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About Indian International Science Festival 2024



The 10th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF), an initiative by the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Earth Sciences, took place from 30th November to 3rd December 2024 at the prestigious IIT Guwahati campus. This flagship event served as a grand celebration of science, encouraging participation from all sectors of society.

IISF was designed to bridge the gap between science and the general public, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for scientific endeavors. Through an array of creative programs, activities, and interactions, the festival provided a unique platform for individuals, students, researchers, policymakers, and industry experts from India and across the globe to come together. It inspired collaboration, ignited curiosity, and promoted the transformative power of science in addressing global challenges.

By bringing the scientific community and the public closer, IISF underscored the role of science in everyday life and its potential to shape a sustainable and innovative future for all.

Scope of Work



Pre-event Press Conference and Press Release



On 29th November 2024, CSIR-NIIST, TVM, conducted a Press Conference to announce the 10th India International Science Festival (IISF 2024), Organised by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), in collaboration with the Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, IIT Guwahati, and Vijnana Bharati, the event promised to be a pivotal festival in India's scientific and technological landscape. Information on dedicated round table discussions, exhibitions, technical sessions for each highlighted domain, providing a platform for experts and thought leaders to address challenges and opportunities in these vital sectors, was shared during the press conference.



 Media Registration
18

A total of **18 regional media journalists** attended the press conference

| Name | Media House |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Ripon | Doordarshan Guwahati |
| Bidyut Talukdan | Doordarshan Guwahati |
| Pankaj Das | Prag News |
| Karabi Deka | Prag News |
| Tisak Das | NE Bharat 24 |
| Anupama Deka | Amar Asom |
| Diganta Das | Niyomiya Barta |
| Hemanta Barua | Asomiya Pratidin/ All India Radio |
| Rajibaksha | ABP News |
| Dhrubbajyoti Makker | The Times of India |
| Bhaskar Jyoti Saikia | News18 Assam |
| Naresh Kalita | Niyamiya Barta |
| Bipin Bora | Asomiya Pratidin |
| Albin Raj | Malayala Manorama |
| Amar Jyoti Deka | NE Live |
| Joydeb Das | JB News |
| Joydeep Barua | ND 24 |
| Chakreshar Goswami | Gana Jiwan |

Pre-Event Media Interaction



Day 1: Inaugural Day Press Release



The India International Science Festival (IISF) 2024 was inaugurated with Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chief Minister of Assam, and Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, as chief dignitaries. Joined by key officials like Smr. Dasanglu Pul, Cabinet Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, and Shri Keshab Mahanta, Assam's Minister for Science & Technology, the event brought together prominent stakeholders, including top secretaries of science ministries, distinguished scientists, and leaders from IIT Guwahati and CSIR. A notable highlight was the launch of the India Science, Technology & Innovation (ISTI) Portal, which will serve as a one-stop resource for scientific opportunities and funding, aimed at empowering students, researchers, and innovators across India.

The festival showcased multiple exhibitions such as the Chandrayaan - Museum of The Moon, featuring a life-sized replica of the moon, and the Science-Technology-Defence-Space Exhibition, spotlighting key achievements in space and defence technologies. Other highlights included the Reimagining Bharat Exhibition, showcasing innovations like AI and quantum computing, and the North East Food Street, celebrating the region's cultural and culinary diversity. Interactive events like the Science Institutional Leaders Meet, Science Safari, and Students Science & Technology Village engaged thousands of participants, with a focus on fostering curiosity, critical thinking, and India's vision for global leadership in science and technology.

Media Interactions - Day 1

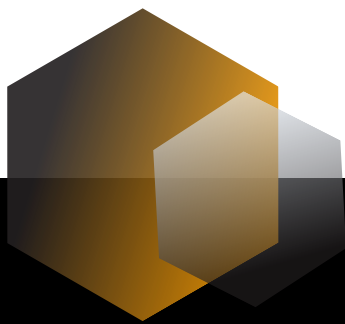


Day 1 Attendance Sheet

A total of **38 journalists** attended the event

| Journalist | Media House |
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| Suchitra Sahoo | PIB Guwahati |
| S. K. Das | PIB Guwahati |
| Rajesh A. Nair | Janmabhumi Daily |
| Utpal | Dainadin Barta |
| Rupak Deka | Dainik Asam |
| Dipen Boyan | NewsX24 |
| Murin Deka | Niromiya Barta |
| Rakesh Andania | News In Science |
| Arindam | News Live |
| Hemant Kumar | ANI |
| Vikash Sharma | ANI |
| Alpan Bora | ANI |
| Rama Konwer | DIPR |
| Ratan Kalita | News Live |
| Jitu Barua | News Live |
| Lakshyajit Gohain | NK TV |
| Nitul Krishna Das | NK TV |
| Pranab Das | Prag News |
| Deep Jyoti | Times Now |

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| Bipul Deka | Pratidin Times |
| Nayan J Barua | Prag News |
| Tapas Dasgupta | PTI |
| Raju | Prag News |
| Sarat Boro | ND 24 |
| Parimal | DIPR |
| Akanksha Mishra | ThePrint |
| Rekha Dixit | IIT Madras Shaastra |
| Sagar Kulkarni | PTI, Delhi |
| Srishti Choudhary | CNN-News18 |
| Vijaylaxmi | Hindustan Samachar |
| Sonal Srivastava | The Times of India – Education Times |
| Jitendra Choubey | The New Indian Express |
| Albin Raj | Malayala Manorama |
| Indrajit Das | DD News |
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| Diganta Kalita | NDS News |
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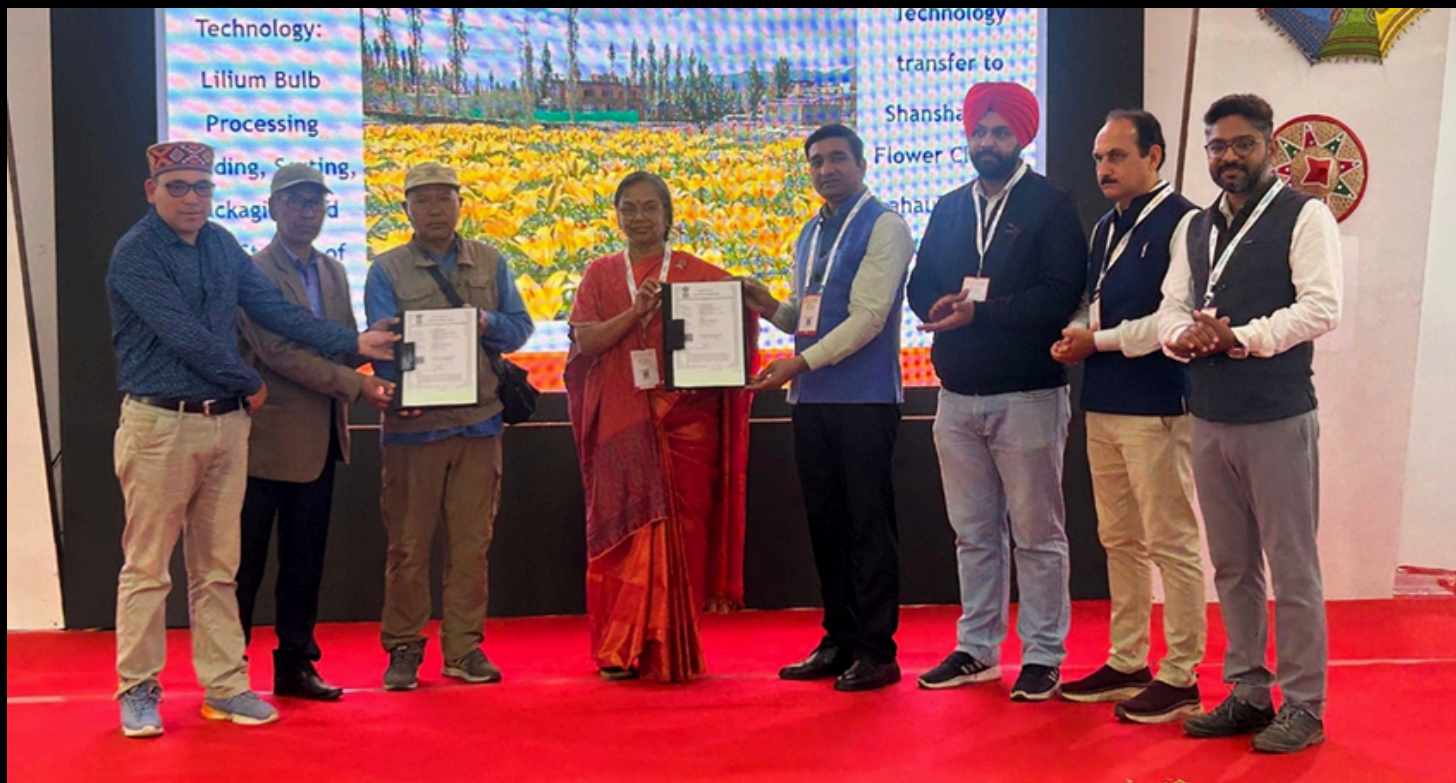
Day 2/3: Event Progress Press Release

