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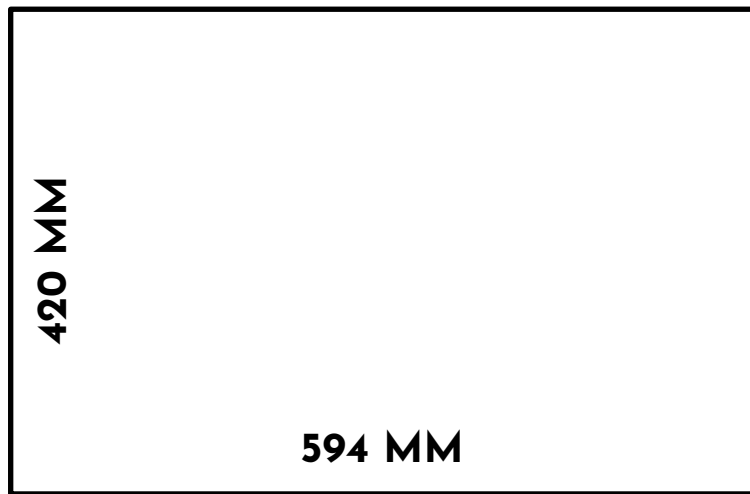


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## FORMAT



## JUDGING CRITERIA

CONCEPT \_\_\_\_\_

CLARITY \_\_\_\_\_

UNDERSTANDING THE BRIEF \_\_\_\_\_

CREATIVE INPUTS ON THE THEME \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** 30<sup>TH</sup> OF September 2023

Registration is free of cost and not more than 2 participants are allowed to be a team.

## CHALLENGE

The posed challenge is to accomplish delivering your ideas on one of the topics mentioned below in the given submission guidelines.

We would like to encourage you to work on visual interpretations and graphics to leave the attendee's with an impact of the issues we are facing.

***Restrict the use of words to a minimum.***

We will be judging the entries based on how clearly the ideas are depicted and the depth of creativity showcased in each submission. Clarity is essential because it ensures that your concept is easily understandable, allowing the judges to grasp the essence of your proposal without confusion. In addition to clarity, creativity is equally vital. We encourage you to think outside the box, to infuse your ideas with innovative thinking and originality. This competition seeks not only well-conveyed concepts but also those that challenge conventions and inspire fresh perspectives.

## SUBMISSION

The entrants must complete the online registrations and the submission must include, (but are not limited to) the points listed in the brief as a whole.

## OPPORTUNITY

With this competition you get the opportunity to put forth your views towards a very real cause of us losing our Dark Skies to urbanization and to be able to share the scarce skies with our future generations.

We as Astronomers are enabling you to be able to make your stand, by presenting your ideas on the front of a Dark Sky Preservation and Conservation Conference, which is being held in Manali in lieu with the Central government and the International Astronomical Union, Office of Astronomy for Development.

The cause that we have put forward is already a big one to begin with but if you look in deeper, there are so many factors that are being added on which all in all is leading us to a dark sky without stars.

Here are a few themes we have shortlisted for your reference and to select a topic for your poster.

## THEMES

- Importance of DARK SKY PRESERVATION.
- Dark Sky Conservation and implementation for SDG's
- Satellite constellation becoming a hurdle for astronomy.
  - Astro-tourism is a new frontier.
  - Indian astronomy past and future.
  - Increasing light pollution.



# POSTER COMPETITION 2023

DARK SKY PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

## INTRODUCTION

In our bustling, brightly lit world, the value of dark skies often escapes our attention. Yet, hidden beneath the city's radiant glow lies a celestial wonderland that beckons us to explore the cosmos. The allure of 'dark skies' isn't just about stargazing; it's a powerful symbol in our quest to combat light pollution and reconnect with the mysteries of the universe. Dark skies serve as a portal to the infinite. They unveil the splendor of star-studded galaxies, constellations that have guided humanity for centuries, and planets that shimmer with possibilities. Beneath these cosmic wonders, we rediscover our place in the grand tapestry of the universe, igniting our sense of wonder and humility. Beyond the poetic, dark skies hold practical significance. Light pollution, the arch-nemesis of natural darkness, disrupts ecosystems, confuses wildlife, and squanders energy resources. It is a silent intruder that affects not only the environment but also our well-being. Excessive artificial lighting disrupts our sleep patterns, compromising our health and vitality. Understanding the enigma of dark skies is a clarion call to raise awareness about light pollution. It implores us to seek innovative solutions: shielding lights, embracing energy-efficient technologies, and advocating for responsible outdoor illumination. This awareness serves as a bridge between our daily lives and the cosmic wonders hidden behind the veil of light pollution. Intriguing and profound, dark skies are a reminder that our quest for discovery extends not only outward but also inward, into the heart of our planet's ecosystems and the depths of our own consciousness. As we navigate the luminous labyrinth of modernity, let us remember the importance of preserving the celestial mysteries that await above the veil of night.

"Celestial wonders await those who embrace the beauty of dark skies, where the universe unveils its secrets to the seekers of stardust."