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National Academy of Sciences, India, (NASI) - Telangana Chapter

**Cordially Invites you to the National Conclave on**  
**“Lab to Society: Role of Science Communication**  
**in Building Viksit Bharat @ 2047”**

*Chief Guest*

**Shri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu**  
Hon'ble 13<sup>th</sup> Vice President of India

*Guest of Honour*

**Dr. Soumya Swaminathan**  
Chair, MS Swaminathan Research Foundation  
Principal Advisor, NTEP and Former Director-General,  
ICMR and Former Chief Scientist, WHO

**9.30 am, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**  
**Bhaskara Auditorium, B. M. Birla Science Centre, Hyderabad**

Please be seated by 9.20 am

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## PROGRAMME

- 8:30 AM – Registration
- 9:30 AM – Inaugural Session  
Arrival of the Chief Guest & Dignitaries, Presentation of Bouquets  
Lighting of the Lamp & Prayer
- 9:35 AM – Welcome: Sri C. L. Narasimha Rao, Secretary, ASTC, Hyderabad
- 9:40 AM – About the Conclave: Dr. R. B. N. Prasad, Hony. President, ASTC
- 9:45 AM – Messages by the Guests of Honour
- Dr. Pavuluri Subba Rao, CMD, Ananth Technologies Ltd., Hyderabad
  - Sri. M. Nageswara Rao, Editor, Eenadu, Hyderabad
  - Dr. D. Srinivasa Reddy, Director, CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad
- 10:05 AM – Presidential Remarks: **Dr. Ch. Mohan Rao**, Chairman, SAC-ASTC & Chairman, NASI – Telangana Chapter
- 10:10 AM – **Address by the Guest of Honour**  
**Dr. Soumya Swaminathan**, Chair, MSSRF; Principal Advisor, NTEP, Former DG, ICMR and Former Chief Scientist, WHO  
**Felicitations to Dr. Soumya Swaminathan by the Hon'ble Chief Guest**  
**Release of "ASTC-COMMUNICATIONS" - "Gas Hydrates: A Potential, Clean Energy Source for India" by Dr. Kalachan Sain and "Cancer, Screening and Prevention" by Dr. D. Leela and Dr. Raghunadharao**  
**Felicitations to the Authors**  
**Conclave Souvenir by the Hon'ble Chief Guest**
- 10:35 AM – Felicitations by the Hon'ble Chief Guest to "Eminent Scientists & Distinguished Science Communicators"
- **Dr. D. Balasubramanian**, Former Director of Research, LVPEI & Former Director, CCMB
  - **Dr. B. G. Sidharth**, Founder DG, B.M.Birla Science Centre
  - **Sri Pallava Bagla**, Senior Science Editor, NDTV
- Felicitations to Recipients of Govt. of India Highest Award 'Vigyan Shri'**
- **Dr. K. Thangaraj**, Former Director, CDFD, Hyderabad
  - **Dr. S. Venkata Mohan**, Director, CSIR-NEERI, Nagpur
- 10:50 AM – Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest  
**Shri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble 13<sup>th</sup> Vice President of India**  
**Felicitations to the Chief Guest by ASTC & Eenadu Group**  
Presentation of Mementoes to the Dignitaries and presentation of Certificates to New Fellows - 2025  
Vote of Thanks - Sri K. Suresh, Chief Sub-Editor, Eenadu
- Jana Gana Mana**  
**High Tea**

**11.30 AM - Session I - Advancements in Space & Defence Sectors: Lab to Society**

**Chairman**

**Dr. D. N. Reddy**, Former Chairman, RAC-DRDO & Former VC, JNTU-Hyderabad

**Keynote Lectures**

1. Space and Planetary Explorations: Chandrayan 3 and Beyond

**Sri J. A. Kamalakar**, Former Director, ISRO and Prof. Satish Dhawan Scientist, ISRO Satellite Centre, Bangalore

2. India's Major Achievements in Space Sciences

**Dr. V. Seshagiri Rao**, Former Distinguished Scientist & Associate Director, ISRO and Former Satish Dhawan Professor, ISRO

3. Defence Technologies for Societal Benefit

**Dr. V. Bhujanga Rao**, Chairman, KIMS Foundation & Research Centre, Former Distinguished Scientist & Director General, DRDO and Former ISRO Chair Professor

4. Materials Research for National Strategic Programs: Marching towards Viksit Bharat 2047

**Dr. S.V.S. Narayana Murty**, Chairman and Managing Director, MIDHANI, Hyderabad

**1.30 PM - Lunch**

**2.00 PM - Session II - The Role of Science Communication in Disseminating Scientific Achievements to the General Public**

**Chairman**

**Dr. B. Sesikera**n, Former Director, ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad

**Keynote Lectures**

1. Bridging the Communication Gap: How to Make S&T a Shared National Dream

**Shri Pallava Bagla**, Senior Science Editor, NDTV, New Delhi

2. Mainstreaming Science Journalism: A View from the Academy

**Dr. Usha Raman**, Former Professor, Dept. of Communication, University of Hyderabad

**3.00 PM - Session III - Advancements in Health and Nutrition: Lab to Society**

**Chairman**

**Dr. Ahmed Kamal**, Prime Minister Professor, Osmania University, Former Outstanding Scientist, CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad

**Keynote Lectures**

1. Preparing for the Deluge of Non-communicable Diseases

**Dr. D. Raghunadharao**, Professor of Medical Oncology, MNJ Cancer Hospital, Hyderabad

2. Nutrition Policies and Programs in India - A Constant Communication Dilemma Between Facts and Fiction

**Dr. Subba Rao M Gavaravarapu**, Scientist-G & Head-NICHE, ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad

**04.15 PM - Tea Break**

**4.30 PM - Session IV - Panel Discussion on “Discovery to Dialogue: Reimagining Science Communication for a Sustainable Future”**

**Chairman**

**Dr. Ch. Mohan Rao**, Chairman, Scientific Advisory Council - ASTC, Former Director, CSIR-CCMB, Hyderabad & Chairman, NASI - Telangana Chapter

**Panellists**

Dr. B. Venkataraman, Former Director, IGCAR & DAE Homi Sethna Chair

Dr. D. Shailaja, Distinguished Scientist, CSIR HQ, New Delhi

Sri M. Somasekhar, Senior Journalist, Business Line, Hyderabad

Prof. Vijaya Khadar, Former Professor, ANGRAU, Hyderabad

Smt. N. Aparna Rao, ARCI, Hyderabad

Prof. Kirtimaan Syal, Associate Professor, Dept. of Biological Sciences, BITS-Hyderabad

Sri Naresh Nunna, Managing Editor, Neo-Science Hub, Hyderabad.