

# Rishis of the Cosmos: Society for Astrophysics, Space-Time and Theoretical and Experimental Physics

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## Department of Physics, Government College Solan (H.P.), India

### Founding Team

Created on 18-9-2025

- Dr. Anil Thakur, Associate Professor (**Founder Coordinator**)
- Dr. Jagdish Chand, Associate Professor
- Dr. Ishwar Dutt, Assistant Professor
- Dr. Anant Vidya Nidhi, Associate Professor & Head of Department

Membership: All students pursuing Physics major in Govt. College Solan are members of the Society.

### Vision

To cultivate a vibrant community of learners, teachers, and researchers who explore the mysteries of space, time, and physics with inspiration drawn from both ancient Indian wisdom and modern scientific inquiry. Society aims to nurture curiosity, innovation, and critical thinking, empowering students to contribute meaningfully to science and society.

### Objectives

- **Academic Enrichment** – To provide students with opportunities beyond the classroom through seminars, workshops, and guest lectures on physics, astronomy, and cosmology.
- **Heritage & Modernity** – To blend insights from ancient Indian contributions (like Āryabhaṭa, Varāhamihira, and Bhāskarācārya) with modern physics, fostering pride in India's scientific heritage.

- **Research Orientation** – To encourage research-oriented projects, student presentations, and participation in conferences.
- **Skill Development** – To build scientific temper, problem-solving, data analysis, and communication skills among students.
- **Astronomical Engagement** – To promote sky-watching sessions, planetary motion studies, and the use of simulations and technology in understanding cosmic phenomena.
- **Collaborations** – To connect with other institutions, observatories, and research bodies for exposure and knowledge exchange.
- **Student Participation** – To develop leadership qualities, teamwork, and responsibility through student-led activities and events.
- **Community Outreach** – To organize awareness programs for school students and the local community, making science accessible and engaging.

## Organizational Structure

**Patron:** Dr. Maneesha Kohli – Principal

**President:** Dr. Anant Vidya Nidhi – Head, Department of Physics

### Vice Presidents:

- Dr. Jagdish Chand – Associate Professor
- Dr. Anil Thakur – Associate Professor

General Secretary: Dr. Ishwar Dutt – Assistant Professor

Teacher Advisory Board: All faculty members of the Physics Department  
Including Lab Staff

## Student Posts

- **Student President** – Final-year Physics Major (elected annually)
- **Vice President (Student)** – Second-year Physics Major
- **General Secretary (Student)** – Final-year Physics Major
- **Joint Secretary** – Second-year Physics Major
- **Treasurer** – Student member (any year)
- **Event Coordinators** – Students responsible for organizing activities
- **Research & Innovation Cell Representatives** – Students involved in projects and research discussions
- **Publicity & Media Coordinators** – To manage notices, posters, and online updates