



## School Report

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# Aim of the School

- The SCOSTEP/ISWI International School on Space Science held in Sangli, India, has been one of the recent schools organized jointly by the Scientific Committee on Solar-Terrestrial Physics (SCOSTEP) and the International Space Weather Initiative (ISWI).
- The school was designed to be an excellent learning and enrichment opportunity for graduate students. The target audience was students who are pursuing PhD in solar terrestrial physics and space science.
- Some masters students who have already some exposures in solar/space physics were also included.
- The students received detailed exposure to topics ranging from the solar interior and atmosphere to Earth's magnetosphere, ionosphere, and atmosphere including phenomena of various time scales in the Sun-Earth connected space.

# Organization

- Science content: School Directors
- Venue, accommodation, meals, transportation: Smt. Kasturbai Walchand College of Science & Arts (Local Organizing Committee)
- Web site: Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore
- International Travel: Boston College (ISWI), ISEE – Japan, Smt. Kasturbai Walchand College of Science & Arts

# Sponsors

Scientific Committee on Solar-Terrestrial  
Physics (SCOSTEP)

International Space Weather Initiative (ISWI)

Indian Space Organization (ISRO)

Indo-US Science and Technology Forum  
(SSTF)

ITI Aayog, Govt. of India

Science and Engineering Research Board  
(SERB), DST, Govt. of India

Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG)

Indian National Science Academy (INSA)

9. Committee on Space Research (COSPAR)

10. NASA

11. Center for International Collaborative Research  
(CICR), Institute for Space-Earth Environmental  
Research (ISEE), Nagoya University, Japan

12. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science  
(JSPS) core-to-core program for Asia/Africa

13. Japan and Project for Solar-Terrestrial  
Environment Prediction, Japan.

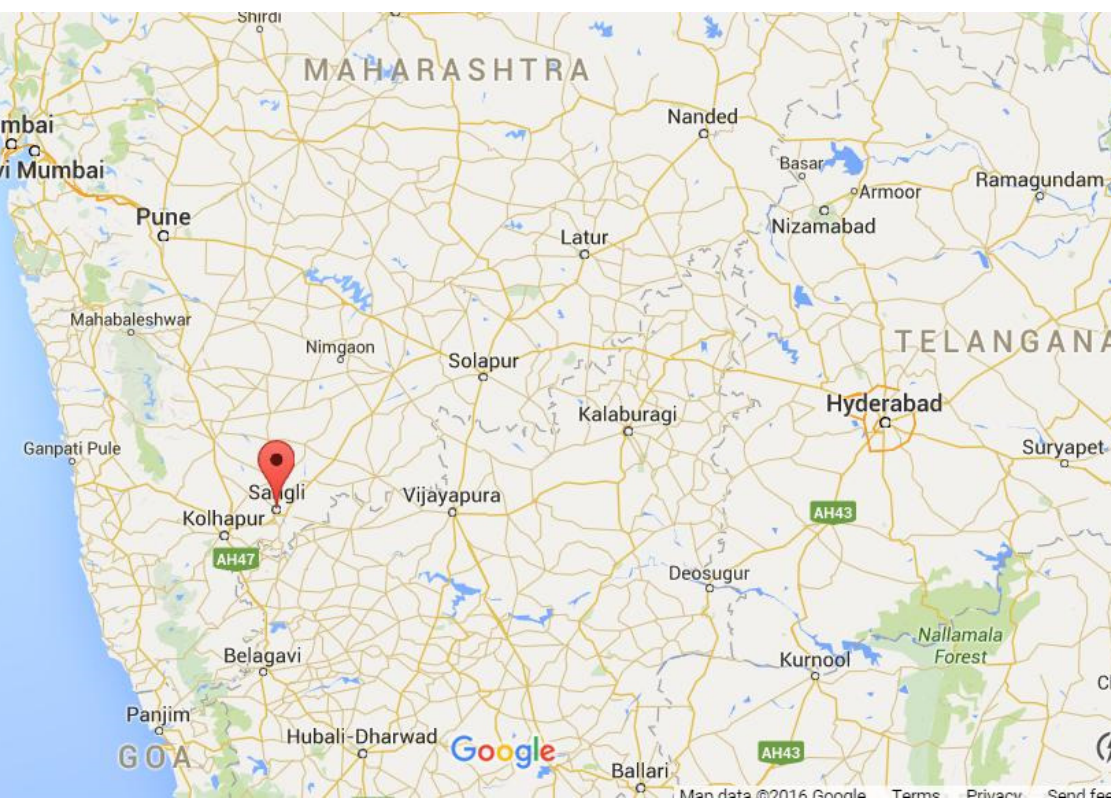
14. Shivaji University, Kolhapur, India

15. Veetrag Computers, Sangli, India

16. Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA)



The School venue was a remote region brimming with sugar cane, turmeric, and thirst for science...



# School Directors

Dr. Nat Gopalswamy (NASA/GSFC, USA)

Dr. P. K. Manoharan ( Radio Astronomy Center, Ooty, India)

Dr. Dipankar Banerjee (Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengauru, India)

Dr. Dadaso Shetti (Smt. Kasturbai Walchand College, Sangli, India)



# Participation

- 28 lectures by 23 Professors from USA, Japan, India, and Norway
- ISWI Instruments workshop conducted by 8 scientists from USA, India, Japan, and Switzerland
- There were 120 applications. 74 students were selected. Participants were from China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Korea, Nigeria, Philippines, Rwanda, Thailand, Uganda, and Vietnam



Decorative art by the local organizer using color powders (Rangoli)

# School Lectures

Sun in the Universe: M. Guhathakurta, NASA/HQ, USA

Magnetohydrodynamics: Mark Miesch, High Altitude Observatory, USA

Numerical Simulations: Mark Miesch, High Altitude Observatory, USA

Software tools: Python – Mihael Kirk, NASA/GSFC, USA

Basic Plasma Physics – Nat Gopalswamy, NASA/GSFC, USA

Solar Interior: S. P. Rajaguru, IIA Bangalore, India

Solar Dynamo : Mark Miesch, High Altitude Observatory, USA

Solar Atmosphere: Dipankar Banerjee IIA, Bangalore, India

Magnetic Reconnection : Kazunari Shibata, Kyoto University Japan

Solar Wind Observations: P. K. Manoharan, NCRA/TIFR, Ooty, India

Solar Wind Theory: T. Suzuki, Tokyo University, Japan

Sun and Climate : R. Ramesh, Physical Research Laboratory, India

Solar Eruptions : Nat Gopalswamy, NASA/GSFC, USA

Solar Energetic Particles: Pertti Mäkelä. NASA/GSFC, USA

- Radio Physics of the Sun : C. Kathiravan IIA Bangalore, India
- Magnetic Flux ropes : Vemareddy Panditi, IIA, Bangalore, India
- CME Stereoscopy : Nandita Srivastava, PRL/Udaipur, India
- Helio Data/HEK : Neal Hurlburt, Lockheed Martin, USA
- Magnetospheric Physics: Nikolai Ostgaard, University of Bergen, Norway
- Magnetosphere-solar wind interaction: Nikolai Ostgaard, Norway
- Ionospheric Physics : Kazuo Shiokawa, Nagoya University, Japan
- Magnetosphere-Ionosphere Coupling : A. Yoshikawa, Kyushu U., Japan
- Equatorial Aeronomy : A. K. Patra, NARL, Gadanki, India
- Atmospheric Physics: S. Gurubaran, IIG, Mumbai, India
- Space Weather : Keith Groves, Boston College, USA
- Remote-sensing Instrumentation : Sankar Subramanian, ISRO, India
- In-situ instrumentation: S. Kanekal, NASA/GSFC, USA
- Cosmic Rays - Pertti Mäkelä, NASA/GSFC, USA



