



National Technology Day

Why in News

India observes its [National Technology Day](#) on **11th May** every year.

Key Points

▪ About:

- The day, which was **first observed on 11th May, 1999**, aims **to commemorate the scientific and technological achievements of Indian scientists, engineers.**
 - The day was **named by the former Prime Minister [Atal Bihari Vajpayee](#).**
- Every year, the **Technology Development Board of India** celebrates the day by **awarding individuals with the National Award for their contribution to science and technology in India.**
 - **Technology Development Board** is a **statutory body** of Government of India functioning under the [Department of Science of Technology](#).
 - It **provides financial assistance** to Indian industrial concerns and other agencies, **for commercialization of indigenized technologies or adaptation of imported technologies** for wider domestic applications.

▪ 2021 Theme:

- Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future.

▪ Significance:

- It is the day India successfully **tested nuclear bombs in Pokhran on 11th May, 1998.**
 - India successfully test-fired its **Shakti-1** nuclear missile in an operation called **Pokhran-II**, also codenamed as **Operation Shakti** which was led by late president [Dr APJ Abdul Kalam](#).
 - The nuclear missile was tested at the Indian Army's Pokhran Test Range in Rajasthan. This was the second test which was conducted after Pokhran-I codenamed **Operation Smiling Buddha**, in May 1974.
- On the same day, India performed a successful test firing of the **Trishul Missile (surface to air short range missile)** and had test flown the **first indigenous aircraft - 'Hansa - 3'**.

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