



VIKRAM SARABHAI SPACE CENTRE

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Thiruvananthapuram

September 12, 2012

Respected Principal/Head of Institution,

Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre is celebrating World Space Week during October 4 -10, 2012 as in previous years. World Space Week is an international celebration aimed at improving public awareness on the use of space science and technology for the betterment of mankind. The theme for World Space Week 2012 is 'Space for Human Safety and Security'. You are requested to participate in the celebrations and organize WSW events at your school in a grand manner.

This year VSSC is organizing the following events for school students

1. All Kerala Essay Competition for High School Students

The theme for the essay is 'Space for Human Safety and Security' OR मानव संरक्षा तथा सुरक्षा हेतु अंतरिक्ष OR 'ബഹിരാകാശം മാനവസുരക്ഷയ്ക്ക്'. The competition is open for students of Class VIII to X. Essays can be in English, Hindi or Malayalam, **handwritten** on one side of A4 size paper and should not exceed 2000 words. Participant's name, class, age, full name of the school, complete postal address and telephone number (with STD code) of home and school and e-mail ID, if available, should be written in the front page. A certificate from the Headmaster or Principal should be enclosed with the entry. The Best Essay will win the GSLV Gold Medal. The essays should reach VSSC on or before **30th September, 2012**.

2. Regional Quiz Competitions

Students of X, XI and XII standards can participate. Only one team, consisting of two students, is allowed to represent a school. Last date for registration is **28th September, 2012**. Please send e-mail to ws@vssc.gov.in or send application by post to the address given below with full address and contact phone number for registration. Further details regarding date, time and venue of the programme will be communicated later.

3. Space Week Celebrations at School

Celebrate WSW at your school and Win a Prize. You may constitute a WSW-2012 Celebration Team in your school involving teachers, students, parents and academicians/experts in your locality and organize various events during 4-10 October 2012. Overall, the theme should be 'Space for Human Safety and Security'. Some of the typical events are essay writing, quiz, debates, elocution, painting, model making, poster making, collecting space literature, science projects on the theme, invited lectures etc. Please send the summary report of the school-level celebrations (including the list of winners in each event) so as to reach VSSC on or before **20th October 2012**. Prize will be given to the best school in each revenue district. Certificates to the winners of school-level competitions will be sent to the Principal/Head of the School from VSSC.

Please send entries for the Essay Competition and the summary report of school level celebrations to the following address: "The Convener, WSW-2012, TTDG, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram-695 022". For further information please visit the website www.vssc.gov.in or send e-mail to ws@vssc.gov.in or call 0471-2565695. Handbook on World Space Week celebrations at schools and basic resource material will be available in the above website soon.

With Best Regards

for J. Joseph

Convener, World Space Week-2012