The second and third days of the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2024 celebrated vibrant industry-academia collaboration, student and teacher engagement, and policy discussions. Organized by CSIR and CSIR-NIIST at IIT Guwahati, the event attracted over 25,000 students, fostering innovation and interdisciplinary cooperation. Key highlights included interactive sessions with leaders like ISRO Chairperson Dr. S. Somanath, who inspired students to pursue careers in science and technology.

A diverse lineup of programs added depth to the festival, including Vision Sansad, reaffirming India's goal of becoming a global manufacturing hub, and Students Science & Technology Village, which showcased STEM challenges and hackathon ideas. Events like Science Safari empowered teachers with interactive methods for classroom transformation, while the Science, Technology, Communication, and Media Conclave emphasized effective science communication. Sessions on quantum computing, regional development through S&T, and innovative educational workshops underscored IISF 2024's commitment to advancing scientific growth, sustainability, and inclusive development.



Technology Transfer



A key highlight of IISF 2024 was the lab to life initiative, where CSIR signed three technology transfer Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to promote sustainability and technological advancements. Specifically focused on sustainable management these MoUs underscore CSIR's commitment to leveraging science and technology for environmental preservation, enhancing industry competitiveness, and driving socio-economic development through innovative and practical solutions. These included:

- **CSIR-NIIST's biodegradable cutlery technology** was transferred to Devaki Engineering Enterprises, Bengaluru, featuring a Rotary Bio-Degradable Manufacturing Machine (MUSUROTO) that enhances agricultural sustainability.
- **CSIR-CRRI and Rajasthan Technical University** partnered to advance road infrastructure R&D.
- **CSIR-IHBT's Lilium Bulb Processing technology** was transferred to Shansha Cut-Flower Cluster, Lahaul & Spiti, boosting the floriculture sector.

Speaking about the technology transfer, Dr. C. Anandharamakrishnan, Director, CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram, said, "As students, you are the torchbearers of the future in science and technology. Young innovators like you have already begun building rockets and satellites in colleges, efforts that are nearing commercial success. Today, India is actively developing and launching satellites, showcasing the immense potential of this field. By understanding these advancements and the opportunities in the field of space, science, and technology offer, you can be inspired to pursue similar paths and shape a brighter future. Your active engagement is essential to making India a global leader in science and technology."

Media Attendance

Day 2

| Journalist | Media House |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Amar Jyoti Deka | JB News |
| Pradeep Singh | PIB Guwahati |
| Basanta Konwar | ABP News |
| Arindam Rajbaksha | News Live |
| Raj | NKTV |
| Rakesh Andania | News in Science |
| Rekha Dixit | IIT Madras Shaastra |
| Sagar Kulkarni | PTI Delhi |
| Akanksha Mishra | ThePrint |
| Srishti Choudhary | CNN-News18 |
| Vijaylaxmi | Hindustan Samachar |
| Sonal Srivastava | The Times of India – Education Times |
| Jitendra Choubey | The New Indian Express |
| Albin Raj | Malayala Manorama |
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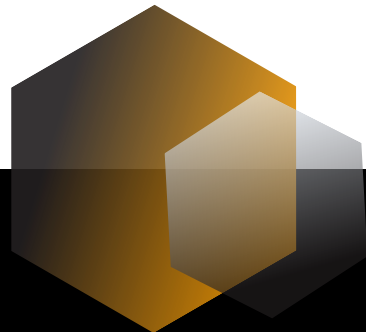
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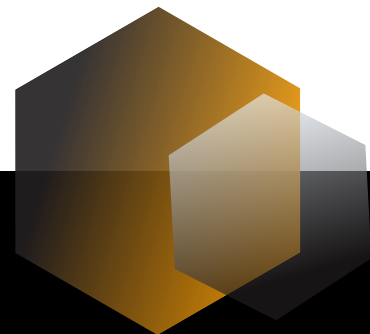
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| Basanta Konwar | NK TV |
| Amit Mukherjee | Doordarshan Delhi/ PIB Delhi |
| Kumar Datta | Doordarshan Delhi/ PIB Delhi |
| Kaushik Das | News Daily 24 |
| Manush Deka | Niyomiya Barta |
| Shadur Kalita | DIPR Assam |
| Manash Das | DIPR Assam |
| Chandan Kalita | Dainik Batori |
| Basanta Konwar | Asomiya Pratidin |
| Bipul Deka | DY365 |
| Nibir Deka | News X |
| Arindam Das | Northeast Live |

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| Chandrani Sinha | Russia TV |
| Ratnadip Choudhary | NDTV |
| Nakul | Hornbill TV |
| Bharat Deka | Ishan News |
| Utpal Ranjan Medhi | Pratidin Times |
| Bipul Deka | DY 365 |

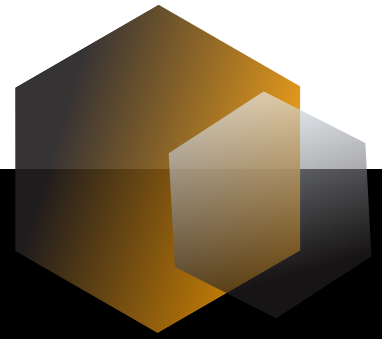
Media Interactions - Day 2 & 3



Media Interactions - Day 2 & 3



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Day 4: Valedictorian Day Press Release



The 10th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2024, hosted at IIT Guwahati from November 30 to December 3, concluded with remarkable achievements in promoting science, technology, and innovation. With over 45,000 attendees and 50% participation from the Northeast, the festival provided a platform for collaboration among policymakers, industry leaders, and students. The event featured 25 distinct sessions, including technical discussions on sustainability, manufacturing, and healthcare. Interactive programs like Face-to-Face with New Frontiers in S&T inspired young minds, while initiatives such as the S&T Hackathon and Young Scientist Conclave fostered innovation and problem-solving. Key dignitaries, including Shri Keshab Mahanta and Dr. (Mrs.) N. Kalaiselvi, highlighted IISF's role in advancing India's self-reliance and global scientific leadership.

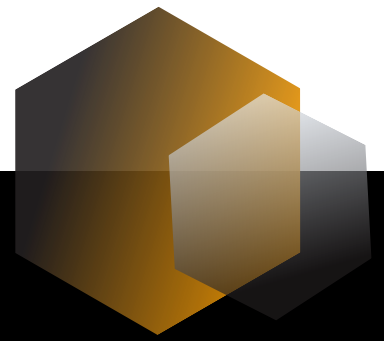
IISF 2024 also marked milestones in technology transfer, with CSIR signing agreements to boost sustainability and innovation across sectors like biodegradable products, road infrastructure, and floriculture. The festival emphasized regional inclusion, blending traditional knowledge with modern science, and showcased India's growing startup ecosystem. It concluded with a commitment to nurturing the next generation of innovators, aligning with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India. IISF 2024 has left an enduring legacy of inspiration and collaboration, reinforcing India's position as a leader in global scientific progress.