# SCOSTEP/ISWI School 2016



74 students

23 Professors

LOC

Officials from Latte Education  
Society that runs the host  
institution



# Traditional Welcome





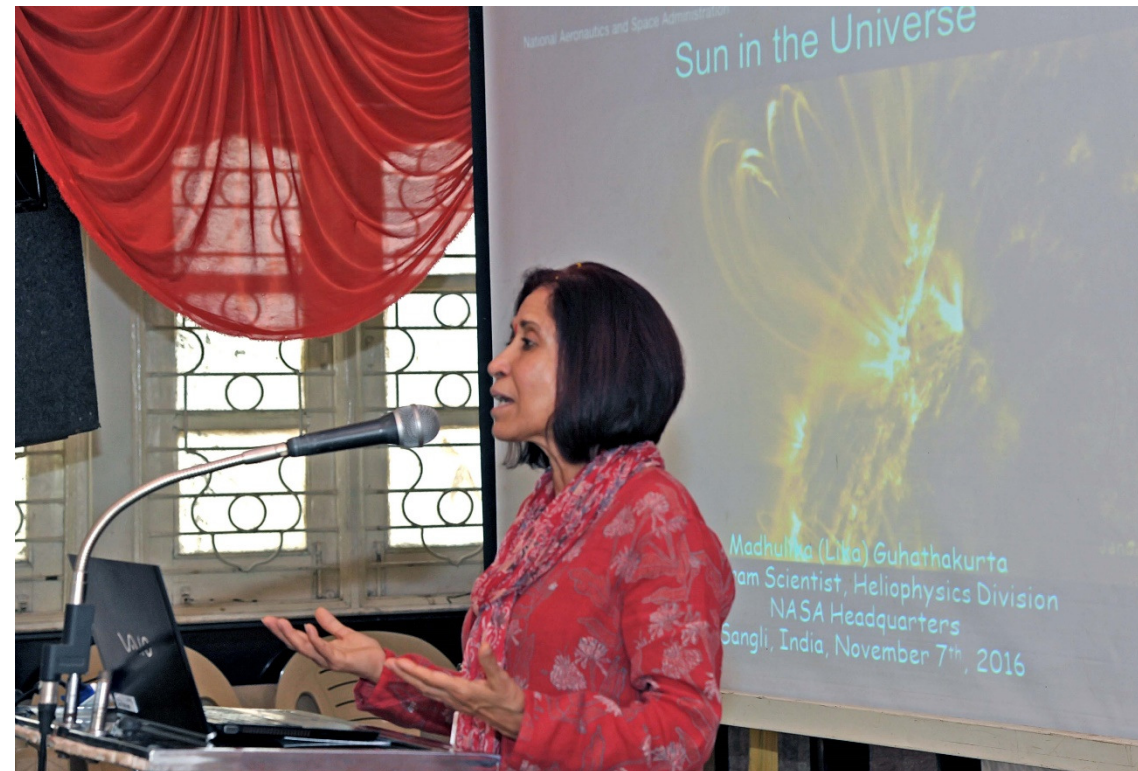
# Let the Light of Knowledge Spread...



Lamp lighting ceremony: Professor Wadmare, Professor Manoharan, Mr. Suhas Patil, Dr. Gopalswamy, Dr. Guhathakurta, Mr. Sakale, Mr. Suresh Patil, Mr. Kodag, Dr. Miesch, and Dr. Shetti



# Inaugural lecture on “The Sun in the Universe”





# Interactive Tutorial on Python – the free Software for Data Analysis





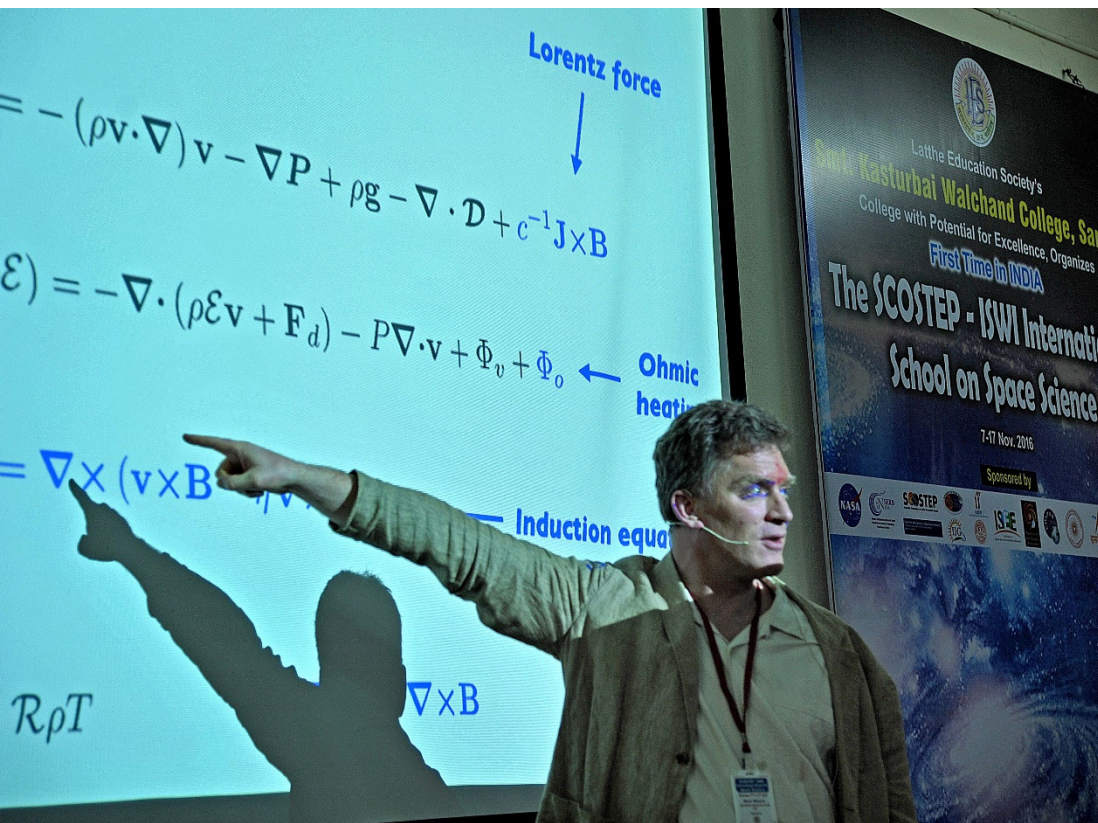
# Solar Interior and Oscillations

The scientific sessions started with the first lecture by P. Rajaguru on the interior of the Sun – how the energy is generated and transported to the surface



