

Theme for National Science Day sets in as 'Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat'

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Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh released the theme for the "National Science Day 2024", titled "Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat".

The National Science Day (NSD) theme for this year's celebration reflects a strategic focus on promoting public appreciation for Science, Technology and Innovation and accomplishments of Indian scientists to address challenges through home-grown technologies for over-all well-being.

The theme not only marks a new era but also presents an opportunity for public and scientific fraternity, both domestically and internationally, to collaborate, work together, and contribute to the well-being of India and humanity as a whole. While emphasising the importance of making India *Atmanirbhar* through science, it underscores the need to address subjects that hold significance for humanity as a whole.

The National Science Day (NSD) is celebrated every year on 28 February to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect'. Government of India designated 28 February as National Science Day in 1986. On this day Sir C.V. Raman announced the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1930. On this occasion, theme-based science communication activities are carried out all over the country. The theme launch will trigger celebrations of NSD specially in schools & colleges throughout the country.

Professor Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, Department of Science & Technology (DST) said that as we embark on the celebration of NSD and move ahead with the launch of the theme for 2024, it is clearly evident that our scientific endeavours have the power to shape not only the future of our nation but also contribute significantly towards global advancement.