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22 January 2026 : Thursday

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	Breakfast Venue: Chittaranjan Recreation Centre		
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Registration Foyer of Chandrasekhar Auditorium		
Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium			
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Session 1 : Inauguration of ASI SCAI-26 (draft) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome by LOC Chair 2. Welcome Address by ASI President 3. Welcome Address by Director, IUCAA 4. Welcome Address by Centre Director, NCRA-TIFR 5. Recorded message from Director, IIA 6. Recorded message from Director, ARIES 6. About ASI SCAI-26 by SOC Chair <p style="text-align: right;">Samir Dhurde (IUCAA) Devendra Ojha (TIFR) Nishant Singh (IUCAA) Yashwant Gupta (NCRA-TIFR) Annapurni Subramaniam (IIA) Manish Naja (ARIES) Niruj Mohan Ramanujam (IIA)</p>		
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Session on Prof. J.V. Narlikar and his science communication legacy Ajit Kembhavi (IUCAA) , Ashish Mahabal (Caltech) and Arvind Paranjype (Nehru Planetarium), Anchor: Samir Dhurde (IUCAA)		
10:30 AM - 10:50 AM	About IUCAA SciPoP SciPoP Team		
10:50 AM - 11:00 AM	Logistics information Samir Dhurde (LOC Chair, IUCAA)		
11:00 AM - 11:20 AM	Tea Break Foyer of Chandrasekhar Auditorium		
Session 2 : Plenary Talks Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium Chair: Ajay Talwar			
11:20 AM - 11:40 AM	Eighty-One Years of Inspiring Astronomy: The Journey of Jyotirvidya Parisansthा Atharva Pathak (Jyotirvidya Parisansthा)		
11:40 AM - 12:00 PM	From Hobby to Career: Astronomy Communication and Outreach by the Astro Club, Fergusson College, Pune Raka Dabhade (Fergusson College)		
Session 3 : Parallel Talks			
Session 3a : Amateur astronomers and organisations Venue: Bhaskara 3 Chair: Raka Dabhade			
Session 3b : Planetarium shows and public outreach at planetaria Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium Chair: Ajit Srivastava			
12:10 PM - 12:25 PM	Astronomy clubs in Vadodara-History and present scenario as well as contribution of amateur astronomers Atman Desai (The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara)	12:10 PM - 12:25 PM	Interweaving Cultural Astronomy and Science Communication in Informal Science Education Lal Rinkimi (Mizoram Science Centre)
12:25 PM - 12:40 PM	Three Decades of Celestial Outreach: Inclusive Astronomy Engagement by Astronomy Club Vadodara Bhargav Joshi (The Amateur Astronomers Association of Vadodara)	12:25 PM - 12:40 PM	Storytelling the Skies: Integrating Common Knowledge and Local Culture in Developing Planetarium Shows Jayant Ganguly (Regional Science Centre and Planetarium Calicut)
12:40 PM - 12:55 PM	Access to astronomy and open scientific thinking for underprivileged learners - Vatsalya Society Kartikey Gupta (Vatsalya Society)	12:40 PM - 12:55 PM	Samanta Chandrasekhar- the forgotten traditional astronomer of Odisha Sudipta Saha, Regional Science Centre Bhubaneswar

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	Lunch Break Venue: Chittaranjan Recreation Centre		
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Group Photo Venue: IUCAA Kund		
Session 4 : Posters and Demonstrations Venues: Bhaskara-3 Foyer & ACE Foyer			
2:00 PM - 2:55 PM	Setting up and viewing posters and demonstrations by all		
Session 5 : Parallel Talks			
Session 5a : Novel hands-on activities and demonstrations Venue: Bhaskara 3 Chair: Alok Mandavgane		Session 5b : Outreach based on history of astronomy in India Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium Chair: Prasanna Deshmukh	
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Radio Meteor detection using Home Built SDR based Radio Telescope Ram Mohan (Association of Bangalore Amateur Astronomers)	3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Astronomy awareness for laypersons from a cultural approach Shylaja B S (Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, Bengaluru)
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Developing a science popularization program in a university, for diverse students in National Capital Region (NCR) Avik Dasgupta (SGT University)	3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Using Calendars for Astronomy Outreach Alok Mandavgane (Aryabhat Foundation, Bhopal)
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Hands on Astronomy Jagadeeswaran Mani (Tamilnadu Astronomy & Science Society)	3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Celestial Heritage: Astronomy Outreach Through Architecture, City Planning, and the Night Sky Harshit Tiwari (Yatharth Labs)
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Tea Break Venue: Foyer of Chandrasekhar Auditorium		
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	The IAU and the astronomy communication ecosystem (IUCAA Colloquium, All are welcome) Kelly Blumenthal (Office for Astronomy Outreach, International Astronomical Union, Japan) Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium		
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	The Brightest Pulsars In The Universe (Chandra Public Lecture, All are welcome) Duncan Lorimer (West Virginia University) Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium		
7:45 PM - 9:30 PM	Dinner Venue: Chittaranjan Recreation Centre		
End of Day			

