

# ANNEXURE

NATIONAL SPACE ART AND LITERATURE FESTIVAL (SALF)

2026 – ONLINE

COMPETITIONS & ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENTS

Organised by SPACE India



Festival Theme 2026

“Saralikaran se Sashaktikaran”  
(Simplification to Empowerment)

The National SPACE Art and Literature Festival (SALF) 2026 is a flagship, month-long, national-level academic and creative engagement programme curated by SPACE India to promote scientific temper, interdisciplinary learning, policy awareness, and informed creative expression among school students across India.



# Focus: Simplification and Governance Reforms in the Space Sector

The central **theme of SALF 2026** highlights the transformational reforms undertaken in India's space ecosystem, emphasizing policy simplification, institutional restructuring, private sector participation, technological democratization, and inclusive access to space science and innovation.

The theme encourages students to creatively explore how simplification of policies, governance mechanisms, and technological processes leads to empowerment of youth, institutions, innovators, and society at large. Through art, literature, and visual communication, participants interpret the evolving role of governance in shaping India's dynamic space future.

## Festival Details

**Duration:** 1 April – 30 April 2026

**Mode:** Fully Online

**Nature:** National-Level | Non-Exclusive Participation

**Target Group:** Students from Classes 1–12 (Category-wise)

This annexure outlines the **key competitions and academic engagements** conducted as part of SALF 2026.

**Registration link:** <https://forms.gle/vuDRF2og5z61qYMJ9>

# 1. Cosmo Collage: Space Science & Astronomy Collage Challenge

**Registration Fee:** Free of Cost

## About the Competition

The Cosmo Collage Challenge invites students to create **concept-driven visual collages** that simplify and explain complex ideas related to **space science, governance reforms, technological innovation, and national space initiatives**. The emphasis is on **conceptual clarity, scientific storytelling, and visual simplification**, reflecting the spirit of Saralikiran se Sashaktikaran.

## Eligibility

- **Classes:** 1–12 (Category-wise)
- **Participation:** Individual
- **Mode:** Online – Open for All

## Theme Focus

- Simplification in space science & technology
- Governance reforms in the Indian space sector
- Democratisation of space access
- Student interpretation of policy-to-practice transitions

## Submission Guidelines

- **Medium:** Hand-made (scanned) or Digital
- **File Formats:** JPEG / PNG / PDF
- **Resolution:** Minimum 300 DPI
- **Accompanying Note:** Title + Brief Concept Explanation

## Evaluation Criteria

- Concept clarity and relevance
- Scientific & governance interpretation
- Visual communication
- Creativity and originality



## 2. Poetry Poster Design Competition

**Registration Fee:** Free of Cost

### About the Competition

This competition blends poetry, visual design, and scientific themes to enable students to communicate ideas of simplification, empowerment, innovation, and national progress in space science through creative storytelling and expressive visuals.

### Eligibility

- Classes: 1–12 (Category-wise)
- Participation: Individual
- Mode: Online – Open for All

### Theme Focus

- Simplification leading to empowerment
- India's evolving space governance
- Youth role in space innovation
- Human curiosity and cosmic aspirations

### Submission Guidelines

- Medium: Hand-drawn or Digital
- File Formats: JPEG / PNG / PDF
- Poster must include original poetry + illustrations
- AI-generated content strictly prohibited

### Evaluation Criteria

- Thematic depth
- Originality of expression
- Clarity of message
- Artistic presentation



### 3. Galactic Bookmarks: Cosmic Creations

**Registration Fee:** Free of Cost

#### About the Competition

Participants design **creative bookmarks inspired by space science, governance reforms, and cosmic imagination**, promoting reading culture and visual creativity while reinforcing scientific curiosity.

#### Eligibility

- Classes: 1–12 (Category-wise)
- Participation: Individual
- Mode: Online – Open for All

#### Theme Focus

- Space learning made simple
- Scientific imagination
- Reading & exploration culture

#### Submission Guidelines

- Medium: Hand-drawn or Digital
- File Formats: JPEG / PNG / PDF

#### Evaluation Criteria

- Concept relevance
- Creativity
- Visual appeal
- Clarity of theme



## 4. Astro Visions: Astro Art – Scientific Art Interpretation Challenge

**Registration Fee: Free of Cost**

### **About the Competition**

Astro Visions encourages students to create scientifically grounded artworks interpreting real astronomical phenomena, space missions, governance-driven reforms, and technological processes, supported by a brief scientific explanation.

### **Eligibility**

- Classes: 1-12 (Category-wise)
- Participation: Individual
- Mode: Online – Open for All

### **Submission Guidelines**

- Medium: Hand-drawn or Digital
- Scientific explanation mandatory
- File Formats: JPEG / PNG / PDF

### **Evaluation Criteria**

- Scientific accuracy
- Artistic interpretation
- Conceptual depth
- Presentation quality



## 5. Cosmic Satire: Space Science Meme Making Challenge

**Registration Fee:** Free of Cost

### About the Competition

This challenge uses **intelligent satire and humour** to simplify **complex space science concepts, governance policies, and technological processes**, making them accessible, engaging, and relatable for young audiences.

### Eligibility

- Classes: 6–12
- Participation: Individual
- Mode: Online – Open for All

### Submission Guidelines

- Original meme creation only
- Short scientific explanation mandatory
- No offensive or inappropriate content

### Evaluation Criteria

- Scientific and governance relevance
- Clarity of message
- Creative originality
- Responsible communication



## GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Originality:** All submissions must be original student work. AI-generated or plagiarised entries will be disqualified.

**Intellectual Property:** SPACE India retains rights to publish and showcase submissions for educational and outreach purposes with due credit.

**Judging:** Jury decisions shall be final and binding.

**Submission Responsibility:** Participants must ensure accurate and timely online submissions.

**Acceptance:** Participation implies acceptance of all guidelines and rules.

## RECOGNITION & OUTCOMES

**Digital Certificates of Participation** for all valid entries

**Merit Certificates** for Top 3 entries per category

**National-level Recognition**

Select entries showcased on **SPACE India's digital platforms, publications, and outreach channels**

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