Media Attendance

Day 4

| Journalist | Media House |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Albin Raj | Malayala Manorama |
| Basanta Konwar | NK TV |
| Shanadar Kalita | DIPR Assam |
| Budhi Das | DIPR Assam |
| Nripen Mandal | Doordarshan Guwahati |
| Bipul Deka | DY 365 |
| Rantu Baishya | News18 |
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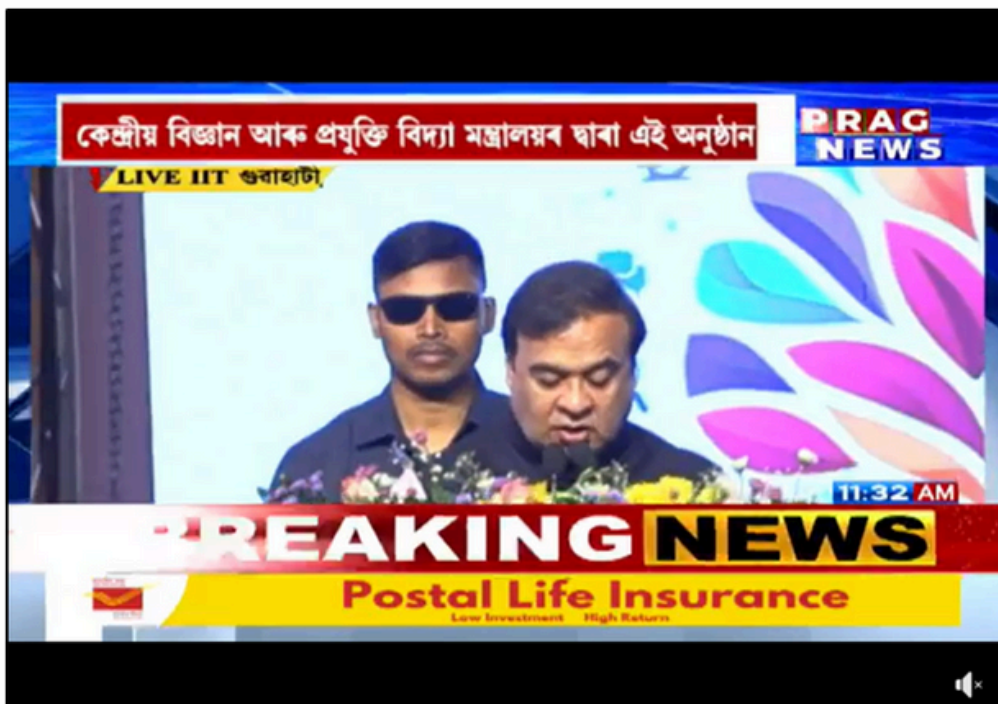
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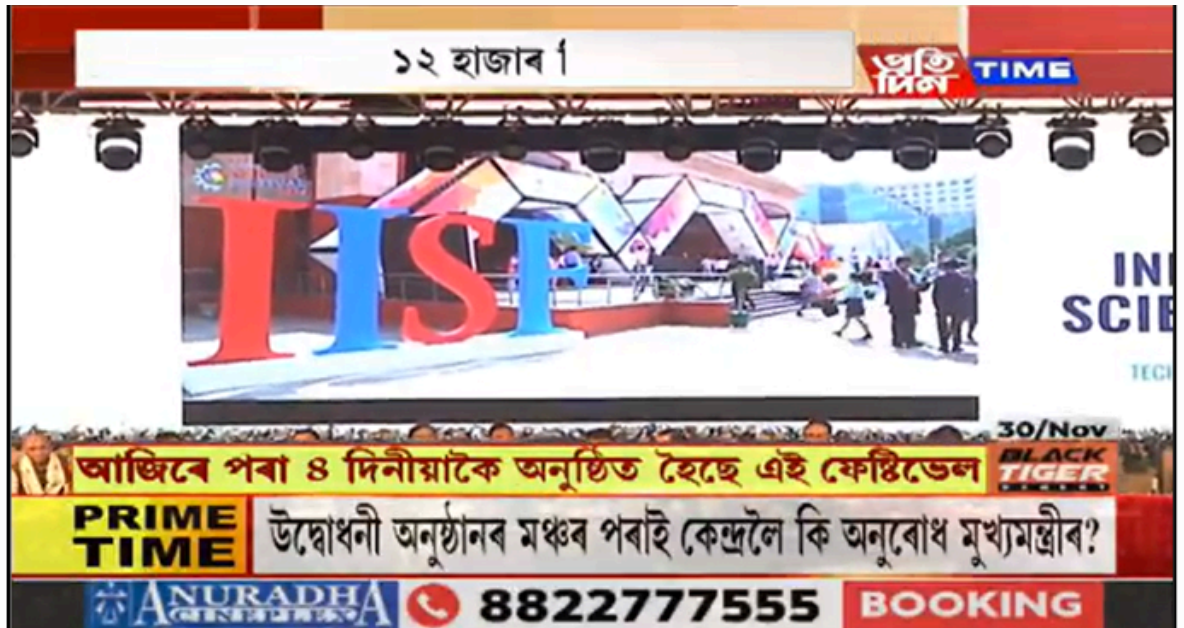
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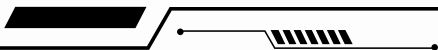
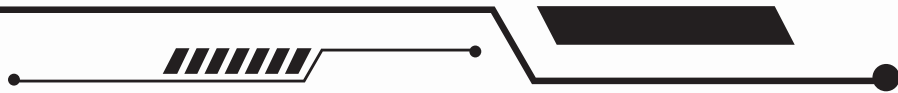
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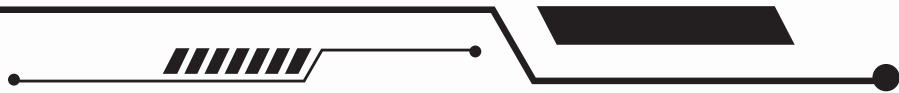


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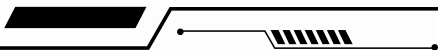


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MASSIVE MOON REPLICA AT IIT GUWAHATI'S SCIENCE FESTIVAL

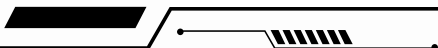
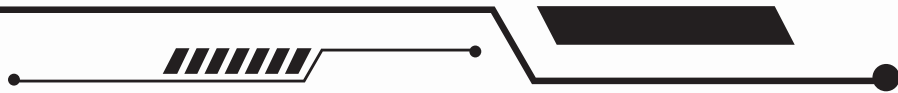
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NE to witness India's largest science fest at IIT-G from Nov 30

GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 28 --/ The 10th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF), the largest science event in the country, will be organised at Indian Institute of Technology-Guwahati (IIT-G) from November 30 to December 3, 2024.

This is the first time that such an event will be held in the Northeast India. Thousands of participants come together in this festival annually to foster scientific collaboration, inspire young minds and propel economic growth through scientific approaches.

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is the nodal department for this year's IISF, while a constituent laboratory of CSIR, National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram), is coordinating the four-day festival.

The theme of the 10th edition of IISF is "Transforming India into a Science and Technology driven Global Manufacturing Hub", reflecting the



government's aim to merge science and technology with industrial growth to make India a global leader in manufacturing.