Day 2 : 23 January 2026 : Friday

	Session 6 : Plenary Talks Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium Chair: Harvinder Jassal		
9:30 AM - 9:50 AM	Using dark and quiet skies, astro-tourism, for public engagement Dorje Angchuk (Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Hanle, Ladakh)		
9:50 AM - 10:10 AM	Inspiring Learning in Underprivileged Children Through Astronomy Tejpreet Kaur (IIT Kanpur)		
10:10 AM - 10:30 AM	Hands on activities in understanding basics of astronomy Usha Kulkarni (Independent science communicator, Dharwad)		
10:30 AM - 10:55 AM	Tea Break Venue: Foyer of Chandrasekhar Auditorium		
Session 7 : Parallel Talks			
Session 7a : Institutional astronomy communication Venue: Bhaskara 3 Chair: Samir Dhurde		Session 7b : Astronomy in school education Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium Chair: BS Shylaja	

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	25 Years of Celebrating National Science Day at the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope Divya Oberoi (National Centre for Radio Astrophysics, Pune)	11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Basic astronomy concepts with physical models Ravindra Godbole (Independent science communicator)
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Activity-Based Demonstrations for Astronomy Outreach in Resource-Limited Environments Chrisphin Karthick (Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru)	11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Bringing Astronomy and Science to the public using "The Velogyaneshwari" Bicycle Rupesh Labade (IUCAA, Pune)
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	From Local Outreach to National Recognition: A Case Study in Building a Sustainable Astronomy Ecosystem in Ratnagiri Babasaheb Sutar (RPG College of Arts & Science And RVJ College of Commerce, Ratnagiri)	11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Engaging Students with Astronomy through Hands-on Activities and Science Projects Aravindaraja D (Directorate of School Education)
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Communicating the Whispers of the Universe Saurabh Salunkhe (IUCAA, Pune)	11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Print vs. Digital: Analyzing the Chekhumuki Model for Astronomy Outreach in Rural and Urban India Priya Shah Hasan (Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad)
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	The scope of SCOPE: IIA's bridge to the public Vikranth Pulamathi (Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru)	12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	From Cosmos to Climate Action: Connecting Astronomy to Environmental Stewardship Vidhya Ramamoorthy (Naavi)

Session 8 : Parallel Talks

Session 8a : Using digital tools and AI for communicating astronomy <i>Venue: Bhaskara 3</i> Chair: Mumtaz Syed		Session 8b : Astronomy communication in regional languages <i>Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium</i> Chair: Divya Oberoi	
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	OMG : One Million Galaxies - A citizen science project to classify galaxies based on morphology Atharva Pathak (IUCAA, Pune)	12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	Communicating Science in Vernacular at Planetaria Guruprasad B R (Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium)
12:30 PM - 12:45 PM	VASCSC's Initiatives in Digital Resources for Astronomy Learning Masoom Jethwa (Vikram A. Sarabhai Community Science Centre, Ahmedabad)	12:30 PM - 12:45 PM	Communicating the Cosmos in Assamese: Navigating Strengths and Challenges in Regional Astronomy Outreach Kamal Kumar Tanti (MSSV Nagaon, Assam)
12:45 PM - 1:00 PM	Astronomy for Beginners: Designing Bite-Sized YouTube Lectures for Conceptual Learning Akshat Singhal (Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, Mumbai)	12:45 PM - 1:00 PM	Regional language as a tool for astronomy outreach: Experiences from Kannada science communication Pavan Gramapurohit (Indian Institute of Astrophysics)
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Live Discovery in the Dome: Using ZARTH for Real-Time Astronomy Outreach Ashish Mahabal (CalTech, USA)	1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Experiences of Communicating Astronomy in Regional Languages and Non-Urban India Snehit (Bangalore Astronomical Society)
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	Lunch Break <i>Venue: Chittaranjan Recreation Centre</i>		

