

**Galilean Nights Event ID:** gn143

**Number of telescopes:** 2

**Number of organisers:** 9

**Number of attendees:** 430

**Event photos:** <http://www.flickr.com/photos/44169010@N06/sets/72157622696462824/>

**Event Report:**

Field of astronomy was revolutionized by Galileo Galilee through his invention of telescope. His invention further helped us in getting a much closer and detailed look of our universe. With an aim of spreading Galilean knowledge and

discoveries to the people "Galilean Night" was celebrated by Amateur Astronomers

Association of Vadodara (AAAV) from 22nd to 24th October, 2009., with Heading "Experience Galileo"

A closer view of celestial

objects was given to public through 2 Newtonian telescopes. On 22nd we have organized Public session at Bal Bhavan around 150 people experience the Jupiter with its moon like Galileo did it 400 years Back, we have also show Animated Movie Galileo, Exhibition on Life of Galileo and Animated Movie Interview with Galileo, where Galileo tells his story with his own. On 23rd we were at Muktanand, around 250 people visited place we have set One scope for Moon and one for Jupiter and its Moon. being the public places of city, many people turned up with a curiosity to watch the sky through telescope. People were amazed to see the magnificent view

of craters on moon and Jupiter along with its satellites. Group of amateurs was volunteered for answering the queries and educating the people on basics of

astronomy. On the 24th October AAAV team celebrated the Galilean

night at the Nature Park of GNCS (Gujarat Nature Conservation Society) located

at the outskirts of the city under the pollution free sky. A Mini Star party for Amateurs around 30 Amateurs enjoyed a

mini messier marathon by observing the messier objects.

Galilean Night was a part of International Year of Astronomy 2009 celebration

which is a global effort promoted by local astronomy clubs to help the citizens

of the world rediscover their place in the Universe through the day- and

night-time sky, and thereby engages a personal sense of wonder and discovery.