To begin with, IISF 2024 has one special event, "Chandrayaan - The Museum of the Moon," where an artistic model by British artist Luke Jerram will be placed among the attendees to showcase and celebrate India's success of the Chandrayaan Mission.

Among various key events, conclaves and workshops lined up during the festival, the "Science Odyssey of the North East" will address the challenges that hinder growth of science and technology in the Northeast and discuss

the ways of promotion of science and technology in the region.

"The Taste of the Hills - North East Food Street" will showcase the food heritage of the Northeast while the "North East Symphony - North East Cultural Fest" will portray the region's diverse traditions, customs and arts through music, dance, crafts and traditional practices.

A unique festival of science society engagement, initiated in the year 2015, the first IISF was organised at IIT Delhi. Vijnana Bharati, a science movement of India, conceptualised the science festival. EoIC

The Echo of India

10m high replica of the moon put up at IIT-G

Dhrubajyoti Malakar | TNN

Guwahati: A giant 10-metre high replica of the moon has been erected on the Indian Institute of Technology-Guwahati (IIT-G) campus to celebrate the success of India's Chandrayaan mission as the city hosts the first-ever India International Science Festival (IISF) in the northeast.

The model has been erected at the premier institution as part of the four-day 10th edition of IISF, starting Saturday. The event is organised by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), under the aegis of the ministry of science and technology and ministry of earth sciences, in collaboration with the department of atomic energy, department of space, IIT-G and Vijnana Bharati.

The breath-taking art installation, features the replica of the moon, measuring about seven metres in



The moon replica at IIT-G

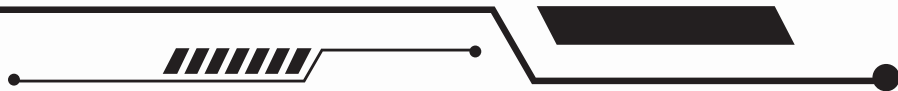
diameter. It has been installed by British artist Luke Jerram. Apart from the replica, 'The Museum of the Moon' initiative will also feature a science, technology and space expo at the same venue, which will be open to the visitors without any fee.

The moon features a 120 dpi detailed NASA imagery of the lunar surface and is at an approximate scale of 1:500,000.

The initiative aims to spark public engagement and conversations about space, exploration and connection to the cosmos, inviting people to reflect on the moon's cultural and scientific significance.

The Times of India

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Asomiya Pratidin

CM Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurates IISF at IIT-Guwahati, calls science the engine of growth

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
GUWAHATI, 30 NOVEMBER

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday inaugurated the India International Science Festival (IISF) at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G).

Addressing a gathering of young scholars, scientists, and innovators, CM Sarma emphasized the critical role of technology in shaping the future of nations.

In his keynote speech, the Chief Minister outlined the transformative potential of science, stating, "In today's world, a nation's prosperity is tied to the integration of technology, resources, and capital. Among these, technology stands out as the most transformative force. By harnessing the disciplined pursuit of science, a nation can overcome resource limitations and reduce its dependence on external capital."

He further underscored how advancements in science and technology can drive social equity, alleviate poverty, and improve living standards across diverse sectors like agriculture, healthcare, environmental conservation, power generation, and transportation.

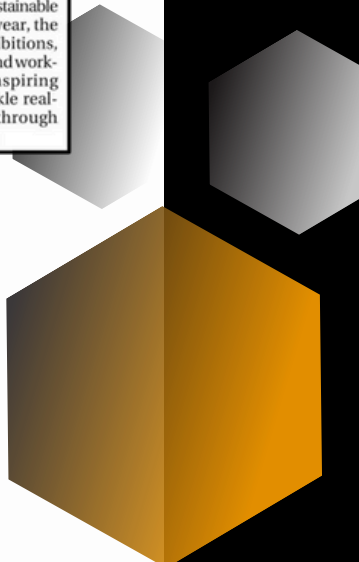
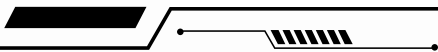
Highlighting India's contributions to global knowledge, CM Sarma remarked, "India has always been a beacon of technological innovation, with a rich legacy in mathematics, astronomy, medicine, and philosophy. From ancient centers like Takshila and Nalanda to luminaries such as Aryabhata and Sushruta, our nation's contributions have inspired the world."

The Chief Minister encouraged young minds to continue their pursuit of innovation, describing science as a powerful engine driving human progress.

The India International Science Festival (IISF), an annual event organized by the Ministry of Science & Technology in collaboration with other government bodies, aims to foster scientific temper and promote innovation among the youth. This year's edition at IIT-Guwahati focuses on aligning scientific advancements with India's developmental goals, particularly in the North-East region. IISF serves as a platform for students, researchers, and industry leaders to exchange ideas, showcase innovations, and explore collaborative opportunities. The festival reflects India's commitment to harnessing science and technology for sustainable development. This year, the event features exhibitions, panel discussions, and workshops aimed at inspiring young talent to tackle real-world challenges through scientific solutions.



The Statesman



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'Museum of Moon exhibit' at largest IIT-G science fest



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

India was making rapid strides in these fields, with investments and policy frameworks supporting advancements like the quantum mission

Jitendra Singh, Union Minister for Science and Technology

The 4-day festival

Over 8,000 delegates, researchers and leading scientific organisations are expected to attend the four-day festival.

THE 10th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) – country's largest science fest – began at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati on Saturday.

The event celebrates India's scientific achievements, fosters innovation and offers a diverse range of activities to engage participants. Over 8,000 delegates, researchers and leading scientific organisations are expected to attend the four-day festival.

The highlights include 'Museum of the Moon exhibit'. Created by British artist Dr Luke Jeram, it is a life-sized, seven-meter replica of the moon with detailed NASA imagery.

Union Minister for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh said the story of Viksit Bharat would be written in the alphabet of science. He emphasised that India's path to becoming a developed nation is deeply intertwined with its commitment to scientific advancement and innovation.

The festival's theme, "India as the Global Manufacturing Hub for Science and Technology", aligns with the nation's aspirations to lead in bio-manufacturing, semiconductors, and medical instruments.

Singh said India was making rapid strides in these fields, with significant investments and policy frameworks supporting advancements like the quantum mission and semiconductor manufacturing.

Assam, Meghalaya CMs inaugurate IISF at IIT-Guwahati

Kangkan.Kalita1@timesofindia.com

Guwahati: Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), under the aegis of the ministry of science and technology and the ministry of earth sciences, on Saturday inaugurated the 10th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) at IIT-Guwahati.

CM Himanta Biswa Sarma, Union minister of state for science & technology Jitendra Singh and Meghalaya's CM Conrad Sangma were present during the inauguration ceremony. Arunachal Pradesh minister Dasanglu Pul and Assam's minister for science & technology Keshab Mahanta too attended the event.

The event is being organised with Vijnana Bharathi, with CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (CSIR-NIIST), Thiruvananthapuram, serving as the nodal institute.

The fest, which will conclude on December 3, is expected to host more than 8,000 delegates, researchers and prominent scientific organisations, alongside 10,000 students from educational institutions, encouraging cross-disciplinary partnerships.

"This festival would not be possible without the unwavering support of the Honorable PM. IISF stands as a grand celebration of scientific innovation and collaboration, featuring numerous innovations catering to a diverse audience. It showcases India's remarkable achievements, such as Chandrayaan-2, and includes a science expo that highlights cutting-edge research and technology," said Sarma.

