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## **Maharashtra State Specific News**

## **National Science Day**



#### Context:

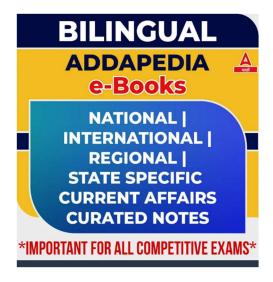
- National Science Day is celebrated in India on February 28th each year.
- It commemorates the groundbreaking discovery of the Raman Effect by the renowned Indian physicist Sir C.V. Raman in 1928.
- This remarkable work earned C.V Raman the prestigious **Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.**
- The purpose 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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# Maharashtra sees rise in fiscal and revenue deficits

#### Context:

- 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.

## World NGO Day



#### Context:

- 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.

#### About:

- These organizations, also known as charities, non-profits, or civil society organizations, operate independently of government control and work in diverse areas like:
  - 1. Humanitarian aid and disaster relief
  - 2. Environmental protection and sustainability
  - 3. Education and healthcare access
  - 4. Social justice and human rights advocacy

### Theme:

• 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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