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Felicitations of International level Asteroid Discoverers and achievers of programmes conducted by SPACE in India at SPACE Annual Meet 2015 on April 29, 2016

New Delhi, April 29, 2016: SPACE, the pioneer organisation dedicated to popularising astronomy and space science in India for over 15 years, organized its **SPACE Annual Meet** on April 29, 2016 at Radisson Blu, Pashchim Vihar. The Meet has seen the presence of industry experts, educationists, students and science professionals and enthusiasts to share their thoughts and expectations. It is a platform for a spirited exchange of ideas and opinions among the scientific and education community. The programme has put forth the opportunity to interact with heads of various Governmental and Non-Governmental institutes and understand their perspective on developments in the fields of education and science.

Dr. Shrikant Ojha, Director, Joint Cipher Bureau, Defence Research and Development Organisation as the Guest of Honour said that, "Astronomy is purely Mathematics and calculations which helps in validating the data to prove the theories. Practical learning is very important and it has to be promoted as SPACE is doing as an organization. Mathematical Astronomy has to be promoted on all levels of platforms from cities to villages." "It is only the young minds who can change the World and bring name and fame for the country," he added.

Thanking all the guests at the Meet, **Mr. Sachin Bahmba, Chairman & Managing Director-SPACE Group**, who himself is an enthusiast and passionate for Astronomy said that, "For me Astronomy is a passion, I started it as passion, which is continuing and will remain as a passion. We have achieved love from students while creating awareness about Astronomy in them which is the actual achievement of SPACE. We are trying to bring in ISRO and NASA into bilateral tie-up through various projects to explore the possibilities for our Indian students. We are heading towards Space Age. And SPACE is providing the continuous skill development training to validate the scientific data of Astronomy learning." At the end, he wished good luck to all the budding astronomers for their future as shining stars."

The programme has also mark the recognition of 2 prestigious awards which includes, **2 Provisional Discoverers of All India Asteroid Search Campaign 2015 conducted by SPACE in India, who have a confirmed asteroid discovery recognised by International Astronomical Union (IAU)** and the winning entry of Children's AstroPoetry Contest of Global Astronomy Month 2015 recognised by Astronomers Without Borders (AWB), an organisation which brings new ideas and opportunities for people to participate in globally. In addition, SPACE will acknowledge the winning schools under the categories of Maximum Number of Events, Maximum Number of Participation at a Single Event, Most Innovative Event during Global Astronomy Month 2015, and, also the venue partners in conducting SPACE Outreach programmes during the year 2015.

The Meet has also witnessed the release of SPACE Annual Report 2015 and launch of All India Asteroid Search Campaign for the session of 2016. The Meet observed the presence of the students, Principals, education fraternity, industry experts and media and was graced by the esteemed presence of Mr CB Devgun, President-SPACE Foundation; Ms Shalini Bahmba, Head of Education-SPACE; Mr Pankaj Bahmba, Director-SPACE Group of Companies with eminent industry experts. Dr. Salil Gupta, Convener, Indian Science Congress Association (Delhi Chapter) and Dr. PP Atreja, Director, Kalpana Chawla Centre for Excellence has also graced the programme with their esteemed presence.

The programme was then trailed by heartfelt vote of thanks and inspiring words by Mr Amit Verma, CEO-SPACE India, who enthralled the audience.

About SPACE

SPACE is a pioneer organization working towards the development of science. Through hands-on learning methodology, it has brought back experimentation and rational thinking to classrooms. It has pioneered STEM education (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) in India, thus contributing to the mandate of the government that students should be inspired to pursue science, research and engage in innovation. SPACE has

helped to incline one lakh students and over 100 institutes towards science through its programmes. We aim to 'foster scientific temperament' in the students and inspire teachers to innovate in their classroom teaching. Today, SPACE member students are asteroid discoverers, comet hunters, researchers, doctoral students and many of them are national and international level project winners.

International Programmes conducted by SPACE in India

- **All India Asteroid Search Campaign:** An International campaign organized by SPACE in collaboration with International Asteroid Search Collaboration (IASC) conducted by Dr. Patrick Miller of Hardin Simmons University, USA.
- **Sally Ride EarthKAM:** A workshop conducted by SPACE in India in collaboration of NASA.
- **Global Astronomy Month:** Organized in April every year by Astronomers Without Borders (AWB), world's largest global celebration of Astronomy.
- **World Space Week:** The largest annual space event worldwide with 1,400 events in more than 80 countries, organized in the month of October, every year.
- **Kalpana Chawla Space Settlement Design Competition** (starting from 2016) **launched by Captain Sunita Williams**, during a programme, '**Captain Sunita Williams, In Conversation with Sachin Bahmba**' organized by SPACE on February 26, 2016 in New Delhi.

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