

Report on BRNS popular lecture

Second National Space Day Celebrated Enthusiastically at Rajaram College

On Saturday, August 23, 2025, the Second National Space Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm across the country. On this day in 2023, under the Chandrayaan-3 mission, the Vikram lander successfully landed near the south pole of the Moon, making India the first country in the world to mark its presence on the Moon's south pole. In remembrance of this historic achievement, National Space Day has been celebrated on August 23 every year since 2024. On this occasion, various programs are organized across the country to commemorate India's progress in space research and technology and to inspire the youth.

This year's theme was:

"From Aryabhata to Gaganyaan: Ancient Knowledge to Infinite Possibilities."

To mark the occasion, the Departments of Physics at Rajaram College organized a special lecture by renowned woman scientist Prof. Dr. Deepti Deobagkar.

During her speech, Dr. Deepti Deobagkar reviewed the various missions undertaken by ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation). She honoured the memory of those who contributed to the foundation and growth of ISRO and discussed the challenges faced and the significant accomplishments achieved in developing space technology.

She provided a detailed analysis of how ISRO-developed technologies are being used for societal benefit. She particularly highlighted the GAGAN and NavIC systems, their role in the recent Sindhur mission, and their everyday use in aviation. She explained how these technologies are being effectively utilized for the benefit of farmers in an agriculture-based country like India. She also briefly introduced how to use the Bhuvan app, developed by ISRO.

Emphasizing the various opportunities available for youth at ISRO, she urged students to develop the necessary skills and actively contribute to nation-building.

During the event, a floral tribute was paid to Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, the father of India's space program.

Dr. Dilip Deobagkar, former Vice-Chancellor of Goa University, was also present. He encouraged students to explore a wide range of subjects beyond rigid academic boundaries and to take advantage of the opportunities available under the New Education Policy.

The event was presided over by Dr. Anita Bodake, Principal of Rajaram College.

The program began with an introduction by Dr. Lata Jadhav, Head of the Department of Physics and Joint Secretary IWSA Kolhapur chapter.

Dr. Ketaki Patankar introduced the guest, and Dr. Lata Bhopale gave the vote of thanks.

The lecture was attended by a large number of college faculty and students, including Dr. Atula Patil, Dr. Ashwini Salunkhe, Dr. Jyoti Chavan, Dr. Taware, Dr. More, and others.



