

Exhibitions, lectures to mark Science Day today

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Pune: Several events have been organised in and around the city to mark Science Day on February 28.

The Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (Iucaa) has planned several events throughout the day, including an exhibition on trends in astronomy and astrophysics research, and a demonstration on science toys. Besides, the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT), the Indian Meteorological Department, colleges and schools have also organised exhibitions on the occasion.

A statement released by the Iucaa said, "In the Iucaa main building, the faculty will display the latest trends in astronomy and astrophysics research. Scientists will be available to answer questions on astronomy and astrophysics. The instrumentation de-

partment will also display astronomy-related instrumentation/demonstrations."

Demonstrations of science toys will be given in the foyer of the Chandrasekhar auditorium of Iucaa, with film screenings inside the auditorium. There will be continuous demonstrations on the virtual observatory and world wide telescope. Live demonstration of radio controlled aeromodel show, radio astronomy are some other programmes that would be conducted during the day.

A special event has also been organised in the form of a workshop on making a simple spectroscope using a CD or DVD. Besides, at noon, a live chat with scientists at Iucaa's Girawali observatory has been organised. A question and answer session with eminent scientists Jayant Narlikar and T Padmanabhan has also been organised where the

scientists. This programme will be in the Chandrasekhar auditorium at 3:30 pm. A public lecture by A N Ramaprakash will take place at 6 pm.

Over 300 exhibits will be put up at the GMRT in Khodad, about 80 km from Pune, on the occasion of Science Day on February 28 and March 1. Besides, lectures by eminent scientists, including Jayant Narlikar on science and astronomy, have been arranged even as prominent institutions such as the ISRO, TIFR, Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, among others, will display their exhibits.

The Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune, has organised a mega 'SCIFEST' at the IISER campus. At the Indian Meteorological Department office, an exhibition will be arranged on this day and will be open to the public from 10 am to 5 pm.