



Astronomy Club inaugurated at Velachery DAV School

Chennai, Sept 30: D.A.V.Public School (DAVPS), Velachery in association with Space Technology & Education, New Delhi launched and inaugurated the 'DAVPS-Astronomy Club' for the middle school students.

A total of 90 students have enrolled their membership for SPACE Astronomy Club Program, the clubs were being named as Krithika and Rohini and grouped into 45 students each.

The students will have a fun way exploratory learning of Astronomy and Space Science as per the curriculum, the courses include outdoor scientific camps, day and evening observations carried out within and outside the school campus, said A. Prabhakaran, Astronomy Educator, SPACE.

The presidential address was delivered by S. Venkata Narayanan, South Zonal Business Manager, SPACE, he highlighted the Outreach and Achievements of SPACE organization.

"We are creating records through Space club students by motivating them to become Comet Hunters and Asteroid Discoverers.

He also announced the launch of Kalpana Chawla Space Shuttlement Design contest to the students of class 7th -12th std.

It is our duty to inculcate the scientific temperament and love for science in the young minds while they are in middle school level.

The courses teach budding astronomers various skills including - focusing a telescope

on a celestial object, identifying celestial objects, identifying directions without aid, finding local time and many more" he added.

The chief guest of the program Prof. Dr. M.S. Sriram, Department of Theoretical Physics, University of Madras, Guindy Campus and Dr. R.Gopalan, Associate Director, International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy & New Materials (ARCI), IIT-M Research Park, Taramani.

Chief guests inaugurated the Astronomy club and also shared their views on Astronomy.

Dr. R. Gopalan lauded the role of ISRO in launching many satellites and also appreciated the students from IIT and several other universities

in building their satellites which was launched recently from SDSC, SHAR. Dr. M.S. Sriram explained the concept of Solstice and Equinox and also explained the audience on how to find the direction without aid especially on the equinox day which happened on September 22nd. The students, parents of DAV public school were present on the occasion.

Principal of the school Minoor Agarwal thanked the parents for their wise decision to enrol their kids in the Astronomy club and advised the students to make use of this opportunity to get closer to the environment and contribute to the society as a budding astronomer.