

PRESS RELEASE

Inauguration of IMS INTROMET-2025 and IISF Curtain Raiser

Meghdoot Hall, IITM Pune; 18.11.2025

Key Highlights:

- **IMS-INTROMET-2025 inaugurated** at IITM Pune; the symposium runs from **18–20 November 2025** with the theme “*Advances in Tropical Weather, Ocean, and Monsoon Climate Research for a Sustainable Future.*”
- Event draws **800+ participants** and **~50 international experts** from countries including the USA, Australia, Japan, Switzerland, France, and the UK.
- Inauguration attended by **Dr. M. Ravichandran (Chief Guest), Dr. M. Mohapatra (Guest of Honour), Shri Anand Kumar Sharma, Dr. A. Suryachandra Rao**, and other senior officials, scientists, and delegates.
- Release of the **INTROMET-2025 Souvenir**, a **special Vayumandal journal issue**, and the **new Vayumandal website**.
- **Institutional Curtain Raiser for IISF-2025** showcased MoES’s commitment to science outreach and public engagement.
- **IMS Awards announced**, including the Sir Gilbert Walker Gold Medal, Honorary Fellows, Fellows, Associate Fellow, and Young Scientist Award, recognising excellence in meteorology and climate research.
- Announcement of “**The Young Thinkers Exchange**”, an interactive outreach programme involving **~100 school students** engaging with climate scientist

The IMS International Symposium on Tropical Meteorology (INTROMET-2025) was inaugurated today at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune. The flagship event of the Indian Meteorological Society (IMS) is being held from 18–20 November 2025 with the theme: “Advances in Tropical Weather, Ocean, and Monsoon Climate Research for a Sustainable Future.” Bringing together more than 800 participants, INTROMET-2025 features an unprecedented level of global engagement. About 50 international experts from the USA, Australia, Japan, Switzerland, France, the UK, and other countries are participating, reflecting the symposium’s growing international relevance in the areas of tropical weather, monsoon prediction, and climate research.

The inaugural ceremony was held in the presence of **Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)** (Chief Guest); **Dr. M. Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology, IMD** (Guest of Honour); **Shri Anand Kumar Sharma, President, IMS**; **Dr. A. Suryachandra Rao, Director, IITM**; and senior officials, invited scientists, and international delegates.

In his welcome address, Dr. Rao, Director, IITM welcomed all the delegates. The lighting of the lamp was followed by the presentation of mementoes to the dignitaries and addresses by

IMS leadership. As part of the ceremony, the INTROMET-2025 Souvenir, a special issue of the IMS journal Vayumandal, and the newly launched Vayumandal website were released. The event also featured the Institutional Curtain Raiser for the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2025, highlighting the Ministry's commitment to science outreach and public engagement.

The IMS Awards (Sir Gilbert Walker Gold Medal, Honorary Fellows, Fellows, Associate Fellow, Young Scientist Award) for outstanding scientific contributions were formally announced, recognising excellence in meteorology, monsoon studies, ocean-atmosphere interactions, climate services, and weather forecasting.

A special interactive outreach programme, "The Young Thinkers Exchange," will take place later today, engaging around 100 school students with climate scientists to inspire the next generation.

Chief Guest – Secretary, MoES, Dr. M. Ravichandran stressed the importance of hazard mitigation, sustainability, and advancing scientific understanding. He encouraged researchers to develop innovative proposals and contribute to transformative changes within IMS to enhance weather awareness and public outreach. He also underscored the need to expand weather observations using IoT-based technologies to improve understanding, data availability, and model assimilation. **Guest of Honour, Director General of Meteorology, IMD, Dr. M. Mohapatra** noted that INTROMET was initiated by the IMS in 1997 in Delhi and has since evolved into a significant platform for knowledge exchange between senior scientists and early-career researchers. He highlighted the concept of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"—the world as one family—and reiterated IMD's vision encapsulated in the slogan "Har Har Mausam, Har Ghar Mausam" aimed at ensuring 100% dissemination of early warnings across all sectors of society in India by 2027. **President, IMS, Shri Anand Sharma** emphasized the global threat posed by climate change and underscored the responsibility of citizens to reduce their carbon footprint and adopt responsible consumption practices aligned with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be achieved by 2030. **Director, IITM, Dr. S. A. Rao** welcomed all the participants attending INTROMET-2025. In his address, he highlighted the growing challenges posed by extreme weather events and emphasized the crucial role of scientists in fostering a vigilant and climate-aware society.

Over three days, INTROMET-2025 will host keynote lectures, plenaries, panel discussions, and thematic presentations across 28 scientific domains. The symposium aims to accelerate scientific innovation, strengthen global partnerships, and support India's growing needs in weather prediction, climate services, and disaster resilience.

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All Awardees details

S. No	Awardee Name	Award Name	
1.	Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra DGM, IMD, New Delhi	Sir Gilbert Walker Gold Medal	
2.	Dr. R. K. Datta Director, Mohyal Educational & Research Institute of Technology (MERIT), New Delhi		
3.	Dr. Anjuli Bamzai Past President, AMS	Honorary Fellows	
4.	Dr. Toshio Yamagata Emeritus Professor/Doctor, Department of Earth and Planetaly Science, Graduate School of Science, The University of Tokyo		
5.	Dr. A. Suryachandra Rao Director, IITM, Pune	Fellows	
6.	Dr. E.N. Rajagopal Executive Head (IMPO) & Former Head (NCMRWF) International Monsoons Project Office (IMPO), IITM, Pune		
7.	Dr. Ramesh Chander Bhatia Retired (2008) as ADG, IMD, New Delhi.		
8.	Dr. Y.E.A. Raj (Retd) DDGM,IMD		
9.	Dr. Nabansu Chattopadhyay Department of Agricultural Extension, Ministry of Agriculture, Bangladesh		
10.	Prof. Karumuri Ashok Professor, Centre for Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Hyderabad, Gachibowli, Hyderabad		
11.	Dr. Swapna Panickal Sc-F, IITM, Pune		
12.	Dr. Indira Rani S Scientist, NCMRWF, Noida		
13.	Dr. Mahesh Pathakoti Sc-SF, NRSC ISRO, Hyederabad		Associate Fellow
14.	Dr. Bishma Tyagi Associate Professor, NIT, Rourkela		

15.	Dr. Jayakumar A Sc-E, NCMRWF, Noida	
16.	Dr. D. V. Mahalakshmi Sc-SE, NRSC ISRO	
17.	Ms Anita Christy Angel Cochin University of Science and Technology Cochin, Kerala	Atmospheric Observations and Technologies
18.	Dr. Kandula V. Subrahmanyam NRSC ISRO, Hyderabad	Application of Satellite data and Remote Sensing in Meteorology
19.	Dr. Anurose T. J. NCMRWF, Noida	Modelling Study on Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences
20.	Dr. Nagaraju Chilukoti Dept of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, NIT Rourkela	IMS Young Scientist award