



From the **Editor-in-Chief**

As I look back on the past three years at the helm of the Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum, it has been a truly wonderful and engaging experience to have been a part of! Not only have we been able to establish new benchmarks of excellence, we have also been able to bring about a disruptive change in thinking and mind-set. We have added new dimensions to the IUSSTF portfolio to cater to all segments of the S&T and entrepreneurial ecosystem in both the countries. Our stakeholder base and operational efficiencies have multiplied several times over, and our outreach and brand value have gone up by several orders of magnitude through strategic partnerships with key constituents of the U.S.-India S&T ecosystem. While resources available to us through committed bilateral support have remained stagnant over the years, we have still managed to grow by roughly 20 orders of magnitude.

I am thankful to both the Governments for reposing their faith in assigning this responsibility to me, and I am grateful for their support while negotiating through the challenges of the assignment.

IUSSTF is a small yet beautiful organization and our real strength lies in our people. We are blessed with some of the most wonderful people and I am immensely proud of each one of them. We are also very fortunate to have always received the unconditional support of all our patrons and stakeholders.

While there is always an unfinished agenda and even better ways of doing things in a dynamic world, I have tried my best to bring about a transformational change in the affairs of the Forum. Even as I move on with the new role in my professional life, the cause of Indo-US S&T Cooperation in general, and IUSSTF in particular, will continue to remain very dear to my heart.

IUSSTF has covered a lot of ground during the last 18 years and is now favorably poised to take a leap into the unlimited possibilities of the future! I invite all of you to be a partner in IUSSTF's journey, just as you have been a co-creator of this success story thus far!

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