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Dear Professor Arun Grover

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Greetings from the Indian National Young Academy of Science (INYAS)!

Indian National Young Academy of Sciences (INYAS) is India's first and only recognized young scientist academy. INYAS was founded by the INSA council in December 2014 with a vision to promote Science education and networking among young national and international scientists. In a short span of eight years, INYAS has made significant contributions to Science promotion and policy formulation at the national level as well as international cooperation with various National Young Academies, including Global Young Academy.

One of the significant activities of INYAS is to project the status of different S&T stakeholders (Students, postdocs, and early career researchers) and the challenges they face through white papers (WPs). In recent times, INYAS has published three white papers covering the need for curiosity-driven fundamental research, COVID-19 impact on Ph.D. scholars, and career challenges for young independent researchers in India, and made several pertinent recommendations for effective inclusion of the young workforce in the [UTF-8?]country's growth. The S&T community and policymakers recognize these WPs in the country to bring positive policy changes. The link for the earlier published WPs is given below:

https://www.currentscience.ac.in/Volumes/122/02/0135.pdf

https://www.timesnownews.com/education/article/why-nearly-half-of-india-s-phd-scholars-want-their-fellowship-

https://indiabioscience.org/columns/opinion/fostering-curiosity-driven-fundamental-research-in-india

Moving further, INYAS has prepared a structured questionnaire and is conducting a national survey with postdoctoral and/or early career researchers to project their status, challenges, and viewpoints/expectations for having an ecosystem of "Brain Pool" in the country. The survey is focused on the reality check of facts and figures of postdoctoral fellowships in India and the survey outcome will be shared with all participants and policymakers, including all national funding agencies. As Post-doctoral researchers are the critical class of trained workforce for any country's STI growth. In this direction, INYAS is committed to helping this community by providing those necessary funding opportunities, skill training, awareness about job opportunities, and many other relevant points through its flagship "PRAYOJAN" program.

For the success of this effort, you are thus requested to spread this survey link to your network of post-doctoral or early career researchers of age below 45, working in any scientific discipline, at any career stage, in the public or private sector. It may not take more than 10-15 minutes in total. Your support will undoubtedly give us an edge in formulating suitable recommendations and information on positive practices. We would appreciate it if you could circulate in your network and the responses are received on or before February 5, 2023.

Survey Link: https://tinyurl.com/3dt7d7db

or Scan the QR code attached/embedded in the poster to fill out the survey.

We request your help in spreading the word to all your colleagues/friends and their families.

Thanking you in advance for your support!

Chair, INYAS

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(On behalf of WP Team)

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