



India's Performance at IOAA 2025

Why in News?

India's national team emerged victorious at the **18th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) 2025**, held in **Mumbai** from **15th to 21st August**, winning **four gold medals** and **one silver medal**.

- The event, which saw participation from **288 students** across **63 countries**, marked another milestone for India's reputation in global science education.

Key Points

- **Gold Medalists from India** are:
 - **Aarush Mishra** from **Bengaluru**
 - **Banibrata Majee** from **Delhi**
 - **Panini** from **Patna**
 - **Akshat Srivastava** from **Kolkata**
- **Silver Medalists from India** are:
 - **Sumant Gupta** from **Gurugram** secured the **silver medal**, completing India's impressive medal haul.
- **Competition Highlights:** This year's IOAA gathered **288 students** from around the globe, who participated in a series of practical and theoretical evaluations.
 - **Iran** stood out as the top performer, with **all five of its team members securing gold medals**.
- **Closing Ceremony and Awards:** The IOAA concluded on **21st August 2025**, with a grand closing ceremony.
 - **145 medals** were awarded, including **50 golds**, **44 silvers**, and **51 bronzes**. **Anil Kakodkar**, Chancellor of **Homi Bhabha National Institute**, congratulated the winners, praising their pursuit of scientific excellence and India's increasing investments in **astronomy** and **space research**.
- **Global Participation:** Countries like **Australia** and **Hong Kong** celebrated their **first-time successes**, with **Australia** securing a silver medal and **Hong Kong** also achieving a silver.
 - **Italy** won three bronze medals, reflecting the growing global interest in space science education.
- **About IOAA:** The **IOAA**, established in **2007**, is a premier global event for high-school students passionate about astronomy and astrophysics. This year, the event was organized by the **Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE)**, a part of the **Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)**.