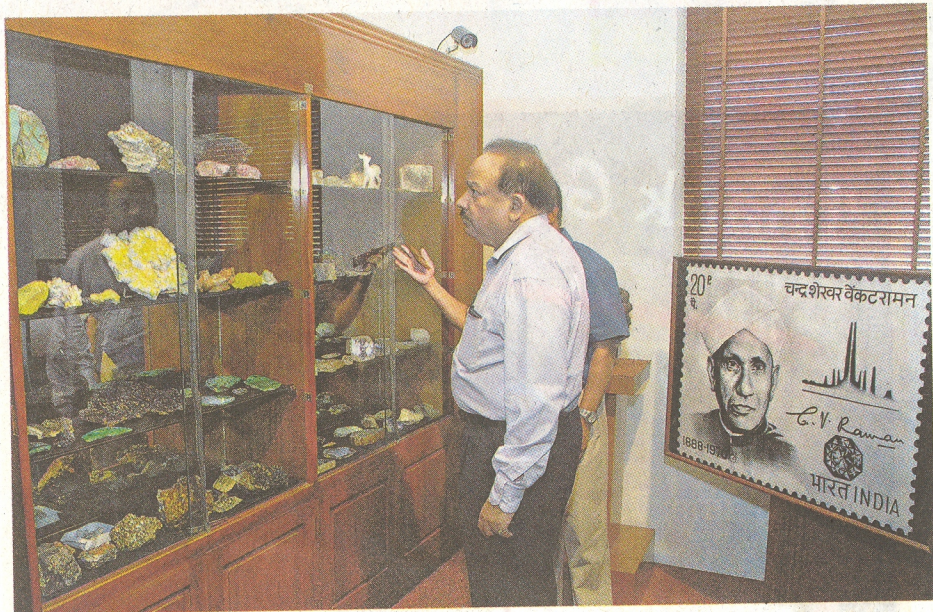


# Cut in grants and funds is temporary: Union Minister



*Union Minister for Science and Technology Harsh Vardhan at the museum at Sir C.V. Raman Research Institute in Bengaluru on Friday.* — PHOTO: V. SREENIVASA MURTHY

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**BENGALURU:** Cut in grants or funds to some science and research institutions is only temporary and will be restored soon, said Union Minister for Science and Technology Harsh Vardhan said here on Friday.

The Minister was responding to a query on the reduced grants allocated to institutions this fiscal. Speaking to presspersons during his visit to the Raman Research Institute (RRI) here, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said: "This is a general issue, keeping in mind the economy and fiscal deficit that the government has inherited. Scien-

tists should learn to optimally utilise the resources. This is a temporary phase and will be restored later."

While not delving into concrete plans of the ministry's vision for the development of science and technology, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said coordination, timeliness and accountability are being emphasised. "All scientific institutions have been asked to set goals for themselves for one, two and five years. Inputs from management professionals are being taken to ensure that institutions are working towards set goals," he said, adding that the research

institutions should find solutions to problems in the country.

Furthermore, he said the scientific community was being asked to provide inputs to the recently launched programmes of the Centre.

The Minister also visited the Indian Academy of Sciences, where he suggested that a book on successes of famous scientists be brought out so that it can motivate youngsters to take up science and research.

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