The New Indian Express

The Times of India

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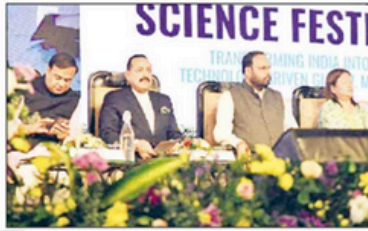
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विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय और पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय के तत्वावधान में, वैज्ञानिक और औद्योगिक अनुसंधान परिषद (सीएसआईआर) ने शनिवार को आईआईटी गुवाहाटी में विज्ञान भारती के सहयोग से भारत अंतर्राष्ट्रीय विज्ञान महोत्सव 2024 के 10वें संस्करण का उद्घाटन किया। केंद्रीय विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी राज्य मंत्री जितेंद्र सिंह ने अपने अध्यक्षीय भाषण में कहा कि भारत की उल्लेखनीय विकास कहानी विज्ञान, प्रौद्योगिकी और नवाचार में इसकी प्रगति से निहित है। पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी के दूरदर्शी नेतृत्व में, हमने स्टार्ट-अप के उदय से लेकर जैव प्रौद्योगिकी, अंतरिक्ष प्रौद्योगिकी और क्वांटम विज्ञान में क्रांतिकारी सफलताओं को देखा है।



उत्सव का उद्देश्य छात्रों में जिज्ञासा जगाना

ख़तरा मुख्य अतिथि असम के सीएम हिमंता बिस्वा सरमा ने कहा कि आईआईटीएफ 2024 वैज्ञानिक नवाचार और सहयोग में समूहिक प्रयासों का उत्सव है जिसमें विश्व दर्शकों के लिए कई नवाचार शामिल हैं। यह उत्सव युवा वैज्ञानिकों के सम्मेलन, विज्ञान सफारी और टिकट लेब जैसे कार्यक्रमों के माध्यम से विज्ञान की वित्तीय खोज को बढ़ावा देता है, जिसका उद्देश्य छात्रों में जिज्ञासा जगाना और नवाचार को बढ़ावा देना है। यह कार्यक्रम 2 जेसी भारत की उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धियों को प्रदर्शित करता है और इसमें एक विज्ञान प्रदर्शनी भी शामिल है जो अत्याधुनिक शोध और प्रौद्योगिकी पर प्रकाश डालती है।

स्टेन क्षेत्रों में नवाचारों को दिखाना

महोत्सव के प्रमुख आकर्षणों में 'चंद्रयान-3' और 'मंगल मिशन' शामिल हैं, जो भारत के चंद्रयान-3 की सफलता का जश्न मनाते हैं। एक मेगा विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी प्रदर्शनी भी लगाई गई है, जिसमें स्टेम (विज्ञान, प्रौद्योगिकी, इंजीनियरिंग और गणित) क्षेत्रों में अत्याधुनिक नवाचारों को दिखाना गया है। मेक इन इंडिया, मेक फॉर द वर्ल्ड फोरम, महिला वैज्ञानिकों के लिए 'दूसेन इन स्टेम कॉन्क्वेर, स्टार्ट-अप शोकेस, और उत्तर-पूर्व सांस्कृतिक उत्सव शामिल हैं।

Haribhoomi

CM Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurates IISF 2024 at IIT Guwahati

● Northeast becoming a shining example of growth, remarks Dr. Jitendra Singh

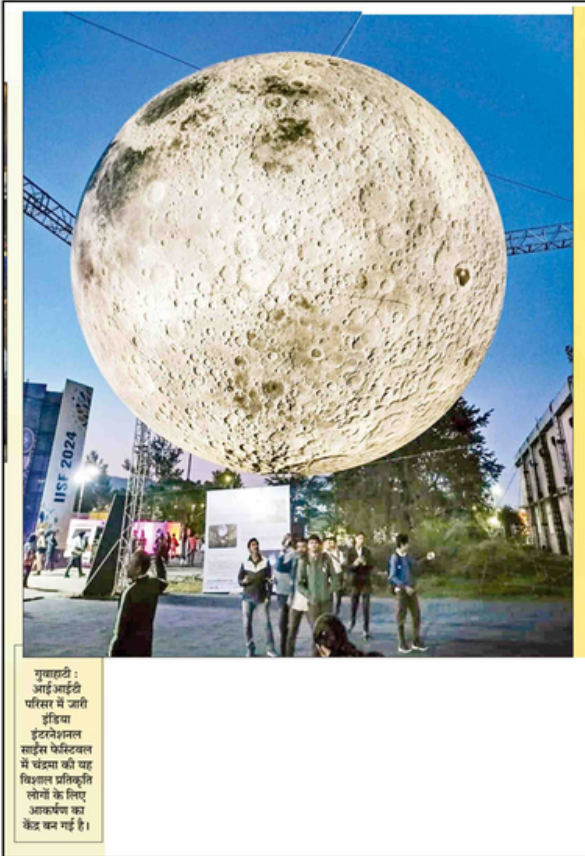
NET STAFFER

GUWAHATI, NOV 30: Under the aegis of the Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) inaugurated the 10th edition of India International Science Festival 2024 (IISF 2024), today at IIT Guwahati, in association with Vigyan Bhawan, the nodal institute of the event being CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (CSIR-NIIST), Thiruvananthapuram. Celebrating India's scientific achievements and fostering innovation, the festival was inaugurated by esteemed dignitaries, including Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chief Minister of Assam, as the Chief Guest, and Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister for Science & Technology, Govt. of India, who delivered the Presidential Address. Other dignitaries included Dasraju Bisoi, Cabinet Minister of Assam; Pradip Barua, Minister for Science & Technology, Govt. of Assam. Key stakeholders present during the event included Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, DST; Dr. Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary, DST; Dr. M. Ravishandran, Secretary MoES, Prof. Jitendra Singh, Secretary CSIR, Dr. Ravi Kulkarni, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam, and Prof. Devenendra Jaiswal, Director, IIT Guwahati, accompanied by Dr. (Mrs.) N. Kalpana, DG-CSIR, Dr. C. Anandharajam, Thiruvananthapuram, and several other distinguished figures from India's science and technology ecosystem. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chief Minister of Assam, remarked, "IISF 2024 is a celebration of collective efforts in scientific innovation and collaboration. This festival would not have been possible without the unwavering support of the Honorable Prime Minister. IISF 2024 stands as a grand celebration of scientific innovation and collaboration, featuring numerous innovations catering to a diverse audience. It showcases India's remarkable achievements, such as Chandrayaan-2, and includes a science expo that highlights cutting-edge research and technology. The festival promises a dynamic exploration of science through events like the Young Scientists' Conference, Science Beyond Borders fostering global partnerships, and initiatives like Sagika and Science Village. IISF 2024 is a true celebration of innovation and sustainability. With India ranking among the top three in scientific research and emerging AI startups, we are poised to become a global leader in innovation, supported by being the third-highest producer of PhDs worldwide." Further, he added, "With special features like Nan Shakti celebrating women in STEM, Delivering the Presidential Address, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister for Science and Technology, Govt. of India, said, "India's remarkable scientific journey is deeply rooted in its advancements in science, technology, and innovation. Over the past decade, under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, we have seen a profound transformation across sectors—from the rise of start-ups to revolutionary breakthroughs in biotechnology, space technology, and quantum science. The Northeast region, once on the periphery of development, has become a shining example of growth, embodying both economic progress and social empowerment. Initiatives like Atal Bihari Vajpayee Skill Proch India@2047, empowering youth and fostering innovation are key. Initiatives like the National Research Foundation and the bioeconomy revolution are driving India toward self-reliance and global leadership, with your institutions contributing the way."

A key highlight of the event was the launch of the India Science, Technology & Innovation (ISTI) Portal by Dr. Jitendra Singh. This centralised platform will serve as a comprehensive repository for constant research in science, technology, and innovation (STI) within India's ecosystem. With a strong focus on engaging students, scientists, researchers, youth, and the public, the portal will provide access to valuable information on fellowships, scholarships, funding opportunities, and startup initiatives, enabling them to explore and leverage opportunities within India. The entire event was managed by Trident Exhibitors. All the exhibitors, participants, guests and visitors appreciated the entire arrangements. The four-day festival, running until 02 December 2024, is expected to attract over 8,000 delegates, researchers, and leading scientific organisations, along with an additional 10,000 students from schools and colleges, fostering collaboration and innovation.

