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Cordially invites you to the
ASTC Annual Convention 2026
and
Special Scientific Session
on
**“Earth Sciences, Strategic Resources &
Advanced Technologies for India’s Future”**

at 9.30 a.m., 30th October 2026
Balakrishna Hall, CSIR-NGRI, Hyderabad

Chief Guest

Dr T. Srinivasa Kumar

Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Government of India

Guest of Honour and Release of ASTC Communications Series

Dr M. Ravichandran

Visiting Faculty, IIT Madras & Former Secretary, MoES

Guests of Honour and Distinguished Lecture

Dr U. Kamachi Mudali

Vice Chancellor, Homi Bhabha National Institute, Mumbai

***“Molecules of Self-Reliance: Heavy Water Architecture as a Multi-Disciplinary Driver for
Atmanirbhar Bharat”***

Guests of Honour and Distinguished Lecture

Dr S. V. S. Narayana Murthy

Chairman & Managing Director, MIDHANI, Hyderabad

“Securing the Foundation: Solutions to the Critical Mineral Conundrum for Viksit Bharat 2047”

Presidential Address

Dr Ch. Mohan Rao

Chairman, Scientific Advisory Council, ASTC, Hyderabad

Welcome Address

Dr. Prakash Kumar

Director, CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad

Dr R.B.N. Prasad
Hon. President, ASTC

Sri C.L. Narasimha Rao
Secretary, ASTC

Please be seated by 9.15 a.m.
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Tentative Programme

Inaugural Session

09.30 a.m.	Arrival of the Guests onto the Dias
09.32 a.m.	Vande Matharam Presentation of Bouquets to the dignitaries. Lighting of the Lamp by the Chief Guest & Dignitaries
09.35 a.m.	Welcome Address – Dr. Prakash Kumar , Director, CSIR-NGRI
09.40 a.m.	About ASTC Activities – Dr. C. Manikyamba , President, ASTC
09.45 a.m.	ASTC Science Communications – Dr. R.B.N. Prasad , Chief Editor and Hony President, ASTC
09.50 a.m.	Introducing the Guests – Sri C.L. Narasimha Rao , Secretary, ASTC
09.55 a.m.	Presidential Address – Dr. Ch. Mohan Rao , Chairman-SAC, ASTC
10.05 a.m.	Release of “ASTC Communications” Series and Brief Message – Dr. M. Ravichandran , Visiting Faculty, IIT Madras & Former Secretary, MoES Felicitations to Authors: Dr. Sree Bhushan Raju & Dr. Vipin Das Anthony
10.20 a.m.	Presentation of ASTC Annual Awards by the Chief Guest – Dr. T. Srinivasa Kumar <i>Lifetime Achievement Awards</i> <i>Excellence Awards in Science & Technology</i> <i>Best Academician Awards</i> <i>Best Startup Awards</i> <i>Science Popularization Awards</i> Presentation of Certificates to Honorary Fellows & New Members
11.00 a.m.	Coffee Break
11.15 a.m.	ASTC Foundation Lecture by the Chief Guest on – Dr. T. Srinivasa Kumar , Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Government of India “Earth System Science and Services”
12.00 noon	Distinguished Lecture Dr. U. Kamachi Mudali , Vice Chancellor, Homi Bhabha National Institute, Mumbai on “Molecules of Self-Reliance: Heavy Water Architecture as a Multi-Disciplinary Driver for Atmanirbhar Bharat”
12.40 p.m.	Dr. S. V. S. Narayana Murthy , Chairman & Managing Director, MIDHANI, Hyderabad on “Securing the Foundation: Solutions to the Critical Mineral Conundrum for Viksit Bharat 2047”
01.15 p.m.	Concluding Remarks/Vote of Thanks – CSIR-NGRI / ASTC National Anthem
01.30 p.m.	Lunch