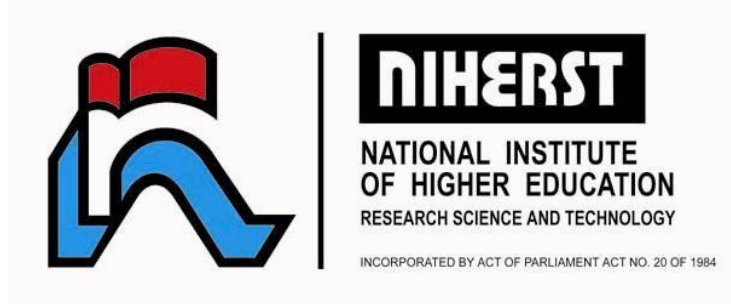


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### **Celebrating Point Fortin Borough Day with Astronomy Night: A Stellar Evening Under the Stars**

The National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science, and Technology (NIHERST) hosted an Astronomy Night: A Stellar Evening Under the Stars, in celebration of the Borough of Point Fortin 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The event took place on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the **Mahaica Sporting Complex, Point Fortin**, attracting astronomy enthusiasts of all ages for a stellar evening under the stars.

The Astronomy Night was aimed at promoting science education and awareness within the Point Fortin community. Attendees were treated to a variety of engaging and educational activities, including telescope viewing sessions.

In addition to telescope viewing sessions, participants had the chance to learn about celestial phenomena such as planets, stars, galaxies, and constellations through hands-on activities and informative displays. NIHERST Science Explainers were on hand to answer questions and share their knowledge, sparking curiosity and inspiring a deeper appreciation for Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) education via the night sky.

NIHERST's President, Mrs. Marleen Lord-Lewis shared her views about the event "We are delighted to have hosted such an exciting event, which provided a unique opportunity for residents of Point Fortin to come together and explore the wonders of the universe right here in their community. Events such as this not only showcase the beauty and wonder of the cosmos but also encourage lifelong learning and curiosity about the world around us."

**His Worship Alderman Clyde James**, Mayor of the Point Fortin Borough and the CEO of the Point Fortin Borough Corporation, **Ms. DonnaMay Taylor** were proudly in attendance.

NIHERST extends its gratitude to all partners, volunteers, and attendees who contributed to the success of the Astronomy Night. The Institute remains committed to fostering science education and engagement in communities across Trinidad and Tobago and looks forward to hosting similar events in the future.

For more information about NIHERST and upcoming events, please visit the NIHERST website at [www.niherst.gov.tt](http://www.niherst.gov.tt) or social media pages @NIHERST

### **About NIHERST**

NIHERST is a statutory body established in 1984 to promote science, technology and higher education in Trinidad and Tobago consistent with national development goals. The Institute is an agency under the Ministry of Education. Its current work focuses on the development of a more diversified, knowledge-driven economy, based on the ingenuity of our people and their ability to create, adapt and use science and technology for wealth generation and national development. Many of its programmes aim to strengthen the innovative, creative and entrepreneurial capabilities of the general population. NIHERST is also engaged in research, such as in foresight and innovation, to support economic diversification; promoting innovation and the commercialisation of technology in priority sectors; and building global partnerships.

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