

BRICS young scientist's conclave

A common platform for bringing together young scientists to seek solutions to common problems that was what the first BRICS young scientist's conclave was all about.

The first BRICS young scientist's conclave was organized by the Department of Science and Technology in collaboration with the National Institute of Advanced Studies at Bengaluru during 25th September to 1st October, 2016.

First of its kind conclave of BRICS nations, the five-day event saw the participation of 50 young scientists and researchers from BRICS countries who deliberated on finding solutions to some of the common challenges and problems faced by BRICS countries.

The conclave was focused mainly on three themes including Computational Intelligence, Energy Solutions and Affordable Healthcare along with discussions on Interdisciplinary Science for Society and Humanity, A Scientific Identity for BRICS, Traditional Science and Indigenous Knowledge and Science, Technology and Social Equity.

The event was inaugurated by Professor K. Kasturirangan, former Member of Parliament and a former Chairman of ISRO.

Along with young researchers the conclave saw the participation of more than 20 renowned researchers, innovators and entrepreneurs from BRICS nations. The conclave was aimed at building a BRICS Innovation Corps with specialized skills to work on novel scientific ideas and technological solutions for social transformation.

The conclave is expected to pave way for creation of strong generation of S&T leadership that can accelerate change collectively.

The conclave also included a session on 'Talent Hunt' which saw the presentation of about 15 ideas along with release of two crucial reports.

While the first report titled "BRICS Science and Technology Enterprise Partnership" envisions sustained critical efforts for achieving Science and Technology Research leadership and product driven enterprise mode partnership, second report titled "Hampi: Splendours of a World Heritage Site" projects the historical significance of the heritage site as well as depicts the Intellectual movements to technological Innovations to the Conclave participants.

BRICS young scientist's conclave assumes vital importance as it is taking place during India's chairmanship of BRICS in 2016 under a focal theme of 'Building, Responsive, Inclusive and Collective Solutions'.

The conclave is an initiative under the BRICS Young Scientist Forum which was formulated at the Second BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial Meeting held at Brasilia in March 2015.