

PM Modi Praises Astrophysicist Ronaldo Laishram in Mann Ki Baat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi commended Manipuri astrophysicist Dr. Ronaldo Laishram in the 136th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' for his research in astronomy in Japan.

Recognition of an Indian researcher at the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan for his role in discovering a massive cluster of young galaxies.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised **Dr. Ronaldo Laishram** during the **136th episode** of his monthly radio programme **Mann Ki Baat**.
- Dr. Ronaldo Laishram hails from **Manipur** and works as a Postdoctoral Researcher at the **National Astronomical Observatory of Japan**.
- He specializes in the field of **galaxy formation** and cosmic evolution research.
- Dr. Laishram was part of an international scientific team that discovered a massive cluster of **young galaxies**.
- The Prime Minister highlighted his scientific achievement while maintaining a deep connection to his homeland **Manipur**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Mann Ki Baat is a monthly Indian radio program hosted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi that was first broadcast on **October 3, 2014**.

The landmark **100th episode** of the Mann Ki Baat radio broadcast took place on **April 30, 2023**.

A **galaxy** is a gravitationally bound system of stars, stellar remnants, interstellar gas, dust, and dark matter.

The **Milky Way** galaxy is a barred spiral galaxy that contains our Solar System.

Andromeda Galaxy (M31) is the nearest major spiral galaxy to the Milky Way galaxy.

The **National Astronomical Observatory of Japan** (NAOJ) is a major astronomical research institute established in **1988**.

Radio astronomy research in India is prominently driven by the **Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope** located at Khodad near **Pune**.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Manipuri astrophysicist Dr. Ronaldo Laishram was praised by PM Modi in Mann Ki Baat for galaxy cluster research.

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