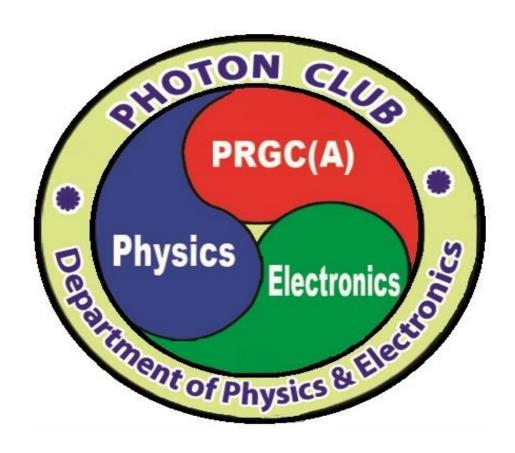
PITHAPUR RAJAH'S GOVT. COLLEGE (A), KAKINADA

DEPARTMENT OF

PHYSICS & ELECTRONICS



Report on

Observation of Zero Shadow Day

05/08/2025

P.R. GOVERNMENT COLLEGE (A), KAKINADA DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS & ELECTRONICS

Date	05-08-2025
Conducted through	Department of Physics & Electronics
DRC/JKC/ELF/ Dept. etc	
Nature of the Activity	Co-Curricular Activity
(Seminar/Workshop/Extension lecture etc.)	
Title of the Activity	Observation of Zero Shadow day
Name of the Department/Committee	Physics & Electronics
Details of Resource person	
(Name, Designation etc.)	
No. of Students Participated	50
Brief Report of the Activity	Department of Physics and Electronics
	conducted Zero Shadow Day experiment on
	05/08/2025.Lecturer In charge of Physics&
	Electronics, Dr.M.Surekha, presided the
	program. Detailed report is enclosed inside.
Name of the lecturers who planned and conducted the activity	Department of Physics & Electronics
Signature of the Lecturer in	
charge/ Convener of the committee	M-Surebha.
Signature of the Principal	
	Principal PRINCIPIAC ontroller P.R. Govt. College (Autonomous) KAKINADA-533 001.
Remarks	

P.R GOVERNMENT COLLEGE (A), KAKINADA DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS & ELECTRONICS STAFF MEETING

Date: 01/08/2025

A meeting is convened on 01/08/2025 at 4pm in the staff room to discuss the following points. All staff members are requested to attend the meeting without fail.

Agenda:

1. Observation of Zero Shadow Day on 05/08/2025.

- 2. Observation of Hiroshima Day on 06/08/2025 and Nagasaki Day on 09-08/2025.
- 3. Board of Studies meeting for the AY 2025-26 on 07-08-2025.
- 4. Interaction session and career guidance program to II &III Renewable energy and management students on 07/08/2025.

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Resolutions:

- 1.It is discussed and resolved to observe Zero Shadow Day on 05/08/2025.
- 2. It is discussed and resolved to conduct Elocution competitions to the students on the eve of Hiroshima Day on 06/08/2025 and Nagasaki Day on 09/08/2025.
- 3. It is discussed and resolved to conduct BOS meeting for UG Physics, Electronics, Renwable energy and management on 07/08/2025.
- 4. It is discussed and resolved to organise an interaction session with Sri.A.V.V.Prasad ,Solar systems,Kakinada for II &III Renewable energy and management students on 07/08/2025.

In charge

Physics & Electronics

Members Present:

Report of the Activity

Zero Shadow Day happens twice a year. Department of Physics and Electronics conducted Zero Shadow Day experiment on 05/08/2025. Lecturer In charge of Physics& Electronics, Dr.M.Surekha, presided the program. She created awareness to students regarding Zero shadow day. In every year it falls twice at different places at different times around the globe. This practical session gave a valuable information to the students regarding the Solar System and Solar Constant which appears in the curriculum of their Paper for II PHYSICS(H),

students, "Thermodynamics & Radiation Physics". Faculty and students of Physics and Electronics Department attended for the experiment.

What is Zero Shadow Day

Zero Shadow Day is a phenomenon where the sun is directly overhead, causing vertical objects to cast no shadow for a few minutes because the sun's rays hit the Earth perpendicular to the surface. This occurs twice a year in locations between the <u>Tropic of Cancer</u> and the <u>Tropic of Capricorn</u> and is caused by the Earth's axial tilt. The dates vary depending on latitude, but the sun's rays fall straight down, and the shadow is cast directly underneath the object.

What happens

Sun is directly overhead:

The sun reaches its highest point in the sky, called the zenith, directly above a specific location.

• No shadow is cast:

The sun's rays fall perpendicular to the ground, meaning the shadow is cast directly beneath the object, making it appear invisible.

• It lasts for a few minutes:

The effect is temporary and can be observed for a short period around solar noon.

Why it happens

• Sun's declination:

The sun's declination (its angle north or south of the celestial equator) becomes equal to the latitude of the location on these specific days, leading to the sun being directly overhead.

Varying dates:

The phenomenon occurs twice a year, with the dates changing based on your specific latitude within the tropics.

Where it occurs

• Between the tropics:

You can only observe this event in regions located between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.

• Examples:

Indian cities like Chennai, Mumbai, and Pune are within this zone and have experienced Zero Shadow Day, while New Delhi, which is further north, has not.

Historical significance

• Ancient observations:

Ancient civilizations used this phenomenon for agricultural and calendrical purposes.

• Measuring Earth's circumference:

The Greek mathematician <u>Eratosthenes</u> used the difference in shadow length between two cities on a Zero Shadow Day to calculate the circumference of the Earth using geometry and trigonometry.

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Staff & students observing Zero shadow day







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