

PRESS RELEASE

Science films and literature vital in communicating science to the masses

Expressing satisfaction over the large scale participation of students, film-makers, fiction writers, teachers, poets and the general public in the International Science Literature & Film Festival, Dr. Harshvardhan, Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Science and Environment, Forest & Climate Change, said that participation in the India International Science Festival has been steadily increasing over the years.

Speaking at the concluding session of the International Science Literature & Film Festival at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Scientific Convention Centre, Dr. Harshvardhan said that science films and science literature play a very important role in science communication. He added that he dreamt of a day when science films would be the first choice of entertainment of the common man.

Fifty three national and international science films including Green-Oscar winning films were screened at the festival. In the foreign films category, 19 science films were screened from Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands and Britain.

Speaking in the concluding session, Dr. Denzil J. Godin, Teacher and Member of the Legislative Assembly said that the science literature and film festival has achieved its objective of reaching out to the masses. Prof. Shambhu Nath Singh, Chairman of the jury of the science films said that there were many science films in Indian languages that entered the films competition at the festival.

Dr. S.S. Bhaduria, Secretary-General, VIBHA said that unless science is not communicated to the masses, science cannot belong to the masses. He stressed on the need for more and more science films in vernacular languages.

Dr. Harshvardhan, Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Science and Environment, Forest & Climate Change also gave away the awards to the winners of the science films and science cartoon competitions.

Earlier, Mr. Hasan Jawaid Khan, Chief Scientist and Head, IPSD, CSIR-NISCAIR welcomed everyone to the concluding session and also summed-up the proceedings of the International Science Literature & Film Festival. Dr. Sundeep Sarin, Adviser, Department of Biotechnology also spoke at the concluding session.

Dr. Jyoti Malik Logani, Scientist, Department of Biotechnology proposed the vote of thanks.
