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## NISER and Nakshatra to organise live astronomy session

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National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER) Astronomy Club in collaboration with Nakshatra, the astronomy society of IIT, Bhubaneswar, organised a live astronomy session at the MHR sports ground of IIT, Bhubaneswar, to facilitate observation of the transit of the International Space Station (ISS) in front of the moon (which is a rare event). It was captured through one of the five telescopes having an aperture of 11" as the ISS was passing through Jati skies.

Prof. R.V. Rajakumar, said, "Observing through a telescope is an experience that gives a first hand and closer view of the sky and the Universe. The station was also viewed through four other telescopes. I am sure it is going to be an informative and a knowledgeable session for NISER and IIT students. We look forward to having more of these in the future and advise the students of IIT and NISER to collaborate"

About 100 students, faculty, staff members and their families were present.

Jatin Khare, secretary of Science and Technology, Students' Gymkhana and Chandrasekhar Bhamidipati, School of Basic Sciences welcomed Prof. R. V. Rajakumar, Director of IIT BBS visited the astronomy camp and shared his knowledge on locating low earth orbit satellites and objects through telescopes. He emphasised on the importance of having breadth in Astronomy courses for Engg. and Science students.

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