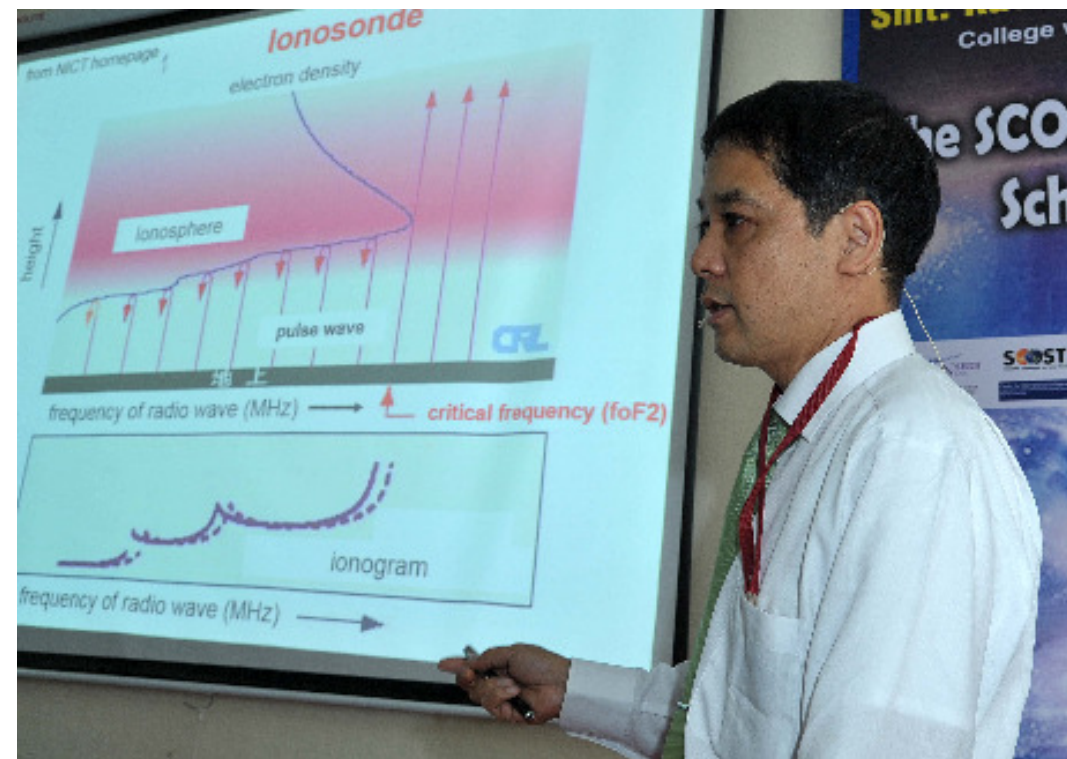
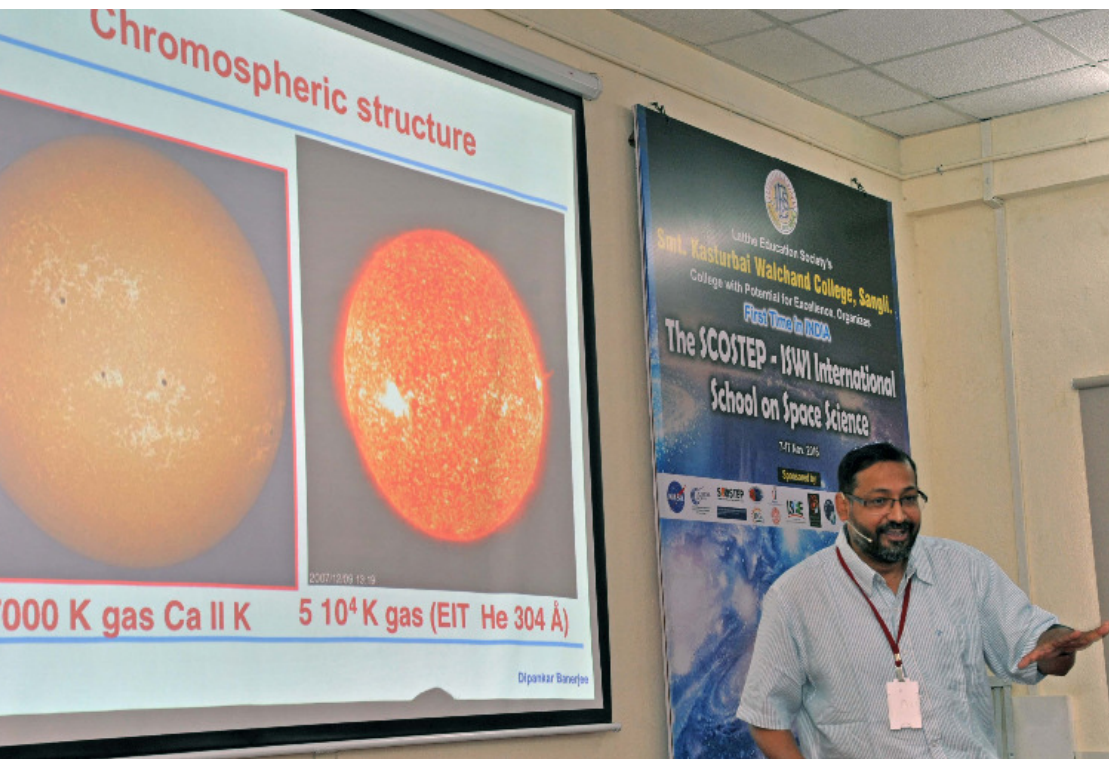


