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Youth Astronomy and Space Science Congress YASSC - 2026

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**Tamilnadu Astronomy and
Science Society - TASS**



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The Institute of Mathematical Sciences - IMSc Chennai

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Tamil Nadu Astronomy & Science Society - TASS.

The Tamil Nadu Astronomy & Science Society (TASS) serves as an umbrella organization for various Astronomy clubs across Tamil Nadu. Established in 2021, TASS comprises several units, including the Kovai Astro Club, Trichy Astro Club, Chennai Astro Club, Salem Astro Club, and Madurai Astro Club, among others.

The primary objective of TASS and its affiliated Astro Clubs are to foster a scientific temper among the public, particularly targeting school and college students, through the medium of Astronomy.

TASS has successfully conducted numerous public outreach programs throughout Tamil Nadu, with signature events such as the Star Party, Moon Festival, "1000 Idangalil Astronomy," Planet Festival 2024, Astronomy in 5000 places, Scope Festival 200, Astronomy Lab in 1000 places and Spectrum Festival.

Through its initiatives, TASS has promoted the astronomy in over 3,000 locations, spanning from rural villages to metropolitan areas, including Illam Thedi Kalvi centers and universities, ultimately reaching more than 5,00,000 individuals, including students.

The TASS emphasizes Astronomy education, facilitated by a dedicated group of volunteers, which includes students, teachers, professors, scientists, and astronomy enthusiasts.

We invite you to join your local District Astro Club and participate as a volunteer in any area of your interest.

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The most striking feature of Astronomy is that it is the origin of all sciences and it plays a crucial role in developing interest across various branches of Science. It enhances the scientific skills and performance of the students.

YASSC, the Youth Astronomy and Space Science Congress, is designed to provide a forum for Undergraduate students to showcase their creativity and innovation through scientific methods.

YASSC -2026 is a State Level Congress featuring invited talks on history and achievements in Space Science by eminent scientists, researchers and science communicators from prestigious National and International Institutions.

YASSC aims to offer diverse scientific forums, allowing students to expand their knowledge and research aptitude in astronomy, space science, and recent advancements in space technology. YASSC would enable the opportunities for students to exhibit their skills through:

Paper/Poster presentations
Astro-Short Film Making
Astro Photography
Development of Innovative Space Related Games

YASSC-2026 will be conducted at Regional and State levels. Outstanding projects selected at the Regional level will advance to the State-level Congress, where students will gain broader exposure and recognition.

Registration Opens :	01.06.2026
Registration Closes :	07.07.2026
Orientation Workshop -1 (Online) :	11.07.2026
Orientation Workshop -2 (Online) :	14.07.2026
Orientation Workshop -3 (Online) :	15.07.2026
Last Date for Project Submission (Regional) :	07.08.2026
Regional Level Congress :	Last week of August, 2026
State level Congress :	02.10.2026 to 04.10.2026

Regions

Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem, Sivaganga, Thanjavur, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Tirupattur, Tiruvannamalai

The Venue and Date for the Regional level Congress will be announced through email after registration

**State Congress will be held at
Coimbatore**

02.10.2026 to 04.10.2026

The Venue for the State level Congress will be announced through email after registration

*** Subject to Changes**

Youth Astronomy and Space Science Congress YASSC-2026 will cover topics in Astronomy and Space Science as per the Focal Theme and Sub themes as listed below

Focal Theme

**The New Space Age:
Bridging Science, Technology & Society**

Sub-Themes

1. Our Cosmic Neighbourhood
The Solar System: Exploration & Discoveries (2010 –present)
2. A. Stellar Physics (2010 –present)
B. High-Energy Astrophysical Events (2010 –present)
3. Exoplanets & the Science of Habitability
(1992 – present)
4. Emerging Space Technologies & Indigenous Launch Capabilities
(2010 – present)
5. Mathematical Modelling & Computational Tools in Astronomical Research (2010 – present)
6. Astronomy Education, Citizen Science & Science Communication in India

Undergraduate College Students of Engineering, Arts and Science, Commerce, Management, Agriculture, Law, and Medicine, who are interested in Astronomy and Space Science and Technology can participate.

To register and to view Guide Book please visit:



<https://tass.co.in/yassc-2026>

General Instructions

1. Before registering, go through the Guide Book which is in the above web address.
2. One can attend not more than two events.
3. Separate registration is required for each event.

No Registration Fee.