

## India International Science Festival to open on 21st Jan in Bhopal

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**Startup conclave in Bhopal will have exhibits by enablers offering incubation services and shared infrastructure and guidance on forming a startup**

India International Science Festival (IISF), an initiative of Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Earth Science of Government of India in association with Vijnana Bharati, is to be held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 in Bhopal.

Dr Krishna Ella, CMD, Bharat Biotech, will lead the session titled "Powering Atma Nirbhar Bharat through Science and Entrepreneurship", while Anand Deshpande, Founder & CMD Persistent Systems will Chair the Session on "Technological Advancements in Data Science and India's leadership in Digital Transformation".

Young Scientist Conference will be organised from 22<sup>nd</sup> January to 24<sup>th</sup> January. This event is intended for young scientists, researchers, faculties and science innovators from national laboratories, academic institutions and from scientific industry fraternity. The themes selected for the Young Scientist Conference are frontier areas of science research, pandemic challenges, impacts and research in vaccine development, water resources, conservation, recycling and purification, biodiversity, environment & climate change, food and energy security for Self-Reliant India.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh said that the StartUp conclave in Bhopal will have exhibits by enablers offering incubation services and shared infrastructure and there will be focused discussions for startups, enablers and stakeholders for peer-to-peer learning, networking and sharing best practices. He said that guidance on forming a startup and availing enabling opportunities under StartUp India will also be provided at the venue.