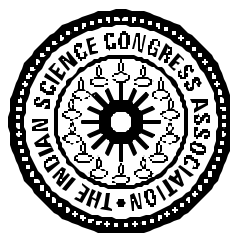


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Inaugural Session.

His Excellency Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Hon'ble President of India delivering an Evening Lecture in the Public Forum.

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Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development, Science & Technology and Ocean Development, Government of India, presenting Asutosh Mookerjee Memorial Award to Dr. K. Kasturirangan at the inaugural session in the presence of Prof. Asis Datta, General President, ISCA and other dignitaries.

"Pride of India" Exhibition.

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## **PREFACE**

The Indian Science Congress Association completed its 90th year of its glorious existence on March 31, 2004.

The 91st Indian Science Congress was held in Chandigarh under the joint auspices of the Panjab University and Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH) from January 3-7, 2004. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee expressed his grief for not attending the congress due to unavoidable circumstances. Dr. Murl Manohar Joshi, Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development, Science & Technology and Ocean Development, Government of India inaugurated the Congress and delivered his address. He also read out some relevant portions from the Prime Minister's speech. Inaugural function was also attended by Justice (Retd.) O.P. Verma; His Excellency the Governor of Punjab; Shri Babu Parmanand, His Excellency the Governor of Haryana; Shri Amarinder Singh, Honourable Chief Minister of Punjab; Shri O.P. Chautala, Honourable Chief Minister of Haryana; Shri Bachi Singh Rawat, Honourable Minister of State for Science and Technology, Government of India, Shri Harnam Dass Johar, Honourable Minister for Higher Education of Punjab and Prof. K.N. Pathak, Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University and delivered their speeches. Prof. Asis Datta, General President of ISCA delivered his address on the Focal Theme "Science and Society in the Twenty First Century : Quest for Excellence". The inaugural function was attended by over 4000 delegates including quite a few overseas scientists and Nobel Laureates.

There were seven Plenary Sessions devoted to different facets of the focal theme in which many eminent scientists, technologists, policy-makers, industrial executives and social activists participated. Also, three Panel Sessions and a few Public Forum were held. As in the past, symposia on different interesting topics were organised in different sections, besides the Platinum Jubilee Lectures constituted a significant component of the entire programme. Special/Invited Lectures and Paper Presentations (through Posters/Oral) organised in different sections were largely attended. Besides, special emphasis was given on ISCA Young Scientists' Programme and Best Poster Presentations. A large number of students from the neighbourhood schools and colleges visited the exhibition organised by the host university/institute and participated in the deliberations on Science for School Children. Endowment Lectures constituted a vital part of the evening programme. This apart, award lectures were organized in a few sections.

A new award lecture styled as "Prof. S.S. Katiyar Commemoration Lecture" was instituted during the year out of a benevolent donation from Prof. S.S. Katiyar Charitable Society, Kanpur.

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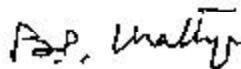
“Pride of India” exhibition was organized on the occasion of the 91st Indian Science Congress from January 3-7, 2004. The major National achievements in the various areas of Science and Technology were focused upon. Exhibition was put together by Government, Private and Academic Institutions. A ‘Hall of Pride’ was a special feature of the Exhibition.

The Valedictory Session was held on January 7, 2004. Prof.K.N.Pathak, Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University and Chief Patron, 91st Indian Science Congress - 2004 delivered an address on this occasion. The Chief Guest Prof.Pathak distributed ISCA Young Scientist Awards (Certificate and Rs.5000/- in Cash) and Best Poster Awards (Rs.1000/- in Cash along with a Certificate) to the selected young scientists in recognition of their contributions in their respective areas of research and to the participants judged as best poster presenters in sections respectively.

ISCA Chapters continued their activities during the year under report by organizing seminars, symposia, lectures, quiz contests, etc. The Chapters also observed National Science Day, National Technology Day, World Environment Day, World Health Day, World Wetland Day, World Forestry Day, National Children Day, etc. During 2003-2004 one new ISCA Chapter has been opened at Bhopal.

The National Science Day was celebrated at ISCA Headquarters on February 27, 2004 on the theme of “ Encouraging Scientific Awareness in the Community”. On this occasion, Jawaharlal Nehru Birth Centenary Award Lecture for the year 2003-2004 was organized. This was followed by a Symposium on the Focal Theme of the 91st Indian Science Congress, “Science and Society in the Twenty First Century : Quest for Excellence” wherein some ISCA Young Scientists of 90th Session of Indian Science Congress (held at Bangalore University in January 2003) participated and presented their papers.

The Association feels greatly honoured for receiving active financial support to carry out many of its intended activities and to execute improvements over its existing infrastructure. The attempts are being made to expand resource base and improve the fund position by effective finance management. The strength of Association lies on the strong support it is receiving from its members. I am confident that with this support, the Association will be able to fulfil its objectives in a bigger way.



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