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of Independence



## *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*

CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication & Policy Research, New Delhi  
Celebrates

**National Conference (Virtual)**

# Science and Technology in India *A Historical Introspection with a Contemporary Perspective*

**16-18 August 2021**

**9.30 AM - 4 PM**

To be inaugurated by



**Padma Vibhushan  
Dr. R. A. Mashelkar**  
Former Director General, CSIR



**Dr. Shekhar C. Mande**  
Director General, CSIR  
Presidential Remarks



**Shri Jayant Sahasrabudhe**  
National Organising Secretary, VIBHA  
Guest of Honour

**On 16 August 2021 at 9.45-11.10 am**



## **Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)**

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## **CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR)**

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## **'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'**

The Government of India is celebrating "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" to commemorate 75 years of independence of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. The Hon'able Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi Ji inaugurated the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' by flagging off 'Dandi March' from Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad on 12th March, 2021 and will end on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. During the celebration a number of activities will be organized across the country highlighting achievements of India in different sectors.

## **About the conference**

To celebrate the Azadika Amrut Mahotsav', CSIR-NIScPR is organizing a virtual three days National Conference (virtual) on "Science and Technology in India: A Historical Introspection with a Contemporary Perspective" from 16-18 August 2021 to commemorate 75th year of India's independence. The conference aims to situate the contribution of Indian science and scientists within the freedom movement of India and post-independence era to build a new India making a global mark during 75 years of independence.

## **Who can participate?**

Researchers, Academicians, Scientists, Policy makers, Students etc.

The registered participants will be given participation certificate and there is no registration fee.

## **Please register at:**

<https://nistads.res.in/node/1145>

## **National Organizing Committee**

- Prof. Arvind P. Jamkhedkar, Chairman, Indian Council Of Historical Research, New Delhi
- Prof. Yogesh Singh, Vice Chancellor, Delhi Technological University, New Delhi
- Shri Raj Nehru, Vice Chancellor, Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Haryana
- Dr. Ashok Jain, Former Director, CSIR-National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies, New Delhi
- Prof. Deepak Kumar, Former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

- Prof. V.V. Krishna, Professorial Fellow, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- Prof. Madhav Govind, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Prof. N. Balakrishnan, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- Dr. Chandra Mohan, Chair Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Prof. Sharada Srinivasan, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru
- Dr. Jahnvi Phalkey, Founding Director, Science Gallery Bengaluru

### Local Organizing Committee

- Dr. Naresh Kumar  
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### Patron

Prof. Ranjana Aggarwal  
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