

Panelist

Prof. Nadia Asheulova

Director, Institute for the History of Science
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Nadia Asheulova is the Director of the Institute for the History of Science and Technology, St. Petersburg Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences the President of the Research Committee on Sociology of Science and Technology (RC23). She has a degree in Sociology from the St Petersburg State University, Faculty of Sociology, Russia. She is a fulltime researcher for the Institute for the History of Science & Technology (IHST), St Petersburg Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences since 1998. She is the Deputy Director of the International School of Sociology of Science and Technology since 1999, the Assistant Editor of the Journal “Sociology of Science and Technology” since 2010. – Currently, she is involved in researches in Sociology of Science & Technology, History of Sociology of Science & Technology, Science & Technology Policy, Mobility in Science and Research Career Development. – She belongs to International Sociological Association since 2006 and has been in the Board of 23 Research Committee on Sociology of Science and Technology (RC23) since 2010. She is a member of the Advisory Board of 24 Research Network of Sociology of Science and Technology (RN 24) of the European Sociological Association. From 2011 she is the President of Research Committee on Sociology of Science and Technology of Russian Society of Sociologists and the Foreign expert of Zaheer Science Foundation. She has participated in several international conferences, seminars and delivered invited lectures in research institutions extensively on science and technology area, organized workshops and conferences on science and technology in Russia.

Dr. Anita Aggarwal

Head, SEED-DST



Dr. Anita Aggarwal is the Head of the Science for Equity, Empowerment, and Development (SEED) Division at the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. Her leadership focuses on harnessing science and technology to empower underserved communities, promote inclusive development, and address socio-economic challenges. With a vision for equitable growth, Dr. Aggarwal oversees initiatives that blend grassroots innovation with cutting-edge research to create sustainable solutions for health, education, livelihood, and environmental issues. Through her stewardship, the SEED Division continues to act as a catalyst for empowering marginalised sections of society, bridging the gap between scientific advancements and community welfare.



Dr Olga Ustyuzhantseva

Senior Research Associate,
University of Johannesburg, South Africa

Olga graduated university as a specialist on international relations in 2000. For ten years she worked in international IT company. In 2014, she earned Ph.D. in history by studying the science, technology, and innovation policy of India. She has got also Master degree in Social Anthropology in 2022. From 2018 to 2021 she headed the Centre for Policy Analysis and Studies of Technologies. For the last five years, she has studied the participatory turn in innovation development and innovation policy, and the changes in innovation systems occurring due to the growth of the participative activity of society in India and Russia. Recently, her research focus has shifted to Socio technical transition in energy sector of Russia, and the possibilities for phase-out of coal industry, in particularly.



Dr. Jagvir Singh

Head, Outreach & SAGE-NCS MoES

Dr. Jagvir Singh serves as the Head of Outreach and the SAGE (Seismic & Geotechnical) Division at the National Centre for Seismology (NCS), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Government of India. His leadership is instrumental in advancing seismic research, geotechnical studies, and public outreach to enhance disaster preparedness and resilience. Dr. Singh's efforts focus on promoting scientific awareness about seismic hazards, fostering collaborations, and developing strategies for risk mitigation and infrastructure safety. Through his role, he is dedicated to bridging the gap between scientific research and public understanding, contributing to the nation's efforts in ensuring sustainable and disaster-resilient development.

