

REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF SKY WATCHING PROGRAM DURING
SATURN AT OPPOSITION HELD ON 21.09.2025
AT HELIPAD, PUDUCHERRY

A Sky Watching Programme on the occasion of Saturn at Opposition was organized on 21st September 2025 from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Helipad, Lawspet, Puducherry, by the Dr. Abdul Kalam Science Centre and Planetarium. Prior to the event, a press release was issued to inform the public about the significance of the planetary opposition and to invite their participation.

The programme commenced with the projection of the Moon, where visitors enjoyed observing its half-shaded surface and craters through the telescope. The security staff efficiently managed the visitors' queue, ensuring an orderly experience. A Power Point Presentation on the significance of the event was simultaneously conducted by Dr. R. Madivanane, Professor and Head, Department of Physics, Bharathidasan Govt. College for Women, Puducherry. Visitors who completed telescope viewing attended the lecture to understand the scientific importance of the planetary event.

Later, the Planet Saturn was projected through the telescope. The resource person explained the phenomenon of opposition, highlighting the enhanced visibility of Saturn's rings on that day. Public queries related to past celestial events such as the Transit of Venus and Mercury were also clarified.

The event witnessed an overwhelming public response with about 200 participants, including students, families, and astronomy enthusiasts. Many visitors appreciated the initiative and suggested conducting similar programmes regularly. The programme concluded successfully at 9:00 P.M., providing visitors with an enriching experience of viewing Saturn's rings and gaining awareness about planetary opposition. Staff of Dr. AKSC&P along with a security staff who is currently attending the gallery duty participated in the program.

PHOTOS OF THE PROGRAMME


