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IISF 2025 Curtain Raiser at IITM

Key Highlights:

- Inauguration of the Institutional Curtain Raiser for IISF-2025 at IITM Pune by Dr M. Ravichandran, Secretary, MoES
- Dr. A. Suryachandra Rao, Director, IITM, presented a brief about the IISF 2025
- Interactive outreach programme “The Young Thinkers Exchange,” was conducted for school students.
- Attended by 100 school students

Meghdoot Hall, IITM Pune; 18.11.2025:

Dr M. Ravichandran, Hon’ble Secretary, MoES formally inaugurated the Institutional Curtain Raiser for the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2025, at IITM Pune, with the theme “Vigyan Se Samruddhi: For Aatmanirbhar Bharat,” celebrating India’s scientific spirit, innovation-driven growth, and the mission of a Viksit Bharat.

Dr. A. Suryachandra Rao, Director of (IITM, Pune, highlighted IITM’s pivotal role in advancing science outreach, public engagement, and fostering a climate-aware society. The curtain raiser was organized as part of IMS-INTROMET-2025, the International Symposium on Tropical Meteorology, further showcasing the Ministry of Earth Sciences’ (MoES) commitment to promoting scientific awareness and engagement at both national and international levels. The inauguration ceremony was graced by distinguished dignitaries including Dr. M. Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology, IMD; Shri Anand Kumar Sharma, President, Indian Meteorological Society (IMS); along with senior officials, eminent scientists, and international delegates.

In his address, Dr. Suryachandra Rao underscored the importance of scientific engagement with society, emphasizing the role of researchers in addressing climate challenges, extreme weather events, and building a climate-resilient and informed community. The IISF-2025 curtain raiser at IITM Pune stands as a testament to the Ministry’s commitment to fostering innovation, collaboration, and youth participation in science, aligning with national priorities for public engagement in research and education.

As part of the curtain raiser event, an interactive outreach programme “The Young Thinkers Exchange,” was conducted by Dr. Rohini L Bhawar, Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), Dr. Satyaban B Ratna (IMD), Dr. Rahul Reddy (IITM) engaged approximately 100 school students who had inspiring and brilliant interactions with Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, MoES, Dr. Anjali Bamzai (Former President, Asian Meteorological Society (AMS) and Shri Anand Sharma (President, IMS) and. Dr Sabin introduced IISF and its themes to the students. Dr. Rohini introduced a new SAMA activity called WISE (Weather, Environment and Climate in School Education). This dedicated program is designed for school science teachers, enabling them to learn from experts about important topics in atmospheric sciences. More details are available on the SAMA website at <https://southasianmet.org/>

Dr. M. Ravichandran opened “The Young Thinkers Exchange” event with an introduction to atmospheric processes, linking natural phenomena to Newton’s Laws and showing how everything in nature is interconnected. Other Distinguished Experts viz., Dr. Roxy Mathew Koll, IITM, AVM (Retd) Prof. Ajit Tyagi, President SAMA, Dr. Someshwar Das, Secretary SAMA, Prof. Atul Jain, University of Illinois, Urbana, USA, Prof. U.C. Mohanty, (IIT, Bhubaneswar), Prof. D. V. Bhaskar Rao (Retd Prof.), Dr. R.K. Dutta, Retd IMD, added valuable insights throughout the session, making complex topics accessible and engaging for young learners. This programme aimed to inspire the next generation of researchers and enhance understanding of climate science, weather prediction, and sustainable environmental practices.

The students shared their feedback and expressed immense interest in attending the upcoming IISF festival.

A Press meeting was conducted which was addressed by Hon’ble Secretary, MoES, Director IITM and DG, IMD.

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Glimpses from IISF 2025 Curtain Raiser






