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National Science Day



Context:

- **National Science Day** is celebrated in **India on February 28th** each year.
- It **commemorates** the groundbreaking **discovery of the Raman Effect** by the renowned Indian physicist **Sir C.V. Raman** in **1928**.
- This remarkable work earned C.V Raman the prestigious **Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930**.
- The purpose of National Science Day is to:
 1. Promote scientific awareness and inspire interest in science, especially among youth.
 2. Recognize contributions of scientists to the field of science and technology.
 3. Encourage scientific temper and a spirit of inquiry within society.

Theme 2024:

- The theme for National Science Day 2024 is **“Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat.”**

Did you Know?

- The **first National Science Day** was celebrated on **February 28, 1987**.
- The **National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC)**, in 1986, asked the **Government of India** to announce **February 28** as **National Science Day**

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Modi to launch development projects in MH

Context:

- PM Modi will participate in a public programme in Maharashtra's Yavatmal district and will inaugurate and dedicate to the nation various development projects.
- He will also **release benefits under the PM KISAN** and other schemes during the programme
- He will also **inaugurate the statue of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya** in Yavatmal city.
- PM Modi will **release the 16th installment amount of more than Rs 21,000 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)** through **direct benefits transfer** to beneficiaries.
- **With this release, an amount of more than Rs 3 lakh crore will be transferred to more than 11 crore farmers' families.**
- The PM will also **disburse second and third installments of 'Namo Shetkari MahaSanman Nidhi' of about Rs 3,800 crore** and benefiting nearly 88 lakh farmers across Maharashtra.
- The scheme **provides an additional amount of Rs 6,000 per year** to the beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana in Maharashtra, the release said.
- Modi will also **disburse Rs 825 crore of Revolving Fund to 5.5 lakh women Self Help Groups (SHGs)** across Maharashtra.

Marathi Language Day



Context:

- **Marathi Language Day, also known as Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din, is celebrated annually on February 27th.**
- This day **commemorates the birth anniversary of the renowned Marathi poet, Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar, popularly known as Kusumagraj.**

Significance:

- Celebrates the **rich cultural heritage and vibrant language of Marathi.**
- **Honors the contributions of Marathi speakers to literature, art, music, and society.**
- Raises awareness about the importance of preserving and promoting Marathi.

Did you Know?

- **First successful celebration of Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din was in 1999.**

About:


- **Marathi is an Indo-Aryan language** predominantly spoken by **Marathi people in Maharashtra.**
- It is the **official language of Maharashtra, and an additional official language in the state of Goa.**
- It is **one of the 22 scheduled languages of India,**



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<p>Maharashtra sees rise in fiscal and revenue deficits</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maharashtra is grappling with rising fiscal and revenue deficits.• The recent interim budget for 2024-25 projected a revenue deficit of Rs 9,733 crore and a fiscal deficit of Rs 99,288 crore.• Revised estimates show the revenue deficit reaching Rs 19,531 crore, exceeding the initial budget estimate of Rs 16,122 crore.• Even more concerning, the fiscal deficit crossed the Rs 1 lakh crore mark for the first time, reaching Rs 1.11 lakh crore.
<p>World NGO Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• World NGO Day is an annual celebration held on February 27th to acknowledge and appreciate the vital work of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) around the world.• The concept originated in 2010 and gained official recognition in 2014, with support from organizations like the United Nations and the European Union. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These organizations, also known as charities, non-profits, or civil society organizations, operate independently of government control and work in diverse areas like:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Humanitarian aid and disaster relief2. Environmental protection and sustainability3. Education and healthcare access4. Social justice and human rights advocacy <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The theme for the 2024 World NGO Day is 'Building a Sustainable Future: The Role of NGOs in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).'

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