



# Fifth India International Science Festival

## Why in News

- The Prime Minister of India will inaugurate the **Fifth India International Science Festival (IISF)** on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.
- Host City: The four-day science festival is being organized in **Kolkata** from 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.
- **Theme:** RISEN India -Research, Innovation and Science Empowering the Nation
- **Vigyanika - International Science Literature Festival** is being organised as part of the 5th IISF.
  - It is being coordinated by the **CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (CSIR-NISCAIR), Vigyan Prasar and Vigyan Bharati.**
  - It will feature innovative formats of science communication such as drama, poetry, and magic. A Science Book Fair will also be a major attraction of Vigyanika.

## India International Science Festival

- IISF is the **largest science festival in the world.** It is an **annual 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 **started from the year 2015.**
- It is organized by the **Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences and Vijnana Bharati (Vibha).**

## 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 as 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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