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## National Space Day Celebrations 2024 @ SCTIMST – A Report

India made history on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023, with the successful soft landing of the Vikram lander as part of the Chandrayan - 3 mission and became the 4<sup>th</sup> country in the world to land a spacecraft on the moon. It is the first country to land a spacecraft on the south pole of the moon. To celebrate this landmark achievement, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi announced August 23 as "National Space Day". The theme of the maiden National Space Day celebrated on August 23, 2024, was **'Touching Lives while Touching the Moon: India's Space Saga.'**

Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum, celebrated National Space Day on 23 Aug 2024. The institute conducted a series of programs for the staff, students, and family members of the staff. The list of programs conducted and their coordinators are listed below:

Sl No	Event	Theme/Subject	Event Coordinator
1	Astro Photography Competitions	Cosmic Eye	Dr. Sachin Shenoy, Scientist, Dept. of Applied Biology
2	Astro Painting competitions	Space Technology and its Applications	Dr. Anugya Bhatt, Scientist, Dept. of Applied Biology
3	Astro Poster Competitions	Space Technology and its Applications	Dr. Manoj G., Dept. Of Medical Devices Engineering & Dr. Francis Fernandez, Dept. of Biomaterials Science and Technology
4	Astro-Poetry Competition	Passion for the Starry Heavens	Dr. Kamlesh Gulia, Dept. of Applied Biology

5	Astro Quiz Competition	Related to Space, Space Technology, and Space Medicine.	Dr. Renjith S., Dept. Technology and Quality Management.
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The competitions were held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August 2024. The names of the winners and other details of the competition are detailed below:

**Astro Photography Competition:** The winners of the Astro Photography Competition and the photographs are given below:

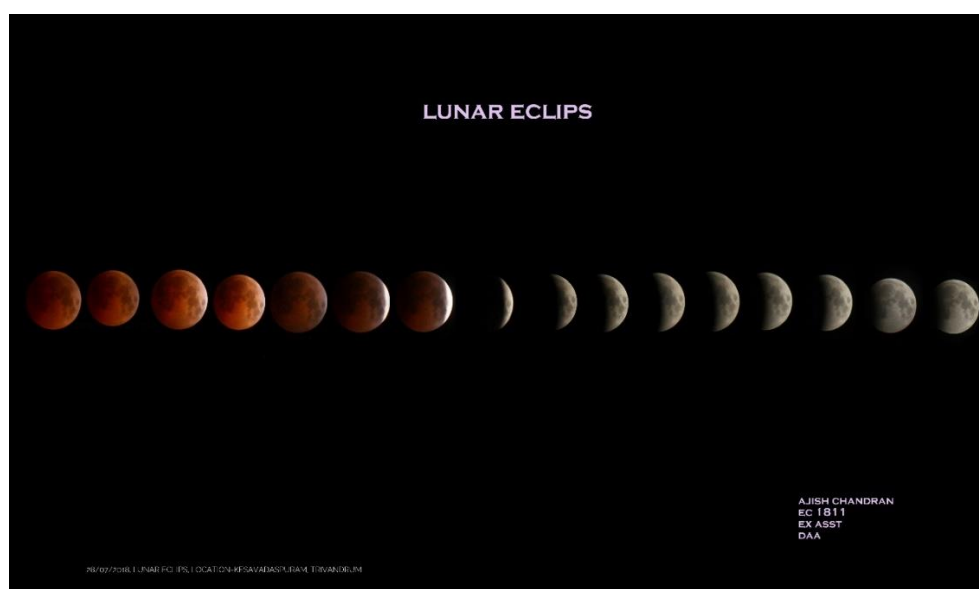


Photo: Full sequence of the Lunar Eclipse  
Winner, First prize: Ajish Chandran, E code 1811, Executive Assistant



Photo: The Supermoon  
Winner, Second Position: Sajin Raj, E code: 2238, Technical Assistant (Instruments)



Photo: Each step brings us closer to the moon, even in the light of day.  
Winner, Second Position: Dr. Remya N. S., E code: 2219, Scientist D.



Winner, Third prize: Dr. SURIYA K., E. Code: 50517, MPH Student

**Space quiz competition:** A space quiz was conducted on 22/08/24 and 16 students/staff from all three wings of SCTIMST registered for the program. The quiz competition was held at 10.00 AM in the seminar hall (level 2) of MSV block, BMT wing. Dr. Renjith S., Scientist C, CAF was the quiz master. Initially, a written preliminary round was conducted and five participants qualified for Space Quiz's finale.

