



## 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

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Deogiri College, Aurangabad, Maharashtra (DCA)

Indian Association for Science Fiction Studies (IASFS),  
Bangalore, Karnataka,

Indian Science Fiction Writers' Association (ISFWA)

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

Deogiri College, Aurangabad, Maharashtra State, Indian Association for Science Fiction Studies (IASFS), Bangalore, Karnataka; 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 at Gurudeo Rabindranath Tagore Central Auditorium, DCA. In the organization of such an ambitious online event we earnestly seek your presence for conference and also invite you to join the Join Zoom Meeting

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### INAUGURAL FUNCTION (30<sup>th</sup> August 2021: 08:30 am)

Chair Person:	<b>Mr. Satish Chavan</b> (MLC, Graduate Constituency) Secretary, M.S.P. Mandal, Aurangabad. <b>Prof. Ashok Tejankar</b> , Principal, Deogiri College, Aurangabad.
Hon. Presence	Vice-Principals: Prof. C. S. Patil, Prof. D. R. Khairnar, Dr. A. N. Ardad
<b>International Guest</b>  <b>Topic:</b>	<b>Mr. Damien Walter:</b> writer, storyteller & sci-fi critic for <i>The Guardian</i> , <i>BBC</i> , <i>Wired</i> , <i>Buzzfeed</i> and <i>Aeon</i> magazine. He teaches the Rhetoric of Story to over 35,000 students worldwide, and is the host of the SF podcast. <b>SF is a Modern Mythology: An Address to Indian SF Community</b>
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,
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.
Valedictory Address:	<b><i>Science in Fiction &amp; Fiction in Science: Anatomy &amp; Physiology of Science Fiction with Cases from Chemical Engineering</i></b>
Chief-Guest:	<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, W. Bengal <b>Dr. Shivkumar Sonalkar</b> , SF Writer & Critic, 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> , SNTD 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 <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 T. Nadu.

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

Time	Schedule	
8.30 am	Opening of the Meeting	
8.30am to 8.40am	Invocation and welcome songs: Music Department, Deogiri College, A'bad,	
8.40am	Welcome Speech: <b>Prof. Ashok Tejankar</b> Principal, Deogiri college, Aurangabad	
08.50am	Orientations of the SF Conference: <b>Dr. M. H. Srinarahari,</b> Secretary-General, IASFS, Bangalore, Karnataka	
	The organizing institution and organizations	
9.00am	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.
9.05 am	Marathi Vidnyan Parishad, Mumbai	<b>Mr. A. P. Deshpande,</b> Hon. Secretary, MVP, Mumbai
9.10am	Bengali SF Magazine, <i>Kalpabiswa</i> ,	<b>Dip Ghosh</b> Founder & Editor of the Bengali SF Magazine, <i>Kalpabiswa</i> , Kolkata, West Bengal.
9.15am	Indian Science Fiction Writers' Association, Ayodhya, UP.	<b>Dr. Arvind Mishra,</b> Secretary, ISFWA, Ayodhya, UP.
<b>International Guest:</b> 09: 20 am <b>Topic:</b>	<b>Mr. Damien Walter:</b> writer, storyteller & sci-fi critic for <i>The Guardian</i> , <i>BBC</i> , <i>Wired</i> , <i>Buzzfeed</i> and <i>Aeon</i> magazine. He teaches the Rhetoric of Story to over 35,000 students worldwide, and is the host of the SF podcast. <b>SF is a Modern Mythology: An Address to Indian SF Community</b>	
9.35am	Inaugural speech: <b>Ms. Mugdha Sinha,</b> Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur India.	
10.00am	Management Representative: <b>Mr. Satish Chavan</b> (MLA Graduate Constituency), Secretary, M.S.P. Mandal, Aurangabad.	

