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Last Date for Submission  
**30 JUNE 2025**

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**FOR UG/PG STUDENTS**

Organised by HBCSE-TIFR as part of IOAA 2025 Outreach for Indian students

## Overview

As part of the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) 2025 outreach initiative, we invite college students across India to participate in two national-level online competitions. These contests aim to celebrate astronomical imagination and design while building connections between science, visual storytelling, and communication.

## 1. Competition Categories

### A. Cosmic Canvas (Digital Illustration Contest)

Participants must submit an original, digitally created illustration based on one of the following themes related to space and astronomy.

**Themes (choose any one):**

- Bhartiya Space Station
- Black Holes and Space-Time
- Exoplanets and Cosmic Neighbours
- Space Colonization
- India in Astronomy: A Vision for 2050

Entries must be created using digital art tools. Only one entry per participant is allowed.

*Please make sure to read the full terms and conditions before submitting your entry.*

### B. Stellar Stories (One-Page Digital Comic Contest)

Participants must submit a four-panel static digital comic strip based on any astronomy-related theme. The comic should creatively engage viewers and be suitable for Instagram.

- Themes can be narrative, informative, educational, or speculative.
- Any visual style is permitted—colour or black & white, sketch, line art, or vector.

- The comic must be static (no animation or interactivity).
- Format must follow the aspect ratio suitable for full visibility on Instagram.
- Text and visuals should be clearly readable.

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## 2. Eligibility

- Participants must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree program at a recognised college or university in India.
- Each participant may submit only one entry per competition.

## 3. Submission Guidelines

- Entries must be posted on Instagram by the participant.
- The official Instagram handle **@ioaa.2025** must be followed.
- The post caption must include:
  - Participant’s full name
  - Name of college and course
  - City and state
  - Competition hashtag: #CosmicCanvas or #StellarStories
  - Hashtag: #IOAA2025
- **Deadline:** All entries must be posted on or before **30 June 2025**.

## 4. Selection Process

- A fixed number of entries receiving the highest number of public likes will be shortlisted.
- In case of tied like counts, all tied entries will be included in the shortlist.
- A panel of professionals will select the top three entries in each competition based on:
  - Artistic quality and creativity
  - Relevance to the astronomical theme
  - Visual communication and clarity
- Entries outside the shortlisted group will not be considered.

## 5. Prizes and Opportunities

- Winners (First, Second, and Third) in each category will receive:
  - Certificates of Recognition
  - Cash prize
- Selected entries may also be featured in:
  - IOAA 2025 newsletters and websites
  - Educational posters, bookmarks, banners, postcards, and event backdrops
  - Exhibitions, social media, and outreach campaigns (with full credit to the artist)
- Participants demonstrating exceptional design or storytelling skills may also be considered for future creative collaboration opportunities with the **IOAA 2025 Design and Outreach Team**.

## 6. Terms and Conditions

- Submissions must reflect the participant’s creative effort and originality. While reference materials may be used for inspiration, the final composition must be their own.
- Use of AI-generated content, direct copying, or submission of work created by someone else is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- Misrepresentation of authorship, affiliation, or use of uncredited third-party assets will not be tolerated.
- Group or collaborative entries are not allowed. Only individual submissions will be accepted.
- By participating, students agree that their submitted entries may be showcased, with full credit, in IOAA 2025-related educational and outreach materials—such as newsletters, exhibitions, bookmarks, banners, or event displays. These uses will be non-commercial and solely intended to celebrate and promote student creativity.
- The organisers reserve the right to revise, suspend, or withhold awards based on quality or eligibility concerns.
- All decisions made by the judging panel and organising committee will be final and binding.

## Contact

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