The finale included four rounds of questions from various areas of space science and technology. After a hard-fought competition, **Mr. Arun Raju**, Junior Research Fellow, Biophotonics division emerged as the first prize winner. **Mr. Ajish Chandran**, Executive Assistant (Department of Academic Affairs), and **Ms. Kaveri B. S.** (UDC, Finance and Accounts division, hospital wing) stood in second and third place respectively. Some photos of the event are given below:



Preliminary round



Finalists



**Poster Competition:** The winners of the Poster Competition and the posters that won the prizes are given below:



Poster – First prize  
Winners: Ms. Neha & Ms. Lakshmi



Poster – 2<sup>nd</sup> prize  
Winner: Ms. Shreya C. S., D/o. T. S. Chithra, E.  
Code – 2115

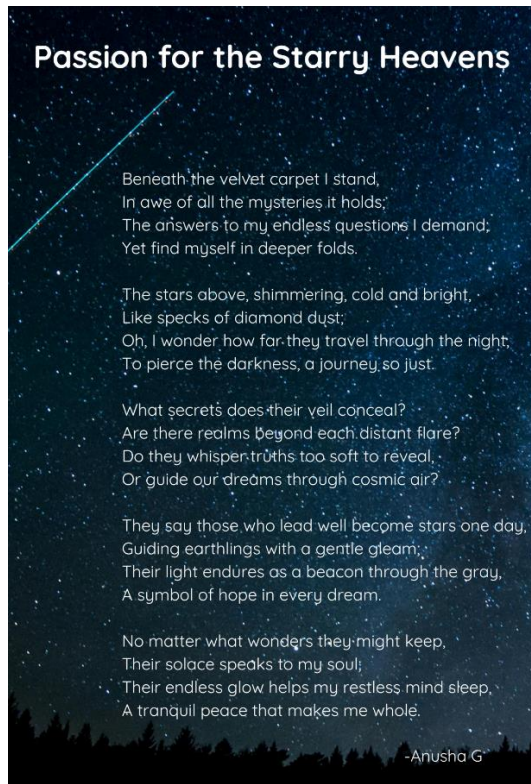


Poster – 3<sup>rd</sup> prize  
Winner: Ms. Meenakshy



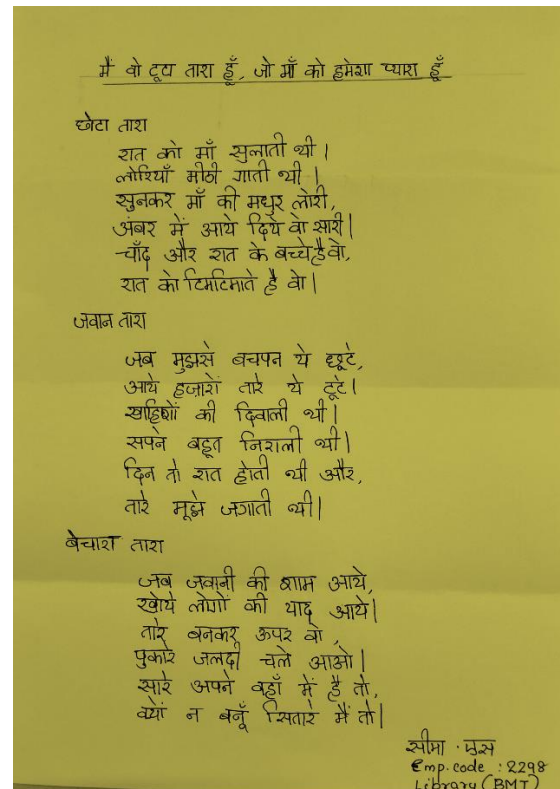
Poster – 3<sup>rd</sup> prize  
Winners: Ms. Ashtami Dev S (2117)

