



Solar Eclipse Conference 2011

SEC India

Chasing the Moon's shadow across the Earth!

**SPACE is proud to present the Solar Eclipse Conference 2011 (*SEC India*),
first time in the Asia Pacific region, to be organised from
December 15th – 17th, 2011 at New Delhi, India.**

The Solar Eclipse Conference (*SEC India*), celebrates the pursuit of mankind to unravel the phenomenon of Solar Eclipses one at a time, and chase the umbral shadow across the surface of the Earth.

The Conference provides a common platform for:

- Travel Enthusiasts;
- Avid Photographers;
- Those who value Scientific Research and Recordings;
- Those who like to delve in the history of this event and understand the cultural implications;
- Those who want to create awareness among the people by demystifying this phenomenon;
- Finally, for those who simply want to participate for the sheer joy of witnessing this event.

The agenda of the conference is spread over three intensive days that will cover Travel, Education, Research, Science, Culture, Mythologies, Public Outreach, Pro-Am linking and Student learning possibilities.

We invite you to join us in this Conference and share your eclipse chasing experiences. You can present a Talk; give a Presentation; show a Demonstration; present a Lecture; participate in Group Discussions and Chats; offer your work (books, papers, pictures, videos) for showcasing during the conference and any way else that you feel you can. Just reach out to us at:

sec11.space@gmail.com

Some of you may have already received the invitation and got registered for this Conference; if not please refer to the details below about the *SEC India* and register yourself before 10th October, 2011.

Speakers at *SEC India* :

Many stalwarts from the Eclipse Chasing Community have already confirmed their presence at the Conference. To name a few:

- **Dr. Jay Anderson:** He is the first name that comes to mind of any Eclipse Chaser, when planning to finalize the site for eclipse viewing. He is the authority on the Eclipse weather conditions and synonymous with 'Eclipses' at NASA.
- **Dr. Glenn Schneider:** Dr. Schneider is an Astronomer at University of Arizona's Steward Observatory, and the Project Instrument Scientist for the Hubble Space Telescope's Near Infra-red Camera and Multi-Object Spectrometer (NICMOS).
- **Prof. Dipankar Banerjee:** Incharge of the "Aditya mission" and a prominent solar physicist of Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore, India.
- **Mr. Sheridan Williams:** A Rocket Scientist, a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and working with British Astronomical Association.
- **Mr. Xavier Jubier:** Famous Eclipse Chaser from France. His prominent contribution to the eclipse sciences are interactive Google maps, the eclipse calculator and automated photography softwares used by eclipse chasers worldwide.
- **Mr. Hamid D. Khodashenas:** Director of Sayeh Research Institute, Tehran, Iran.
- **Mr. Daniel Fischer:** Scientific Writer and International Astronomical Union Member from University of Bonn, Germany
- **James Huddle:** Physics Department, US Naval Academy Annapolis
- **Dr. Fred Espenak, Mr. Kris Delcourte, Mr. Ajay Talwar, Mr. Léo Dubal, Mr. Rick Brown,** and many other prominent astronomers and eclipse chasers from India and abroad, are also expected to be on the panel of speakers in the Conference.
- Astronomers and Educators from Scientific Institutes, Planetariums, School Students, Representatives from the Astronomical Associations and Societies worldwide, Eclipse Chasing Enthusiasts, Scientific Officers of all the Embassies in India will mark their presence at the Conference. To name a few : **Thilina Heenatigala, Jens Buus, Harvey Wasserman, Larry Stevens, John Westfall, Matthias Graner, Derald Nye, Claudio Carlos Mallamaci, Kamid D. Khodashenas, Amit Verma, Joe Cali, Sahil Dhull, Thomas Goodey, Nikhil Pawar, Juan Pedro Gomez, Aaron Brown, Jan Sladeczek, Carlos Mallamaci, Kadhiresan.P, Vinaayak Gupta, Manya Gupta, Dinesh S. Nisang, Soheil Malekzadeh, Ali Ebrahimi Seraji** and many more..
- Only **300** participants can be accommodated at the Conference including the speakers.

- Special Teams of Scientists and Amateurs are expected from **China, Sri Lanka and other Asia Pacific region countries.**

CONFERENCE DETAILS

Date: 15th (Thursday) to 17th (Saturday) of December 2011.

**Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra,
Rama Krishna Bajaj Auditorium,
Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.**

<http://wikimapia.org/1811101/Vishwa-Yuvak-Kendra>

Located in the heart of the city; the Venue is well connected by all modes of transport.

Registration:

For Foreign Delegates:

- Registration fee: **USD 250** per participant.
 - This includes lunches on all three days with tea and snacks.
 - Cultural Evening and Valedictory Dinner and Cocktail

For Indian Delegates:

- Registration fee: **Rs. 4000/-** per participant
 - This includes lunches on all three days with tea and snacks.
 - Cultural Evening and Valedictory Dinner and Cocktail
 - For Indian school students: Rs. 1500/- (age group 12-18 years)
 - For College Students: Rs. 3000/-

Please note: The students need to carry their valid I-cards of the institution they are studying in.

- For Astronomicans: Rs 1500/- (Astronomicans, who are a member before 31st August 2011)
- For Space Club students and CSE member schools: Rs. 1000/- (valid i-d cards and endorsement from the school Principal required)

- The last date of registration for **SEML** members is **25th September**, after which the registrations would be open for non- SEML and domestic participants.
- **For all Indian participants, the registrations would open from 10th October till 30th October.**

Mode of payment:

Payment is acceptable in Cash, Bank draft, Cheque or PayPal.

