

India Science Festival launches a hunt for the Science Word of the Year



New Delhi, Delhi Nov 12, 2021 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - India's largest S&T public engagement platform, India Science Fest, launches SciWo: A hunt for the Science Word of the Year! Being the first such initiative anywhere in the world, it is uniquely placed to connect science and society, we wish to get society's attention to scientific breakthroughs, and create greater interest in the public for science.

Under the aegis of FAST-India, ISF is a non-profit initiative aimed at bringing science closer to society. This is the third edition of ISF, which has hosted 200+ science practitioners and 30,000+ participants in previous years. ISF seeks to simplify and demystify science through numerous virtual activities that would lead to the grand online celebration in Jan 2022.

ISF's science word/phrase of the year is a contest to bring to the limelight a word or phrase (<4 words) that has caught or ought to catch the imagination of the scientific community and also, the public eye. As SciWo is announced every year, it will create a long-term public memory and narrative of how science has evolved, a mechanism to reflect back on the journey and contribute towards the 'science of science'.

Varun Aggawal, founder of ISF said, "SciWo has the potential to embed science in youth culture. It will excite the young generation and public at large about science, new discoveries, and inventions. It will go a long way in inspiring them to participate in science and pursue the scientific career."

SciWo will be crowdsourced through an online hunt! The initiative welcomes all science students, Ph.D. students, professors, teachers, science communicators, and industry professionals to come forward to send their entry to help us find the most apt word/phrase. The final word shall be selected by an eminent jury working on multiple inputs such as online votes, references in scientific literature, and public science media.

Our esteemed jury by category:

Computer Science and Engineering: Prof. Sanjay Sarma (MIT), Prof. Lav Varshney (UIUC)

Life Sciences and Biological Sciences: Dr. Gagandeep Kang (CMC)

Mathematical Sciences: Prof. Gautam Menon (Ashoka University)

Physical Sciences: Prof. Mark McCaughrean (European Space Agency), Prof. Rajesh Gopakumar (ICTS)

Interdisciplinary Sciences: Prof. Emily Cross (Macquarie University & University of Glasgow), Prof. Payal Arora (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Anyone can share their entry for SciWo [here](#). SciWo will be announced at India Science Fest in January 2022.

[About India Science Fest](#)

ISF is a not-for-profit initiative that endeavors to serve as a platform for deeper engagement between scientists, researchers, professionals, entrepreneurs, and students. We wish to have the public involved in the latest in science and get all actors in the ecosystem to discuss, collaborate and progress together.

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