**Poetry Competition:** The winners of the Poetry Competition and the poems that won the prizes are given below:



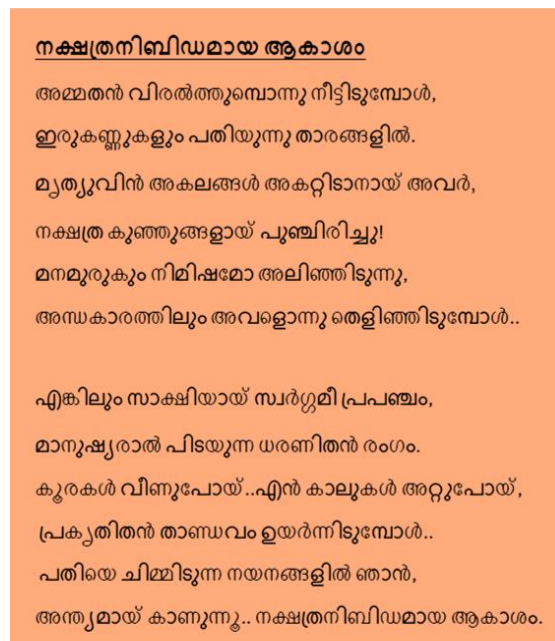
Poetry – 1<sup>st</sup> prize

Winner: Ms. Anusha G., MTech Clin. Engg student, Sem 3.



Poetry – 2<sup>nd</sup> prize

Winner: Ms. Seema S., Library (BMT Wing)



Poetry – 3<sup>rd</sup> prize

Winner: Ms. Kripamol R., PhD Scholar, Division of Tissue Culture, BMT wing



**Painting Competition:** The painting competition was conducted for staff and students on the theme, 'Space Science and Humanity'. It was also conducted for children of staff under 18 years old. The theme given to children under 18 was, 'Galaxy at a Glance'. The winners of the Painting Competition and their paintings that won the prizes are given below:

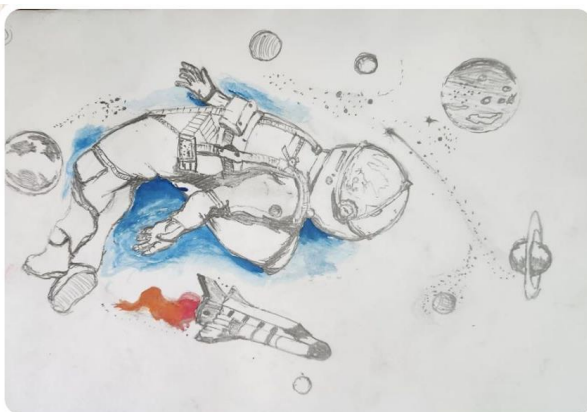
#### **Painting Competition for Staff and Students – Winners**



1<sup>st</sup> prize: Mr. Nikhil Vishnu K., Timed



2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Mr. Sarath S.S. – AC Division



3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Mr. Sajin Raj, Electrical Section



3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Ms. Anchu V., W/o. Dr. Santhosh Kumar

### Painting Competition for Children under 18 years of Staff - Winners



1<sup>st</sup> prize: Dyutit S., 13 yrs, s/o. Mr. Jijo P.T.



2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Ammu Krishnan, 10 yrs, D/o Ms. Resmi A.N.



3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Aadidev S., S/o. Dr. Santhosh Kumar

**Valedictory Function:** The Valedictory Function was conducted on 23 Aug 2024 from 3.00 pm and the chief guest for the occasion was Dr. K.N. Ninan, Former Outstanding Scientist & Deputy Director, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) and Emeritus Professor, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Valiamala, Trivandrum. He titled his talk as: 'India's Incredible Mission to the Moon and Beyond'. The program was arranged at the combinational device (CD) block, BMT Wing campus, SCTIMST, Trivandrum, and was attended by students and faculty and other members of staff. During the talk, he highlighted the achievements of ISRO scientists, their dedication, commitment, and how it is serving the nation. He also motivated his audience to work hard with a vision and commitment and in cooperation. Some of the photographs of the function are given below:





Welcome speech by Dr. Roy Joseph, Dean (Academic Affairs)



Presidential address by Dr. H.K. Varma (Head, BMT Wing), SCTIMST



Presentation by Dr. Ninan, Chief Guest



Vote of thanks by Dr. Maniknadan



Dr. Ninan interacting with the audience



After his presentation and interactive session, he presented certificates to the winners of various competitions conducted during the week. The meeting was concluded by 4:50 pm. The National Space Day celebrations came to a close with this meeting.

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