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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 13th 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, 8th 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, Hon. 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
Felicitation 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
Felicitation 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 13th 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. Sesikeran, 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.