



महाकाय मीटर-तरंग रेडियो दूरबीन  
**Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT)**  
राष्ट्रीय रेडियो खगोलभौतिकी केंद्र, टाटा मूलभूत अनुसंधान संस्थान  
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**PRESS NOTE**

**GMRT Science Exhibition 2026 on the occasion of National Science Day at GMRT Khodad.**

Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) is the world's largest Radio telescope in its kind. The telescope was set up by National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA), Pune under Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India. GMRT is located at Khodad, near Narayangaon (80 kms. North of Pune, on Pune-Nasik highway). GMRT also plays a major role in science popularization in rural area.

The Institute has been organizing a Science Exhibition as a part of National Science Day celebration for the last 24 years on 28<sup>th</sup> February and the following day. Many schools, Colleges and renowned Institutes throughout the country participate in the exhibition every year. The exhibition is one of the largest and unique in the **country**. It has proved a very good platform for all enthusiastic students from various schools and colleges in the neighborhood area. Every year around 25000 visitors visit this **unique science exhibition**.

This year also GMRT is celebrating Science Day on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 at GMRT Khodad. The Science Exhibition inauguration will be done by the hands of **Dr. Kaushik Banerjee, Director, ICAR-National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune** at 9:30am on 28th Feb 2026 and the closing ceremony will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 at 3.30 pm in the presence of chief guest **Dr. Mahanand S. Mane, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Pune**.

In addition to the schools and colleges, there will be separate stalls of various government/private organizations. The exhibition will be 'open to all' from 9:30am onwards to 5pm on both the days.

The following exhibits will be the main attractions of the Science Day:

1. GMRT engineering systems stall: where the visitors will get all the information about the various crucial, sophisticated systems of the GMRT on which it works. The visitors can ask questions regarding the astronomy to the astronomers at "Ask an Astronomer" stall.
2. Science related film along with the films related to Radio Astronomy.
3. Various science related live experiments by TIFR, Mumbai.



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4. Vigyan Ashram, Pabal
5. National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune
6. Agharkar Research Institute, Pune
7. Space Odyssey Planetarium, Ahmednagar
8. TIFR Balloon Facility, Hyderabad
9. Pune FOSS User Group, Pune
10. Mozilla India, Pune
11. Department of Geography, Savitribai Phule Pune University
12. Antariksha, Pune
13. ITER-India, Institute for Plasma Research, Gandhinagar
14. Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune
15. Directorate of Onion and Garlic Research, Rajagurunagar
16. National Institute of Virology, Pune
17. National Remote Sensing Centre- ISRO, RRSC
18. Ham Radio Shirdi-Pune Group
19. and participation of many other renowned organizations from all over Maharashtra/India.

The organizing committee has arranged various essential auxiliary services, such as medical first-aid, safety audits, and drinking water. Also, the Depot Managers of State Transport in Pune, Junnar, and Narayangaon have been requested to increase bus frequency to Khodad via GMRT. The committee invites everyone to visit this unique facility and all science models and projects presented by schools, engineering colleges, and renowned government and non-government organizations.

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