



## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ONLINE INTERDISCIPLINARY & MULTIDISCIPLINARY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

on

### INDIAN SCIENCE FICTION: CONTEXTS, TEXTS & PRACTICES

30 -31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021 at 08:30 am

Organized by

Indian Association for Science Fiction Studies (R),  
Bangalore, Karnataka, in Collaboration with

Marathwada Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's

Deogiri College, Aurangabad, Maharashtra

Indian Science Fiction Writers' Association (ISFWA)

Faizabad, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh,

Marathi Vidnyan Parishad (MVP), Mumbai;

Bengali SF Magazine, *Kalpabiswa*, Kolkata, West Bengal;

Malayalam Science Writers Association, Kerala

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# Programme Profile

## Cordial Invitation

Indian Association for Science Fiction Studies (IASFS), Bangalore, Karnataka; Deogiri College, Aurangabad, Maharashtra State, Indian Science Fiction Writers' Association (ISFWA), Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh; Marathi Vidnyan Parishad, Mumbai; *Kalpbishwa* Magazine, Malayalam Science Writers' Association and other SF organizations have planned to organize the 20<sup>th</sup> annual online interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary national Conference on **Indian Science Fiction: Contexts, Texts and Practices** during 30-31 August, 2021 at an online zoom platform. In the organization of such an ambitious online event we earnestly seek your presence for conference and also invite you to join the

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## INAUGURAL FUNCTION

30<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Chair Person:	<b>Mr Satish Chavan</b> (MLC, Graduate Constituency), General-Secretary, M.S.P. Mandal, Aurangabad. <b>Prof. Ashok Tejankar,</b> Principal, Deogiri College, Aurangabad.
Inaugurator:	<b>Ms Mugdha Sinha,</b> Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India.
Chief-Guest	<b>Dr. Bal Phondke</b> Nuclear Biologist, BARC, Chairman, Director, Publication & Information, CSIR, Science Editor, "Times of India", Editor, Science Today, Chief -Editor of <i>It Happened Tomorrow</i> , Eminent first-row Indian Science Fiction Writer, Critic, Translator, Editor, Mumbai, MH.
Guest of Honours	<b>Mr A. P. Deshpande</b> , Hon. Secretary, MVP, Mumbai, Maharashtra <b>Dr. M. H. Srinarahari</b> , Secretary-General, IASFS, Bangalore, Karnataka <b>Dr. Arvind Mishra</b> , Secretary, ISFWA, Ayodhya, UP. <b>Dr. Dip Ghosh</b> , Kolkata, West Bengal

## VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

Chair Person:	<b>Mr Prakash Solanke</b> , President, M.S.P. Mandal, Aurangabad <b>Prof. Ashok Tejankar</b> , Principal, Deogiri College, Aurangabad.
Chief-Guest: Valedictory Address:	<b>Prof. Dr. A. P. Jayaraman</b> , Nuclear Scientist, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Govt. of India, Dept. of Atomic Energy. Chairman, National Science Communicators, Mumbai, Trustee, Indian Development Foundation, President, Academy for STEAM, Eminent orator, Educationist & Thinker.
Guest of Honours	<b>Prof. Dr. Jayant Narlikar</b> , Eminent Scientist & SF writer, Trustee, MVP, Mumbai, Maharashtra <b>Dr. Nellai S. Muthu</b> Scientist, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), NCSTC- National Awardee for Science Popularisation, Eminent SF Writer, Translator & Critic, Tamilnadu. <b>Prof. Y. H. Deshpande</b> , Regional-Secretary, IASF, Maharashtra <b>Yashodhora Ray Chowdhury</b> , Eminent Poet & SF Writer, West Bengal <b>Dr. Shivkumar Sonalkar</b> , SF Writer & Critic, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, MS <b>Mrs Subha Das Maulik</b> , Vichitra Pathshala, Kolkata, West Bengal <b>Prof. Ratnakar Bhelkar</b> , RSTM University, Nagpur, Maharashtra <b>Prof. Shirish Gopal Deshpande</b> , SNDT University, Pune, MH <b>Dr. Rajaram S. Zirange</b> , Professor & Head, Department of English, Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Yashwantrao Mohite College, Erandwane, PUNE - 411038 MH. <b>Dr. Ram Bhishe</b> , Mumbai <b>Hon. Dr. C. G. Sangeetha</b> Assistant Professor of English Sri Sarada College for Women (Autonomous) Salem – 636016 Tamil Nadu.