# Questions on Solar Dynamo



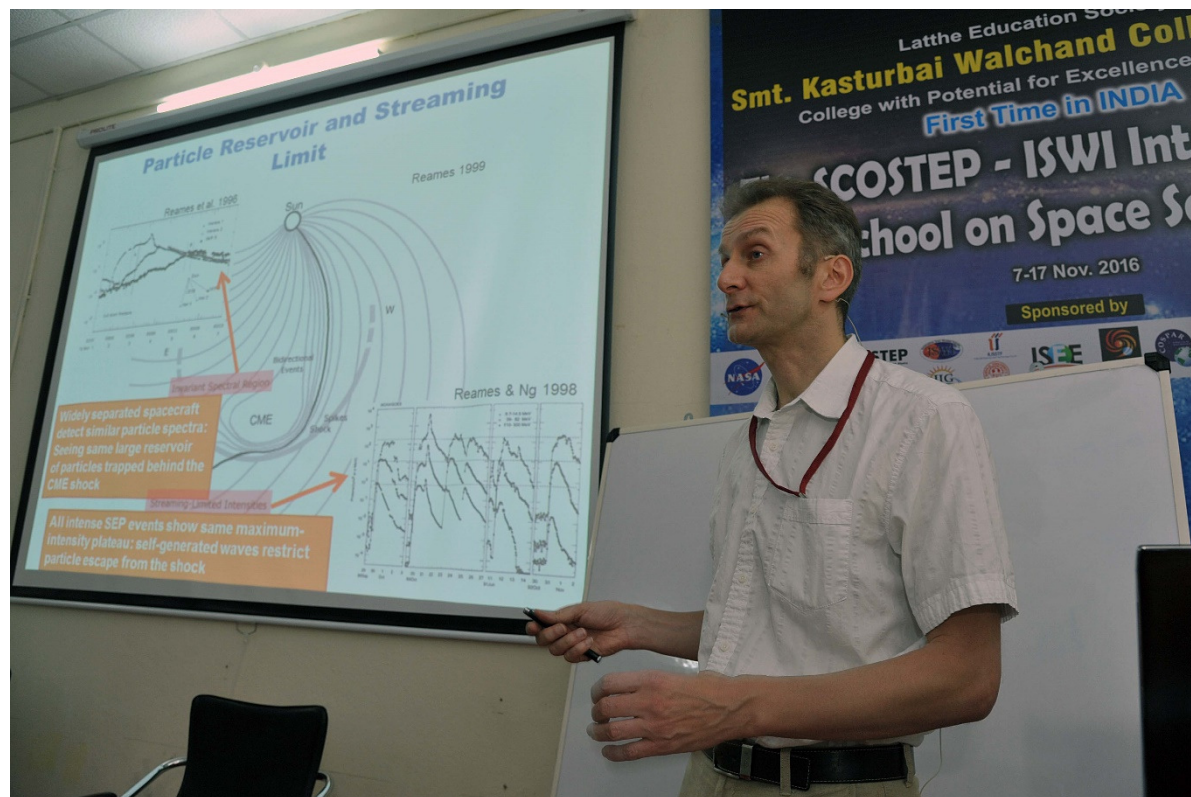


# Chromosphere and Ionosphere





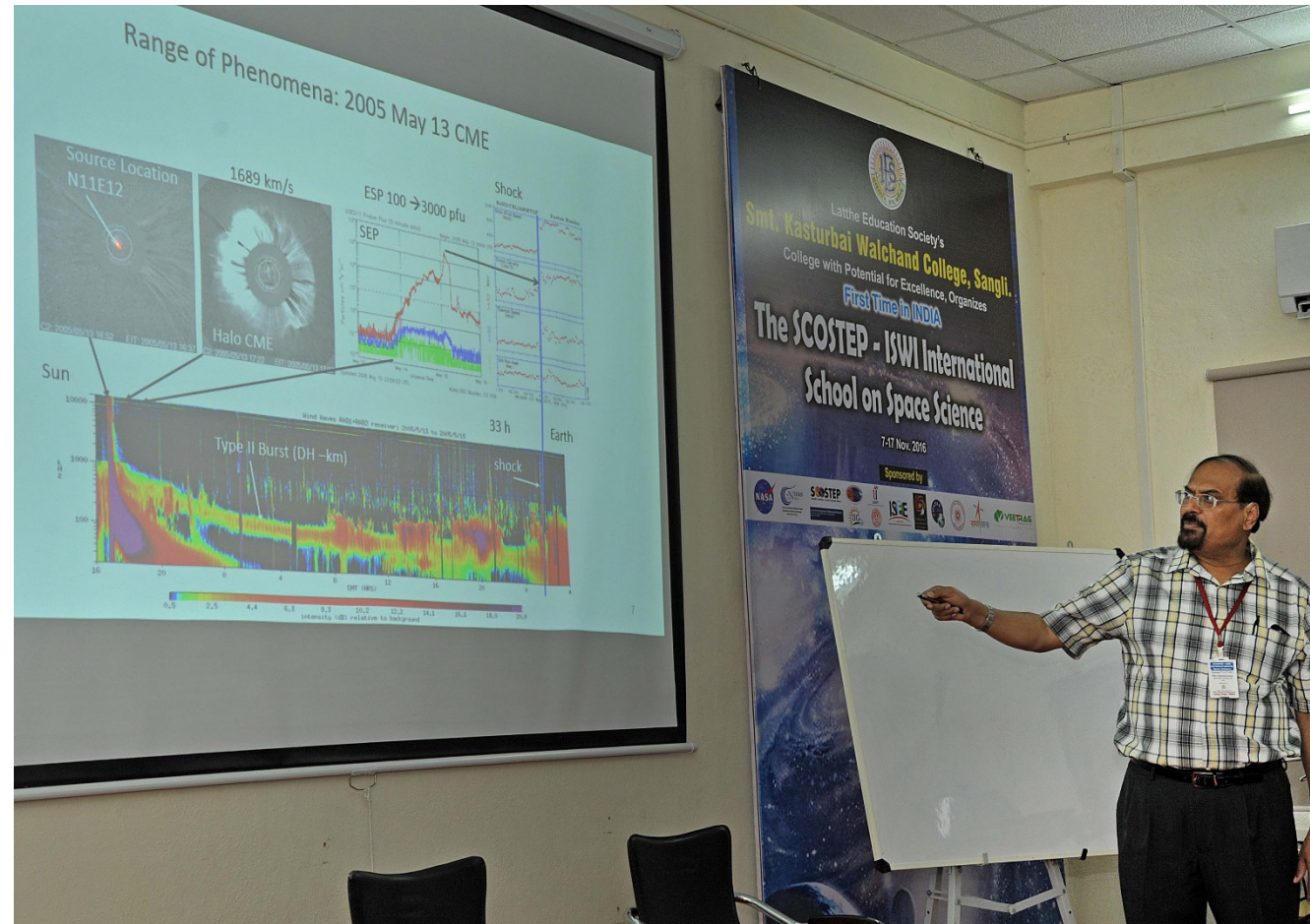
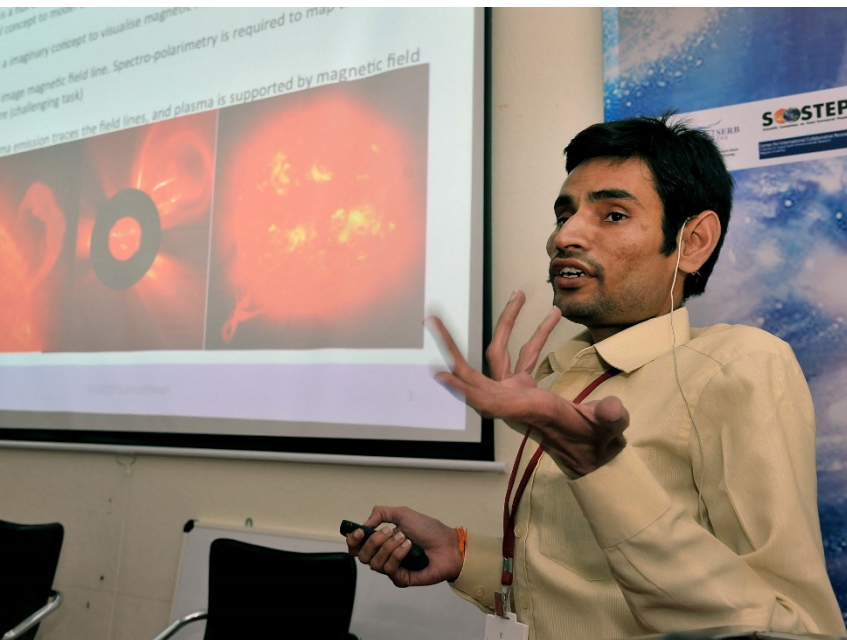
Formal chat among lecturers



