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**'Science fiction may help solve future probs'**

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**Varanasi:** Participants at 17<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Fiction conference discussed the ways to connect myth, history, ideas, scientific temper, attitude, and science with a vision that science fiction becomes the answer to societal problems in future.

The conference was hosted by Malaviya Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship (MCIE) of Indian Institute of Technology Banaras Hindu University on Sunday.

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**MEET ON INDIAN SCIENCE FICTION**

In his inaugural address, director of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), National Institute for Science Communication and Information Resources (NISCAIR) Dr Manoj Kumar Patariaya discussed how science fiction can turn helpful to find solution for future challenges.

The conference focused on various aspects and trends of SF. Following release of his science fiction book Dr Neelai S Muthu presented different research trends in the world. The conference also focussed on literature for children.

Other authors including Kalpana Kulshreshta, provided a guide line for SF for children. Following the inaugural session a magic show based on mind game by Harish Yadav, the Guinness world recorder, left everyone mesmerized.

Many writers from Korea also took part in the conference. They opined that science fiction writers have the ability to transport us to the other world, alternate realities and Positive and negative version of our planet in future.