The North East Times

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गुवाहाटी : आईआईटी परिसर में जारी इंडिया इंटरनेशनल साइंस फेस्टिवल में चंद्रमा की यह विशाल प्रतिष्ठा स्तंभों के लिए आकर्षण का केंद्र बन गई है।

Rashtriya Sahara

IISF 2024 HELD IN NORTHEAST

Steers India into S&T-led manufacturing hub

OUR CORRESPONDENT

The 10th edition of India International Science Festival 2024 (IISF 2024) was recently held at IIT Guwahati. The event was organised by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), under the aegis of the Ministry of Science and Technology, and Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India. It was held in collaboration with the Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, IIT Guwahati, and Vijnana Bharati, promising to be a pivotal event in India's scientific and technological landscape.



With the theme, "Transforming India into an S&T-Driven Global Manufacturing Hub", IISF 2024 marked a significant milestone as the first edition hosted in the Northeast, emphasising the Govt. of India's commitment to expanding the reach of science and innovation to underrepresented regions.

The event attracted over 8,000 delegates and welcomed an additional 10,000 daily visitors from across the country. IISF 2024 also had interactive exhibits showcasing cutting-edge science and technology, panel discussions with leading scientists and thought leaders and science competitions to inspire young minds.

Millennium Post

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Assam CM Dr Sarma inaugurates IISF 2024 at IIT Guwahati

agriculture to healthcare, environmental science, energy production, and communication, science acts as the engine of innovation, significantly enhancing human existence and paving the way for a sustainable future.

The CM reflected on India's storied scientific heritage, tracing the nation's rich legacy of intellectual and technological achievements from ancient centers of learning such as Takshashila and Nalanda

to the pioneering contributions of renowned figures like Aryabhata, Charaka, and Sushruta. Dr. Sarma acknowledged India's recent achievements in the realms of science and technology under the progressive leadership of Prime Minister Modi. He noted that India is now ranked among the top three countries globally concerning scientific research publications and is nurturing a vibrant start-up ecosystem.

NE is example of economic growth: Jitendra Singh

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 30 - Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr. Singh said that the Northeast region, once on the periphery of development, has become a shining example of growth embodying both economic progress and scientific innovations.

The Union minister said this while inaugurating the tenth edition of the India International Science Festival, 2024, at IIT Guwahati.

Singh also launched a centralized platform that will act as a repository for content related to science, technology, and innova-



Launching the platform, Singh said that the country has in the last 10 years seen a significant transformation in startups, biotechnology, space technology, and quantum science.

"India's remarkable growth story is deeply rooted in its advance-

ments in science, technology, and innovation. Over the past decade, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, we have seen a profound transformation across sectors - from the rise of start-ups to revolutionary breakthroughs in biotechnology, space technology, and quantum science," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said, "The festival promises a dynamic exploration of science through events like young scientists' conclaves, science

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India's remarkable growth rooted in innovation: Jitendra Singh

10th India International Science Festival begins in Guwahati

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 30 - Union minister Jitendra Singh on Saturday asserted that the country's growth over the last decade was propelled by advancement in science and technology, and innovation. He said that empowering youth and fostering innovations are key to achieving development goals for the nation.

Delivering the presidential address at the inaugural session of the 10th India International Science Festival (IISF) here, the Union Minister of



Union minister Jitendra Singh at the India International Science Festival at IIT Guwahati on Saturday - UB Photo

State for Science and Technology said, "India's remarkable growth story is deeply rooted in its advancements in science and technology, and innovation."

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is the nodal department for this year's IISF and a constituent laboratory of CSIR - The Visvesvaraya National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology - is coordinating the whole festival that will be held from November 30 to December 3.

The CSIR is organizing the event under the aegis of the

Ministry of Science and Technology, and the Ministry of Earth Sciences, in association with Vigyan Bhawan.

Over the past decade, India has seen a profound transformation across sectors - from the rise of startups to revolutionary breakthroughs in biotechnology, space technology and quantum science, Singh said. The northeastern region, once on the periphery of development, has become a shining example of growth, embodying both economic progress and scientific innovation, he claimed.

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GUWAHATI, Dec 3: The 10th edition of the India International Science Festival 2024 (IISF 2024), held at IIT Guwahati from November 30 to December 3, concluded successfully, leaving an indelible mark on India's journey towards becoming a global leader in science, technology, and innovation, stated a press release.

Keshab Mahanta, Minister for Science, Technology, and Climate Change, Government of Assam, graced the valedictory event as the chief guest. Other dignitaries included Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director General, CSIR; Dr. C. Anandharamakrishnan, Director, CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram; Prof. Subhendu Sekhar Bag, Associate Dean and IIT-G's single point of contact for IISF 2024; Dr. V.M. Tiwari, Director, CSIR-NEIST; and P.A. Vivekenanda Pai, Secretary General, Vijnana Bharati, along with several distinguished figures from India's science and technology ecosystem.

Speaking at the event, the chief guest, Keshab Mahanta,

IISF 2024 concludes in Northeast



said, "IISF 2024 has truly been a remarkable celebration of India's scientific achievements, underscoring the pivotal role of science and technology in shaping our future. Over the last four days, we have witnessed an inspiring display of innovation, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing, with participants from all walks of life coming together to explore the transformative power of science. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Min-

istry of Science and Technology, as well as all the partners who have supported this initiative. Assam is honoured to host such an important event, and we are committed to continuing our efforts to advance science and technology in the region. As we look ahead, we remain focused on leveraging science and innovation to build a more sustainable and self-reliant future for India."

A key highlight of the event was that more than 50% of all par-

ticipants in all events at IISF 2024 were from the North East. The total footfall for IISF 2024 over four days is estimated to be around 45,000; that averages to more than 10,000 attendees per day.

IISF 2024 featured 25 distinct events with more than 150 technical sessions and panel discussions organized over three days. The huge breadth of the events could be ascertained from the presence of more than 400 resource persons and 7,000+ registered delegates who

attended the technical sessions. Most of the visitors were engaged in interactions at the various exhibition halls.

During her Presidential address, Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director General, CSIR, said, "The 10th IISF is a landmark in celebrating Indian science and innovation. My gratitude to Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Government of India; Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chief

Minister of Assam; and IIT Guwahati for their support, and to the 400 IIT Guwahati student volunteers whose dedication made this event a success."

Dr. Kalaiselvi added, "CSIR is proud to contribute to India's scientific progress and will ensure the 'Guwahati Declaration' drives impactful initiatives. We are committed to nurturing innovative ideas from the student hackathon and tackling key challenges through mission-driven programs. Together, we are committed to strengthening IISF as a platform for inspiration and collaboration, advancing India's global scientific leadership."

Organized by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) under the aegis of the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India, with the nodal institute of the event being CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (CSIR-NIIST), Thiruvananthapuram, the four-day festival featured several high-profile sessions.

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'Pursue careers in science & technology'

ISRO chief Somanath urges youths

PNS ■ GUWAHATI

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chairman S Somanath on Monday exhorted youths to engage themselves with scientific and technological advancements being made by the country so that India can emerge as a global leader in the years ahead.

He urged them to pursue careers in science and technology and contribute to the growth in these fields.

Somanath was speaking at a 'Student Science Interactive Program - Face to Face with New Frontiers in S&T', as part

of the four-day India International Science Festival (IISF) at IIT-Guwahati, which will conclude on Tuesday.

The ISRO chairman interacted with school students, inspiring them to explore careers in science and technology and pursue innovation in the field of space research, a release said.

"As students, you are the torchbearers of the future in science and technology. It is essential for you to grasp the remarkable innovations and advancements taking place in these fields today," he said.

