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## Mars Mellow

### **Srikanta M, 13, budding astronomer**

Srikanta M can't wait to take a telescope along to an excursion later this year – Parikrma School plans to take him and his classmates for an astronomy session to the outskirts of the city. It appears Srikanta found just the right school, given his interest in the heavens – all the classes at Parikrma are named after planets; the seventh standard, where he studies, is called “Saturn”. In keeping with the passion he displays, Srikanta was named the president of the science club at the school.

“We went to the planetarium on October 9 for a new show about the lifespan of stars”, said Srikanta. “We also have classes taken by Srini Srinivas (a retired veteran from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration agency in the US). As elected president of the club, Srikanta explained his responsibilities: “I have to make the library, during his free time in school. He added that he'd also learnt a bit about making a telescope in the course of his research on the computer, and was science, Srikanta said it would either be the field of software, or a dream job at NASA, for him. “I'd like to stay on Earth and explore everything,” he added, wistfully.

Steady buddy “I voted for Srikanta to become president of the science club, because he knows a little more about science and gets full marks”, Jeevan T R, Saturn classmate.