Pertti Makela's lecture on solar energetic particles

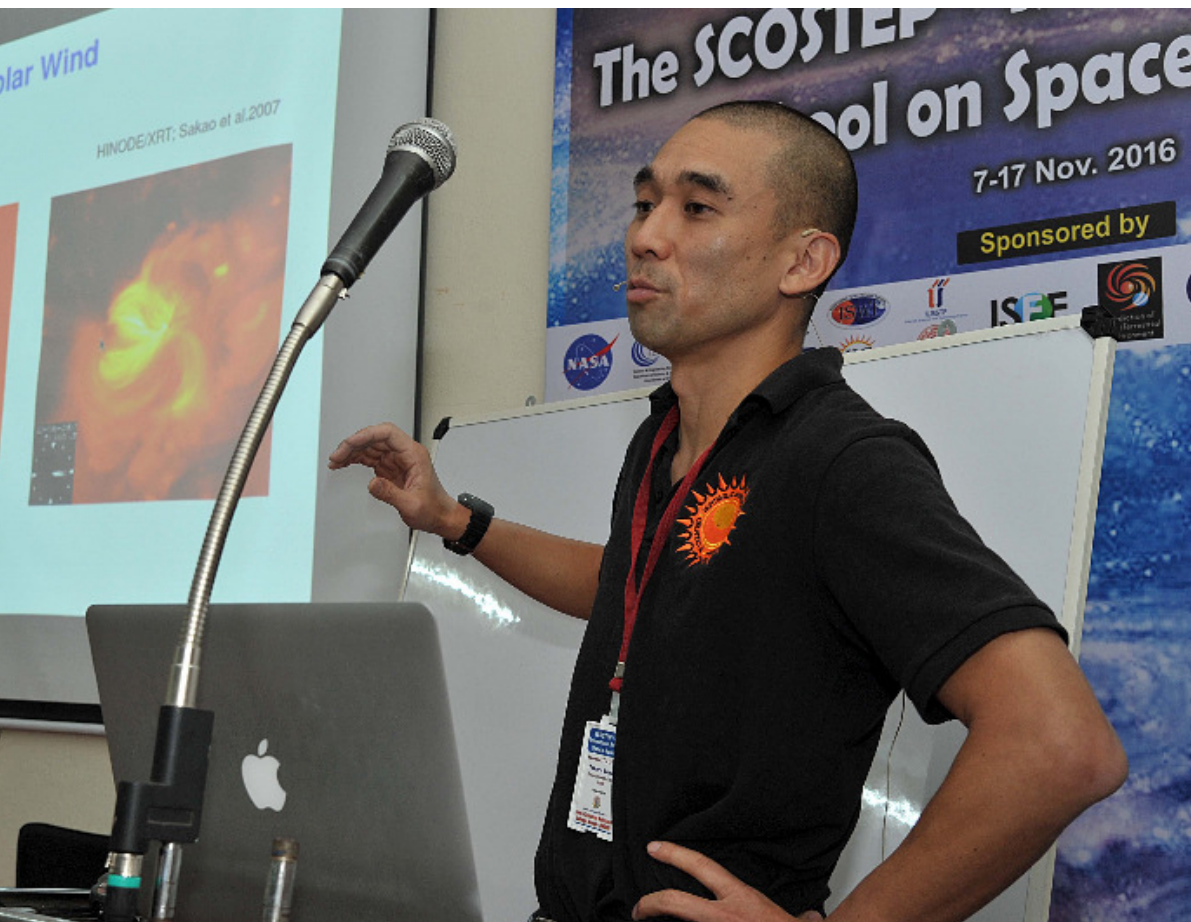


# CMEs!

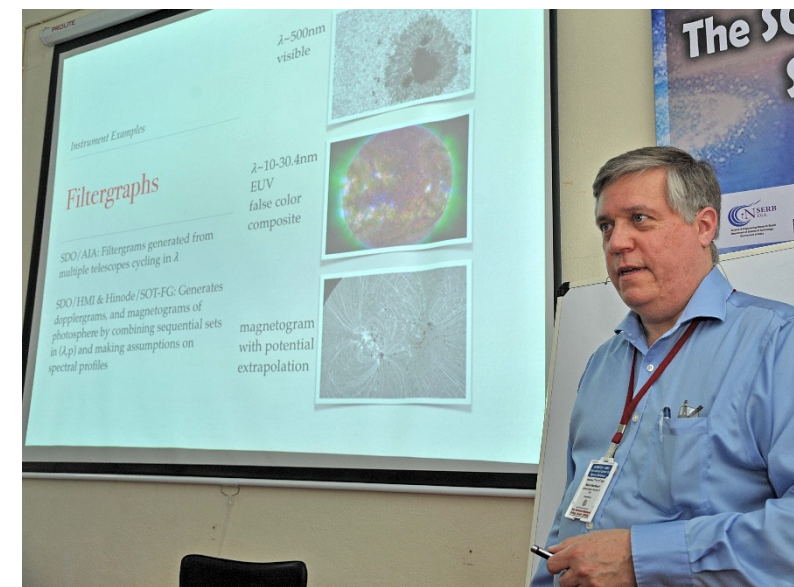




# Solar Wind



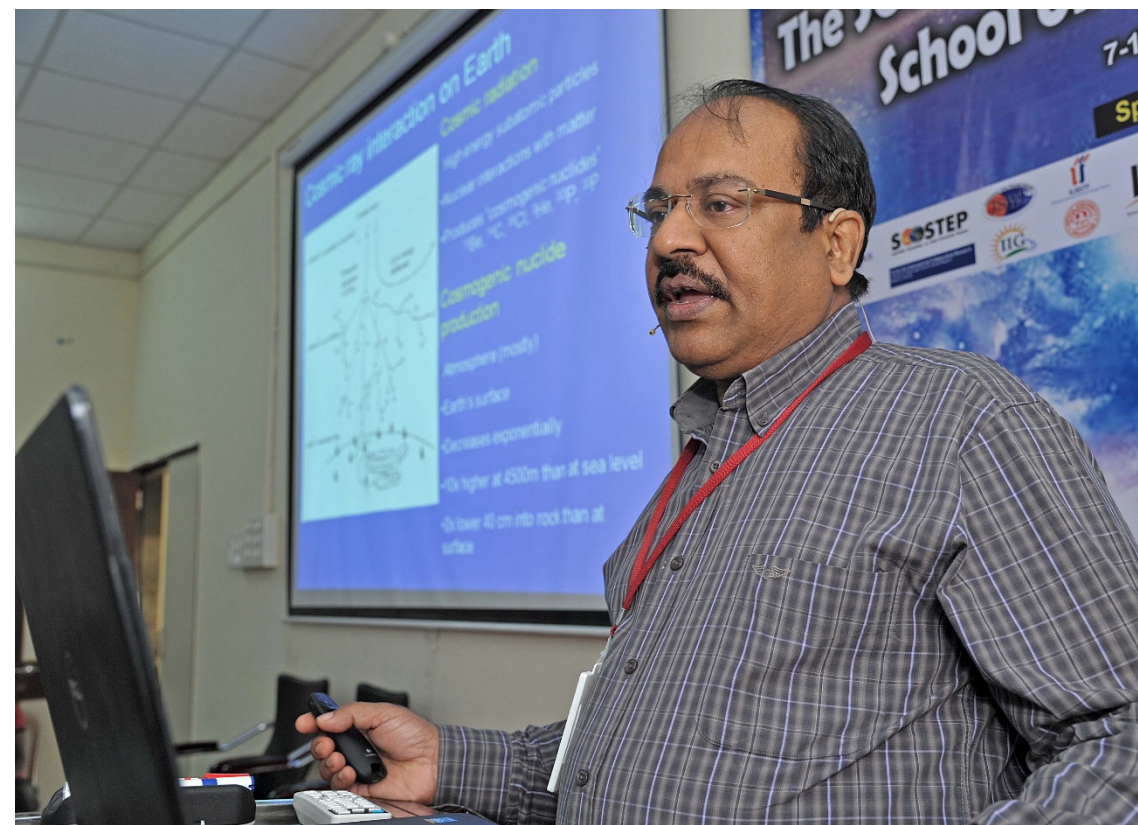






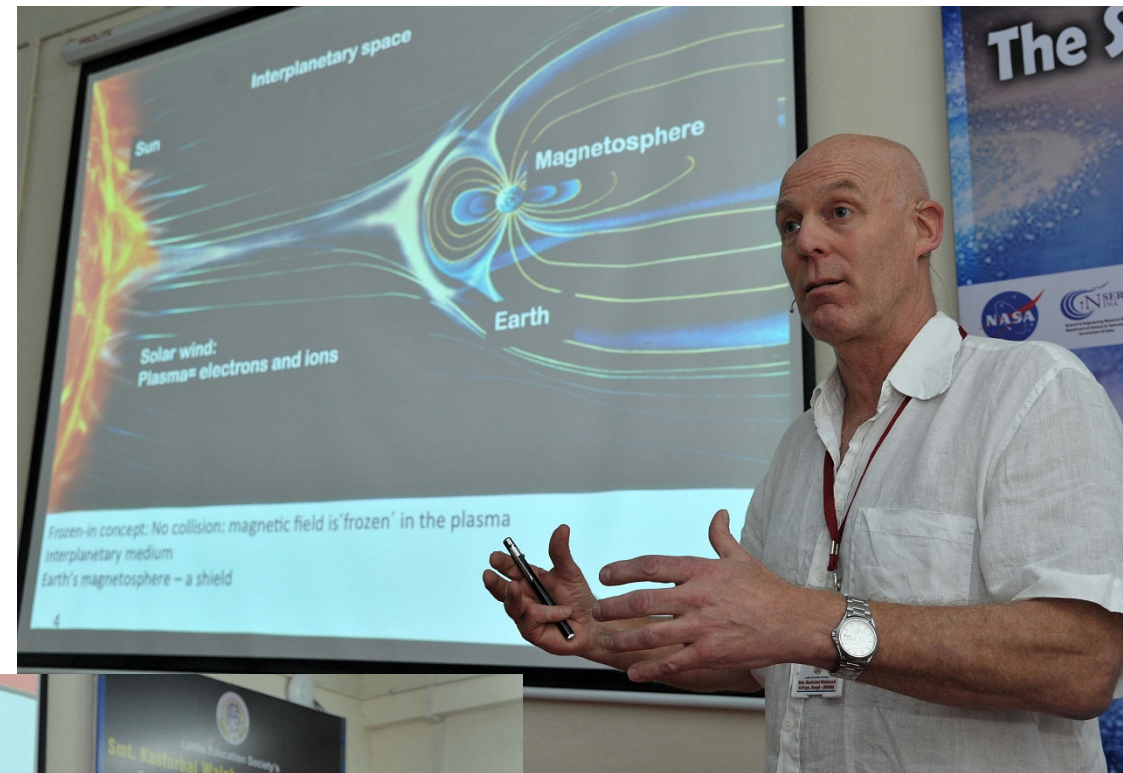
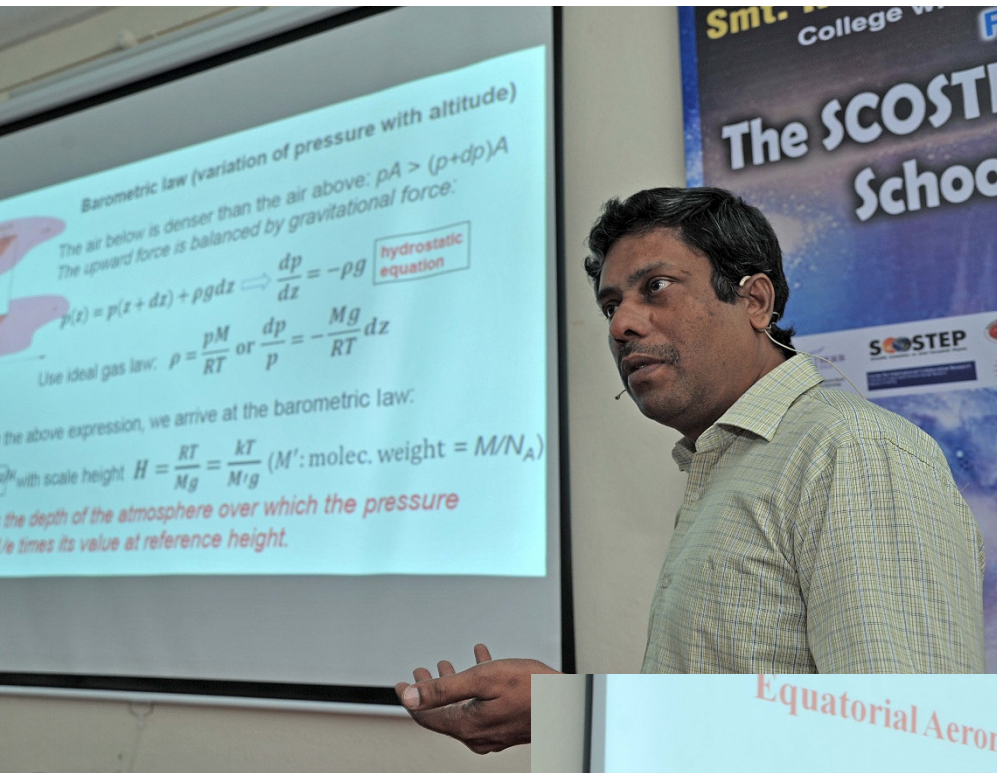


A. Yoshikawa on the magnetosphere



Dr. R. Ramesh explains Sun-Earth Climate connection







# ISWI Instrument Workshop (Nov 14, 2016)

- CALLISTO – C. Monstein
- SCINDA – K. Groves
- AWESOME – R. Singh
- GPS Receivers – G. Seemala
- MAGDAS – A. Yoshikawa
- OMTI – K. Shiokawa
- AMBER – E. Yizengaw
- CHAIN – K. Shibata



