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Summary of the Activities, held in the month of February 2024

1. The first Meeting of the NASI-Council of the year 2024 was held on 10th February, 2024 at NIPGR, New Delhi; and Several Chapters of the Academy also organized Science-Society Programmes of the NASI.

2. The three Science Academies viz. INSA, NASI & IASc joined hands to celebrate the launch of the 'SWATI' portal, a complete interactive database on WiSTEMM; and the first-of-its-kind in India, developed, hosted and maintained by the National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), New Delhi.

The event was organized on the occasion of International Day of Women and Girls in Science on 11th February, 2024 at Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi with a view to focusing on the role of Science for Women & Women in Science as well as emerging opportunities and inclusiveness of women in S&T endeavors; and addressing the need for innovation and entrepreneurship development in strengthening the backbone of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Prof. Ajay K Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The day-long event was attended by more than 300 participants including several eminent scientists, young technocrats, start-ups, faculty members and research scholars from different scientific and research institutions, universities, PG Colleges and industries all across the country including the participants from various S & T institutions and the Universities of Delhi and nearby places as well as the Fellows/members and officers/staff of the three science academies.

The event was also graced by the distinguished scientists of national and international repute viz. Prof. Quarraisha Abdool Karim, President TWAS; Presidents of the three Science Academies; Dr. Manju Sharma, Former Secretary to the Govt. of India, DBT, Prof. Chandrima Shaha, Former President, INSA including other distinguished women scientists viz. Dr. Renu Swarup, Former Secretary to the Govt. of India, DBT; Prof. Rohini Godbole, Vice President, IASc, IISc, Bangalore and Prof. Shobhona Sharma, Former Senior Professor, TIFR Mumbai and Chair, INSA 'Women in Science' Panel; Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Former DG, ICMR & Chief Scientist, WHO; Prof. Paramjit Khurana, Delhi University, South Campus. Several eminent speakers/scientists/entrepreneurs/ start-ups from all across the country shared their expertise on the subjects of relevance.

A brief report is enclosed as **Annex. 1**; and its photographs as Annex. **1-a, 1-b & 1-c**.

3. The publication of the NASI-Journals also achieved their time-lines.



Annex. 1-a



Annex. 1-b



Annex. 1-c