

Students click Earth's features

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Students of schools in the city and the suburbs took part in the Sally Ride EarthKAM workshop organised here by SPACE recently during which they captured stunning Earth photos from International Space Station

A press note said over 100 high-resolution colour images of different locations of Earth were captured through ISS camera. Students of GT Aloha Vidhya Mandir, Neelankarai, DAV Public School, Velachery and Shri Natesan Vidyasala Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Mannivakkam participated in the mission.

The release said Sally Ride EarthKAM programme allows students to request photographs of specific Earth features, which are taken by a special camera mounted on the International Space Station when it passes over those features. Since 1998 more than 50000



Students at an outreach programme organised in Chennai recently by SPACE.

photos have been taken during 50 missions on the space station via this programme.

EarthKAM (Earth Knowledge Acquired by Middle School students) is an outreach programme run in collaboration with SPACE Technology and Education Pvt. Ltd. in India.

SPACE has been conducting this NASA educational outreach programme in India for the past five years to promote student engagement in

science, technology and astronomy. A total of 60 students participated in this mission. The program was inaugurated by Vinola Murali, principal of GT Aloha Vidhya Mandir. S Venkata Narayanan, zonal manager, SPACE, also spoke.

SPACE Chennai is gearing up to organise an array of celestial events, scientific public outreach activities and international astro-educative programmes soon.