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Holi Milan & General Body Meeting of IASc, held on March 16, 2025: A Report



L to R: Dr. Niraj Kumar, Dr. Kartikeya Sharma, Dr. Divya Bartariya, Prof. Krishna Misra and Dr. B. P. Agarwal



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A Group Photograph after the Holi Milan





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Prof. K. P. Singh, Vice-President with the President & other (A copy of the Invitation served earlier) distinguished guests

A grand event (Holi Milan & GBM) was held in the Camp Office (near Balrampur Colony, Prayagraj) of the IASc on March 16, 2025. Prof. Krishna Misra, FNASc, Founder of the Centres of the Biotechnology in the leading Universities/Institutes at Prayagraj, was the Chief Guest; Dr Kartikeya Sharma, Senior Surgeon & Neuro-

Scientist, Prayagraj, Dr Divya Bartaria, Dean, UNITED Group of Institutions, Prayagraj, were the Guests of Honour. The event was presided over by the President Dr. B. P. Agarwal, Senior Cardiologist, Prayagraj; conducted by the Secretary Dr. Niraj Kumar, Bioethics Expert, GEObs-UNESCO; and Vote of thanks was given by the Vice-President, Prof. K. P. Singh, Head, Deptt. of Zoology, UoA, Prayagraj. The occasion was full of colors, sweets and greetings in the august presence of Fellows/Members of the institute, as Dr. S A Meesum, Senior Doctor of Community Medicines, Prayagraj, Prof. Sharada Sundaram, Head, Deptt. of Chemistry, ECC, UoA, Dr. Vinita Puranik, Centre for Food Technology, UoA, Dr. Kiran Gupta, Senior Faculty, Nehru Gram Bharati University, Prayagraj, Dr. A. F. Rizvi, Scientist & Officer In-Charge, IASc, Dr. Smita Venkatesh, Research Scientist, IASc, Dr. Prasanna Ghosh, Resource Person, IASc, Sri Sanjay Srivastava, Science Coordinator, IASc, and many others. A few other distinguished Fellows/Members (as Prof. D. K. Chauhan, Dr. Ashish Tandon, Dr. Md. Masood and others) could not attend due to their preoccupation, or their outstation stay, on that day.

After the Holi Milan, Prof. Krishna Misra, Chief Guest delivered Special Address on 'Science for Service to the Society', a befitting topic as per the occasion & the motto of the institute. Emphasizing the importance of the institute in service to the science & society, she stressed that it is high time when the institute should enter into the field of gathering analytical data on the epidemics prevalent these days to enrich the matrix homogenous and heterogeneous data on specific diseases, as lifestyle epidemics, which are less categorized due to unavailability of authentic data from various group & locations. The proper data collection, diverse analysis and extrapolation will lead to more systematic and scientific management of the diseases. Dr Kartikeya Sharma generously offered his helping hand in making available such data base, and requested the Secretary to be in regular touch with him to avail the opportunity for such vast scientific data collection through his clinic. The members appreciating his kind gesture, further requested Dr Divya Bartaria to coordinate with her esteemed university/institute to help IASc in this pious initiative. Dr. Agarwal emphasizing the importance of medical data stressed that it could be a very positive step in eradicating the epidemics if done properly; he requested the Secretary to take necessary step to materialize the project as soon as possible. Dr. Meesum wholeheartedly offered his services for making this project successful in all sense. Further, a detailed plan will be prepared by the institute at the earliest.

A detailed note was circulated among the members before the onset of the meetings, on the recent past activities of the institute (enclosed herewith as Annex. 1 & 2); the members going through the activities organized by the institute gave constructive suggestions, especially appreciating the 'YOGA Project" (PI: Dr. B. P. Agarwal) and the initiative taken by the Secretary to raise the issue of "Integrative

Medicines/Therapies" on various national & international forums. It was discussed in detail, and the members agreed to start a course on Integrative Medicines/Therapies (including yoga, nutrition, naturopathy, hydrotherapy, etc.) in collaboration with some university/institute, as per standard curriculum for UG/PG Diploma. Prof. K. P. Singh, appreciating the idea offered all possible help in formulating and developing a curriculum with the team to be decided by the institute. Dr. Kiran, enthusiastically taking this view forward assured that she may coordinate with her university to devise a plan for initiating such a course, if a proposal is sent to the Nehru Gram Bharati University. The members thankfully acknowledging her positive & proactive approach, requested the Secretary to prepare a detailed proposal in consultation with Dr. B. P. Agarwal, Prof. K. P. Singh, Dr. Meesum and others, at the earliest. Dr. Rizvi was also requested to coordinate and plan the execution as per suggestions of the Secretary, IASc.

Further, the researchers/scientists were enthused/urged to submit their research projects as soon as possible; and come forward to contribute as much as possible towards the growth and development of the institute.

Prof. Anita Gopesh, formerly at the Deptt. of Zoology, UoA, appreciating the institute's activities, expressed that she would also like to contribute towards the growth and development of the scientific programmes of the IASc. Further, it was also emphasized that at least 2 science awareness programmes be organized every month; and the minutes of the group discussion meetings be finalized to stress upon the publication of well-organized scientific documents on current societal problems (with pragmatic solution). Dr. Kumar informed the members that Ms Archana Pant is already working on 'Plastic Pollution' for getting it compiled for editing and publication.

In the end Prof. Krishna Misra ji, being the senior most scientist and having vast experience in the field of science & technology, was requested to spare time from her busy & valuable schedule to guide the scientists of the institute for ensuring proper growth of its academic activities; she very kindly agreed for the same.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks elaborately proposed and expressed by Prof. K. P. Singh, Vice-President.

Dr. B. P. Agarwal, then invited everybody to join the festive dinner to celebrate Holi.