

Astronomy workshops held at Kalaigaon



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[Aryabhatta](#) Science Centre, Kalaigaon under ASTEC (Assam Science [Technology](#) and [Environment](#) Council) organized two workshops on basic astronomy at Kalaigaon and Bananguri in [Udalguri](#) district on March 29. The two astronomy [workshop](#) were sponsored by [PRAG](#) (Pragjyotish Amateur Astronomers' Association, Guwahati Planetarium under department of Science & [Technology](#), Assam government). The first [workshop](#) on basic astronomy was held at Bananguri HS at 11 am. The school has been situated in a remote village in [Udalguri](#) district. Hundreds of enthusiastic students and teachers attended the [workshop](#). Manas Pratim Sarma, Asst. Secy of [PRAG](#) conducted the technical session which was inaugurated by Khagen Nath, Headmaster of Bananguri HS. The topics covered were basic astronomy, history and evolution of space, [blind](#) belief and superstition etc. The other block level [workshop](#) on basic astronomy was held at [Aryabhatta](#) Science Centre at Lokapriya Bordoloi Public School, Kalaigaon at 2 pm. Students and teachers of six high schools namely- Kalaigaon Girls HS, Lokapriya Bordoloi Public School, [Pride](#) Academy, Ranthali HS, Bholabari HS, Chengapara HS and Kalaigaon Girls MVS participated in it. Here too the [workshop](#) was conducted by Manas Pratim Sarma of [PRAG](#). He had an interactive session with students while conducting the multimedia demonstration on- astronomical telescope, history and evolution of Solar [System](#) and planets, comets, asteroids, black hole, supernova, galaxies, expansion of the universe, [dark](#) energy and [dark](#) matter etc. The participants were given basic knowledge of telescope and how to handle telescope. Distinguished people namely- Jayanta [Das](#), District Coordinator, ASC, [Udalguri](#); senior journalist of Darrang and [Udalguri](#) Bhargab Kumar [Das](#), Dhritishree Hazarika, Block Coordinator ASC, Kalaigaon; Binu Deka Saikia, Headmaster, Kalaigaon Girls HS; young scientist Upamanyoo [Das](#), Basanta Deka, Head Master, LB Public School Kalaigaon etc attended the [workshop](#). In the evening a [Sky](#) Observation programme was arranged where the participants were trained to see planets, stars, constellation of stars etc through sophisticated telescopes.

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