Dr. Nisha Mendiratta

Executive Director, IUSSTF



Dr. Nisha Mendiratta is the new Executive Director of the Indo-U.S. Science & Technology Forum (IUSSTF). She is a passionate scientist with over thirty-two years of experience in science leadership and governance, research and administration. Prior to joining IUSSTF, she served as an Advisor/Scientist G at the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, while spearheading two important scientific divisions viz Women in Science and Engineering (WISE-KIRAN) and the Climate Change Program (CCP). She spearheaded various initiatives as Head-National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC), translating science Wikipedia pages into Indian languages, AWSAR- a program that helped to enhance articulation skills in young researchers, the creation of a Science Channel for national audience at Doordarshan and OTT platform, communication radio program to create awareness among rural communities, etc. She is the Recipient of numerous prestigious accolades, including being named one of the twenty "Most Influential Women in BW Education for the Year 2023" in the country. Her vast knowledge and experience bring expertise in the fields of strategic planning, conceptualizing, and implementing scientific programs & national missions; science communication, policy interventions; capacity building; inter-ministerial cooperation; and related aspects. She began her career as a researcher at the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Department of Space, Hyderabad, and later joined the faculty at the IIRS, Dehradun. She has also served as a senior scientific officer at the National Center for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF) with the Ministry of Earth Sciences. After joining DST, she has been instrumental in designing and implementing numerous programs including those of national significance, such as the Climate Change Mission under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), the WISE-KIRAN Scheme, Women Fellowship scheme, Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions (GATI), Vigyan Jyoti, science channel along with binational programs with the United States of America, UK, and Switzerland, the prestigious Full-Bright Kalam Climate Fellowship and many more. She has represented DST in numerous international forums, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of Parties (CoP) held in Paris, Morocco, Katowice, Poland, Bonn, Germany, and Sharm-Al Sheikh, Egypt. She has edited various books and periodicals, as well as produced numerous research papers, articles, technical documents, and reports. She is recognized as a resource person and serves on several national and international committees and task forces. Dr. Mendiratta graduated from Delhi University with a B.Sc. in Physics and an M.Sc. in Agriculture Physics from the Indian Institute of Agriculture (IARI). She also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Remote Sensing from the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), Dept of Space (DoS) and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Chemistry from Meerut University. She is the recipient of the meritorious PG fellowships in post-graduate and doctoral level at IARI.

Dr Rama Swami Bansal

Head, CSIR-ISTAD



Dr Rama Swami Bansal joined the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India in 1997. She is the Head of the International S&T Affairs Directorate (ISTAD) of the CSIR and leads its international cooperation programmes. She has been fostering S&T Cooperation of CSIR institutes with their partners abroad and promoting specific international networking. She has successfully launched several cooperation programmes including the Pravasi Bharatiya Academic and Scientific Sampark (PRABHASS) Portal to connect Indian scientists based in India and abroad (Diaspora). Dr Bansal is an expert in management of International S&T Cooperation, Coordination of International Bilateral and Multilateral Projects; Technical Coordination. She is having rich experience of coordinating international S&T cooperation programmes for over 30 years, initially in the Department of Science & Technology, government of India and now in CSIR. During June 2011 to June 2015 Dr Bansal served as Counselor and Head of the Science & Technology Wing in the Embassy of India in Moscow, Russia. She completed her tenure successfully by enhancing the scientific and institutional networking between India and Russia, promoting educational linkages and launching many state-of-the-art programmes for joint project funding. Dr Bansal holds a PhD degree awarded by Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani in 2006. As part of her PhD thesis she studied at length the issues involved in partnerships between research institutions and industry.

Dr. Ivan V. Danilin

The Primakov Institute of World Economy and
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Dr. Ivan V. Danilin is a prominent researcher at The Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russia, where he specializes in global economic studies, international relations, and geopolitical analysis. With a robust academic background and expertise in economic theory and policy, Dr. Danilin's work focuses on understanding the complex interactions between global markets, economic systems, and political dynamics, particularly in the context of international relations and economic diplomacy. His research addresses critical issues such as global trade, economic sanctions, regional economic cooperation, and the geopolitical implications of economic policies. Dr. Danilin is also involved in analyzing the economic strategies of major global players and their impact on global stability and growth. Through his work at the Primakov Institute, Dr. Danilin contributes to the development of evidence-based policy recommendations, fostering international cooperation and understanding. His scholarly efforts are aimed at enhancing the dialogue between nations, promoting sustainable economic development, and addressing the challenges posed by an increasingly interconnected world. Dr. Danilin's contributions play a significant role in shaping contemporary economic thought and policy on the global stage.

Dr. Hemant Kumar

DSSTIP, Central University of Gujarat

He is an Assistant Professor at the Centre for Studies in Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy, Central University of Gujarat and he specializes in informal sector innovations, socio-technical transitions, and Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) diplomacy. With a PhD from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), his academic work spans innovation systems, animal studies, and Science and Technology Studies (STS). He also contributed as a Visiting Fellow at the STEPS Centre, Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK. His research interests are reflected in over 15 publications, focusing on the intersections of technology, society, and innovation.



