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New Delhi: Physically and visually impaired children and youngsters in Ludhiana, Delhi and Chennai will get an opportunity to learn various aspects of astronomy as part of the National Science Day celebrations in the country, New Delhi-based Science Popularisation Association of Communicators and Educators (SPACE) organisation said on Monday.

National Science Day is celebrated today to commemorate the discovery of Raman Effect in 1928 by Indian physicist and Nobel Laureate Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman in India. In accordance with this year's theme — 'Science and technology for specially-abled persons' — SPACE will take skill development classes — air rocket construction and launching, weigh yourself on different planets, catch the meteors, ring the planet, astronaut can you be one, take a picture as an astronaut and dress as an alien and astronaut, the organisation said in a statement on Monday.

Children and youngsters — from the Asthavakra School, Rohini; Sparsh Foundation, Kalyan Vihar and Model Town in Delhi; Nirdosh School, Sarbha Nagar in Ludhiana and Sankalp-Open School and Learning Centre in Chennai, will participate in the initiative by SPACE.

The organisation also conducts various science related activities with public, school and college students and have successfully organised various programmes such as Astronomy fairs and competitions with the objective to create enthusiasm among people and to inculcate scientific temper among the masses. ●PTI