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Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Thiruvananthapuram. Dated. 08/09/2015

From,

The Director of Public Instruction.
Thiruvananthapuram.

To,

All the Deputy Director of Educations.
All the District Educational Officers.

Sir,

Sub: Celebration of World Space Week-2015-reg

Ref: Letter dated August 18, 2015 from Shri. S.R.Vijayamohanakumar, Convener, Steering
Committee, WSW-2015,TTDG, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram.

World Space Week is an international celebration of science and technology, and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition. World Space Week consists of space education and outreach events held by space agencies, aerospace companies, schools, planetaria, museums, and astronomy clubs round the world in a common timeframe.

It is informed that the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre(VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram is organizing World Space Week during October 4-10, 2015.As part of the celebrations, VSSC is organizing a series of programmes specifically for the school children of Kerala, in similar lines as done in previous years, the details of which are the following.

- 1- **All Kerala Essay Competition for High School Students-** The competition is open for all the High School Students(Class VIII-X). Essays can be written in English/Malayalam/Hindi. The theme for the Essay is '**Discovery of New Earths**'. The essays should be hand written not exceeding 2000 words. The theme for the essays in English and Hindi is available at www.wsw.vssc.gov.in. The essay should be accompanied by a certificate from the Head of the Institution and a covering letter containing Name, Full Address and Phone Number/Moble with STD code. The essays shall be sent by post to Convener WSW-2015, C/O TTDG, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram 695 022 with the the cover superscribed WSW Essay Competition. Last date of receipt of Essay in VSSC is **September 21, 2015**.
- 2- **Regional Quiz Competition-** The Competition will be held at three Centers in Kerala viz. Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur & Kozhikode on Ocuober 3, 2015.Students from class IX to XII can participate in the competition. High School and Higher Secondary Sections of the same school can send two separate teams, each team consisting of two students. Last Date of Registration is

September 25, 2015. Registration can be done through email to wswquiz@vssc.gov.in by sending the full address and contact phone number of the contesting teams. Registration can be send through post to Convener WSW-2015, C/O TTDG, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram 695 022 with the the cover superscribed WSW- Quiz Competition Identity proof issued by the school authority shall have to be produced by the students during the time of Registration at the respective venues. The exact venue will be intimated by email/phone or will be updated in the website.

- 3- **Space Week Celebrations at Schools-** Necessary directions should be given to the school authorities to constitute a WSW 2015 Celebration Team involving teachers , students, parents and academicians in the locality who will organize various events in their schools based on the theme '**DISCOVERY**'. Various programmes like Essay Writing, Quiz, Debates, Elocution, Painting. Model making, poster making, Collecting Space literature, Lectures etc can be conducted as part of *the celebrations*. *The school authorities should send a summary report of the celebrations in the prescribed format and also the list of winners in each of the competitions to the VSSC on or before October 31,2015. The selected schools from each revenue district will be given prizes and winners from the school level competitions will be given certificates of merit.*
- 4- **Lecture Programmes at Schools** Lecture programmes by experts from VSSC will be conducted in selected institutions during 4-10, October 2015. The institutions have to register online at wsw.vssc.gov.in before September 20, 2015. For more information regarding the competitions, log on to the website www.wsw.vssc.gov.in or email your queries to wswlecture@vssc.gov.in.
- 5- **Water Rocket Launching Competition** The event is planned on **October 3, 2015** (Saturday) at Kochi. Competition for making and launching a water rocket model. Venue, Date and ti me will be updated in our website wsw.vssc.gov.in. Please contact wswmrl@vssc.gov.in.
- 6- **All Kerala Painting Competetion.** The Competition will be held in Trivandrum, Thrissur and Kozhikode on September 27, 2015 in Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior categories. Online registration and e-mail registration facilities are available. The theme and venue details are available in www.wsw.vssc.gov.in More details are available in www.wsw.vssc.gov.in or for clarifications contact 0471-256 56 56/256 42 71.

You are directed to disseminate the information downstream to DEO's/AEOs concerned and schools to celebrate the event positively for the benefit of students and ensure good participation.



Yours faithfully
Ms Jaye
Director of Public Instruction