



YOUNG ASTRONOMERS' MEET 2026

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Organized by

Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad



YAM 2026



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ABOUT YAM

The Young Astronomers' Meet (YAM) is a premier annual national conference dedicated to PhD researchers working in astronomy and astrophysics across India. Conceptualized in 1992 by NCRA/IUCAA, YAM was created to unite and energize the country's vibrant, upcoming scientific community. This crucial forum is proudly supported by the Astronomical Society of India (ASI). Established in 1972, the ASI has grown into the nation's prime association for professional astronomers. ASI actively supports YAM to provide a unique, dedicated platform for the country's budding astronomers.

ABOUT PRL

This year, the Young Astronomers' Meet (YAM) 2026 is proudly organized and hosted by the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL).

Known across the nation as the "Cradle of Space Sciences in India," PRL was founded in 1947 by Dr. Vikram Sarabhai and operates as a premier unit of the Department of Space, Government of India.

PRL leads breakthrough fundamental research across a diverse scientific spectrum, including Astronomy & Astrophysics, Solar Physics, Planetary Sciences, Space & Atmospheric Sciences, Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, Geosciences, and Theoretical Physics.

CONFERENCE THEMES

STARS, ISM AND ASTROCHEMISTRY IN MILKY WAY

HIGH ENERGY PHENOMENA, FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

SUN, SOLAR SYSTEM, EXOPLANET AND ASTROBIOLOGY

GALAXIES AND COSMOLOGY

TECHNOLOGIES, FACILITIES, AND DATA SCIENCE

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HOW TO REACH PRL

PRL is situated at a distance of about 8 km from Ahmedabad Railway Station (Kalupur) and journey by a three-wheeler (auto rickshaw) will cost around Rs. 100. Local buses (route 46, 47) also ply between the Railway Station and PRL and can take about an hour. The bus stand known as Kalupur Bus Stand is opposite to the Railway Station. The best landmark for reaching PRL is the Gujarat University Tower, which is adjacent to PRL.

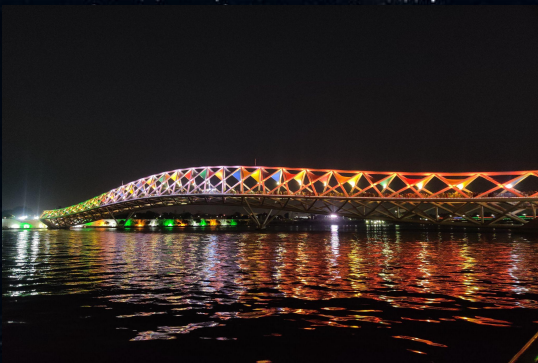
PLACES TO VISIT IN AHMEDABAD



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Outreach

- **Outreach programme** at PRL for nearby school and college students.
- **Story-based astronomy presentations** by volunteer YAM participants.
- **Interesting expert talks** on astronomy, space science and recent discoveries.
- **Q&A session** with scientists and young researchers on career opportunities.
- **Public lecture** by a distinguished speaker.



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