

Editorial



Illuminating Path to *Viksit Bharat*: Honouring the Rising Stars of a New Era

As India strides confidently into the *Amrit Kaal*, the vision of *Viksit Bharat @2047* is steadily transforming from aspiration to action. This transformation is not only driven by policy reforms and economic ambition but is equally shaped by the individuals who, through their passion, purpose, and perseverance, are scripting a new narrative of national development.

This special supplement of *Vigyan Setu e-magazine*, titled "**Rising Stars of Viksit Bharat**," is a tribute to such extraordinary individuals—emerging leaders who are reshaping India's scientific, educational, cultural, and social landscape. Their contributions span from rural classrooms to high-tech labs, from environmental conservation to science communication, from heritage preservation to public health advocacy. These changemakers exemplify the spirit of a nation on the rise—anchored in values, driven by knowledge, and committed to inclusive progress.

What unites them is not just their pursuit of excellence, but their conscious choice to serve. They have taken the road less travelled—one that connects innovation with inclusion, intellect with integrity, and science with society. In their journeys, we see not only personal achievement, but the impact of knowledge used as a force for good.

From the deserts of Rajasthan to the forests of the Western Ghats, from the academic corridors of Indian universities to international research centres, these Rising Stars illuminate a broader vision of India's growth—one where the nation thrives through grassroots empowerment, scientific curiosity, and civic responsibility. They are teachers mentoring the next generation, researchers developing solutions for local challenges, conservationists preserving our biodiversity, and storytellers bringing science to the people.

As India approaches its 100th year of independence, it becomes clear that *Viksit Bharat* is not a future to wait for—it is a present being shaped by the dedication of individuals like those we honour in this edition. Their work

demonstrates that nation-building is not confined to grand infrastructure or government schemes. It lives in the classrooms they energize, the communities they uplift, the youth they inspire, and the knowledge they share.

This supplement is more than a celebration; it is a call to action. It invites educators to nurture creativity, scientists to innovate for society, institutions to foster inclusion, and citizens to support and recognize those who light the way forward. These Rising Stars are not just points of inspiration—they are beacons guiding our collective journey to a just, enlightened, and empowered India.

At *Vigyan Setu Foundation*, we remain steadfast in our mission to bridge the gap between science and society. By honouring these young leaders, we reinforce our commitment to fostering a culture where knowledge is accessible, innovation is inclusive, and societal progress is a shared goal.

Let the stories within these pages spark curiosity, ignite ambition, and instil hope. Let each reader find in them a reason to contribute—whether through teaching, mentoring, researching, volunteering, or simply by recognizing the quiet heroes among us.

In celebrating these Rising Stars, we celebrate the very essence of *Viksit Bharat*—a nation built not by a select few, but by the combined strength of millions of thoughtful, compassionate, and courageous individuals. The future is not just near; it is already unfolding—and these stars are lighting its path.

Onward, together, to a *Viksit Bharat*.

Jai Vigyan!! Jai Anusandhan!!

Jai Hind!!