



Conference on
Promoting Scientific interventions for Transforming India through CSR
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Since 1991, the Indian economy has pursued free market liberalisation, greater openness in trade and increase investment in infrastructure. This helped the Indian economy to achieve rapid rate of economic growth and economic development. Despite high rates of economic growth, India still faces various challenges, such as poverty, unemployment, poor educational standards, gender inequality, malnutrition etc. These urgent problems of the twenty first century require scientific solutions and yet the coverage of science in ordinary public discourse has dropped sharply.

Imbibing and promoting science and scientific rational can address major contemporary challenges of economic growth and social transformation in societies. Given the multifaceted and symbiotic relationship between science and society and the critical role the former plays in the development of the latter, imbibing scientific outlook to address some of our critical developmental gaps is a necessity.

Science for national development and security has been a key driver in India's science and technology policy. This is expressed in various statements including the Technology Policy Statement, which stressed the point that the fundamental objective of science in India was to meet the basic needs of people: food, water, housing, health and education. Self-reliance in core sectors and in advanced technologies such as atomic energy, space technologies and defence-related applications has been another important driver in India's science and technology policy. This thrust has enabled India to achieve substantial progress in sectors such as space, and self-reliance has helped in applying science and technology for national development. Yet India still witnesses children dying from mal-nutrition, lack of sanitation facilities, access to clean drinking water, climate change etc. It is important that awareness on importance of scientific and rational approach for designing socio-economic development program is necessitated.

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