Dr. G Mahesh

Chief Scientist & Head, DGED

Dr. G. Mahesh is a Chief Scientist and the Head of the Department of General Engineering and Design (DGED) at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). With a distinguished career in scientific research and engineering, Dr. Mahesh leads multidisciplinary teams in developing innovative solutions and advanced technologies to address complex engineering challenges. His work emphasizes the integration of research, design, and development for sustainable and practical applications across industries. Under his leadership, DGED continues to contribute to national goals by fostering innovation, driving technological advancements, and promoting the translation of research into impactful real-world outcomes.



Dr. Anukrati Sharma

Director, Skill Development Center,
University of Kota, Rajasthan

Dr. Anukrati Sharma is the Director of the Skill Development Center at the University of Kota, Rajasthan. With a strong commitment to enhancing employability and fostering entrepreneurship, she leads initiatives aimed at equipping students and professionals with industry-relevant skills. Dr. Sharma focuses on bridging the gap between academic knowledge and practical expertise through innovative training programs, collaborations with industry partners, and promoting entrepreneurial ventures. Her leadership has significantly contributed to empowering individuals with competencies that align with regional and national development goals, positioning the Skill Development Center as a catalyst for socio-economic growth and self-reliance.



Prof. Anirban Chakraborti

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Prof. (Dr.) Anirban Chakraborti is currently a Professor at the School of Computational and Integrative Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He was the former Dean, School of Engineering and Technology and the Dean of Research at BML Munjal University, Gurugram. He is also a Founding Member, Centre of Complexity Economics, Applied Spirituality and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat; and International Member, Centro Internacional de Ciencias A.C., México. Anirban is also a Research Advisor and Mentor, Sabudh Foundation, India and a Consultant at the Dono Consulting Pvt. Ltd., India, as well as Tatra Data Services Pvt. Ltd., India. Earlier, he had worked as an Associate Professor at the Chair of Quantitative Finance, École Centrale Paris, France, and as a Lecturer in Theoretical Physics, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. He obtained a Ph.D. in Physics from Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, India and later completed the Habilitation (HDR) in Physics from Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Paris VI), France. He has more than two decades of experience as a scientist, working in many reputed universities and research institutions in India, Europe, Japan, and USA. He was awarded the prestigious Young Scientist Medal of the Indian National Science Academy in 2009. His scholarly works include several books, edited volumes, book chapters and research articles, which have received international acclaim. His main research interests lie in the areas of Econophysics, Sociophysics, Data Science, Complex Systems, Statistical Physics, Quantum Physics and Nanomaterial Science.

Dr. Debashish Bandhopadhyay

Head, IMD, CSIR-HQ, New Delhi



Dr. Debashish Bandhopadhyay is the Head of the Institute of Management Development (IMD) at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Headquarters in New Delhi. In his leadership role, Dr. Bandhopadhyay is responsible for overseeing and driving initiatives aimed at enhancing the management capabilities and operational efficiencies of CSIR's various institutes and research centers. He plays a critical role in shaping the organization's strategic vision, focusing on the integration of advanced management practices with scientific research and innovation. With a deep understanding of both management and technology, Dr. Bandhopadhyay leads efforts to implement best practices in areas such as resource management, organizational development, and performance optimization. His work focuses on fostering a culture of collaboration, knowledge sharing, and continuous improvement across the CSIR ecosystem, ensuring that scientific research is effectively translated into impactful societal and economic outcomes. Dr. Bandhopadhyay is also involved in policy formulation and the development of training programs aimed at strengthening managerial skills within the scientific community. His contributions are pivotal in ensuring that CSIR continues to maintain its

leadership in scientific research and innovation, while also enhancing the overall governance and operational effectiveness of the organization. Through his leadership, IMD plays an essential role in aligning management practices with the evolving demands of the research and development sector.

