

# COSMOS FROM MY TERRACE

Astronomy is such a fascinating subject that attracts not only students but also layman and amateurs. Curiosity to understand the subjects is very common in all age groups. Interest is on higher scale when one talk about the exciting topics likes life on other planets, moon, black hole, galaxies and many more. Historically, astronomy is the oldest subject where many philosophers, mathematicians and astrologers have contributed. After the invention of telescope by Mr. Hans Lippershey and later on by Galileo Galilee the entire scenario of observational astronomy has been changed.

Over the last 21 years, Vigyan Prasar has procured many instruments and gadgets for the astronomy communication including telescopes and other backend instruments. These instruments have been extensively used for various purposes like viewing of planets, star clusters, eclipses, transits of inner planets etc. Apart from the observations, these are also used to generate scientific data like photometric observations of stars and atmospheric extinction values in and around Delhi and NCR region.

Vigyan Prasar would like to make use of these facilities to its greatest extend by lending these to various VIPNET clubs in and around Delhi and NCR region for a period of one year. These facilities will be provided to generate the interest in astronomy in their local area and to encourage the VIPNET clubs for doing good work.

If your VIPNET club is interested in making use of this opportunity, then please go through the terms and conditions and fill the registration form provided below. You can deposit the registration form by mailing to [vipin.sr1987@gmail.com](mailto:vipin.sr1987@gmail.com). The last date to submit the registration form is **20<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. Shortlisted VIPNET Clubs will be informed by **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018** and are then invited for a one/ two day training programme at Vigyan Prasar, NOIDA in the last week of **March** or first week of **April 2018**.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF 'COSMOS FROM MY TERRACE'

1. VIPNET clubs operating in Delhi and NCR region only can apply for this programme.
2. VIPNET club will have to depute two persons (teachers in case of school) for the programme.
3. Deputed persons will undergo a one/ two day training programme organised by Vigyan Prasar.
4. No travel support will be provided by Vigyan Prasar to attend the training programme, participants will have to make their own travel arrangements to carry the telescopes back to their places. However tea, lunch and dinner during the programme will be provided by Vigyan Prasar.
5. Training programme will have a night sky observation session, so deputed person should be ready to work till late night (i.e. around 9 p.m.).
6. After successful completion of the training programme, equipments in the form of telescope, eyepiece etc. will be provided for the period of one year on loan basis.
7. The equipments will remain the property of Vigyan Prasar and after completion of one year it will be the responsibility of the VIPNET club to return the telescope back to Vigyan Prasar, NOIDA office.
8. Any damage cost/break cost/loss of equipment cost will be recovered from the VIPNET Club.
9. VIPNET clubs must need to conduct at least six night sky watch programme for the public, children's etc. in their vicinity and will have to submit the programme report with photographs to Vigyan Prasar on regular basis.
10. Vigyan Prasar reserves the right to take back the facility during the course of one year if required.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

1. VIPNET Unique Authorization Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of the Club: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name of the Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Type of Club (Please put check mark):

Inside School

Outside School

5. Name of the School/ Organization the club is located in (if any):  
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6. Address of Correspondence (Block Letters):  
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\_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Pincode: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Contact details:  
Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Landline: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Name of the deputed persons with mobile number and email address:  
I. \_\_\_\_\_  
II. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_