Session 9 : Parallel Talks

Session 9a :Pseudo-science, misinformation, and promoting scientific temper <i>Venue: Bhaskara 3</i> Chair: Mila Mitra		Session 9b :Astronomy in school education (contd.) <i>Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium</i> Chair: Moupiya Maji	
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	The Challenges of Teaching Astrobiology: Navigating Enthusiasm, Ethics and Evidence Pallavi Kajrekar (JK Centre for Astrobiology, The University of Edinburgh)	2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Teaching the shape of earth and day/night cycle at upper primary level: A 'Knowledge rich' approach to curriculum using history of science T.V. Venkateswaran (IISER Mohali)
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Dispelling the shadow of superstition during the 2025 Total Lunar Eclipse - a campaign led by IIA. Prasanna Deshmukh (Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru)	2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Science to Sustainability: Empowering Lives Through Space Science and Astronomy Sachin Bahmba (Space Foundation)
Session 9c :Science and astronomy journalism <i>Venue: Bhaskara 3</i> Chair: Mila Mitra			
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Birthing a science story Anjali Marar (The Indian Express)	2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Reaching for the Sky: A Multi-Lingual and Multi-Tiered Approach to School Astronomy Outreach Durva Sonawane (Fergusson College, Pune)

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	The Beyonder's Newsletter: A case study of Astronomy and Space journalism Sibsankar Palit (LIFE-To & Beyond Foundation)	3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Designing Wonder: Transforming School Astronomy through Experiential Engagement Sonal Thorve (WOW Astronomy)			
Session 10 : Posters and Demonstrations Venues: Bhaskara-3 Foyer & ACE Foyer						
3:15 PM - 4:00 PM	Viewing posters and demonstrations by all					
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Tea Break Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium					
Session 11 : Flash talks for posters and demonstrations Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium Chair: Harvinder Jassal and Prasad Adekar						
4:15 PM - 5:30 PM	Flash talks 1 minute per poster and demonstration					
5:30 PM - 5:50 PM	Astronomy Megaprojects in India: LIGO-India, SKA, and TMT					
5:50 PM - 6:15 PM	Open Session					
6:15 PM - 6:35 PM	Galileo in Modern Times: A skit in English					
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Dinner Venue: Chittaranjan Recreation Centre					
9:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Special Skywatch Venue: IUCAA Kund					
End of Day						
Day 3 : 24 January 2026 : Saturday						
Session 12 : Plenary Talks Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium Chair: Surhud More						
9:30 AM - 9:50 AM	Audio Overviews in NotebookLM as a tool for making Multi-Lingual Podcasts: Enabling astronomy outreach in regional languages Yogesh Wadadekar (National Centre for Radio Astrophysics, TIFR, Pune)					
9:50 AM - 10:10 AM	Breaking the Chain of Misconceptions: Impact of Teacher Training Workshops on Astronomy Understanding Moupiya Maji (Formerly at IUCAA, Pune)					
10:10 AM - 10:30 AM	Reimagining Astronomy Education with the Spacetopia Learning Ecosystem Mila Mitra (STEM & Space)					
10:30 AM - 10:55 AM	Tea Break Venue: Foyer of Chandrasekhar Auditorium					
Session 13 : Parallel Talks						
Session 13a : Inclusive, equitable, and ethical practices Venue: Bhaskara 3 Chair: Yogesh Wadadekar		Session 13b : Teacher training and student engagement in schools Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium Chair: Priya Hasan				
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Bringing the Universe Closer: A Journey of Inspiring Curiosity in Villages and Tribal Regions through Astronomy Outreach Abhishek AS (Gravity Science Foundation, Chamarajanagar)	11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Bridging Science and Society: Astronomy Education through Theatre BS Shubha (Indian Institute Of Astrophysics, Bengaluru)			
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Astronomy communication for diverse communities Syed Najamul Hasan (Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad)	11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Exploring Moon Phases through Roleplay: Insights from Vigyan Pratibha Classrooms Mukul Mhaskey (Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, Mumbai)			