Dr. B Chagun Basha

Chief Policy Adviser, PSA, Govt. of India

Chagun operates at the nexus of data, policy, advice, and international engagement aspects of science, technology, and innovation. Currently serving as Chief Policy Adviser, he provides policy support to initiatives of the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India. He is engaged in initiatives related to governance of emerging technologies, promoting deep tech innovation and startup ecosystem, technology foresight, and institutional mechanisms for strengthening 'science-policy' interfaces, both domestically and internationally. Chagun earned his PhD in Space Electronics and Digital Systems from the University of Rennes 1, France, followed by postdoctoral research engagements with the École Polytechnique de l'Université de Nantes, France. He has augmented his academic credentials with professional training in science and technology policy and diplomacy from Brazil, China, India, Malaysia, and the United States.



Dr. Patrick Dias (O)

CSIRO, Australia

Dr. Patrick Dias, a distinguished scientist at CSIRO, Australia, contributes to cutting-edge research in environmental science, technology, and innovation. His expertise in data-driven approaches optimizes environmental systems and develops sustainable solutions for various industries. Dr. Dias has played a crucial role in interdisciplinary research projects, collaborating internationally to advance scientific knowledge and develop practical solutions. His work spans renewable energy, environmental conservation, and agriculture, integrating innovative technologies to improve ecological resilience and economic efficiency. As part of CSIRO, Dr. Dias mentors the next generation of researchers and fosters collaboration to tackle complex global issues. His contributions bridge the gap between scientific research and real-world applications, significantly impacting Australian and global environmental sustainability. Dr. Dias continues to advance science and technology in addressing critical environmental challenges.

Prof. Arpan Kumar Kar

Dept. of Management Studies, IIT, Delhi



Professor Arpan Kumar Kar, a faculty member at IIT Delhi's Department of Management Studies, specializes in strategic management, innovation, entrepreneurship, and organizational behavior. His research focuses on using analytical and empirical methods to address complex business challenges. Professor Kar aims to bridge the gap between academia and industry by developing curriculum that equips students with the skills needed to thrive in today's business world. He emphasizes the importance of innovation, leadership, and strategic decision-making in driving organizational success. Professor Kar collaborates with industry leaders and policymakers to promote sustainable and inclusive growth through effective management practices. His research, teaching, and industry engagements contribute to the development of future management leaders with the knowledge and abilities to navigate the complexities of a rapidly evolving global economy.

Dr. Laurence Elkhouri

CNRS, France



Dr. Laurence El Khouri is deputy director of open research data department (DDOR) at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS). She has been working on open science policies since 2013. Prior that, she was responsible for the CRS interdisciplinary programs and shortly after was responsible for a digital transformation and open access, where she has successfully led a national project of digital library providing to French scientific institutions, scientific archives from major publishers in all disciplines (more than 23 million full-text documents available). All texts are enriched in order to provide a text and data mining friendly environment.

She represents the CNRS in the Knowledge Exchange group, and co-leads RDA-France, which is the French node for the RDA (Research Data Alliance). She is part of the French National Chapter for the CoARA (Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment). She is member of the COAR (Coalition for Open Access Repositories). Laurence El Khour holds a phd in fluid mechanics from Sorbonne Université (former Pierre et Marie Curie University).

Sh. Sanjay Burde

CSIR-NIScPR

Sh. Sanjay Burde, a key professional at CSIR-NIScPR, promotes science communication, policy research, and public engagement. He bridges the gap between scientific research and societal applications, enhancing science's accessibility and impact. Burde develops effective communication strategies for complex scientific ideas, ensuring informed decision-making and societal progress. He also contributes to interdisciplinary research supporting science policies and collaborations between scientific communities, government agencies, and the public. Through his leadership, Burde has advanced science communication in India, ensuring scientific research benefits society. His contributions promote a more informed and scientifically literate public, supporting the nation's development goals through effective science-policy integration.

