

Indian National Science Academy Women Associate (IWA)

Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi, represents over 1000+ top scientists in natural sciences, engineering, mathematics, and medicine, as well as their applications to industry and society. The Academy's primary objective is to foster science and its applications across the country through various initiatives and through all the stakeholders of science. Throughout its existence since 1935, the distinguished fellows of the Academy have made significant contributions to science and society.

The number of women involved in scientific endeavours remains rather low in our society, which is also reflected in the smaller number of women fellows in the academy. The INSA Council has thus initiated a new category of INSA Women Associates (IWA) to foster greater diversity, inclusion and gender equity. This would allow the women engaged in various diverse sectors like government, academia, industry, R&D, NGOs, and startups, etc. to connect with the academy and its activities, as well as launch new activities. This effort also aims to provide greater connect and role models for the next generation of women, thus diminishing the gender gap.

The first batch of IWA members is given below:

INSA Women Associate (IWA) Members

S. No.	Name	Affiliation and Address	Area	Type of Members
1	Anuradha Acharya	Founder & CEO, Mapmygenome	Startup	GB & Member
2	Preeti Aghalayam	Dean, School of Engineering and Science Director-in-charge IIT Madras Zanzibar Bweleo, Zanzibar, Tanzania	Academia and R&D	GB & Member
3	Sarita Ahlawat	MD, Co-Founder BotLab Dynamics/ Vayudh - Aviation & Defense Manufacturing	Startup	GB & Member
4	Rupasri Ain	Chief Scientist CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology Kolkata	Academia and R&D	Member
5	N. Anandavalli	Director CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre CSIR Campus, Taramani Chennai	Academia and R&D	Member
6	Deeksha Awasthi	Global Mental Health Ambassador & Founder, DeekshaLife Bengaluru	NGO/ Society	Member
7	Barnita Banerjee	Scientist CSIR- National Geophysical Research Institute Geochronology and Isotope studies, Hyderabad	Academia and R&D	Member
8	Sharmistha Banerjee	Department of Biochemistry School of Life Sciences University of Hyderabad	Academia and R&D	Member
9	Monika Bhattacharjee	Assistant Professor Department of Mathematics, IIT Bombay, Mumbai	Academia and R&D	Member
10	Aparajita Bhattacharya	Senior Director, Engineering Arm Embedded Technologies Pvt. Ltd. Bangalore	Industry	Member
11	Shanti Bhattacharya	Department of Electrical Engineering IIT Madras Chennai	Academia and R&D	Member
12	Jhimli Bhattacharyya	Associate Professor (Chemistry) Department of Science and Humanities National Institute of Technology (NIT) Nagaland	Academia and R&D	Member
13	Subi Chaturvedi	SVP & Chief Corporate Affairs & Public Policy Officer InMobi	Industry	GB & Member

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14	Suchetana Chatterjee	Assistant Professor School of Astrophysics Presidency University Kolkata	Academia and R&D	Member
15	Uma Dhawan	Professor Department of Biomedical Science Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences University of Delhi, New Delhi	Academia and R&D	Member
16	Neetu Garg	Delivery Project Executive IBM Gurgaon, Haryana	Industry	GB & Member
17	Debjani Ghosh	Distinguished Fellow NITI Aayog & Chief Architect NITI Frontier Tech Hub	Public Policy /Govt	GB & Member
18	Tamaswati Ghosh	Chief Executive Officer IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC) Chennai	Startup	Member
19	Deeksha Goel	Deputy Director India Foundation & KFAS - Salsburg Global Fellow & Advisor (Strategic Affairs), Ardent Co.	NGO/Society	Member
20	Sheffali Gulati	Faculty-in-charge Child Neurology Division Department of Pediatrics AIIMS Delhi	Academia and R&D	GB & Member
21	Anju Gupta	President & Co-Founder IvyCamp, Mumbai	Startup	GB & Member
22	Anita Gupta	Head of Scientific Divisions(HOD), Climate, Energy and Sustainable Technology (CEST) Division, DST	Government	Member
23	Deeksha Gupta	Director Global strategy for society programs American Chemical Society	NGO/Society	Member
24	Jaya Jagdeesh	Country Head and Senior Vice President AMD India	Industry	Member
25	Prajakta Dandekar Jain	UGC Assistant Professor Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Matunga, Mumbai	Academia and R&D	Member
26	Sarika Jalan	Department of Physics Indian Institute of Technology Indore	Academia and R&D	Member
27	Riffat John	Associate Professor Department of Botany University of Kashmir, Srinagar	Academia and R&D	Member
28	Darshana Joshi	Co-founder and CEO Vigyan Shala International, India	NGO/ Society	Member
29	N Kalaiselvi	Secretary, DSIR & Director General, CSIR New Delhi	Academia /Govt	GB & Member
30	Geetha Kannan	Founder and CEO Wequity	Industry	GB & Member
31	Ekta Kapoor	Head of Scientific Divisions(HOD), Frontier and Futuristic Technologies (FFT) Division, DST	Government	Member
32	Sweta Rajpal Kohli	President & CEO Startup Policy Forum (SPF)	Startup	Member
33	Veda Krishnan	Senior Scientist Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI) New Delhi	Academia and R&D	Member