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Promoting Women-led Astropreneurship: Perspectives from the “C-STERC Women AstroPreneurs’ Collective” (CWAPC) Anupama Pradeepan (C-STERC Techno Science, Coimbatore)	11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	GMRT Online National Science Project Competition & Exhibition Nilesh Chhadawelkar (Indian Institute of Knowledge, Pune)
11:45 PM - 12:00 PM	Rural Libraries as astronomy centres - IIA’s experiment with 5888 Arivu Kendras Yashaswini K S (Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru)	11:45 PM - 12:00 PM	Integrating Experiential Astronomy and Amateur Radio Communication in School Education: A Multidisciplinary Model for Public Engagement and Scientific Temper Mahesh MB (Excel Public School, Mysuru)
Session 13c : Large scale campaigns, building networks and communities <i>Venue: Bhaskara 3</i> Chair: Yogesh Wadadekar		12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	Stars Over Hills: Empowering Teachers and Students through Astronomy Outreach in the rural school communities of Uttarakhand Aasheesh Raturi (DIBNS, Dehradun)
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	IIA COSMOS-Mysuru: How to build a district-wide Astronomy education and outreach program from the ground up Amoghavarsha N (Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru)		Session 13d : Using dark and quiet skies, astro-tourism <i>Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium</i> Chair: Priya Hasan
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	Elevating Amateur Astronomy: Science Projects for Sustained Engagement Aniruddha Deshpande (Jyotirvidya Parisantha, Pune)	12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	Dark Skies and Sustainable Livelihoods: Institutionalising Astro-Tourism through Policy and Capacity Building in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Anupama Pradeepan (C-STERC Techno Science and Open Space Foundation)
12:30 PM - 12:45 PM	Propagating Scientific Temper Across India: The Outreach Activities of Aryabhat Foundation Kartikey Dixit (Aryabhat Foundation, Bhopal)		
Session 14 : Posters and Demonstrations <i>Venues: Bhaskara-3 Foyer & ACE Foyer</i>			
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	Viewing posters and demonstrations by all		
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	Lunch Break <i>Venue: Chittaranjan Recreation Centre</i>		
Session 15 : Breakout Sessions <i>Venues: Three different venues</i>			
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	Breakout Session 1: Topic TBD <i>Venue: Bhaskara 3</i>		
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	Breakout Session 2: Topic TBD <i>Venue: MVS Lecture Hall</i>		
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	Breakout Session 3: Topic TBD <i>Venue: ACE Lecture Hall</i>		
Session 16 : Plenary Session <i>Venue: Chandrasekhar Auditorium</i>			
3:10 PM - 3:30 PM	Summary of breakout sessions by moderators		
3:30 PM - 4:45 PM	General Discussion and the Way Forward 1. ASI Vision Document & the ASI POEC 2. General Discussion		Niruj Mohan Ramanujam (SOC Chair & Indian Institute of Astrophysics) Moderated by Niruj & Divya Oberoi
4:45 PM - 5:15 PM	Feedback and Closing Session		
5:15 PM - 6:00 PM	Tea Break <i>Venue: Foyer of Chandrasekhar Auditorium</i>		

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Dinner Venue: Chittaranjan Recreation Centre
End of Day	
Day 4 : 25 January 2026 : Sunday (GMRT Trip)	
6:45 AM	Assemble outside NCRA Reception
7:00 AM	Depart for GMRT
Around 6:00 PM	Arrive at NCRA, Pune
End of Symposium	

