

Message from the President, INSA



On this International Women's Day, I extend my warmest wishes to all women in science, technology, and beyond. This day serves as a reminder of the immense contributions women have made to science and innovation, as well as the challenges they continue to face in achieving equitable recognition and representation.

Women scientists in India have played a pivotal role in driving innovation, shaping new frontiers of research, and contributing to national and global advancements. Their **trailblazing contributions and leadership** have not only expanded the horizons of knowledge but have also provided transformative solutions to some of the most pressing challenges in healthcare, sustainability, energy, space exploration, artificial intelligence, and beyond.

Despite these accomplishments, women continue to be underrepresented in scientific leadership roles. Recognizing this disparity, INSA has taken proactive steps to address the gender gap. The **INSA Women Associates (IWA)** initiative has been instituted to mentor, support, and create opportunities for women scientists excelling in research, industry, science management, leadership, startups, NGOs, and science administration. This initiative will serve as a platform to empower women in STEMM, ensuring that their contributions are acknowledged and their voices are amplified.

On this International Women's Day, let us celebrate the achievements of women in science while working collectively toward a more equitable and inclusive future. Scientific progress flourishes when diverse perspectives come together, and by championing gender parity, we enrich our pursuit of knowledge, discovery, and innovation.

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