-0) is developed by the students at NLI and the faculty of K. J. Somaiya Institute of Technology to widen the reach of Amateur Radio-operators around the globe.
- It will have the following amateur radio payloads onboard:

1. Amateur Band **UHF to VHF FM voice repeater** with 12.5 KHz max bandwidth. 67.0 Hz CTCSS tone for uplink.

2. **VHF APRS Digipeater** with 71.9 Hz CTCSS tone on the uplink.









### Payload with Test Setup



# We were also appreciated by our mentor and guide from ISRO







It's joy beyond words and honour when a team inspired by an outreach program we organised at LPSC/ISR0 in 2016 grow into a space startup and come back to us with a payload to be hosted by POEM platform onboard PSLV-C58 rocket.....





# **Payload Specifications**

Parameter	Specification	Parameter	Specification
Mechanical		Electrical	
Maximum Estimate Mass of the payload	691.1 g	Payload electrical interface	On Payload: M24308/23-25F
Payload Volume (Including Antenna)	150x118x512 mm <sup>3</sup>		D-Sub Mil Spec Connectors R/A RCP
Antenna Length	480 mm		ASSY 9 POS SER 109
Payload mechanical interface	6x M5 HEX steel bolt	Power requirement from PS4-OP	Nominal: 2 W Peak: 4 W



# **Electrical Interface**

#### **DB9 connector:**

CONNECTOR TYPE	D-sub 9 Pin Connector
On payload	RECEPTACLE-TYPE (female) M24308/23-25F D-Sub Mil Spec Connector
Location	On the side plate, which is situated in the XZ plane (along negative Y axis)





# **Electrical Interface**

**Power Circuit Design:** 

- Input Power Range: The power supplied ranges from 24 to 36 volts.
- 2. LM2575S DC to DC Buck Converter:
- Purpose: This component efficiently converts the input power into a stable 3.3-volt output.
- Maximum Current Output: 2 amperes
- 3. Protective Components:
- Fuse: To effectively prevent short-circuits.
- Schottky Diode: Provides reverse polarity protection





## Mechanical Interfaces

#### **Mechanical Interfaces:**

- The external structure is constructed using Aluminum 8011. The payload is to be mounted on the platform with the help of 6 x M5 HEX steel bolts
- 2. The distance between the center of the mounting hole to the sidewall of the payload is 7.75 mm
- Thermal insulating sheet, typically made from material like
  PEEK, will be employed to separate the base from the platform.







# Structure Dimensions





### Antenna

#### Antenna Used: NAGOYA-NL-770S





Antenna Type: Monopole Antenna Radiation Pattern: Omnidirectional Connector type: UHF pl259



# Ground Station

- CROWN is an Amatuer Radio Club which aims to spread knowledge and awareness about radio fundamentals.
- The Groundsation consists of an antenna setup placed on the terrace of our college building.
- It connects with a dual band radio transceiver in our lab.



CROWN (VU2CWN)





# **Operational Modes**

The operational modes of the payload are:

1. **Safe mode** (initial mode) : Telemetry once every 30 seconds

#### 2. Digipeater-only mode:

Telemetry once every 60 seconds and digipeater functionality active

#### 3. Full function mode :

Telemetry once every 60 seconds, both digipeater and voice repeater active Table 1 : Commands for operation mode

Sr. No.	Commands	Description
1.	!MODE_CHANGER@ <modenumber></modenumber>	Changes mode between 0,1,2
2.	!VHF_RX_FREQ_CHANGER # <frequency></frequency>	Changes RX frequency of VHF
3.	!VHF_TX_FREQ_CHANGER % <frequency></frequency>	Changes TX frequency of UHF

#### Note:

Detailed command and telemetry formats would be published during frequency coordination.



Operation requirement and Success Criteria

- 1. Operation Requirement from the platform:
  - a. Power supply (24-36V)
  - b. Payload mounting using M5 Steel Bolts
  - c. No other communication requirement
- 2. Success criteria:
  - a. Successful communication of the satellite with the ground station
  - b. Voice repeating over cross band frequencies



### Payload Tests



### Ground station

### Payload functional test





Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota (AP) - January 1st, 2024





Inside Launch Control Room, with ISRO Chairman Dr. S Somanath - January 1st, 2024





Current and Former Principals of KJSIT interview with DD News Reporter





Before Launch Meeting - December 14th, 2023





Project Manager and Project Leader at Rohini, Sriharikota (AP)



### THANK YOU!