

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3163  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16/03/2016**

**SCIENCE FESTIVAL**

**3163. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:**

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a five day science festival was held at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi and over 240 projects were showcased therein; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response received and the steps being taken to organise such expos in some other cities also?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
(SHRI.Y. S. CHOWDARY)**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री  
(श्री वाई. एस. चौधरी)

(a) Yes, Madam. The India International Science Festival (IISF-2015) was organized at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi during December 04-08, 2015. Various events organized during the IISF 2015 were:

- (i) Young Scientists' Conference
- (ii) Industry Academia Conclave
- (iii) National Level Exhibition and Project Competition (NLEPC) under 'INSPIRE' Programme of DST
- (iv) Science Film Festival
- (v) Largest Practical Science Laboratory Demonstration
- (vi) Techno-Industry Expo

(b) The 5th NLEPC under the INSPIRE Award Scheme was organized by the Department of Science & Technology at IIT-Delhi during December 6-7, 2015 along with India International Science Festival. 699 selected INSPIRE awardees from all over the country participated and showcased their projects / models during the event. These INSPIRE awardees were from amongst the 15000 awardees who had participated in the State-Level Competitions organized by various States/UTs after the District-Level Competitions in which about 2 lakh awardees had participated. The 699 projects were evaluated by a high-level jury and the best 60 projects were chosen. The top 3 projects were given National Awards and the remaining 57 were given Appreciation Awards.

The overall response to IISF-2015 was positive and encouraging.

The Techno-Industry Expo was organized in self-financing mode by Vijnana Bharati, a non-governmental body engaged in science outreach activities. This was a concept thought of by them. No decision has been taken to organize such expos in other cities.

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