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36	Smita Mishra	Founder Fandoro Technologies, Gurugram	Startup	Member
37	Sujata Mohanty	DBT-Centre of Excellence for Stem Cell Research All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi	Academia and R&D	Member
38	Sulajja Firodia Motwani	Founder & CEO Kinetic Green, Pune	Industry	GB & Member
39	Bhavana Muralidharan	Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine GKVK Post, Bellary Road, Bengaluru Karnataka	Academia and R&D	Member
40	Vandana Nanal	Senior Professor (I) Dept of Nuclear and Atomic Physics Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) Homi Bhabha Road, Mumbai	Academia and R&D	Member
41	Kiranmai Nayani	Senior Scientist Natural Products Laboratory Department of Organic Synthesis and Process Chemistry CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT) Tarnaka, Hyderabad	Academia and R&D	Member
42	Bineesha P	Executive Director International Institute of Waste Management Bengaluru	NGO/ Society	Member
43	Nidhi Pant	Co-Founder S4S Technologies Mumbai	Industry	Member
44	Preeti Parashar	Professor (HAG) Physics and Applied Mathematics Unit Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata	Academia and R&D	Member
45	Krishnamurthy Rajeshwari	Founder and Managing Director Bioklone Biotech Private Limited Chennai	Startup	Member
46	Radha Rangarajan	Director CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow	Academia and R&D	Member
47	Namrata Rastogi	Principal Scientist CSIR- Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) Sitapur Road, Lucknow	Academia and R&D	Member
48	Saumya Singh Rathore	Co-founder WinZO New Delhi	Startup	Member
49	Geethavani Raysam	Outstanding Scientist & Head, CSIR-HRDG New Delhi	Government	Member
50	Padmaja Ruparel	Co-founder Indian Angel Network (IAN) Group, Founding Partner, IAN Fund & Sr. Managing Partner, IAN Alpha Fund	Industry	GB & Member
51	Nusrat J M Sanghamitra	Founder & CEO CyGenica Pune, Maharashtra	Startup	Member
52	Nigar Shaji	Associate Director (Projects) Project Director, Aditya-L1	Academia and R&D	Member

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54	Priyanka Sharma	Director - Software Engineering & Head MONAKA SW R&D Fujitsu Research of India Bengaluru	Industry	GB & Member
55	Rashmi Sharma	Head of Scientific Divisions(HOD), National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC), DST	Government	Member
56	Shobha Shukla	Department of Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Sciences Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay	Academia and R&D	Member
57	Anupama Singh	Joint Director (Education) ICAR-IARI New Delhi	Academia and R&D	Member
58	Vaishali Nigam Sinha	Co-Founder & Chairperson Sustainability, ReNew Private Limited, ReNew, Commercial Block-1 Gurugram	NGO/ Society	Member
59	EV Soniya	Scientist G Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram	Academia and R&D	Member
60	Ritu Karidhal Srivastava	Senior Scientist Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)	Academia and R&D	GB & Member
61	Annapurni Subramaniam	Director & Senior Professor Indian Institute of Astrophysics Bengaluru	Academia and R&D	GB & Member
62	Upasana Taku	Co-Founder MobiKwik Gurgaon	Industry	Member
63	Radhika Tandon	Professor Dr Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS, New Delhi	Academia and R&D	Member
64	Tripta Thakur	Director General National Power Training Institute Faridabad, Haryana	Industry	Member
65	C N Tharamani	Senior Scientist Indian Institute of Technology Ropar	Academia and R&D	Member
66	Tessy Thomas	Former Director General Aeronautical Systems DRDO	Academia and R&D	GB & Member
67	Dipti Kakkar Thukral	Scientist G, Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), DST	Government	Member
68	Geetanjali Vikas Utekar	Department of Microbiology Yashwantrao Chavan Institute of Science, Satara	Academia and R&D	Member
69	Rupa Vasudevan	Co-Founder and Chancellor Bharatiya Engineering Science and Technology Innovation University (BEST IU), Anantapur	NGO/ Society	GB & Member
70	Vidya Yeravdekar	Principal Director Symbiosis Society & Pro Chancellor Symbiosis International University	NGO/Society	GB & Member