



World Space Week - 2014

Space Guiding Your Way

October 4-10, 2014

Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre
Thiruvananthapuram



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September 08, 2014

Respected Principal/Head of Institution,

Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre is celebrating World Space Week during October 4 -10, 2014 as in previous years. World Space Week is an international celebration aimed at improving public awareness on the use of space science and technology for the betterment of mankind. The theme for World Space Week 2014 is '**Space: Guiding Your Way**'. You are requested to participate in the celebrations and organize WSW events at your school in a grand manner.

This year VSSC is organizing the following events for school students

1. All Kerala Essay Competition for High School Students

The theme for the essay is '**Space: Guiding Your Way**' OR **आपका पथप्रदर्शक अंतरिक्ष** OR **ബഹിരാകാശം: നിങ്ങളുടെ മാർഗ്ഗരീതി** The theme features the benefits of satellite navigation to society. The competition is open for students of Class VIII to X. Essays can be in English, Hindi or Malayalam, **handwritten** on one side of A4 size paper and should not exceed 2000 words. Participant's name, class, age, full name of the school, complete postal address and telephone number (both mobile and land line number with STD code) of home and school and e-mail ID, if available, should be written in the front page. A certificate from the Head of the Institution shall be enclosed with the entry. The Best Essay will win the GSLV Gold Medal. The essays should reach VSSC on or before **September 26, 2014**.

2. Regional Quiz Competitions

The competitions will be held on September 4 , 2014, at three different places, Kozhikode, Thrissur and Thiruvananthapuram. Students of IX, X, XI and XII standards can participate. Only one team, consisting of two students, is allowed to represent a school. High school and higher secondary sections of the same school can send separate teams. Last date for registration is **September 25, 2014**. Please send e-mail to wswquiz@vssc.gov.in or send application by post to the address given below with full address and contact phone number for registration. Certificate from Head of the Institution shall be provided either along with the application or during registration at the venue. Further details and updates regarding time and venue of the programme will be available in the website, given below.

3. Space Week Celebrations at School

Celebrate WSW at your school and win a prize. You may constitute a WSW-2014 Celebration Team in your school involving teachers, students, parents and academicians/experts in your locality and organize

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various events during October 4-10, 2014. Overall, the theme should be 'Space: Guiding Your Way'. Some of the typical events are essay writing, quiz, debates, elocution, painting, model making, poster making, collecting space literature, science projects on the theme, invited lectures etc. Please send the summary report of the school-level celebrations (including the list of winners in each event) so as to reach VSSC on or before **October 24, 2014**. Prize will be given to the best school in each revenue district. Certificates to the winners of school-level competitions will be sent to the Principal/Head of the School from VSSC.

4. Lecture Programme at Schools

Lecture programmes will be conducted in High Schools, Higher Secondary Schools and Teachers' Training institutions in Kerala during 4-10 October 2014. Resource persons from VSSC will come to selected institutions and deliver lectures on World Space Week and Indian Space Programme. Those institutions interested in conducting this event may please send request to s_ratheesh@vssc.gov.in (mobile No. 9497713175) on or before **September 26, 2014**.

Please send entries for the Essay Competition and the summary report of school level celebrations to the following address: "The Convener, WSW-2014, TTDG, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram-695 022". For further information please visit the website www.vssc.gov.in or send e-mail to ws@vssc.gov.in or call **0471 256 56 60, 256 42 71, 256 42 72**. Handbook on World Space Week celebrations at schools and **basic** resource material will be available in the above website soon.

With best regards



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Convener, World Space Week-2014