

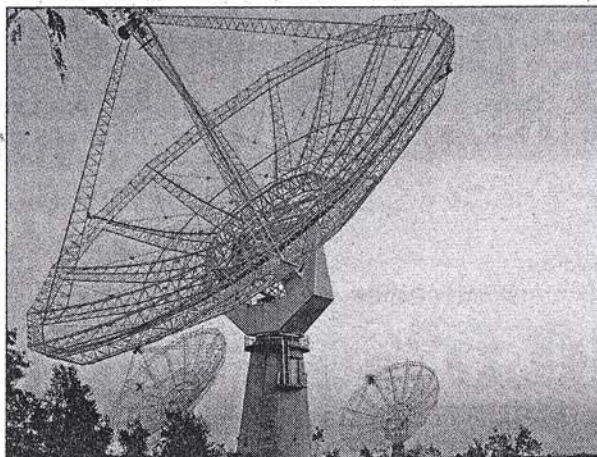
ATOMIC REACTOR MODEL ON DISPLAY

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For those who have never seen an atomic reactor, there would be an opportunity to see a model at least during a two-day science exhibition, beginning February 28, to be held at the Giant Meterwave Radio Telescope (GMRT) facilities at Narayangaon about 80 kilometres from here.

The exhibition, held every year by the GMRT to commemorate the Science Day, will also provide an opportunity to the visitors to observe the Sun, pulsars, and other celestial bodies using the GMRT antenna. The exhibition will be inaugurated at the hands of University of Pune Vice Chancellor R K Shevgaonkar. The annual exhibition is held with the objective of popularising science education in the rural parts, Science Day



■ The file photo of an array of dish antennas at GMRT near Narayangaon 80 kms from Pune.

Committee chairman Prof Yashwant Gupta, GMRT administrative officer J K Solanki and scientist Dr Subhashis Roy told reporters here on Friday.

Apart from the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL), which will be displaying

the model of the atomic reactor, there will be a host of other participants at the exhibition including the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the TIFR's Hyderabad-based Balloon Facility which will demonstrate the launching of a balloon, the geography

and geology departments of the University of Pune, the Agharkar Research Institute, and Pabal-based Vidnyan Ashram, among others. Students from 20 schools and an equal number of colleges from Maharashtra will be displaying their projects at the exhibition, while a documentary entitled "Weight of Galaxies - The Dark Side of the Universe" will be shown.

Lectures by eminent scientists including former Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) director Prof Jayant Narlikar, Dr Shashikant Dharane of NPCIL, Dr Y Wadadekar of NCRA, Dr Jayant Phalke of Vidnyan Vahini, Dr Mahendra Sonawane of TIFR and Dr Prakash Tupe will also be held over the two days. Sanjay Pujari will hold a puppet show on "Environment and Science" with toys made by Arvind Gupta.