



India to host 4-day India International Science Festival (IISF 2025) at Chandigarh from 6 December

Dr. Jitendra Singh reviews preparations for IISF 2025; says the festival will showcase India's transformation into a science-led, innovation-driven nation

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IISF 2025 to celebrate India's journey towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat through science, innovation, and technology

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Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh today chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the ongoing preparations for the India International Science Festival (IISF), scheduled to be held at Chandigarh from December 6th to 9th, 2025.

Building on the deliberations of the previous review held on 29 September 2025, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that this year's IISF will set a powerful national narrative showcasing how India's approach to science, research and innovation has been fundamentally transformed under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

"Science today leads policy. Gone are the days when science waited for policy; today, policies are oriented by science and technology," said Dr. Jitendra Singh, emphasizing India's decisive shift toward science-led governance under PM Narendra Modi.

The Minister underlined that the Government has become a facilitator rather than a controller, creating an enabling ecosystem where the private sector, startups, and young innovators are driving Deep Tech, Artificial Intelligence, Biotechnology, Quantum technologies, and Clean Energy innovations.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said the event will celebrate India's scientific and technological advancements across ministries, academia, industry, and startups, reflecting the spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

The Minister noted that this year's IISF will showcase India's achievements across key sectors that have become pillars of national self-reliance. He said, IISF 2025 will not only serve as a platform for scientific exchange, but also as a celebration of India's self-reliance across key technology frontiers.

Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India; Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences; Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy; Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, Department of Science & Technology (DST); Dr. Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology; and Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Secretary, Department of Scientific & Industrial Research and Director General, CSIR. Representatives from Vijnana Bharati attended the meeting.







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