



Rules of the Name ExoWorlds India competition

Please read everything carefully. Submissions not following these rules will not be considered.

Eligibility:

- The competition is open to all Indian citizens living in India.
- School students or children of a similar age group (10 - 18 years old as on 01 July, 2019) may suggest names for the exoplanet.
- College students or youngsters of the age group (18 - 22 years old as on 01 July, 2019) may suggest names for the star.

Submission:

- We invite one suggested name as an entry per person.
- Submission will only be accepted via the website or online form.
- Accurate contact information is necessary as the participant's identity will be confirmed if the entry is shortlisted.
- The participant's details should be mentioned correctly to avoid disqualification.
- Names suggested can be in any Indian language including English.
- Name suggestions must be accompanied by a justification of 100 words, preferably in English (given the international nature of the event).
- The participant may be represented by a parent / teacher, but only as a contact person. They may help fill the form and may provide their own information for further contact.

Selection:

- The process is being overseen by a National Committee of experts (henceforth called the committee) whose members are listed below.
- The initial shortlisting and final selection for nomination will be done by the committee.
- Ten shortlisted name suggestions will be put up for a national vote.
- One best and one backup suggestion will be sent as Indian nominations to the International Astronomical Union by the committee at the end of the contest.
- Credit will be accorded to the participant alone.
- The sole and final authority of any decision rests with the committee and it will not be contested in any manner.

Timeline:

Opening of competition and national campaign (with website)	→ 10 July
Closing of entry submission	→ 15 August
Announcement of shortlisted names and opening of National Voting	→ 01 October
End of national voting	→ 01 November
Announcement of final winners by IAU	→ End December
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National Committee members:

- Samir Dhurde
Convenor, IAU National Outreach Coordinator (IUCAA, Pune)
- Chanda Jog
Chair, IAU National Committee (IISc, Bengaluru)
- G. C. Anupama
President, ASI (IIA, Bengaluru)
- Aniket Sule,
Chair, ASI POEC (HBCSE-TIFR, Mumbai)
- Mayank Vahia, Subject Expert, (NMIMS, Mumbai)
- Sujan Sengupta, Astronomer, (IIA, Bengaluru)
- Somak Raychaudhury, Astronomer, (IUCAA, Pune)
- T. Sivarani, Astronomer, (IIA, Bengaluru)