

India's new National Science & Technology Innovation Policy will be announced within next six months, Dr. K. Vijay Raghavan



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The Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) to the Prime Minister of India, Dr K. Vijay Raghavan, announced on 16th January 2020 announced that India will draft its new National Science and Technology Innovation Policy to devise a strategy that will help country in tackling emerging challenges such as climate change, environment, sustainable development etc with innovation from S&T sector. The government intends to transform India into a new-age investment hub for researchers and innovators.

The existing science policy of 2013 has certain loopholes and needs immediate rectification, said PSA, Dr K Vijay Raghavan. It was devised to setup a robust innovation system and positioning India among the top five scientific powers by 2020.

The new National S&T Innovation Policy will be head shipped by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India, and it would highlight various challenges to be addressed with innovation from the S&T sector. The new policy will be more forward looking, and will put efforts to synergize the science, technology and innovation and create environment with huge participation from private partners engaged in R&D activities.

The new policy will include holding of meetings with different stake holders at four levels to keep a pace with changing global scenario. At first, several representations from citizens about primary issues like cancer treatments will be accepted. Then at second stage, multiple consultations will be held with the state governments and their demands pertaining to making cities world class. The third and fourth level of consultations will be held with ministers and S&T sectors, respectively.

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