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32ND MID YEAR MEETING OF THE
INDIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

VIRTUAL / CISCO WEBEX EVENT

4, 11, 18 & 25 JUNE | 16:00–18:30 h

2 JULY | 14:00–19.30 h

SCHEDULE

PANEL DISCUSSION

Academic Freedom and
Institutional Autonomy

Link for Webex attendees: bit.ly/MYM2021_Day5

With a strong commitment to diversity, free and creative thinking, an Academic Institution is expected to educate citizens through creation and dissemination of knowledge, that would impact society and help achieving a more safe, just and fair state of our world. Central to this is the Academic Freedom, which is necessarily supported by Institutional Autonomy, defined by UNESCO as “a degree of self-governance, necessary for effective decision making by institutes of higher education regarding their academic work standards, management, and related activities.” Autonomy is a multi-scale concept, that applies to institutions, departments, administration, faculty members, staff and students. While greater autonomy is desirable ideally, its practical implementation needs to maintain an acceptable level of accountability, within the socio-economic framework available locally. This panel discussion is expected to touch various aspects of Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy, particularly in the context of universities and academic institutes in India, and stimulate ideas and development of optimal methods to achieve greater autonomy and accountability.

Opening Remarks & Introduction

16:30 – 16:35 h

Umesh V Waghmare
*IASc, Bengaluru
and JNCASR, Bengaluru*

Remarks by the Panelists

16:35 – 17:15 h

16:35 – 16:45 h

Prof. Sandeep Sancheti
*Marwadi University,
Rajkot*

16:45 – 16:55 h

Supriya Chaudhuri
Jadavpur University, Kolkata

16:55 – 17:05 h

Prof. Annapurni Subramaniam
*Indian Institute of Astrophysics,
Bengaluru*

17:05 – 17:15 h

Prof. M S Raghunathan
*DAE-MU Centre for Excellence
in Basic Sciences.*

17:15 – 17:40 h

Open Discussion & Interactions

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