C. Kathiravan & I. Barve demonstrated the working of a two-element radio interferometer during the Instrument workshop

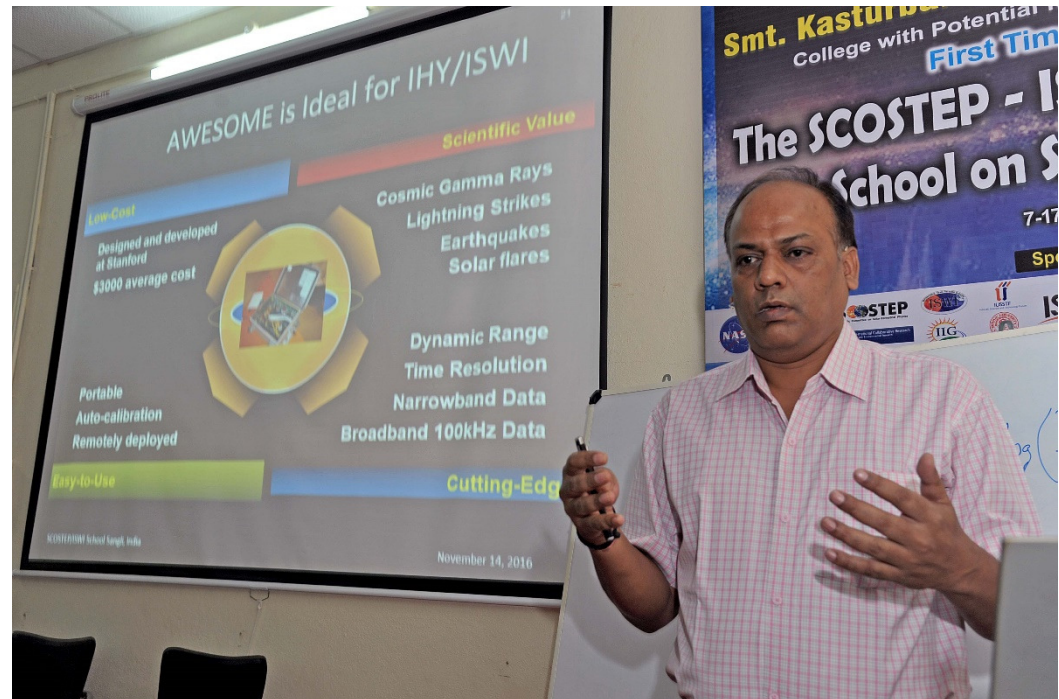


# Instrument workshop

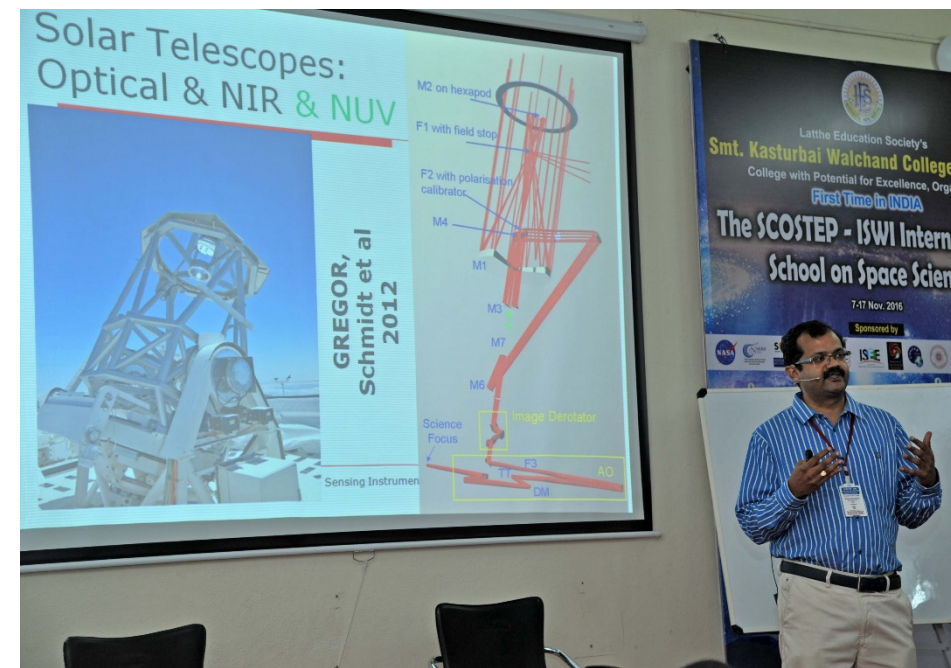
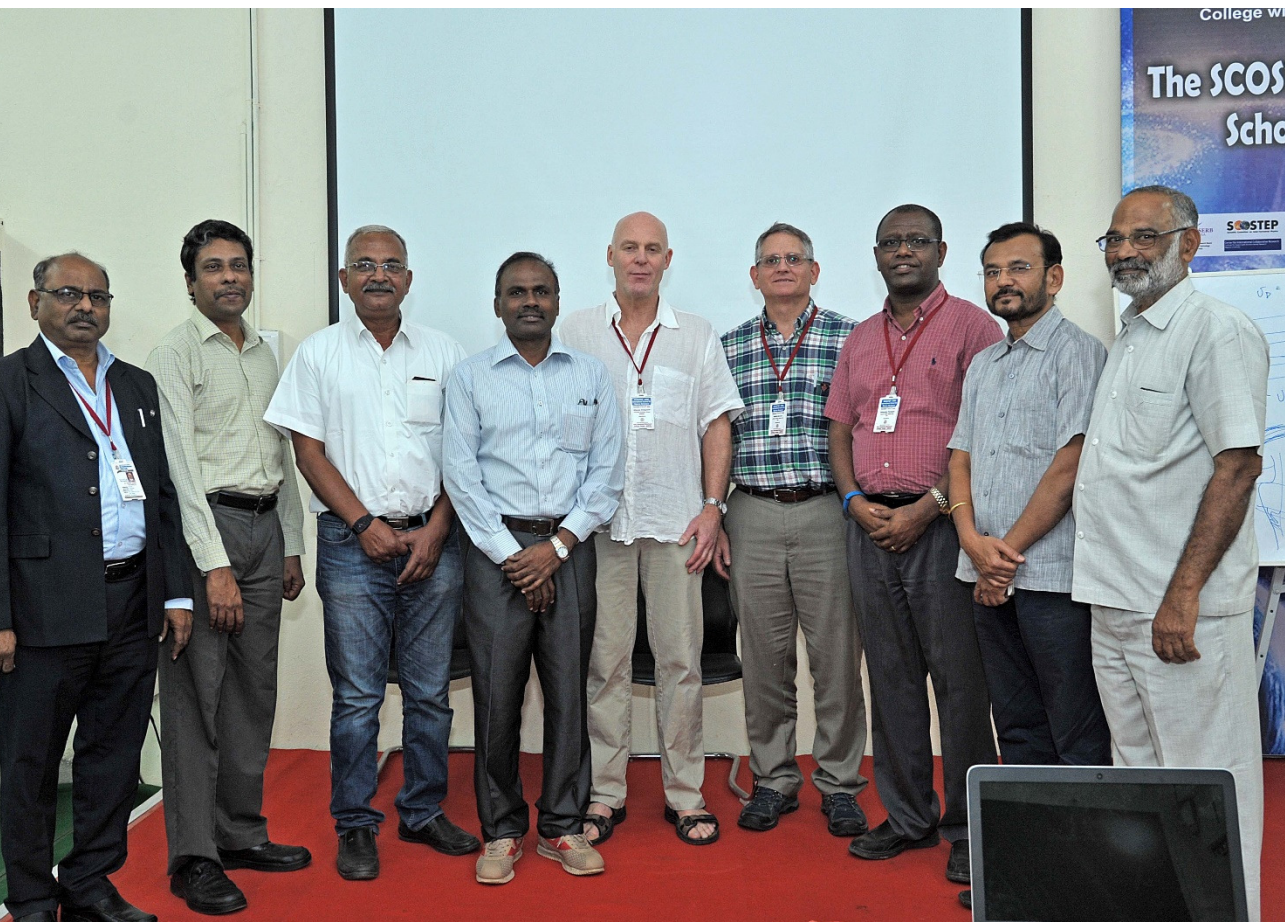


struments to observe space weather from ground were deployed and demonstrated during the school











