

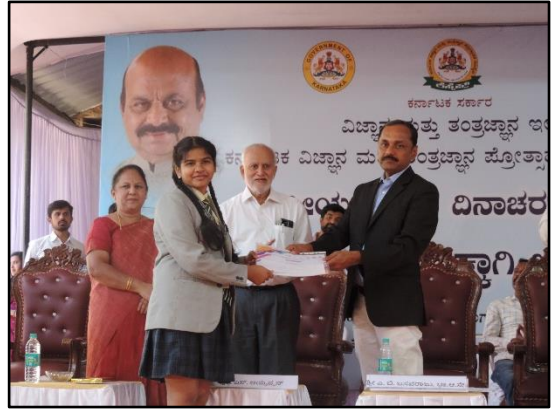
c) Children Centric Programme of Puneeth Satellite

On the occasion of 75 years of independence, India is going to launch 75 satellites into space built by school and college students. A satellite built in Karnataka is named as Puneeth Satellite, formerly known as "Karnataka Government School Students' Satellite-KGS3Sat". This satellite is expected to be launched during the month of January 2023. This activity is being coordinated by Karnataka Science and Technology Promotion Society (KSTePS), Indian Satellite Research Organisation (ISRO) and Indian Technology Congress Association (ITCA).

As part of this programme, Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST) is organizing "Children Centric Programmes" aimed at creating awareness on satellites and astronomy among high school and PU students. Top performing students in the children's centric programs will be given an opportunity to witness the satellite launching at Shriharikota.

Quiz and on-spot science painting competitions were organized for high school students. Both the competitions are in two levels. Level 1 is at district and level 2 is at state level. District level competitions are completed. Essay and poster presentation competitions were organized for PUC students. Competition is held in two levels, level one is at district / divisional and level 2 is at state level.

An around 2 lakh students have registered in above activities and 300 students are selected as winners. The prize and certificate for district level & state level winners of each district will be disbursed through NRDMS centres. As a symbolic, winners of Bengaluru district participated during National Science Day 2023 held on 28 February 2023 at Government PU College ground, 18th cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.



Prof. Ayyappan and Mr. A. E. Basavaraju IAS distributing prize to the winners of Puneeth Satellite program