Dr. Katja Lasch

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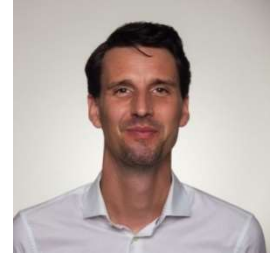


Dr. Katja Lasch is a seasoned leader in international university and research cooperation, with over 15 years of experience in Germany, Romania, and India. Currently, she manages the strategic operations of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in South Asia, covering India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. Simultaneously, she directs the strategic development of the German House for Research and Innovation (DWIH) New Delhi. Dr. Lasch has extensive expertise in diverse aspects of international collaboration, including science-based entrepreneurship, research partnerships, scholarship programs, and the promotion of higher education and research institutions. Before her tenure in India, she led the DAAD's International Research Marketing Division in Bonn and served as the Director of the DAAD Information Centre in Bucharest, Romania. Her professional focus extends to higher education and science policy, strategic management, and fostering innovation through entrepreneurial initiatives. Dr. Lasch holds a doctorate in history and is additionally qualified in business administration, reflecting her multidisciplinary approach to academic and strategic leadership. Under her guidance, DAAD has advanced its mission of strengthening international research collaborations and educational exchange in South Asia, contributing significantly to the global academic and innovation landscape.

Dr. Dhoya Snijders

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Dr. Dhoya Snijders, a scientist-turned-diplomat, fosters bilateral collaboration in science, technology, and innovation (STI) between the Netherlands and India. Aligned with both nations' aspirations for knowledge-sharing and innovative solutions, Dr. Snijders believes science and innovation address societal challenges. He connects research with impactful real-world applications, inspired by India's dynamic STI ecosystem and potential global contributions. Dr. Snijders' diverse professional journey includes water management, agriculture, and healthcare, central to the Netherlands' 'WAH!' agenda. He holds a Ph.D. from South Africa, exploring rural consequences of agricultural policy, and a postgraduate degree on the Dutch healthcare system's financialization, working at the Dutch Ministry of Healthcare. Recently, Dr. Snijders has discussed integrating Chief Scientists within government frameworks, contributing expertise from the Rathenau Instituut and G20 colleagues. His efforts enhance international STI collaboration and policy innovation.

Dr. Krishna Kumar Balaraman

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Krishna Kumar Balaraman is a faculty in the Strategic and Public Policy area at the School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SME) at IIT Jodhpur and is affiliated to IITJ's Center of Technology Foresight and Policy. He is also responsible for the Corporate Governance area of study at SME. He holds a Ph.D. from IIT Madras in the area of strategic foresight and alliances. He has more than two decades of international leadership experience in developing products and solutions in leading edge technologies, and advises start-ups on business models and strategies.

Dr. Arvind Kumar,

Head, NSTMIS DST



Qualified graduate in Agricultural Engineering and; Master & PhD in Soil & Water Conservation Engineering specialization. I have research experience of using Geostatistical and GIS tools for modelling environmental variables e.g. soil/water salinity, Ground water exploration using geophysical technique, artificial groundwater recharge, water resource management, wastewater treatment and reuse. My present specific areas of interest are developing interventions for wastewater treatment, air pollution

mitigation; Groundwater management, study climate change on hydrological cycle ; applications of data analytics, AI and ML and looking for collaboration in these areas. Teaching experience(post graduate student) Water Resource Management, Agricultural Drainage Engineering, Soil salinity, hydrology, irrigation Engineering. Presently engaged in R&D management and building international collaborative scientific programme with EU, BRICS, SCO, TWAS.

Dr. Gautam Goswami,

Head Foresight & Vision Division, TIFAC

Dr. Gautam Goswami, presently Scientist 'E' in Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), New Delhi. Goswami did his Ph.D. in Agricultural Chemistry & Soil Science in the year 1997 from University of Calcutta. In the Ph.D. study, he has developed a methodology of dissolution of iron oxide from soil matrix, which has been accepted internationally. During his about 10 years research career in the field of soil chemistry, he has availed the Senior Research Fellowship of ICAR, CSIR and Research Associate Fellowship of CSIR. Dr. Goswami served three years in University of Calcutta in the capacity of Guest Lecturer for Post Graduates. Dr. Goswami got training on Remote Sensing from ISRO Institutes in the field of National Natural Resource Management System & Inventory and Management of Soil Resources. Dr. Goswami has written a Chapter "Dissolution of iron oxides by dithionite-carbonate-oxalate method" in the book Clays: Controlling the Environment, published by CSIRO Publishing, Melbourne. He has more than ten publications in reputed journals. Dr. Goswami joined TIFAC as Scientist C in the year 1997 and looked after the fly ash utilisation projects in the field of agriculture. Presently he is coordinating the Technology Vision 2020 Projects on Agriculture in TIFAC.



