

National Science Day 2026 celebrations at IITM Pune

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The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, organized an Open Day on 27 February 2026 as part of the National Science Day celebrations. The event was open to all and provided students and visitors with an opportunity to experience the science of weather, climate, and oceans through interactive engagement.



Around 300 students from Hujurpaga Secondary School, Katraj, Pune, Shriram Mahila Vidnyan Mahavidyalaya, Paniv, Sholapur and School of Sciences, Christ University, Lavasa, Pune participated in the Open Day. The programme included interactive sessions and question-and-answer discussions, allowing students to engage directly with scientists and researchers.

Participants visited several research facilities and laboratories at IITM to gain first-hand exposure to ongoing scientific work. The laboratories and facilities open to visitors included:

- Dendro Lab
- High Performance Computing (HPC) Facility
- SAFAR Hutment (MAQWS)
- ENVIS Lab
- Isotope / Mass Spectrometry Lab
- Lightning Location Network
- Wind Tunnel Lab
- Fluid Dynamics Lab (FDL)
- The Plant-Atmosphere Interaction Research (PAIR)
- Atmospheric Chemistry Laboratory
- Cosmic-ray Soil Moisture Observation System (COSMOS)
- IITM Library

During the visits, students explored various aspects of atmospheric and climate science and learned about the research activities carried out at IITM.



The Open Day was organized as part of the institute's outreach activities to promote scientific awareness and inspire young students to pursue careers in science. The programme provided a valuable opportunity for students to interact with scientists and understand the importance of research in weather and climate sciences.

IITM is also conducting a special lecture series on 2nd of March 2026 to mark the National Science Day 2026 on the Theme "Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat" to celebrate the scientific excellence and the invaluable contributions of women in science.

During this program thematic Lectures by Dr. Thara Prabhakaran & Dr. Swapna Panickal will be organised.



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