



# India International Science Festival, 2021

## Why in News

The **Union Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)** has recently launched the **7<sup>th</sup> 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 **10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 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**.

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