10.05 am	<p align="center"><b>Indian Science Fiction: Contexts, Texts and Practices</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Dr. Bal Phondke:</b></p> <p>Formerly Nuclear Biologist, BARC, Chairman, Former Director, Publication &amp; 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.</p>
10.30 am	<p align="center"><b>Keynote-Address: Indian Science Fiction: Identity, Issues and Priorities</b></p> <p align="center"><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 align="center"><b>Science Fiction Ideas in Indian Mythology</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Dr. Arvind Mishra,</b> Former Deputy Director of Fisheries, Government of Uttar Pradesh Secretary, ISFWA, Ayodhya, UP.</p>
11.30am	<p align="center"><b>Vaignanika Kathegalu: Science Fiction in Kannada</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Mr. T. Gautham Shenoy</b> SF Columnist &amp; Critic, Bangalore, Karnataka</p>
12.10am	<p align="center"><b>Past, Present and Future of Bengali Kalpabigyan and Kalpabiswa's Role in it.</b></p> <p align="center"><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> 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><b>2. 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><b>3. Mrs. Archana Mirajkar,</b> SF writer, Canadian Consulate in India, New Delhi</p>
	<p><b>4. Dr. Zeashan Zaidi,</b> Eminent Hindi SF writer, Assistant Professor, Era’s Medical College, Lucknow, UP. ‘My Sci-fi 2021.’”</p>
	<p><b>5. 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><b>6. Mr. Pradip Sengupta,</b> SF writer and translator, West Bengal “Geo-Science Fiction: A Critical Overview.”</p>
	<p><b>7. 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 <b>Mr. Abhaysinh Deshmukh</b> , an aspiring Scholar, Solapur
8.30 am	<b>Mr. Soham Guha</b> , Young & Dynamic SF Scholar, Calcutta Topic: “Dystopian Society in Bengali Kalpabigyan.”
9.00am	<b>Mr. Nilesh Malvankar – Maryland, USA</b>
09:10 am	Dr. Rupesh Gaikwad: Eagle Eye on the Journey of HI FI- SCI FI- WI FI
	Dr. Smitanjali Mitkari & Prof. Dr. Laxmikant Dama
10.00am	<b>Mr. G. S. Unnikrishnan Nair</b> , Trivandrum, Kerala, Former Additional Director of Agriculture, Government of Kerala, National and International Documentary Awardee. “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.”
11:00 am	<b>Mrs. Subha Das Maulik</b> , "Meet the Indie sci-fi filmmaker Mr. Sudipto Shankar Roy" known for <i>Onibarjo</i> (2019), <i>The Bounty</i> (2017) and <i>Crossing Bridges</i> (2013)
12.00 Noon	<b>Science/Science Fiction Authors Speak</b> Topic: “My Recently Published Science/Science Fiction Work”
	<b>Dr. Ravi Kopparapu</b> , Planetary Scientist, NASA, Washington DC, USA. “A Scientist’s Journey into Science Fiction.”
	<b>Mrs. Pragnya Goutham</b> – Rajasthan
	<b>Mr. Rishab Dubey</b> – Lucknow, UP. “My SF Work Krikos.”
	<b>Mrs. Kalpna Kulshresta</b> , Aligarh, UP
	<b>Dr. Urvashi Kuhad</b> – New Delhi Science Fiction and Indian Women Writers: Exploring Radical Potentials
	<b>Mr. Aad Ram Nayak</b> , Rajasthan, “My Hindi Science Fiction Novel Scientific Mind (2020).”
	<b>Mr. Shirish Nadkarni</b> , Mumbai, MH. “My Science fiction humorous Works.”

**Valedictory Address:**

***Science in Fiction & Fiction in Science: Anatomy & Physiology of  
Science Fiction with Cases from Chemical Engineering***

**PROF. DR. A. P. JAYARAMAN**

The former Nuclear Scientist (BARC), Chairman, National Science Communicators, Mumbai, Trustee Indian Development Foundation, President, Academy for STEAM, Eminent orator, Educationist. Citizen of the World

**Discussion, Question & Answers**

**Feedback & Delegate Representatives' Opinion**

***Pasaydan* and Songs: Dr. Tukaram Wandhare, Ms. Shivani Kulkarni, Ms. Harshada Pathak, Ms. Vaishnvi Shival, Ms. Jasmine, Tamil Nadu**

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