IISF Conclave 2020

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Earth Sciences in association with Vijnana Bharathi (VIBHA) had organised the 6th edition of "India International Science Festival 2020 (IISF 2020)" during December 22-25, 2020 in Virtual mode. The focal theme of the IISF 2020 is "Science for Self Reliant India and Global Welfare".

The four days program contains several scientific activities such as Young Scientists Congress, Science Village, International Science Film Festival, Industry Academia Meet, Mega Science & Technology Exposition, S& T Ministers Conclave, Women Scientists & Entrepreneurship Conclave, Bio-diversity Conclave and Clean Air, Energy Conclave etc.

Further to strengthen the Centre and State S& T cooperation, mechanism and propagate S&T at State level to meet the state and National priorities, State S&T Minister's Conclave (SSTMC) was organised on December 23, 2020 from 10:00 A.M to 6:00 P.M as a part of the IISF-2020. SSTMC aims to harness the views of S&T Ministers of all State & U.T's to strengthen the State Level Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) ecosystem.

The Inaugural session of the meet was addressed by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Honourable Minister of Science and Technology, Earth Sciences & Health and Family Welfare. It was then followed by presentation on "Post COVID-19 Livelihood Opportunities — Rebooting the system" of every states. Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCST&E) had been the consigned the nodal centre for collection of data (inputs) pertaining to Southern States. Accordingly presentation about Puducherry Council for Science and Technology under "Creating Opportunities through S&T Councils of Southern States" of 10 mts duration was delivered by Member Secretary of KSCST&E.

Around 3:30 P.M, in the S&T Minister's Conclave session, Hon'ble Minister of Science and Technology cum Chairman (PCS&T) Shri M. Kanadasamy had participated in the meeting and offered comments about implementing various centrally sponsored schemes funded by DST, GoI.

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