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## REPORT ON "NATIONAL ASTRONOMY CHALLENGE EXCELLENCE AWARD 2025-26" AT PUNE ON 24.07.2026

**National Astronomy Challenge (NAC) 2025** is a prestigious Pan-India Olympiad organised by **STEM & SPACE** that brings together some of the brightest young minds from across the country to test their knowledge, analytical thinking, and passion for Astronomy and Space Science.

29 students of Std. IV to IX were mentored by Spacetopia, a Cosmic Club of STEM & SPACE and participated in the First Online Round of the National Astronomy Challenge conducted in January, 2026.

R Prithve of Std. IV, a budding astronomer emerged as a **National Champion in the National Astronomy Challenge**. R Prithve was accompanied by Ms. Vasumathi V, Supervisory Head for the Award Ceremony held on 24 July, 2026 at Hotel Shree Panchratna, Pune, Maharashtra.

The Award Ceremony was presided over by Dr. Mila Mitra an Astrophysicist - NASA, Dr. Bimalendu B Nath, Ph.D, Honorary Professor Emeritus at Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune India, Dr. Debarati Chatterjee, IUCAA, Pune, Ms. Sonal Thorve, Scientific Officer, Pimpri Chinchwad Science Park and Mr. Tushar Purohit, Educator and Science Communicator, IUCAA, Pune.

R Prithve was honoured with the award in recognition of his **Outstanding Achievement** and received the honour at the hands of the illustrious Guests.

The School was also honoured with the Prestigious **'National Astronomy Challenge Excellence Award'** for inculcating scientific temper among Students.

R Prithve also got an opportunity to visit two of India's premier Astronomy Research Institutions - the **Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT)** and the **Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA)**.

This milestone also reflects the school's continuous efforts in nurturing the young minds and cultivating a spirit of inquiry among students. Through the guidance of committed teachers, a supportive learning environment, and consistent encouragement to participate in National Level competitions, the school continues to inspire students to reach new heights of Academic Excellence.




**R Prithve of Std. IV with the Distinguished Guests, Dr. Debarati Chatterjee, Dr. Bimalendu B Nath and Supervisory Head, Ms. Vasumathi V**




**The Young Recipients of the National Astronomy Challenge - 2025 along with the Organisers**




**D.A.V. Public School, Chennai honoured with the 'National Astronomy Challenge' Excellence Award**




**The Citation Received by R Prithve of Std. IV**