

A TALE OF THREE SCIENCE ACADEMIES OF INDIA

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The National Institute of Sciences of India, founded in 1935, later renamed as Indian National Science Academy, (INSA), the National Academy of Sciences of India, Allahabad (NASI), founded in 1930, are celebrating their 85th and 90th anniversary respectively in this year. Though INSA plays a major role in advocating scientific policies and is recognised as a body to advise the Government of India, yet the contribution of another society, namely, Indian Academy of Sciences, (IAS) Bangalore (founded in 1934), and the National Academy of Sciences of India, Allahabad cannot be ignored. Newspaper cuttings and correspondence are analysed to understand how the IAS and INSA were founded, and why the efforts to establish the United Academy of Sciences (UAS) became unsuccessful.
