

## REPORT ON NATIONAL SPACE DAY CELEBRATION ON 28-8-2024

National Space Day holds a major role for India as it celebrates the country's advancements in space exploration and the contributions of ISRO to the global space community. The 2024 National Space Day, to commemorate the success of soft and safe landing of Chandrayaan-3 was organized at PSGiTECH on 28-8-2024 with the theme, "Touching Lives while Touching the Moon: India's Space Saga". Ms. Madhumitha, President of the Astronomy Club welcomed the gathering and new office bearers for the Astronomy Club were inducted.

Mr. Jawahar Raja, Solar Astrophysicist and Citizen Scientist- NASA was the chief guest for the event and he delivered a talk on "Introductory Astronomy and Observational Science".

The event was followed by screening documentaries highlighting the advancements of ISRO over the past decades. In order to encourage students, a digital poster contest and a quiz competition was conducted which saw an overwhelming response. A total of 112 students participated in which cash prizes were provided for the winning teams. Feedbacks were received and a vote of thanks for the event was delivered by Dr. Abilasha.

At an outset, the event served as a platform to:

- Highlight the benefits of space technology in areas such as communication, weather forecasting, navigation, and disaster management.
- Acknowledge the dedication and hard work of ISRO scientists and engineers who have propelled India to the forefront of space research.
- Inspire the young engineering students to explore and pursue a career in space science and technology.
- Increase awareness about the importance of space exploration and its impact on daily life