Payment via NetBanking:

The payment can be electronically transferred to account number 60018861486 NEFT/RTGS code MAHB0001244. You can deposit the payment directly in any branch of “Bank of Maharashtra” in the account mentioned above.

Payment via DD/Cheque:

You will be required to send us the copy of the deposit slip along with the registration form. DD or Cheques in favour of SPACE, payable at New Delhi are acceptable.

In-case of payments by Cheque, the confirmation would only be made once the cheque is cleared.

Payment via PayPal:

Payment option through Paypal is also available for our foreign nationals. The option can be accessed on our website: <http://www.eclipsechasers.in/secindia.html>

Note: The payment can be made at the Registration Desk on the first day of the Conference (for SEML members only). But please note that prior Registration is still necessary to attend the Conference.

Please mention the Registration category on the deposit slip and send the scanned copy of the deposit slip with your name clearly visible at sec11.space@gmail.com

General Instructions for Presentations:

1. Delegates who wish to give presentations and demonstrations during the Conference are expected to send the **gist of their Presentation** to sec11.space@gmail.com, latest by **October 1st, 2011**.
2. The list of speakers as finalized, would be updated on our website regularly (www.eclipsechasers.in).
3. Registered participants can also display their interest for participation in **poster presentation** and **exclusive eclipse photography exhibition**. Look out for the details of these events on our website.

4. A scientific panel will finalise the presentations, lectures and posters to be included in the Conference. The names of the panelists include Mr. Sachin Bahmba, Mr. Sheridan Williams, Mr. Xavier Jubier and Prof. Dipankar Banerjee.

5. Announcement of the final allotment of presentation slots would be intimated and made available on the website on November 1st, 2011.

Tours and Excursions:

1. Local Delhi sight-seeing onboard the DTTDC 'Ho-Ho' bus service can be arranged for the interested delegates either day before the Conference or after based on popular demand. See link: <http://delhitourism.nic.in/delhitourism/transport/hoho.jsp>
2. Exciting opportunity to observe Total Lunar Eclipse on 10th December 2011 from two historical locations, organised by SPACE as below:
 - **Jantar Mantar, Delhi**- Eclipse chasing enthusiasts can observe the transcending phases of eclipse from the archaeological wonder Jantar Mantar, Delhi or any other historic monument in Delhi. All permissions would be taken by SPACE prior to this celestial event.
 - **Taj Mahal, Agra** - Taj Mahal, one of the most popular tourist destinations in India is favourably placed for the Lunar Eclipse and would provide spectacular opportunities for photography.

The Delegates, who are interested in any of the above, are advised to keep three days spare for these trips and send in their participation confirmations by **25th September**. Detailed information would be provided to the participants later.

SPACE would be pleased to assist you in planning your travel and attending to your logistics requirements before and during your stay in India. For any such assistance or query, contact us at: sec11.space@gmail.com

Suggested Accommodation options:

1. Radisson Blu, our Conference partner, a 7-Star Facility in Delhi.

- Room Rent: Twin sharing basis - Rs. 6000/- per night (Rs 3000/- per person or around USD 70 per person). See link: <http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-newdelhipaschimvihar>

2. Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, also the venue of the Conference has an availability of 35 rooms.

- Room Rent:
 - a) Single Occupancy: Rs. 2600/- each
 - b) Double occupancy: Rs. 2600/-
 - c) Triple Occupancy: Rs. 3600/-The price is inclusive of bed tea.
- Dormitory: Rs. 10,000 for 20 people. Group booking can be done to avail this option.
- See link <http://www.vykonline.org/>

Note: It is requested to the guests, that they earmark their choice of stay at VYK so that we can make necessary bookings.

3. YMCA, Delhi, a favourable facility in Delhi which is centrally located.

- Single Occupancy: Rs. 2600/-
- Double Occupancy: Rs. 3700/-
- See the link : <http://www.newdelhiymca.org/>

4. International Youth Hostel, Delhi, which is at a stone's throw distance from the Conference venue. For details: <http://www.yhaindia.org/>

5. A list of Bed and Breakfast stay options: <http://www.bnbnewdelhi.com/>

Register Yourself! Limited Seats Available.

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Come to *SEC India*, Experience the Chase!

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INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ECLIPSE CONFERENCE

15th to 17th Dec, 2011

Registration Form

One delegate only, per registration form. Please copy for additional delegates

Please affix a recent passport size photograph*

PERSONAL DETAILS							
First Name:		Last Name:			Title:	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Postal Address:							
City:		State/Region :		Country:		Postcode:	
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I would be attending the Conference as:				<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Amateur Astronomer	<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS							
List any special requirements. (e.g. wheel chair access, dietary, etc)							
List any health conditions of which we should be informed.							
Delegates are requested to nominate a contact person in cases of an emergency during the conference:							
First Name:		Last Name:			Phone:		
Email:							
Do you require Forex service?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
Will you be requiring Accommodation Facility?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
Please register me in the following category(Strike one)							
Foreign Delegate/ Indian Delegate(Adult)/ College Student/ School Student/SPACE Member							
I am making the payment by Cash/Cheque/DD as per the details mentioned below.							
				Please mention the mode chosen			

*If you are not able to affix a photograph here, send a scanned photograph of yours.