

Workshop, exhibition to mark Science Day at IUCAA, GMRT

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Pune: A variety of events, including workshops, exhibitions and talks, have been organised at the Inter-university Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) and the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) on Sunday to mark National Science Day.

At the main building of the IUCAA here, its faculty will display models demonstrating the latest trends in astronomy and astrophysics research. Scientists would also be available to answer questions, Arvind Paranjpye, scientific officer, public outreach programme, IUCAA, said in a statement. The instrumentation department of the Iucaa will be displaying astronomy-related instruments.

Between 11 am and 3 pm, films on astronomy will be screened. In the Science Park outside the Chandrasekhar Auditorium, a demonstration of science toys will be held. Also, through the day, demonstrations using Virtual Observatory, World Wide Telescope and Google Sky will continue.

The highlight of the day will be a special workshop on making a simple spectroscope using a CD or DVD. Visitors have been requested to bring a discarded CD or DVD for the same. A spectroscope is a device for producing and observing a spectrum of light or radiation. A demonstration of the functions of a telescope and how to make one has been organised. A question-and-answer session with eminent scientist Jayant Narlikar and T Padmanabhan of the IUCAA has been lined up at 3.30 pm at the Chandrasekhar Auditorium. At the GMRT, located at Khodad, a science exhibition for the popularisation of science in rural areas has been organised for the past eight years. This year as well, GMRT has organised a similar event.

The two-day exhibition will be held on Sunday and Monday between 9.30 am and 5 pm. Exhibits by the TIFR and Vidyan Vedh, Nashik, and also by various schools, colleges, other institutes and the GMRT will be on display. Last year, the expo attracted over 15,000 people. GMRTs array of radio telescopes will also be open to the public.

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A display of scientific innovations by students of 40 schools at Bharati Vidya Bhavan's Mukhtangan exploratory science park on the eve of World Science Day

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