

**YOUNGER GENERATION SHOULD TAKE MORE INTEREST IN SCIENCE –  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL**

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Shri Kapil Sibal, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology and Ocean Development said that younger generation worldwide is losing interest in science resulting in the decline in the number of scientists. Speaking after inaugurating the National Conference on India's Competitiveness and Preparedness in Science & Technology for the Coming Decades, here today he expressed concern about the lack of interest in the younger generation towards science.

Shri Sibal said in order to revive interest in science, teaching and learning process of the subject should be made more attractive by redefining education, right from the school level. He said that India is in an advantageous position in the Information Technology sector with plenty of talent and infrastructure available to compete with the rest of the world.

Prof V.S. Ramamurthy, Secretary Department of Science and Technology said in the changing scenario major Research and Development institutions are also changing their strategies. To keep the pace with the changing technology we should redefine our education system he added.

Prof; C.N.R. Rao, Linus Pauling Research Professor and Honorary President Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research Bangalore, Dr K. Kasturirangan, Director, National Institute of Advanced Studies and Member of Rajya Sabha and senior members of the scientific community were also present on the occasion.

The conference will in particular take into cognizance the findings of these deliberations and focus on critical areas that require a wider debate in the context of International Competitiveness.

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