



India International Science Festival 2020

Why in News

The 6th edition of the **India International Science Festival (IISF)** will be held virtually in 2020.

- The **5th edition** was held in Kolkata in 2019.

Key Points

- **IISF:** It is a festival to **celebrate the achievements of India's scientific and technological advancements** with students, innovators, craftsmen, farmers, scientists and technocrats from India and abroad.
 - It was **launched in 2015** to **promote Science and Technology** and demonstrate how science could lead India towards a developed nation within a short span of time.
- **Aim:** To **engage the public with science** and celebrate the joy of science and show the ways how science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) provide solutions to improve people's lives.
- **Organising Agencies:** **Ministry of Science & Technology** and **Ministry of Earth Sciences** in association with **Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA)** organise IISF **every year**.
- **IISF 2020:** The **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)** will spearhead the IISF 2020 with support of all other concerned ministries and departments.
 - CSIR is **funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology**.

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.
- It's one of the **objectives** is to motivate young scientists towards greater creativity and originality.
- It is headquartered in **New Delhi**.

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