

India International Science Festival, 2021

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In news– Recently, the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), launched the 7th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF).

About the India International Science Festival (IISF)

- IISF is an annual event 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.
- It is a science movement with a swadeshi spirit led by eminent scientists of the country.
- The **main purpose of IISF is the celebration of science by all.**
- IISF 2021 will be held **at Panaji, Goa from December 10 to 13, 2021.**
- **The Ministry of Earth Sciences, Ministry of S&T and Vijnana Bharati** along with the Government of Goa are the **organisers of IISF 2021.**
- **National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR)** of Ministry of Earth Sciences, an institution situated in Goa, is the **nodal agency** to organise the IISF 2021.
- **The theme of IISF 2021 is ‘Celebrating Creativity in Science, Technology and Innovation for Prosperous India’.**
- **It will have twelve programmes categorised under the following five pillars/sections:**
 1. **Freedom Struggle:** Events to remember the role of scientific community in Indian freedom movements

2. **Ideas@75:** To discuss new science and technology (S&T) ideas for new India such as smart hospitals (city, town & village)etc.
3. **Achievements@75:** To showcase the S&T achievements of our country in the past 75 years.
4. **Actions@75:** To chart an S&T action plan for new India
5. **Resolves@75:** It aimed to come up with resolutions related to S&T towards achieving Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR)

- It was established as an autonomous Research and Development Institution of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- NCPOR was formerly known as the National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research (NCAOR) & is situated in Vasco da Gama, Goa
- It is known for its participation in global experiments, hosting of international conferences and in the leadership of international committees concerned with Antarctic science.