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Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

Time	Schedule	
8.30 am	Opening of the Meeting	
8.30am to 8.45am	Invocation and welcome songs: Music Department, Deogiri College, Aurangabad,	
8.45am to 9am	Welcome Speech: Prof. Ashok Tejankar Principal, Deogiri college, Aurangabad	
9.00am	Orientations of the SF Conference: <b>Dr. M. H. Srinarahari</b> , Secretary-General, IASFS, Bangalore, Karnataka	
	The organizing institution and organizations	
9.10am	Indian Association for Science Fiction Studies ®, Bangalore, Karnataka	<b>Dr. K. S. Purushothaman</b> Principal (Rtd.), Muthuraman Government Arts College, Vellore, Tamil Nadu Founder-Chairman Indian Association for Science Fiction Studies, Tamil Nadu.
9.15 am	Indian Science Fiction Writers' Association, Bangalore.	<b>Dr. Arvind Mishra</b> , Secretary, ISFWA, Ayodhya, UP.
9.25am	Marathi Vidnyan Parishad, Mumbai	<b>Mr A. P. Deshpande</b> , Hon. Secretary, MVP, Mumbai
9.30am	Bengali SF Magazine, <i>Kalpabiswa</i> ,	<b>Dip Ghosh</b> Founder & Editor of the Bengali SF Magazine, <i>Kalpabiswa</i> , Kolkata, West Bengal.
9.35am	Inaugural speech: Ms Mugdha Sinha, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur India.	
10.00am	Management Representative: <b>Mr. Satish Chavan</b> (MLA Graduate Constituency), General Secretary, M.S.P. Mandal, Aurangabad.	
10.05 am	<b>Indian Science Fiction: Contexts, Texts and Practices</b>  <b>Dr. Bal Phondke:</b> Formerly Nuclear Biologist, BARC, Chairman, Former Director, Publication &Information, CSIR, Former Science Editor, "Times of India", Editor, <i>Science</i> Chief Editor of <i>It Happened Tomorrow</i> , Eminent first row Indian Science Fiction Writer, Mumbai, MH.	

10.30 am	<p><b>Keynote-Address: Indian Science Fiction: Identity, Issues and Priorities</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Dinker Charak,</b>  Entrepreneur &amp; Product Manager, Bangalore.  and Webmaster: <a href="https://www.adbhut.in/">https://www.adbhut.in/</a></p>
11.00 am	<p><b>Science Fiction Ideas in Indian Mythology</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Arvind Mishra,</b>  Former Deputy Director of Fisheries,  Government of Uttar Pradesh  Secretary, ISFWA, Ayodhya, UP.</p>
11.30am	<p><b>Vaignanika Kathegalu: Science Fiction in Kannada</b></p> <p><b>Mr T. Gautham Shenoy</b>  SF Columnist &amp; Critic,  Bangalore, Karnataka</p>
12.10am	<p><b>Past, present and Future of Bengali Kalpabigyan and Kalpabiswa's Role in it.</b></p> <p><b>Mr Supriyo Das,</b>  Editor, <i>Kalpabiswa</i>.</p>
12.30Noon	<p><b>Release of the Journal:</b>  <i>Insight</i>: Peer-Reviewed, ISS Numbered journal of scholarly papers of Science fiction presented during the 19<sup>th</sup> International Science Fiction Conference held during December 2020 – by Dr. Sowmya Murukesh, Chief Editor and Publisher, <i>Insight</i>, University Research Publications, North Mazhuvannoor P.O, Valamboor, Ernakulum, Kerala State.</p>
12.40am	<p><b>Science/Science Fiction Authors' Communication</b></p> <p>Topic: "My Recently Published Science/Science Fiction Work"</p>
	<p><b>1. Dr. Shantala,</b>  Gynaecologist and SF Writer, Bangalore, Karnataka.  “My Recently released 3019 AD hardcopy, e-book and audio version.”</p>

