

## **Report on the conduct of Elocution Competition during the Observance of International Asteroid Day – 2024 on 19.07.2024 at Dr. AKSC&P.**

Elocution Competition on the Observance of International Asteroid Day 2024 was organised by PCS&T at Dr. Abdul Kalam Science Centre and Planetarium, Puducherry on 19.07.2024.

Students from Class V1 to VIII of more than 150 nos. from 12 different institution (both in Government and Private schools) participated in the event. The Competition were conducted in bilingual. Based on initial screening test the student's on the final round for participation in the Elocution Competition were curtailed to 70 nos.

Dr. R. Rajavelu, Associate Professor and Head, Department of English and Dr. M.E. Krishnakumar, Associate Professor in Tamil both from Kanchi Maa munivar Government Institute for Post Graduate Studies and Research, Puducherry assess the contestants in English and Tamil Elocution Competition respectively. Each students were allotted 5 minutes talk. The topic assigned for English and Tamil Competition are *“Origin of the Solar System and Exoplanets”* and *“சூரிய குடும்பம் மற்றும் புறக்கோள்களின் தோற்றம்”*

Many student begun their talk by relating the birth star (Nakshatra) and moon sign (Rasi) of parents with their own horoscope. Significant of celestial objects in the skies, Asteroids, Asteroid belt, Comparison of Meteors and Asteroids were some of the notable points delivered during the speeches.

At the end, the winners in Tamil and English Competition were offered cash prizes and certificates by the judges. All the students were given participation certificates. Staff of Dr. Abdul Kalam Science Centre and Planetarium made elaborate arrangements for the smooth conduct of the program.

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## PHOTOS DURING THE ELOCUTION COMPETITION





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