

Press Release

DST Inspire Science Camp at SRM University, Chennai – Sun & Sky watch workshop by SPACE, Chennai

SRM University hosted the DST Inspire Science Camp for school students of class 11th and 12th from Chennai and neighbouring taluks, districts with a total of 300 participants attended various workshop which was held between 27th – 31st Dec, 2015. SPACE, a pioneer organization working towards development of science and astronomy in India has conducted the Sun & Sky watch workshop on 30th Dec, 2015.

“Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research” (INSPIRE) is an Innovative programme initiated by the Department of Science and Technology to attract talents to the excitement and study of science at an early age.

The space workshop makes it easy to discover or share new contents in this inspire camp 2015. Each activity support slightly different kinds of content in their workshop. It is a part of INSPIRE – DST CAMP 2015 to present about the interesting subject ‘AMAZING ASTRONOMY’ to the school students. Amazing Astronomy a short presentation was given by S. Venkata Narayanan, Zonal Business Manager, SPACE. He mentioned the need and importance of STEM (Science, Technology, and Engineering & Maths) in Higher Education & Careers. This kind of workshop is to provide hands-on science experiment in Astronomy and Space Science as a part of the conference theme; this will ignite the spark of imagination and Curiosity. Hands-on learning changes the student’s perception of science from a ‘burden’ to a ‘discovery’. Students enjoy challenges that are fun and work towards a better future.

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Alagiriswamy, Asst. Prof SRM University Dept. of Physics and Nano Technology. He was motivating the students in his inaugural address “This will attract a rare mix of students from across the schools and those to whom these issues are relatively new. I ensure, there’s something for everyone. This mini-hall is full of audience and with a large number of participants, I am sure that this side-line event will be a memorable, highly educational and ‘not-to-be-missed’ event”. He joined with audience in appreciating the SPACE team which has discovered 20 new asteroids in the past six years.

A short presentation on Sun and its features were presented to the students. Through this workshop students learnt about how to safely observe the Sun. Students learnt how Sun looks different when viewed through a solar filter, about different solar features. Students realized the importance of using safe methods for solar observation. During the field observation students had hands-on practice of aligning a telescope towards Sun, viewing the Sun through telescope using solar filter and projection method. Pinhole projector and solar view goggles were used to have a safe look at the Sun.

Dr.K.Ramamurthi, Asst. Prof SRM University launched the Hydro Rocket and also mentioned that “This program is very informative about viewing the solar (sun). Rocket launching principle is enjoyed by the students. This has become food for thought for the students”.

“The students enjoy a lot and therefore this serves a purpose thanks for the flawless efforts” said Dr. Alagiriswamy in his closing remarks of the event.

While some of the students participated said:

Khanishkaa said “ It was an amazing experience, it is not every day you get to see the sunspots in the sun. I hope that they implement practical studies in schools from a younger age for better understanding of science. I hope to see the change soon”.

Sowndarya said “It was awesome experience, opportunity is not provided to every students, we felt lucky. Thank you for the golden opportunity provided to us. And we also came to know about how to see the sun safely”.

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