"By recognising their poten-

tial and the opportunities they present, you can draw inspiration to pursue similar paths and contribute to building a brighter tomorrow," Somanath added.

He maintained that engagement of the youth in the country's current scientific and technological endeavours is pivotal in realising the vision of making India a global leader.

The release said industry-academia collaboration, knowledge-sharing technical sessions and initiatives to inspire students and teachers in creative, knowledge-based learning have been organised as part of the



IISF.

The event also brought policymakers and scientific leaders together under one roof to discuss sustainable practices

across science, agriculture, manufacturing and healthcare, it added.

A key highlight of IISF 2024 was the lab-to-life initiative,

where Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) signed three technology transfer Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to promote sustainability and technological advancements.

Speaking about technology transfer, C. Anandharamakrishnan, director, CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram said, "Young innovators like you have already begun building rockets and satellites in colleges, efforts that are nearing commercial success. By understanding these advancements and the opportunities in the field of space, science and technology, you can be inspired to pursue similar paths and shape a brighter future."

The Pioneer

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ഗുവാഹാത്തിയിൽനിന്ന് ആൻബിൻ റോഷ്

ഇന്ത്യയുടെ ആദ്യ ബഹിരാകാശ മനുഷ്യയാത്രാ ദൗത്യമായ 'ഗഗൻയാൻ' ആദ്യഘട്ടം ജനുവരി അവസാനം നടക്കുമെന്ന് ഐഎസ്ആർഒ ചെയർമാൻ എസ്.സോമനാഥ് പറഞ്ഞു. അസമിലെ ഗുവാഹാത്തിയിൽ നടക്കുന്ന ഇന്ത്യ ഇന്റർനാഷണൽ സ്പേസ് ഹെസ്റ്റിവലിൽ സഹായിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം. മേജർ ഇന്ന് സമാപിക്കുന്നു.

ഈ മാസം നടക്കാനിരുന്ന ഗഗൻയാൻ ആദ്യഘട്ട വിശേഷണം സാങ്കേതികകാരണങ്ങളാൽ മാറ്റിവെച്ചതാണ്. ഗഗൻയാൻ 1 (ജി1), ഗഗൻയാൻ 2 (ജി2), ഗഗൻയാൻ 3 (ജി3) എന്നീ മൂന്ന് ആളില്ലാ പരീക്ഷണ ദൗത്യങ്ങൾ ആദ്യം നടത്തും. ഇതിനായി റോക്കറ്റ് തയ്യാറാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

ഗഗൻയാൻ ദൗത്യപേടകത്തിന്റെ അതേ വലുപ്പത്തിലും മാനുഷ്യത്വമാണ് ഗഗൻയാന്റെ ആദ്യഘട്ടത്തിലുള്ള ഈ 3 ദൗത്യങ്ങൾ നടക്കുക. മനുഷ്യനു പരമം 'വെഡ്ജിംഗ്' എന്ന റോബ്ബറ്റ് യാത്ര പോകും. പരീക്ഷണഘട്ടങ്ങൾ വീരയിളംഗം-ബി. 2026 അവസാനത്തോടെ മനുഷ്യയാത്രാ ദൗത്യം നടക്കുമെന്നാണ് പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കുന്ന സോമനാഥ് അറിയിച്ചു.

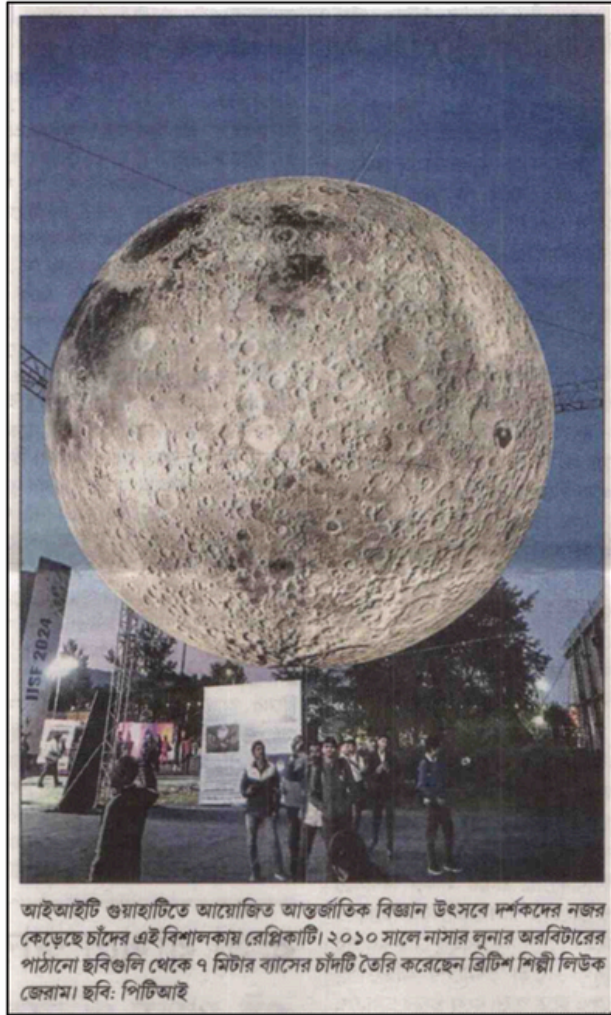
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ചന്ദ്രനിൽ നിന്നു കണ്ണൂർ മണ്ണുമാലിന്യ സാഹിത്യ കൾ ഇതിവിഭവത്തിലേക്കു ചന്ദ്രയാൻ 4 ദൗത്യത്തിൽ ചന്ദ്രയാൻ 3ൽ ഉപയോഗിച്ച പ്രത്യേക റോവറിനേക്കാൾ 12 മടങ്ങ് വലുപ്പമുള്ള റോവറാകും ഉപയോഗിക്കുക. 350 കിലോ ഭാരമുണ്ടാകും. ഇതിന്, ഇന്ത്യയുടെ ബഹിരാകാശ നിലയായ ഭാരതീയ അന്തരീക്ഷ സെന്റർ (ബിഎസ്എസ്) ആദ്യ മാർച്ച് 2028 ൽ സാധ്യമാക്കാനും, 2035 ൽ പ്രവർത്തനം തുടങ്ങാനുമാണു ലക്ഷ്യമിടുന്നതെന്നും സോമനാഥ് പറഞ്ഞു.



ഐഎസി ഗുവാഹാത്തിയിൽ നടക്കുന്ന ഇന്ത്യ ഇന്റർനാഷണൽ സ്പേസ് ഹെസ്റ്റിവലിൽ ഐഎസ്ആർഒ ചെയർമാൻ എസ്.സോമനാഥ് പ്രസംഗിക്കുന്നു.

