## **National Space Day Celebration in EMRSs, 2025**

India celebrated its second National Space Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 to mark the proud moment when Chandrayaan-3's Vikram Lander landed on the Moon's south pole. The theme "Aryabhatta to Gaganyaan: Ancient Wisdom to Infinite Possibilities" showed India's progress from ancient astronomy to modern space missions.

For the first time, EMRSs joined the celebration with great excitement. Students took part in morning assemblies, speeches, debates, quizzes, poster-making, and exhibitions of models like Chandrayaan-3, rockets, and satellites. These activities made science easy to understand and gave students the confidence to dream about a future in space and technology.





Fig 1: Model Presentation in EMRS Mainpat Fig 2: Exhibition by EMRS Dharampur

Each EMRS contributed in its own unique way to the celebrations. EMRS Tavaga presented detailed models, while EMRS Mathili and EMRS Saputara prepared a documentary on NavIC and satellite navigation. EMRS Kotikapenta and EMRS Vejalpur hosted debates and discussions on India's space progress, while EMRS Dharampur conducted a thematic morning assembly. EMRS Utnoor, Mainpat, and Ananthgiri carried out similar creative programmes to highlight the achievements of ISRO. EMRS Garhi enriched the day with a space quiz, and EMRS Indravalley encouraged artistic expression through a poster-making competition. The entire celebration was a memorable experience. Students felt inspired and motivated, many expressed their dream of becoming scientists, engineers, or space researchers.

To promote space education further, NESTS is setting up space labs in 75 EMRSs with telescopes, launch vehicle models, and satellite replicas. It has also launched Jan Jatiya Yuva Antriksha Karyakram (JAYAKAR) to give students chances to meet scientists, learn about India's space missions, and take part in workshops and hands-on activities. Through these initiatives, NESTS is spreading awareness about space science and inspiring tribal students to see themselves as future scientists, engineers, and innovators.



Fig 3: PSLV Model Presentation by EMRS Saputara



Fig 4: Space Launch Vehicles Model Presentation by EMRS Mota



Fig 5: National Space Day Celebration in EMRS Mahgawan



Fig 6: Model Presentation EMRS Singvad, Dahod