<u>Report on the conduct of Essay Competition during the Observance of</u> <u>International Day against Nuclear Tests – 2024 on 29.08.2024 at Dr.</u> <u>AKSC&P.</u>

Essay Competition on the Observance of International Day against Nuclear Tests 2024 was organised by PCS&T at Dr. Abdul Kalam Science Centre and Planetarium, Puducherry on 29.08.2024. Students from Class V1 to VIII of 140 nos. from 17 different institutions (both in Government and Private schools) participated in the event. 51 students participated in Tamil Essay and 89 Students participated in English Essay.

Dr. Ravikumar, Assistant Professor and Thiru. V. Ramesh, Assistant Professor from Department of Physics, Tagore Government Arts and Science College are the judges for the essay competition. The duration of competition was one hour. It started at 10.30 A.M and ended up at 11.30 A.M. The topic assigned for English and Tamil Competition are "The Human and Environmental Impact of Nuclear Testing: A Global Perspective" and "அணுசக்தி சோதனையின் மனித மற்றும் சுற்றுச்சூழல் தாக்கம்: ஒரு உலகளாவிய பார்வை".

All the students actively participated in the competition with full enthusiasm. They shared their respected opinion on the topic and the some students showed their interest by citing relevant facts and examples. The overall object of this competition was to enhance the knowledge and to create awareness about the effects of nuclear weapon test explosions or any other nuclear explosions and the need for their cessation as one of the means of achieving the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world.

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 ESSAY COMPETITION