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आईआईटी गुवाहाटि में आयोजित आंतर्राष्ट्रिक विज्ञान उत्सवे दर्शकदेर नजर केड्डेछे चाँदेर एई विशालकाय रेप्लिकाटि. २०१० साले नासार लुनार अरविटारेर पार्थानो हविगुलि थेके १ मिटार ब्यासेर चाँदटि तैरि करेछेन ब्रिटिश शिर्डी लिडक जेराम. हवि: पिटिआई

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আই আই টি, গুৱাহাটীত দশম ভাৰত আন্তঃৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় বিজ্ঞান মহোৎসৱৰ সামৰণি

‘আমাৰ অসম’ৰ প্ৰতিনিধি, আমিনগাঁও, ৩ ডিচেম্বৰ : বিজ্ঞান আৰু প্ৰযুক্তিৰ জৰিয়তে ভাৰতক বিশ্বৰ এক উল্লেখনীয় উৎপাদন কেন্দ্ৰ হিচাপে গঢ়ি তোলাৰ লক্ষ্যৰে গুৱাহাটীত ভাৰতীয় প্ৰযুক্তিবিদ্যা প্ৰতিষ্ঠানত অনুষ্ঠিত চাৰিদিনীয়া ভাৰত আন্তঃৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় বিজ্ঞান মহোৎসৱ ২০২৪ৰ দশম সংস্কৰণৰ আজি সফলভাৱে অন্ত পৰে। মহোৎসৱৰ সামৰণি অনুষ্ঠানত আজি মুখ্য অতিথিকৰূপে উপস্থিত থাকে মন্ত্ৰী কেশৱ মহন্ত। ভাষণ প্ৰসংগত মন্ত্ৰীজনে ৰাজ্যখনত বিজ্ঞান মানসিকতা গঢ়ি তোলাৰ কাৰণে অসম চৰকাৰে গ্ৰহণ কৰা ব্যৱহাৰলৈৰ বিষয়েও চমু অৱলোকন কৰে।

ৰাজ্যখনৰ প্ৰতিটো উন্নয়ন খণ্ডক সামৰি ২১৯টা বিজ্ঞান কেন্দ্ৰ স্থাপনৰ অন্তত এতিয়া প্ৰতিখন জিলাতো বিজ্ঞান কেন্দ্ৰ স্থাপনৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে বুলি উল্লেখ কৰি তেওঁ কয় যে এনে জিলাভিত্তিক পাঁচটা বিজ্ঞান কেন্দ্ৰ ইতিমধ্যে কাৰ্যক্ষম হৈ উঠিছে আৰু আন ১৭টা কেন্দ্ৰ নিৰ্মাণৰত অৱস্থাত আছে। সামৰণি অনুষ্ঠানত আঁদৰণি ভাষণ প্ৰদান কৰি চিএছআইআৰ-নেচনেল ইনষ্টিটিউট ফৰ ইণ্টাৰডিচিপ্লিনেৰী ছায়েন্স এণ্ড টেকন’লজিৰ সঞ্চালক ড° চি আনন্দবামকৃষ্ণণে কয় যে এই চাৰিদিনীয়া বৰ্ণাটো মহোৎসৱত দেশৰ বিভিন্ন প্ৰান্তৰ ৭০০০ পঞ্জীয়নকৃত প্ৰতিনিধিয়ে অংশগ্ৰহণ

কৰাৰ লগতে ৪৫০০০ তকৈও অধিক লোকে এই মহোৎসৱৰ সাক্ষী হয়। সভাপতিৰ আসনৰ পৰা ভাষণত ডিএছআইআৰৰ সচিব আৰু চিএছআইআৰৰ সঞ্চালকপ্ৰধান ড° এন কলাইচেলভিয়ে চিএছআইআৰক এই মহোৎসৱৰ আয়োজন কৰিবলৈ সুযোগ দিয়াৰ বাবে ভাৰত চৰকাৰৰ বিজ্ঞান আৰু প্ৰযুক্তি মন্ত্ৰালয়ক ধন্যবাদ জনায়। তেওঁ ভাষণ প্ৰসংগত কৃতজ্ঞতাৰে অসম চৰকাৰৰ পূৰ্ণ সহযোগিতাৰ বাবে ধন্যবাদ জনাই চিএছআইআৰে উত্তৰ-পূৰ্বাঞ্চলৰ প্ৰয়োজনীয়তা অনুসৰি বিজ্ঞান প্ৰকল্প গ্ৰহণত গুৰুত্ব আৰোপ কৰিব বুলিও প্ৰতিশ্ৰুতি দিয়ে।

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ISRO chief inspires students to drive India's scientific future at IISF 2024

CHRONICLE NEWS SERVICE

GUWAHATI: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chairperson Dr. S. Somanath inspired students to explore careers in science and technology during his interaction at the ongoing India International Science Festival 2024 (IISF 2024) at IIT Guwahati on Monday.

Addressing a "Student Science Interactive Programme - Face to Face with New Frontiers in S&T", Somanath encouraged students to innovate and contribute to India's space research and technological advancements.

Somanath said, "As students, you are the torchbearers of the future in science and technology. By recognising the remarkable innovations and advancements taking place today, you can pursue similar paths and contribute to building a brighter tomorrow."

Your engagement is pivotal to realizing India's vision of global leadership in these fields."

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Dr. S. Somanath, ISRO Chair, during his address.

days of the festival saw an array of vibrant activities fostering collaboration, innovation, and learning. The event, organized by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and managed by CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram, attracted over 30,000 students and numerous policymakers,

educators, and scientific leaders. IISF 2024 featured technical sessions and discussions aimed at bridging the gap between industry and academia. These sessions promoted knowledge sharing and highlighted sustainable practices across fields like agriculture, manufacturing, and healthcare.

CSIR signed three significant technology transfer MoUs, underscoring its commitment to sustainability and innovation.

CSIR-NIIST Director Dr. C. Anandharamakrishnan praised the efforts of young innovators, stating, "Today, students are already building rockets and satellites in colleges, efforts that are nearing commercial success. Understanding advancements in space and technology offers immense opportunities to shape a brighter future."

The festival also included engaging sessions like Science through Games & Adventure, Students Science & Technology Village, Ideas for Viksit Bharat, and Vision Sansad.

IISF 2024 exemplified India's commitment to nurturing young talent and advancing its position as a global leader in science and technology. The festival's diverse programs and initiatives empowered students and educators alike, fostering creativity and interdisciplinary collaboration for a brighter future.

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IISF 2024 Concludes in North East, Fostering Collaborations, and Innovation for India's Growth

By- Umesh Kumar

GUWAHATI, 3rd December 2024: The 10th edition of India International Science Festival 2024 (IISF 2024), held at IIT Guwahati from 30th November to 3rd December 2024, concluded successfully, leaving an indelible mark on India's journey towards becoming a global leader in science, technology, and innovation. Shri Keshab Mahanta, Hon'ble Minister for Science, Technology and Climate Change, Govt. of Assam, graced the valedictory event as the Chief Guest. Other dignitaries included Dr. (Mrs.) N. Kalaiselvi, Director General, CSIR; Dr. C. Anandharamakrishnan, Director, CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram; Prof. Subhendu Sekhar Bag, Associate Dean, and IIT-G's single point of contact for IISF 2024, Dr. V.M. Tiwari, Director, CSIR-NEIST, and Shri P.A. Vivekenenda Pai, Secretary General, Vijnana



Bharati, along with several distinguished figures from India's science and technology ecosystem. Speaking at the event, the Hon'ble Chief Guest, Shri Keshab Mahanta, said, "IISF 2024 has truly been a remarkable celebration of India's scientific achievements, underscoring the pivotal role of science and technology in shaping our future. Over the last four days, we have witnessed an inspiring display of innovation, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing, with participants from all walks of life coming together to explore the transformative power of science. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry of Science and Technology, as well as all the partners who have supported this initiative. Assam is honoured to host such an important event, and we are committed to continuing our efforts to advance science and technology in the region. As we look ahead, we remain focused on leveraging science and innovation to build a more sustainable and self-reliant future for India." A key highlight of the event was that more than 50% of all partici-

pants in all events at IISF 2024 were from the North East. The total footfall for IISF 2024 over four days is estimated around 45,000, that averages to more than 10,000 attendees per day. IISF 2024 featured 25 distinct events with more than 150 technical sessions and panel discussions organized over three days. The huge breadth of the events could be ascertained from the presence of more than 400 resource persons and 7,000+ registered delegates who attended the technical sessions. Most of the visitors were engaged in interactions at the various exhibition halls. During her Presidential address, Dr. (Mrs.) N. Kalaiselvi, Director General, CSIR, said, "The 10th IISF is a landmark in celebrating Indian science and innovation. My gratitude to Dr. Jitendra Singh ji, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Govt. of India; Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, and IIT Guwahati for their support, and to the 400 IIT Guwahati student volunteers whose dedication made this event a success."

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