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**93rd Indian Science Congress  
at Hyderabad from January 3-7, 2006**

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Inauguration of the 93rd Indian Science Congress at ANGRAU, Hyderabad on January 3, 2006.

Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, presenting Award to Prof. Amartya Sen, NL, at the inaugural session of the 93rd Indian Science Congress on January 3, 2006.

Bottom : *Left to right*

His Excellency Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, The Hon'ble President of India presenting ISCA Young Scientists Award for 2005-2006 during the 93rd Indian Science Congress on January 5, 2006.

Sri N. Raghuvendra Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Civil Supplies, Government of Andhra Pradesh presenting the Best Poster Awards for 2005-2006 at the Valedictory Function of the 93rd Indian Science Congress on January 7, 2006 while Dr. I. V. Subba Rao, General President, ISCA and other dignitaries look on.

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## PREFACE

The Indian Science Congress Association completed its 92<sup>nd</sup> year of its glorious existence on March 31, 2005.

The 93<sup>rd</sup> Indian Science Congress was held in Hyderabad under the auspices of the Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRU) from January 3-7, 2006. Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, inaugurated the Congress on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Dr. S. Raghu Vardhan Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University, Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde, His Excellency Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. Raghuvveera Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Civil Supplies, Government of Andhra Pradesh and Shri Kapil Sibal, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, Government of India, delivered their speeches. Dr. I. V. Subba Rao, General President of ISCA delivered his address on the Focal Theme "Integrated Rural Development : Science and Technology". Afterwards, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, delivered his Inaugural Address. The inaugural function was attended by over 5000 delegates including quite a few overseas scientists and two Nobel Laureates.

There were 9 Plenaries devoted to different facets of the focal theme, 8 Panel discussions, 2 Special Sessions, Group Meetings and Round Table Discussion in which many eminent scientists, technologists, policy-makers, industrial executives from industrial sector and social activists participated. Also, some Public and Special Lectures were held. As in the past, Symposia on different interesting topics organised in 14 sections besides the Platinum Jubilee Lectures which were constituted a significant component of the entire programme. Invited Lectures and Paper Presentations (through Posters/Oral) organised in different sections were largely attended. Special emphasis was given on ISCA Young Scientists' Programme in sections which were arranged on January 4, and the awards were presented by H. E. The President of India on January 5. A large number of students from the neighbourhood schools and colleges visited the exhibition organised by the host university and participated in the programmes on Children Science Congress. Endowment lectures constituted a vital part of the programme. This apart, a few award lectures were organized in some sections.

"Bharat Nirman–Science Exhibition" was organised on the occasion of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Indian Science Congress from January 3-7, 2006 which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of State for Science and Technology on January 3, 2006. The exhibition had a special feature called "Hall of Pride". The participants were from various R & D laboratories, major corporates, state and central government institutions and departments. His Excellency President of India Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam also visited the Pride of India Exhibition on January 5, 2005.

His Excellency The President of India, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam delivered a lecture on "Dynamics of Rural Development" and inaugurated the "National Virtual Congress of Farmers" and also launched "Mission 2007 : Every Village–A Knowledge Centre" on 5<sup>th</sup> January.

The Valedictory Session was held on January 7, 2006. Shri N. Raghuvveera Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Civil Supplies, Government of Andhra Pradesh presented Best Poster Awards (Rs. 2,000/- in Cash along with a Certificate) to the participants judged as best poster

presenters in sections. He then delivered the valedictory address of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Indian Science Congress. Prof. Harsh Gupta, General President-Elect, gave a brief introduction of the Focal Theme “Planet Earth” of the 94<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress. Dr. I. V. Subba Rao, General President, made his Presidential Remarks on this occasion.

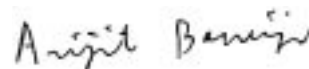
A new award namely “Prof. R. C. Mehrotra Memorial Life Time Achievement Award” to be given annually to an eminent scientist for his/her outstanding contribution for development of Science and Technology was instituted during the year from donation received from his family members.

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, World Environment Day, World Population Day, World Wetland Day, Earth Day, National Technology Day, World Health Day, World AIDS Day, World Tuberculosis Day, World Physics Day, National Children Day, etc.

The National Technology Day was observed with proper dignity by the Indian Science Congress Association on May 11, 2005 in the auditorium of the Association. The 38<sup>th</sup> Engineer’s Day was celebrated by The Indian Science Congress Association on September 14, 2005 in the auditorium of the Association. The National Science Day was celebrated at ISCA Headquarters on February 28, 2006. The focal theme of day was “Nurture Nature for the Future” in the ISCA premises. On this occasion, Dr. B. C. Deb Memorial Award Lecture for Popularization of Science for the year 2005-2006 was organized. This was followed by a Symposium on the Focal Theme of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Indian Science Congress, “Integrated Rural Development : Science and Technology” wherein some ISCA Young Scientists Awardees of 92<sup>nd</sup> Session of Indian Science Congress (held in January 2005) participated and presented their papers. ISCA participated in Kolkata Book Fair at Kolkata Maidan from 25<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2006.

A delegation of five persons from Beijing Association for Science and Technology (BAST) visited the Indian Science Congress Association Headquarters at Kolkata on March 9, 2006. The delegation gave details of their activities and made a power point presentation and discussed how links between the two Associations can be built up. Also, a power point presentation of the structuring and activities of the Indian Science Congress Association was made.

ISCA expresses its profound gratitude to all those who have lent their support to the Association and looks forward to improving its performance with each passing year.



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