LIST OF POSTERS

Presenter	Affiliation	Title
Anand Joshi	Smt. M M Mehta English Medium School, Vidyamandir	The Extended Classrooms: Integrating Astronomy Education through instructional strategies among Secondary Students
Annal Deva Priya Darshini Chandrasekaran	Madras Christian College, Chennai	Integrating Citizen Science and Digital Tools into Astronomy Education: A Classroom-Based Approach
Arshi Rastogi	University of Manchester	UniGrasp: Agentic AI as a Strategic Tool for National Transformative Astronomical Outreach.
Askand Alurkar	Askand Alurkar, Fergusson College	Astrophotography as a Medium for Accessible and Scientifically Engaging Astronomy Outreach
Bhakti Mithagri	Mount Abu Observatory (PRL), Fergusson College	From Deepfakes to Deep Space: Restoring Trust in Astronomical Information
Bhuvan Bagwe	Dwarkadas J Sanghvi College of Engineering	Wavy-Scope Novel handheld device for Radio Astronomy activities
Boobesh IR	Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar College of Engineering	Vibe-Coding Astronomy: Generating Engaging Quizzes and Games using Google AI Studio to Inspire School Students
Gopal Mandal	Galileo Astronomical Observatory	SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS USING A SMALL TELESCOPE AT HOME
Hafsa Shaikh	The KET's VG Vaze College of Arts, Science and Commerce	Playing With the Stars
Harsh Tekawade	Fergusson college	Astronomy Without Visual Perception
Himanshu Desai	Science Centre Surat	Amateur Astronomers, Organizations, and Public Outreach
Infant Carmel Reju Patrick	Loyola College, Chennai	“Bridging Skies: Institutional Pathways for Sustainable Astronomy Communication in India”
Amit Kadlaskar	Jyotirvidya Parisanstha	Astro-Tourism as a Tool for Outreach: JVP's Study Tour Model
Gauri Kulkarni	Jyotirvidya Parisanstha	Beyond the Textbook: JVP's Annual Exhibitions as a Tool for Scientific Awareness and Growth
Aniruddha Deshpande	Jyotirvidya Parisanstha	Beyond Stargazing: Integrating Practical, Theoretical, and Historical Astronomy in Public Courses
Kartikey M Dixit	Aryabhat Foundation	Inspiring Young minds Through Astronomy : Aryabhat Astronomy Quiz
Mayuresh Prabhune	Khagol Vishwa- Center for Citizen Science	Using Citizen Science to Evaluate Pseudo scientific Beliefs Surrounding Solar Eclipses in India

Moupiya Maji	IUCAA (Formerly at)	Science, Belief, and the Sky: Insights from a Public Survey
Nandini Madhukar	Independent Researcher	When Culture Meets Cosmos: Bridging Belief and Science in India's Skies
Nayan Telrandhe	Travelling Telescope	Travelling Telescope: Leveraging Ladakh's Dark Skies for Mobile Astro-Tourism and Community Engagement
Niharika Gaikwad	Wonders of Universe	A Big 14" f4.3 Travelscope - Compact and light weight telescope design to fit in a Bag
Nityendra Oke	Kutuhal Sanskar Kendra	To propagate astronomy need to concentrate on students and teachers of school
Pranod Khati	Kumaun University Nainital	From Tail to Tale: Comet Photography as a Catalyst for Astronomy Outreach
Prasad Adekar	Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune	Constellation of Cards
Rahul Bar	Vainu Bappu Observatory, Indian Institute of Astrophysics	Track an Exoplanet in the Classroom: A Student-Friendly Interactive Model to Demonstrate Exoplanet Detection Using the Transit Method
Rajaabirami R	Bishop Heber College (Autonomous), Trichy	The Impact of Scientific Misconceptions on Business and Commerce
Ram Mohan	Independent Researchers, Association of Bangalore Amatuer Astronomers (ABAA)	Resolution of 21 Cm Hydrogen Line & 18 Cms OH Line using Bi-Quad Antenna with Cylindrical Parabolic Reflectors Design with Home Built SDR based Radio Telescope
Ram Mohan	Independent Researcher, Association of Bangalore Amatuer Astronomers (ABAA)	Determining Celestial / Cardinal Directions by using Science of Katyayana's Sulba Sutra (Ancient Indian Geometry Text)
Ramanaa R	Bishop Heber College, Trichy	Taking astronomy from classroom to community
Ravindra Godbole	Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune	Redesigning ancient astrolabe for astronomy education
Remya BS	Indian Institute of Astrophysics	Design and Development of Transparent Nasmyth Segmented Mirror Telescope
Renuka Khanvilkar	Proxinoval Education	Modern Challenges in Astronomy Outreach in and near cities and way forward
Rohith K A	ASTRO Payyanur	ASTRO Payyanur: Two Decades of Grassroots Astronomy Outreach and Scientific Temper Building in North Kerala
Sai Shetye	Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, IUCAA	Khagol Goshti: A Collaborative Vernacular Resource for Strengthening Astronomy Education
Sajal Sharma	National Council of Science Museums, Kolkata and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Hands-On Day time Astronomy Education: Sunspot Tracking, Solar Positioning, and Low-Cost Instrumentation in a Science Centre Workshop
Sanjana Anand	Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum	Connecting Heritage and Science: A Public Engagement Model for Astronomy through Indigenous Stories.
Sanjana Anand	Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum	Astro gamers: Understanding the Universe One Level at a Time.
Sheetal Chopde	Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai	Innovating Astronomy Outreach through Institutional Collaboration: The ISRO-Certified Space Workshop Experience
Shubha BS	Indian Institute Of Astrophysics	Astronomical Insights from the Rāmāyaṇa
Sonam Jorphail	IAO, Indian Institute of Astrophysics	Hanle Dark Sky Reserve
Soumadip Rabindranath Bhowmick	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali	Astronomy Outreaches and Hands-on Demonstrations in Schools of Chandigarh
Spandan Waghmare	Khagol Vishwa - Center for Citizen Science	Two and a Half Decades of Meteor Shower Observations and Citizen Science Outreach by Khagol Vishwa
Sunil Pote	Pimpri Chinchwad Science Park	Role of Planetarium in popularisation of Astronomy.
Tulika Dey	Calcutta University (formerly at)	Between Algorithms and the Stars: Exploring the Psychological Impact of Astronomy
Tushar Purohit	IUCAA, Pune	Solar Trails: You, Me and Sun

