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# National Science Day

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**Why is in news?** Union Minister DrJitendra Singh unveils the theme for National Science Day 2023, titled "Global Science for Global Wellbeing" at National Media Centre, Delhi

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology released the theme for the "National Science Day 2023", titled "**Global Science for Global Wellbeing**".

India enters 2023, the theme indicates India's **emerging global role and rising visibility** in the international arena.

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 (NSD) 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 discovery was that when a **beam of coloured light entered a liquid**, a **fraction of the light scattered** by that liquid was of a different color. Raman showed that the **nature of this scattered light was dependent on the type of sample present**.

The theme of "Global Science for Global Wellbeing" is **perfectly in sync with India assuming the Presidency of G-20**, where we will become the voice of the global south that is the developing countries of Asia, Africa and South America.

The Global Science for Global Wellbeing theme has been chosen for the purpose of **raising public appreciation** of the **scientific issues** in global context which is having a bearing upon global wellbeing.

Indian scientific breakthroughs have reached **from the lab to the land**, indeed applications of science are being used by every household to **bring "Ease of Living"** for the common man.

It also heralds a new era to provide opportunities to people and scientific fraternity in the country and abroad to come together, work together and experience the joy of doing science for the wellbeing of mankind.

Science and Technology ecosystem in the country has made rapid strides in the last 8 and half years by initiating several new landmark reforms with far reaching implications for the country.

India is **progressively marching towards becoming a global leader** in industrialization and technological development. India's new plan, called Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy 2020, plans to promote Science more effectively and experts-driven.

Many institutions organise open houses for their laboratories and appraise students about career opportunities available in a particular research laboratory/institution.

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The **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** acts as a **nodal agency** to support, catalyse and coordinate celebration of the National Science Day throughout the country in scientific institutions, research laboratories and autonomous scientific institutions associated with the Department of Science and Technology.

National Council for Science & Technology Communication (NCSTC), DST has supported various programmes countrywide through State S&T Councils & Departments for organisation of lectures, quizzes, open houses, etc.