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India, US must collaborate more on space resea NASA scientist



New Delhi: India and the US should collaborate more on space research programm prominent scientist from the US space agency NASA stressed here on Saturday as h two young Indian astronomers who created history by discovering asteroids in 2010 recognised by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) in the US. Amanjot Singh and Sahil Wadhwa, former students of Ryan International School in I part of the All India Asteroid Search Campaign (AIASC) conducted by New Delhi-bas Popularisation Association of Communicators and Educators (SPACE) organisation in collaboration with the International Astronomical Search Collaboration, where they the main belt asteroid numbered as 2010 PO24.



"India and the US should collaborate on such research programmes. NASA is lookin invite students from across the globe to participate in their space outreach program Rosen, Project Scientist, NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar from NASA Jet Propuls Laboratory (JPL), told IANS. "What started as an excuse for night-out with friends became a passion. It is this pa helped me succeed," added Singh at the annual meet organised by SPACE which is v make science and astronomy popular among youngsters in India. In the asteroid search campaign, students from across the country were able to dis 500 new rocks in space. However, these remained preliminary discoveries as they appeared to be asteroids get confirmed because they tend to move away from their orbits. But, when the dis

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Indian students," Sachin Bahmba, Chairman and Managing Director-SPACE Group, t
The annual meet was also addressed by former SPACE achievers who stressed on t
research platforms and opportunities for children across the country to excel in astr
science and technology.

"Curiosity to explore the unknown and an opportunity provided by SPACE led me to
astronomy," Aryan Mishra, a 17-year-old astronomer who discovered an asteroid in
IANS.

"For children living in a developing country like India, it is not easy to dream about s
field of astronomy. However, it is my endeavour to change the mindset of people to
field," added Mishra.

"Do not end your doubt with nothing. Try to find out as it may lead to a huge discov
said 17-year-old Yashraj Bhardwaj.

Bhardwaj, who along with his twin brother Yuvraj, is the winner of Karamveer Chak
two have 22 projects -- national and international -- as well as seven patents to their
Through various astronomy-based outreach programmes, SPACE has managed to t
with more than one lakh families and have educated more than 20,000 students an
Bahmba informed.

"We look forward to fruitful Indo-US ties, which can come up with new technologica
advancements through researches done by amateurs and the scientific community
countries," he told IANS.

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