



Global Young Scientists meet concludes with a promise to work collaboratively to resolve global challenges together

The Hyderabad Declaration was signed to launch a Network of Asia-Pacific Young Academies (NAYA) to strengthen the voice of Young Scientists in the region

Hyderabad, 16th June, 2025: A week-long gathering of more than 200 young scientist delegates from 60 countries concluded on a highly successful note with a promise to resolve global challenges faced by humanity by working together collaboratively with commitment. On the last day, the leadership of twelve National Young Academies (NYAs) from the Asia-Pacific Region met with an aim of reinforcing regional coordination, exchanging best practices, advancing science diplomacy, capacity building and sustainable development. Through a series of deliberations, a common consensus was achieved, which marked the landmark ‘Hyderabad Declaration on the Launch of the Network of Asia-Pacific Young Academies (NAYA)’, which will serve as a regional collaborative platform to Connect, Strengthen and Mentor early and mid-career researchers. Under the leadership of Indian National Young Academy of Science (INYAS), the following academies provided the homogenous support to form the first of its kind network of young scientific academies of Asia Pacific Region abbreviated NAYA - National Young Academy of Nepal (NAYAN), Young Scientist Network (YSN-ASM) Malaysia, Vietnam Young Academy, Sri Lankan Academy of Young Scientists (SLAYS), Royal Society of New Zealand ECR Forum, The Hong Kong Young Academy of Sciences, Thai Young Scientists Academy (TYSA), Young Academy of Japan, Australian EMCR Forum, World Association of Young Scientists (WAYS) China and the Global Young Academy (GYA).

Prof. B. S. Murty, Director, IIT Hyderabad, stated, *"IITH is honoured to host this prestigious global gathering of emerging scientific leaders. The event beautifully reflects our vision of fostering a collaborative, interdisciplinary, and inclusive research environment. By bringing together brilliant minds from across the world, we have not only strengthened international scientific dialogue but also reaffirmed our commitment to empowering young researchers to drive innovation for a better, more sustainable future."*

On this occasion, Prof Chandra Shekhar Sharma, Immediate Past Co-Chair of Global Young Academy and Former Chair of INYAS, said that *"It's a historic moment. The efforts started almost five years back and I am so glad that it came to light today under the present leadership of INYAS. This NAYA declaration will pave the way of seamless coordination among the young scientists in Asia-Pacific region to have a broader impact on society at large. Prof Sharma thanked the International Science Council for their continued support to realize this network"*

This development successfully wrapped up the Annual General Meeting of the Global Young Academy (GYA) and International Conference of Young Scientists 2025, themed "Confluence of Visionaries: Empowering Science for Global Change" scheduled from 08–14 June at the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad, India while meeting all objectives successfully. The conference began with pre-conference activities such as the Science Leadership Workshop for the newly elected members, encouraging inclusive innovation, cross-disciplinary collaboration and leadership development. Thematic workshops covered inclusive research evaluation and the changing role of science diplomacy in facing global challenges. The formal commencement included a ceremonial



Inaugural in the august presence of Honorable Union Minister of Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan along with other dignitaries. The conference witnessed symbolic tree plantation and high-level plenaries on international innovation ecosystems and ESG frameworks. Participants also participated in research presentations, GYA Activities Fair and thematic research sessions, an indication of the Academy's dedication to diversified scientific discourse and knowledge sharing in collaboration.

Throughout the week, sessions explored forward-looking topics like Industry 5.0, Nutrition and Well-being and human-machine interaction, as internal GYA governance activities like Executive Committee (EC) pitches and elections structured the Academy's next leadership. A cultural visit to Golconda Fort and a formal reception at the Chowmahalla Palace provided rich cultural immersion in India's heritage, while the Cultural Evening and Gala Dinner honoured international diversity and intercultural understanding. Thematic discussions on foresight, interfaces between science and society and engaging early- and mid-career researchers facilitated members to collectively develop GYA's strategic direction. Committee meetings, important resolutions and formal EC handover were the highlight of the week. In addition to the intellectual agenda, wellness activities like a 2K/5K Crystal Run, Yoga and Zumba exemplified the holistic emphasis of GYA on well-being, camaraderie and dynamic community building among young scientists globally.

About IIT Hyderabad:

IITH, established in 2008, has reached a respectable position in Academics, Research, Technology development and Startups in a short span of 16 years. In the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), IITH has bagged at 3rd in Innovation and 8th among Engineering institutes in the last two consecutive years, while it has maintained its rank within the top 10 Engineering Institutes ever since NIRF was launched. IITH has been striving for excellence with a motto of "Inventing & Innovating in Technology for Humanity (IITH)".

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About INYAS:

The Indian National Young Academy of Science (INYAS) stands as the sole recognized academy for young scientists in India. Established by the Indian National Science in December 2014, its primary goal is to advance science education and foster networking opportunities for young scientists, both nationally and internationally. Through various initiatives such as flagship programmes, technical



symposiums, science outreach camps, remote area lectures, career awareness workshops, covering contemporary topics INYAS actively strives to connect young scientists and early career researchers from India and around the world, promoting science. INYAS serves as a platform for the exchange of ideas, the initiation of scientific discussions, collaborations among the emerging generation of scientists and students, and as a means for the voices of young researchers to be heard by senior academicians, industrialists and policymakers in the country.

About INSA:

The Indian National Science Academy (INSA), established in January 1935 serves as the apex body representing Indian science and scientists at national and international forums. With a mission to promote scientific knowledge, nurture talent and harness science for national welfare, INSA plays a pivotal role in shaping the country's scientific landscape. It aims to foster a vibrant, globally competitive scientific community that is socially engaged and policy-relevant. INSA undertakes coordination of scientific programmes, represents India in international scientific unions, develops collaborative research initiatives, and provides strategic inputs to policymakers on issues of national importance. Through its publications, forums, and outreach, it serves as a bridge between science, society, and the government, working towards the development of an inclusive and impactful scientific ecosystem in India.

About GYA:

The vision of the Global Young Academy (GYA) is science for all; science for the future, and its mission to give a voice to young scientists around the world. The GYA develops, connects and mobilises young talent from six continents, and empowers young researchers to lead international, interdisciplinary and intergenerational dialogue and contribute to societal challenges. The GYA aims to elevate the voice of young scientists in evidence-informed and inclusive global, regional and national decision-making. The GYA was established in 2010 and brings together usually 200 members from six continents. The membership is comprised of passionate young scientists, typically 3-10 years after their PhD, between 30 to 40 years of age, and in the early stages of their independent academic careers. Members are selected for their scientific excellence and commitment to engage with society, and serve five-year terms.