

President's Message:

President, Indian National Science Academy

The year 2025 marks a moment of exciting transformation for the Indian National Science Academy (INSA). Building on the Academy's long-standing commitment to excellence, INSA has reimagined its traditional Annual General Meeting as a week-long **Celebration of Science** to be held from **2–5 December 2025** across leading Delhi–NCR institutions, including IIT Delhi, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Ashoka University, Amity University, and Delhi University. This step, moving the AGM beyond a single campus and into a city-wide Science Week, is an important institutional reform intended to broaden public engagement, strengthen university–academy partnerships, and bring science closer to society.

The programme has been thoughtfully designed to showcase the full spectrum of scientific endeavour in India. It combines the core elements of the AGM the Council Meeting, the Presidential Address, the induction of newly elected Fellows, and the felicitation of outgoing Council members with an expanded series of sectional meetings, distinguished lectures, and public-facing events. These activities will take place across partner institutions and will feature lectures and presentations by newly elected Fellows, INSA Young Associates, Associate Fellows, the History of Science Young Associate, and the INSA Women Associates. The event will also include sessions highlighting science in translation and science for society.

We view this Celebration of Science as more than a logistical change: it is a deliberate effort to democratize the Academy's outreach and to invite a wider community student, educators, policy-makers, industry partners, and the general public into conversations about the impact of science on national development. By decentralizing the AGM and situating sessions at multiple universities and research institutes, we hope to foster fresh collaborations, engage diverse audiences, and inspire the next generation of scientists.

I warmly invite all members of India's scientific community and all those who value science-led progress to participate in the Celebration of Science. Together we will celebrate achievements, reflect on the evolving role of science in society, and renew our commitment to evidence-informed policy and inclusive scientific endeavour. May this week reinforce INSA's mission of nurturing excellence, broadening engagement, and advancing the role of science for the public good.

With warm regards,
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