

'Green energy only way to nip air, water and noise pollution'

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Lucknow: Switching to green energy is the only solution to mitigate air, water, and noise pollution, said experts at India International Science Festival inaugurated at Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences on Friday.

The event marked the celebrations of the 10th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2024, which is going to be held from Nov 30 to Dec 3 in Guwahati, Assam. The theme of the present edition of IISF-2024 is 'Transforming India into a Science and Technology Driven Global Manufacturing Hub'.

Chief guest director of CSIR Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Bhaskar Narayan, said, "India is an agriculture-based country and agricultural issues should be frequently discussed

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on this platform. To reduce air and water pollution, it is essential to resort to green energy as a sustainable solution." He highlighted the purity of organic food, the mismanagement of water, and its approaching scarcity.

BSIP director Prof Mahesh G Thakkar said that science has always been the driving force for the development of society. India has a rich legacy of scientific innovation, with groundbreaking contributions like the

concept of zero and advancements in trigonometry, pioneered by great scholars such as Aryabhata. Further, he added that IISF-2024 is a powerful platform for professionals and scientists to display and exchange their ideas with the world. Science should not be confined to laboratories but should be accessible and understandable to all people.

He added that science has always played a crucial role in combating serious issues regarding health, agriculture, climate change, natural calamities, etc., and thus, the science festival always aims to bridge the gap between science and policymakers. Moreover, the exchange and collaboration of innovative ideas to face global challenges, along with the fusion of science and art through exhibitions and expos, are also integral parts of the IISF-2024.