Usha Kalive	Sumskruta Vahini Foundation	A pedagogical approach of integrating astronomy using digital tools to encompass the goal of NCF-2023 to value Indian Knowledge Systems in school curriculum
Vadiraj Deshpande	WearTheCosmos.in	ClearSkies.club Observation Planner
Vikrant Londhe	IISER Pune	Hands-on Learning as a Lens to Experience Astronomy
Vivek Ram MJ	Department Of Information Technology, Kannur University	Lumora: A Portable Stargazing System
Yogeshkumar Dileepkumar Joshi	Department of Science and Technology Government of Rajasthan, Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi	Astro-Night Sky Tourism Initiative' at The Heritage & Monumental Sites of Rajasthan for Popularization of Astronomy.
Yogeshkumar Dileepkumar Joshi	International Astronomical Search Collaboration (IASC)	IASC's Asteroid Search Project as a Citizen Science Educational Outreach Program through Zooniverse
Zeel Patel	Vikram A Sarabhai Community Science Center, Ahmedabad	From the Paper to Space : Cost-Effective Hands-on Astronomy

LIST OF DEMONSTRATIONS

Presenter	Affiliation	Title
Bhuvan Bagwe	Dwarkadas J Sanghvi College of Engineering	Wavy-Scope Novel handheld device for Radio Astronomy activities
Boobesh IR	Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar College Of Engineering.	The Shadow and the Stick: Bringing Historical Indian Astronomy to Life for Hands-on Exploration
Boobesh IR	Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar College of Engineering	Vibe-Coding Astronomy: Generating Engaging Quizzes and Games using Google AI Studio to Inspire School Students
Jameer Manur	IUCAA, Pune	Hands-on Radio Astronomy Using Horn Antenna
Margarita Safanova	M. P. Birla Institute of Fundamental Research, Bangalore	Colours in Astronomy
Niharika Gaikwad	Wonders of Universe	A Big 14" f4.3 Travelscope - Compact and light weight telescope design to fit in a Bag
Ravindra Godbole	Independent science communicator	Basic astronomy concepts with physical models
Ravindra Godbole	Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune	Redesigning ancient astrolabe for astronomy education
Rupesh Labade	IUCAA, Pune	Bringing Astronomy and Science to the public using "The Velogyaneshwari" Bicycle
Sai Shetye	Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, IUCAA	Khagol Goshti: A Collaborative Vernacular Resource for Strengthening Astronomy Education
Sankaranarayanan Viswanathan	Independent	Seeing Space in Motion: Using Digital Tools to Communicate India's Mars and Moon Missions
Vikrant Londhe	IISER Pune	Hands-on Learning as a Lens to Experience Astronomy
Usha Kulkarni	Independent science communicator	Hands on activities in understanding basics of astronomy.