

Report - 100 Hours of Astronomy IYA2009-Sri Lanka



100 Hours of Astronomy, 2-5 April brought over 100 countries together in a planet-wide celebration of astronomy. The world visited 80 professional observatories around the world during a 24-hour live online tour, and more than a million people had their first close-up views of the Moon, Saturn, the Sun and other objects of interest through telescopes. A Cornerstone Project of the International Year of Astronomy brought the Universe to all the world's citizens to discover for themselves.

Even though there were many events planned for 100HA in Sri Lanka, weather came against it in most of the island.

From Sri Lanka, two 100HA sessions were held:

- **-Royal College Astronomical Society - Solar observation.**
RCAS committee held a public solar observation session to celebrate 100HA. They chose a more populated venue, which was a public park in Colombo – Viharamaha Devi Park.
From the morning many people have poured in to catch the glimpse of the Sun.

No. of Participants: 100+

- **-Sidewalk Astronomy sessions, Piliyandala.**
Another group from "Astronomy & Space Study Center" held a sidewalk astronomy session at Piliyandala.

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Sri Lanka IYA2009 National Node website
<http://iya2009.lakdiva.net/>

Astronomical Association of Lanka
<http://aalk.lakdiva.net>

International Year of Astronomy 2009
<http://www.astronomy2009.org>

International Astronomical Union
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Some moments:



