Inauguration

The 107th ISC was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on 3rd January, 2020 and the Pride of India (PoI) Expo by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of S&T, Earth Sciences, Health and Family Welfare in the presence of Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, Prof. K. S. Rangappa, General President 107th ISC, Dr. S. Rajendra Prasad, VC, UAS – Bangalore & Chairman, Organising Committee – 107th ISC, Mr. Ravi Boratkar, Managing Director, MM Activ Sci Tech Communications and other dignitaries.

Pride of India (PoI) Expo

The Pride of India (PoI) Expo organized concurrently with the Indian Science Congress was a confluence of new ideas, innovations and products encompassing the entire canvas of scientific world. The theme of Congress this year is ‘Science and Technology: Rural Development’. The expo showcased cutting-edge technologies, scientific products and services, achievements, innovations, initiatives and vision for future of India's leading public and private organizations, Central and State Governments, PSUs, research labs, institutions dealing with education, defence, space, life sciences & healthcare, agriculture & food processing, energy, environment, ICT and BFSI etc. It was a splendid display of path breaking R & D initiatives and achievements by the participating organisations. The pavilions put up by CSIR, DRDO, ICMR, DST, GSI, Income Tax, MoES, FSSAI, NHAI, NMDC, Host State etc. were highly appreciated by all the dignitaries and visitors. The Host State Pavilion by Karnataka State brought about the initiatives of various departments of the state. The PoI Expo was spread over an area of approx. 20,000 sq. meter with the participation of over 200 organizations. The well-lit and ventilated pavilions with best infrastructure were the others highlights of the Expo.
**Special Pavilions**

**Eduvision**
A unique theme pavilion that hosted leading institutions, academic bodies, universities like SRM University, VTU, Nagpur University, Karnataka Higher Education Department along with over 20 universities and other stakeholders associated with the education sector.

**Host State Pavilion - Karnataka**
Host State Pavilion by Govt. of Karnataka represented the initiatives and policies adopted by the State Govt. in the field of S&T, IT, Agriculture, Tourism, Power, Infrastructure etc. Departments of Arts, Science, Tourism, S&T and IT and Agriculture demonstrated their products and services. Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) brought various ICT, e-Shikshana and other initiatives. Approx. 20 universities under the department participated. One of the highlights of the KSHEC pavilion was live talks of eminent scientists aired to over 300 affiliated Engineering Colleges and reaching 4.5 lakhs students and 2.0 lakhs faculty and staff. Startups brought out their technologies and products to the students and visitors.

**Vigyan Jyot**
Vigyan Jyot (VJ), the Flame of Knowledge is a novel initiative to popularize science and encourage it as a career amongst the youth thus preparing scientists and innovators of tomorrow. This year, VJ was flagged off in a glittering function from Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi on 20th December 2019. It arrived University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore on 2nd January 2020. The VJ was ceremonially received by Prof. K. S. Rangappa, General President, 107th ISC, Dr. (Mrs.) Vijay Laxmi Saxena, General President Elect 108th ISC, Dr. Ashok Kumar Saxena, Former General President, ISC in the presence of the dignitaries from Host University in a scintillating function.

The Vigyan Jyot torch was lit at the PoI Expo venue by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon’ble Union Minister on 3rd January, 2020 in the presence of Prof. K. S. Rangappa, Dr. S. Rajendra Prasad, Dr. Mahesh Verma, Vice – Chancellor, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi and other dignitaries at the PoI Expo venue. This torch remained lit through out the 107th ISC inspiring all the visitors at the expo to lead life with scientific temperament.

**Valedictory Function**
During the “Valedictory Function” the exhibitors were presented with the excellence awards in various categories at thehands of Sh. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon’ble Vice President of India, in the presence of Sh. B.S. Yediyurappa, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, Prof. K. S. Rangappa, General President–107th ISC, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Vice Chancellor – University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore and other dignitaries.

The VJ was ceremoniously handed over to Dr. (Mrs.) Vijay Laxmi Saxena, General President Elect 108th ISC with the message of further spreading the importance of science amongst the students and taking the Jyot to the venue of 108th ISC.
**Award Tally**

- **Most Innovative**: DST, Govt. of India and Dept. of IT, BT and S&T, GoK
- **Most Interactive**: DRDO and GSI
- **Best Design**: Income Tax, MoES and FSSAI
- **Best State**: Govt. of Odisha
- **Most Informative**: ICMR
- **Special Recognition**: NMDC and Dept. of Higher Education, Karnataka
- **Best Startups**: JK Nano Solutions
- **Exhibitor of the Year**: CSIR

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