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'Science fiction writers will help solve future challenges'

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VARANASI: A two-day Indian Science Fiction Conference began at Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University (IIT-BHU) on Saturday. Speaking at the inaugural session of the event, CSIR-national institute of science communication and information resources (CSIR-NISCAIR) director Dr Manoj Kumar Patariya said imagination of science fiction writers will help find solution to future challenges.

Nearly 50 science fiction writers from across the nation are participating in the conference. Two science fiction writers from South Korea are also there.

"Logic-based imagination gives birth to new concepts which help development of new techniques. The technique helps address problems. Therefore, logic based imagination will help find solution to various future challenges. Science fiction writers think on different challenges and through their imagination they give solution to these challenges," said chief guest Patariya.



■ Science fiction conference under way at the IIT-BHU on Saturday.

He said there was a need to make science more communicable and interesting so that the common man could understand it. "Science communication and scientific temperament are two different terms. Scientific temperament is built, it comes by questioning, analysing the facts, peeping into the future," he added.

Science fiction is relevant in the age of revolution in technological innovation. Science fiction enables us to peep into the future. Dr RR Upadhyaya,

founder president, ISFWA, said in India writers of science fiction were fewer.

Director, IIT-BHU, Pramod Kumar Jain said when science, technology and literature work together to find solution to the future challenges, the problems and challenges to come in future will certainly be addressed.

The ideas for the fiction may also be taken from Vedas and Upanishads. Kim Bo Yung and Lee Singhyo discussed the science fiction writing taking place in South Korea.