Dr. Sujata Chaklanobis,

Former Advisor/Scientist "G" DSIR

An accomplished leader, with more than 25 years of experience in Project Management, Research Grant and Policy Research. Has been extensively engaged in various important activities of the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science & Technology, like structuring and operationalization of novel programs of the department, formulating policies for science, technology and innovation and creating regulatory mechanisms, forging collaboration among the industry, academia and government for delivery of citizen centric solutions and supporting and mentoring innovative technology development projects of the



industry. Has also contributed in activities pertaining to indigenous Technology Promotion and benchmarking In-house R&D Centres of industry. Expertise in integrated planning, process improvement and driving performance outcomes. Recognized for attention to detail, completeness and time-management of diverse research-based projects. Result-oriented with highly developed analytical, innovative & negotiation skills and effective communication. Managing S&T Planning and Govt. of India led programs on industrial R&D, innovation and programmes addressing various issues of women through S&T intervention. Currently Head of "Patent Acquisition and Collaborative Research & Technology Development (PACE)" ; "Common Research and Technology Development Hubs (CRTDH)"; "Technology Development and Utilization Programme for Women (TDUPW)"; "Studies" and "Events" programmes of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India and In-Charge of the Public Sector Enterprise, Central Electronics Ltd.

Prof. Saradindu Bhaduri,

Centre for Studies in Science Policy, JNU

Prof. Saradindu Bhaduri, holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (2001), and has 18 years of experience in the field. Specializing in frugal and grassroots innovations, technological capability, and the (co-)evolutionary dynamics of technology and institutions, he is an expert in intellectual property rights (IPR) and technology policy. Their work also extends to applied econometrics, particularly cross-section modeling. Notably, he served as the Prince Claus Chair Professor in Frugal Innovation, Development, and Equity (2015-17) at the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Additionally, they were a Post-Doctoral Fellow in Evolutionary Economics at the Max Planck Institute of Economics in

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Dr. Ivanova Natalya

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Dr. Ivanova Natalia is a distinguished economist and academician, renowned for her contributions to the study of global economies, innovation systems, and the forecasting of scientific and technological developments. A Full Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences since 2011, she has been affiliated with IMEMO RAS since 1976, holding leadership roles in research and advisory capacities.

With a Doctor of Sciences (Economics) degree awarded in 2000 and a Ph.D. in Economics from 1979, Dr. Ivanova has enriched the field of economics through teaching and mentorship. She has supervised seven Ph.D. candidates and one Doctor of Sciences candidate, along with teaching courses on national innovation systems at the Higher School of Economics and contributing to textbooks on the world economy and international business.

Dr. Ivanova's international experience includes academic training in the United States, Sweden, and France, bolstering her expertise in comparative economic systems and global innovation. Her advisory roles include contributing to the Ministry of Education and Science, the State Duma, and international collaborations with the OECD. She is an active member of editorial boards for prominent journals, academic councils, and economic associations. Her contributions have been recognized with prestigious awards, including the Medal of the Order of Merit for the Country (II degree) in 2017 and the title of "Honored Economist of Moscow" in 2006. Dr. Ivanova's research and advisory work continue to influence innovation policy and economic strategy on both national and global scales.

Dr. (Mrs.) Geetha Vani Rayasam

Head, CSIR-HRDG



Dr. (Mrs.) Geetha Vani Rayasam, has vast experience in academia, industry, Government of India and abroad. She is a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from IISc Bangalore and has post-doctoral experience in IGBMC, France and at the NIH, USA. She has worked in Industries such as Ranbaxy (Daiichi-Sankyo) and SMART ANALYST in areas of new drug discovery and development. She has been at CSIR for more than a decade in a variety of roles ranging from the Open Source Drug Discovery Program to Heading Business Development and Industry Alliance at CSIR-IGIB. More recently she was heading the Science Communication and Dissemination Directorate (SCDD) at CSIR HQ.