

Science Day 2018

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An attack on the Theory of Evolution. Extravagant claims about Ancient Science and Medicine. A public figure and a scholar to engage the audience in two interactive sessions. Also learn about mathematical modeling and computer simulation via students' exhibits!



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Mr. Rawat is the founder/director of Rawat's Nature Academy, which hosts more than 5000 books on science and beyond. He was a Member of Parliament (MP) in the 13th Lok Sabha.

Why Evolution Is Important

Time: 12:00 – 13:00

Public statements such as "Nobody, including our ancestors, in written or oral, have said they saw an ape turning into a man." naturally make lay people wonder about Evolution. What is Science? What is Theory of Evolution? Why is it considered so fundamental? A former politician who defended science and evolution in the recent controversy explains why he considers the theory of evolution and scientific temper important for the society. This will be followed by open discussion.

Is there Science in the Vedas?

Time: 15:00 – 16:00

What is Science? What are Vedas? Can the two words be put together in a meaningful way? After opening remarks by Professor Zysk and a few examples from the Vedic context which *might* suggest a Scientific spirit of enquiry, there will be an open exploratory discussion. (Special Thanks to Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, SPPU.)



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