

BRICS Young Scientists Conclave from Sept 26 to boost research among member countries

In an effort to bring together the scientific talents of the BRICS nations on a common platform and strengthen inter-disciplinary research between the member countries, India will be hosting the *BRICS Young Scientist Conclave at Bengaluru* from September 26-30, 2016.

The Conclave would be held at the multidisciplinary research institute - the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS). NIAS has developed an expertise through rigorous research in the field of natural sciences and technology, social sciences and humanities to address some of the grave problems in our society today.

Dr. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary Department of Science and Technology will give a special address on September 26 on the topic---BRICS Policy Reflections. The initiative had been approved by the Second BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial Meeting at Brasilia in March 18, 2015 on the principles of co-ownership and co-investment by the BRICS countries.

The *Conclave* will be hosted by the Department of Science & Technology (DST) of the Government of India. The DST supports a wide range of activities – from promoting high-end research and development to meeting the technological requirements of people through the development of appropriate skills and technologies and leveraging International Science & Technology partnerships.

Aimed at building BRICS leadership in S& T through youth the Conclave will forge intense scientific exploration, technological innovations and avenues for transformative changes to the most pressing problems of the society. The scientific dais will harness solutions/ideas on country-specific problems and common challenges faced by BRICS nations,” says Conclave convenor Dr D Suba Chandran

The *BRICS Young Innovation Prize* for Innovative Ideas will enable participants to develop unique, path-breaking designs on Computational Intelligence, Energy Solutions and Affordable Healthcare. “Thus, the Conclave hopes to forge a ‘BRICS Scientific Identity’ through the establishment of a Pan BRICS network of young talents. This Forum will pave the way for creation of a strong future generation of BRICS S&T leadership that can accelerate change,” Dr Chandran maintains.

Ten scientists, techno-entrepreneurs and researchers from each BRIC nations between 22 to 35 years will form a part of the Conclave. They will be provided with abundant opportunities to interact with trail-blazers, leaders and pioneers of S&T through workshops, interactive sessions and lectures.