WHAT IS WORLD SPACE WEEK (WSW)?

World Space Week (WSW) is an international celebration of space science and technology and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition. The United Nations (UN) General Assembly declared in 1999 to celebrate WSW from 4-10 October to commemorate two events:

- Signing of the treaty on principles governing the space exploration and its peaceful uses.
- Launch of first man-made satellite, SPUTNIK-1 on 4th October 1957.

WSW aims to:
- Provide unique leverage on space outreach and education.
- Educate people about the benefits they receive from space.
- Encourage greater use of space for sustainable economic development.
- Demonstrate public support for space programs.
- Excite young people about science, technology engineering & math.
- Foster international cooperation in space outreach & education.

WHERE AND HOW IS WSW CELEBRATED?

WSW consists of Space Education and Awareness events coordinated by national coordinators and held by schools, universities, educational & research institutions, science & technology companies, space agencies, astronomical societies, etc. around the world during 4-10 October on a theme announced by World Space Week Association (WSWA).

WORLD SPACE WEEK IN PAKISTAN

Pakistan Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) is the National Coordinator of WSW in Pakistan and is actively organizing WSW activities, events and competitions across the country since 2005.

In 2019, SUPARCO’s Space Education and Awareness department restructured the scheme of WSW activities and introduced Best Space School contest, inviting schools, colleges, universities and any other educational institutions to organize WSW in their premises and compete for the title of Pakistan’s ’Best Space School’. This resulted in overwhelming participation from across the country and a score of different activities were conducted such as quizzes, declamations, lectures, arts and crafts contests, model making, science and technology projects along with three restricted environment, interesting new contests are offered to encourage participation from home amid COVID-19 situations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to Best Space School Contest-2020, new activities have also been devised for students, educators and general public to provide easy and convenient participation from home.

BEST SPACE SCHOOL CONTEST

Top schools (public & private) from each province will win exciting prizes and the title of “Best Space School”.

BEST IN PAKISTAN

To encourage participation from home amid COVID-19 restricted environment, interesting new contests are offered in following categories:

- Space Technology Contests
  - Space Game Contest
  - Space Character Contest
  - Space Logo Contest
  - Space Doodle Animation Contest
  - Space Photoshop Contest
  - Space Mobile App Contest
  - Space Astrophotography Contest
  - CanSat Contest
  - CubeSat Contest
  - Payload Design Contest
  - Space Application Contest
  - Innovative Ideas Challenge

- Space Arts & Crafts Contests
  - Space DigiArt Contest
  - Space Calligraphy Art Contest
  - Space Portrait Art Contest
  - Space Colouring/Drawing Activity
  - Create your Solar System Contest
  - Create your own Satellite Contest

- Family/ Interactive Space Contests
  - Space Video Message Activity
  - My Room in Space Contest
  - Space Social Networking Activity
  - Space Teacher Contest
  - Night Sky Club Activity

- Space Architecture Contest
  - Space Monument Contest

WSW-20 online events include activities on Official Facebook page and webinars:

WSW-20 Pakistan Hashtag Event
- Facebook Watch Party
- Online Star Party-The life of Stars
- Space Webinars

For more details & registrations, log on to www.sead.pk

LAST DATE TO REGISTER
01 OCT 2020