



## Establishment of Chairs in the Name of Eminent Women Scientists

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### Why in News

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On the occasion of **National Science Day (8<sup>th</sup> February)**, the Government has announced **11 chairs in the name of eminent Indian women scientists** in various fields.

The **theme** for the National Science Day 2020 is '**Women In Science**'.

### Key Points

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- The programme intends to **encourage, empower women and give due recognition to young women researchers** excelling in various fields.
- The 11 Chairs have been instituted in various areas of research including Agriculture, Biotechnology, Immunology, Phytomedicine, Biochemistry, Medicine, Social Sciences, Earth Science & Meteorology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Physics & Fundamental Research.
- Additionally, the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) have jointly established **10 chairs across different universities after eminent women to encourage women** to pursue higher education and excel in their chosen fields.

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