



## NAKSHATRA ASTRONOMY CLUB

*Modern Education Society's College of Engineering*

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### Event Report: Moonlit Marvel Astrophotography Contest

#### Event Details:

- **Event Name:** Moonlit Marvel Astrophotography Contest
- **Dates:** October 17 and 18, 2024
- **Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- **Platform:** Online

**Introduction:** The Astronomy Club hosted its first-ever astrophotography contest, "Moonlit Marvel," celebrating the beauty and mystique of the Moon. Open to all students, the contest aimed to encourage creativity, technical skill, and a deep connection to astronomy through photography.

**Objective:** The contest sought to provide a platform for budding astrophotographers to showcase their talent, explore the wonders of lunar photography, and foster a sense of community among participants.

#### Contest Highlights:

1. **Theme:**  
Participants were tasked with capturing the Moon in its various phases and presenting their unique perspectives. Creativity and technical skill were key judging criteria.
2. **Participation:**  
The contest was well-received, with numerous entries from students across all years. The submissions showcased diverse interpretations of the theme, ranging from close-up details to artistic compositions.
3. **Engagement:**  
All rounds of the contest were conducted on Instagram, allowing participants

to share their work and engage with a wider audience. This format also enabled public voting for the "Audience Favorite" category.

#### 4. **Judging:**

A panel of judges evaluated the entries based on creativity, originality, and photographic technique. The best photo was awarded an exciting prize, adding an element of thrill and motivation for participants.

**Outcome:** The "Moonlit Marvel" contest proved to be an excellent platform for amateur astrophotographers to gain recognition and appreciation. It inspired participants to explore the art and science of astrophotography, fostering a greater appreciation for the Moon and its role in our celestial surroundings.

**Conclusion:** The Astronomy Club's first astrophotography contest was a stellar success. The creativity and enthusiasm displayed by the participants were truly commendable. Events like these reaffirm the club's mission to inspire and nurture a love for astronomy within the community.

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