



India International Science Festival, 2021

Why in News

The **Union Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)** has recently launched the **7th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF)**.

Key Points

▪ About:

- Launched in 2015, IISF is an **annual event** considered to be the **biggest platform in the country** which brings together students, the public, researchers, innovators and artists from around the globe to experience the joy of doing science for the wellbeing of people and humanity.

▪ Organised by:

- IISF 2021 is being **organised jointly** by the **Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)**, **Ministry of Science & Technology** ([Department of Science & Technology](#), [Department of Biotechnology](#), [Council of Scientific and Industrial Research](#)), in collaboration with **Vijnana Bharati**.
- IISF 2021 will be held from **10th-13th December** in **Panaji, Goa**.

▪ Nodal Agency:

- The [National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research](#), an autonomous institute under the MoES.

▪ Theme for 2021:

- Celebrating Creativity in Science, Technology and Innovation for Prosperous India.
- It will also reflect the spirit and idea of [Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav](#) of India, which aims to mark [75 glorious years of Indian independence](#) in 2022.

Vijnana Bharati

- **Swadeshi Science Movement** was **started in Indian Institute of Science- Bengaluru** by a few eminent scientists under the guidance of Prof. K I Vasu.
 - This movement gradually gained momentum and emerged as an organization with national presence.
- In **1991**, it was decided to launch the Swadeshi Science Movement at all India Level and **named it Vijnana Bharati**.
- One of the objectives is to motivate young scientists towards greater creativity and originality.
- It is **headquartered in New Delhi**.