# Instrument workshop: CALLISTO



Antenna installed in the premises of the host college



C. Monstein (PI) and D. Shetti (host) in the CALLISTO Control Room



# Cultural Program on the evening of Nov 16



by a Sangli dance  
professional

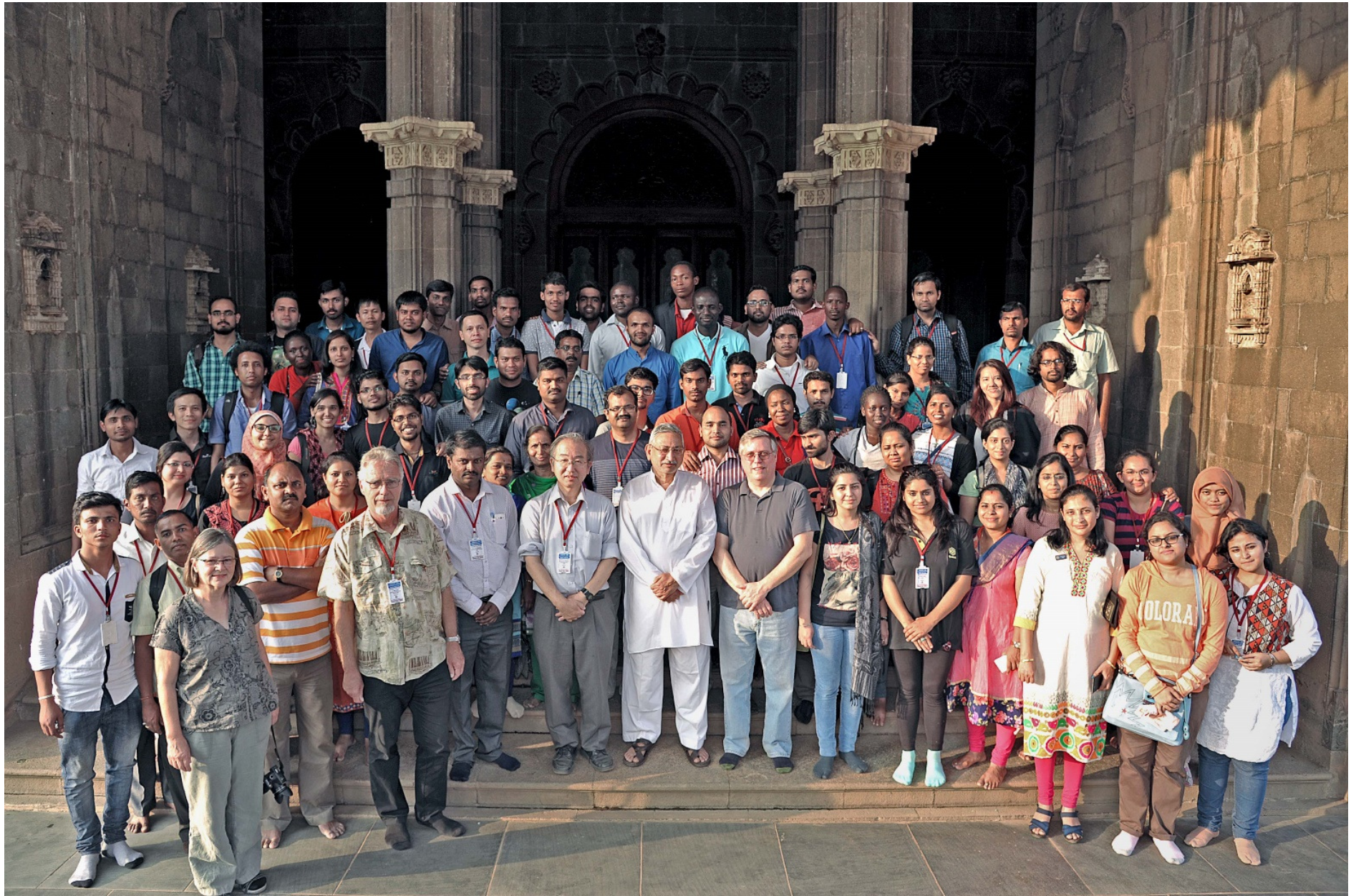


and by a school participant



A percussion battle...





During the field trip on Nov 13, 2016, the school participants were greeted by the Maharaja of Kolhapur, H. H. Shahu II Chhatrapati (center in white)



# Members of the LOC



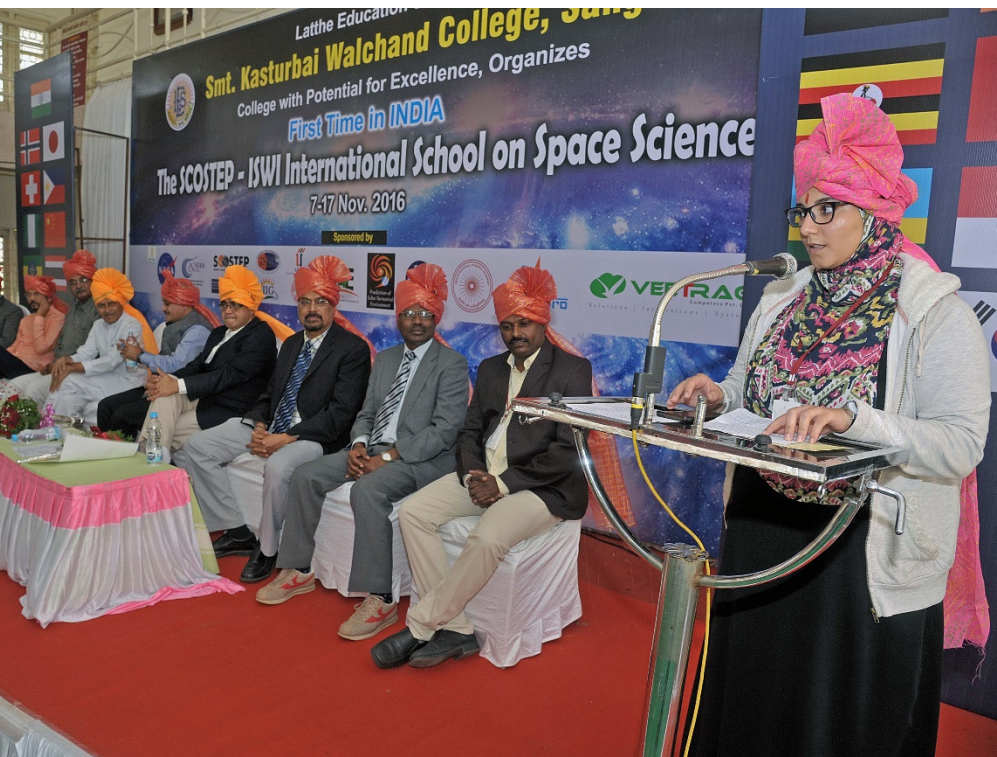


Thanks to the LOC chair during the valedictory function





# Participants Providing Feedback





# Outreach Activities

- M. Guhathakurta, M. Kirk, M. Miesch, and S. Kanekal interacted with high school students from A. B. Patil High School on November 10, 2016
- N. Gopalswamy, K. Groves, P. K. Manoharan, and N. Ostgaard participated in a question-answer session with about 100 science students from local high schools



# Feedback

- Every lecture was very informative and the exercises gave a practical feel to the subject ... Sayani Ghosh
- International school on space science is one of the best schools I ever attended. Lectures covered almost all area of space science, that I could feel that a gradual progress in the lectures. The exercise session gave me the real happiness to be a researcher and work together in a group. ... Ashna VM
- It was a experience of a lifetime attending a school for the first time. It gave me lots of new friends in my field from India as well as all over the world. ... Subir Mandal