	<p>2. <b>Dr. Kiran Kumar Singh,</b> Professor of Civil Engineering (Rtd), SF Writer, Agra, UP. “My recently published SF: <i>The Five Friends: Battle Against Aliens.</i>”</p>
	<p>3. <b>Mrs Archana Mirajkar,</b> SF writer, Canadian Consulate in India, New Delhi</p>
	<p>4. <b>Dr. Zeashan Zaidi,</b> Eminent Hindi SF writer, Assistant Professor, Era’s Medical College, Lucknow, UP. “My Sci-fi 2021.”</p>
	<p>5. <b>Dr. Ranjan Garge,</b> Director, COSMOS, Principal (Rtd), SF writer, Aurangabad, MH. “Wi-Fi to Sci-Fi and other Science and Science Fiction Works”</p>
	<p>6. <b>Mr Pradip Sengupta,</b> SF writer and translator, West Bengal “Geo-Science Fiction: A Critical Overview.”</p>
	<p>7. <b>Mrs Savitha Srinivas</b> IPS, Bangalore, Karnataka My Recently published SF: <i>Triloka Sanchari Neere</i></p>
	<p>Research paper Reading session</p>
	<p><b>Dr. Shakun Mahajan</b> Assistant Professor in the Department of English Govt. P.G. College for Women, Gandhi-Nagar, Jammu. Science Fiction and Globalization in Manjula Padnabhan’s <i>Harvest</i></p>
<p>6.45 Evening (Dept. of Eng. &amp; Dept. of Math.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Special Attraction</b></p> <p>Monday August 30, 2021 18.45 hours (Same id and password of the Zoom Meeting)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Magic Show: Mentalism and Science Fiction</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mr. Harish Yadav,</b> Former Chief Manager, Dena Bank, Jaipur, Rajasthan, Magician, Mentalist &amp; Science Communicator Eminent SF Critic</p>

## Second Day

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Time	Schedule
8.15 am	<b>Dr. Devraj Maulik</b> , Young & Dynamic SF Scholar, Mumbai
8.30 am	<b>Mr Soham Guha</b> , Young & Dynamic SF Scholar, Kolkata. Topic: “Dystopian Society in Bengali Kalpabigyan.”
9.00am	<b>Mr Nilesh Malvankar – Maryland, USA</b>
9:30 am	<b>Mrs Subha Das Maulik</b> , Vichitra Pathshala, Kolkata, West Bengal
10.00am	<b>Mr G. S. Unnikrishnan Nair</b> , Trivandrum, Kerala, Former Additional Director of Agriculture, Government of Kerala, National and International Documentary Awardee. Topic: “Farmland reforms and the outcome of the study of the Tribal People in Kerala state: A Film Maker’s Perspective and A Brief Account of Malayalam Science Fiction.”
10.45 am to 1pm	<b>Science/Science Fiction Authors Speak</b> Topic: “My Recently Published Science/Science Fiction Work” Authors
	1 <b>Dr. Ravi Kopparapu</b> , Planetary Scientist, NASA, Washington DC, USA. “A Scientist’s Journey into Science Fiction.”
	2. <b>Mrs Pragnya Goutham</b> – Rajasthan
	3. <b>Mr Rishab Dubey</b> – Lucknow, UP. “My SF Work Krikos.”
	4. <b>Mrs Kalpna Kulshresta</b> , Aligarh, UP
	5. <b>Dr. Urvashi Kuhad</b> – New Delhi: Science Fiction and Indian Women Writers: Exploring Radical Potentials
	6. <b>Mr Aad Ram Nayak</b> , Rajasthan, “My Hindi Science Fiction Novel Scientific Mind (2020).
	7. <b>Mr Shirish Nadkarni</b> , Mumbai, MH. “My Science fiction humorous Works.”

1.30 PM onwards	Paper Presentation
	Dr. Rupesh Gaikwad: Eagle Eye on the Journey of HI FI- SCI FI- WI FI
	<b>Valedictory Address</b>  <b>Prof. Dr. A. P. Jayaraman</b> The former Nuclear Scientist (BARC), Chairman, National Science Communicators, Mumbai, Trustee, Indian Development Foundation, President, Academy for STEAM, Eminent orator, Educationist, Mumbai, MH.
	<b>Discussion, Question &amp; Answers</b>
	<b>Feedback &amp; Delegate Representatives' Opinion</b>
	<b><i>Pasaydan and Songs</i></b>
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