



Indian National Science Academy

Chandrima Shaha will be the **first woman president** of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA), taking up the position in January 2020. She was formerly the Director of the National Institute of Immunology, Delhi.

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- The INSA, **formerly known as National Institute of Sciences of India (NISI)** was established in January **1935** with the object of promoting science in India and harnessing scientific knowledge for the cause of humanity and national welfare.
- In October 1945, the then Government of India recognized the institute as the premier scientific society of India, representing all branches of science.
- It was designated as the **adhering organization in India to the International Council for Science (ICSU)** on behalf of the Government of India in January 1968.

Note:

- The International Council for Science (ICSU) and the International Social Science Council (ISSC) were merged to form the International Science Council (ISC) in 2018.
- ISC is a **non-governmental organization** with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations including Academies and Research Councils.
- The vision of the Council is to advance science as a global public good.
- ISC is headquartered in **Paris, France**.

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