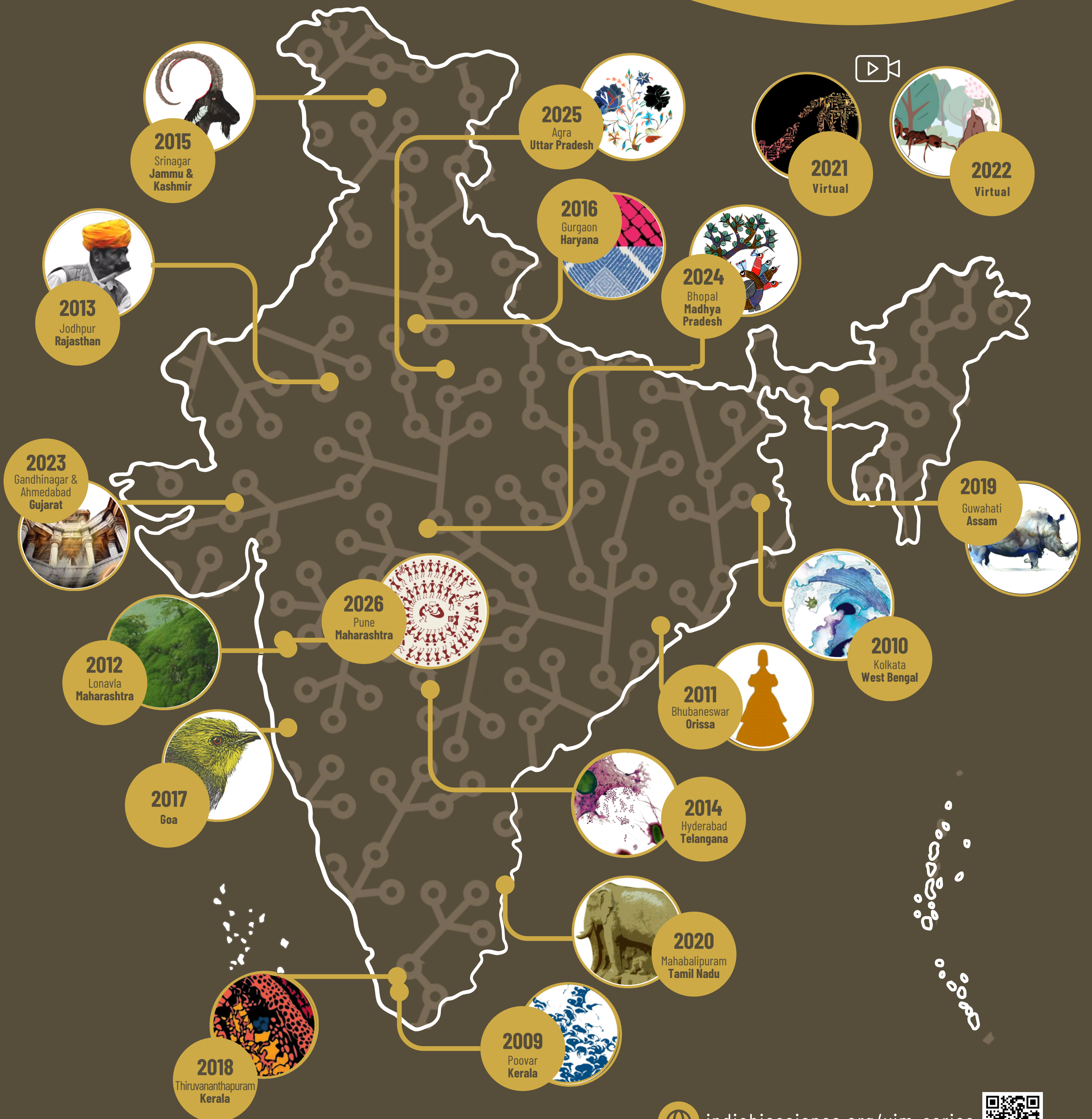


The Young *i*nvestigators' Meeting Series



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IndiaBioscience is a program that serves as a catalyst to promote changes in the culture and practice of the life sciences in India. By engaging with academia, government, and industry at various levels, it promotes advancements, collaborations and conversations among various stakeholders. The inaugural Young Investigators' Meeting in Thiruvananthapuram in 2009 laid the foundation for the formation of IndiaBioscience.



The annual **Young Investigators' Meeting (YIM)** brings together exceptional young investigators, postdoctoral fellows, mentors, and senior scientists, heads of institutes, and representatives from funding agencies for **four and a half days** of discussions and interactions focusing on science and careers in a broad range of disciplines of biology, as well as mentorship and networking.





Young Investigators' Meeting

Across 17 years, YIMs have been held at different locations across India, with a meeting format that hosts special talks, mentor talks, poster sessions and panel discussions to foster discussions on important and relevant issues, and opportunities in the life science ecosystem in India. These include starting a research group, academic publishing, grants and funding, interdisciplinary research, collaborations and mentorship, diversity, equity and inclusion, among many others.

Each year, the meeting brings together 40 Young Investigators (YIs) and 40 postdoctoral fellows (PDFs), and also adapts to include new features and sessions relevant to doing contemporary life science research.

The PDF Satellite Meeting at YIM allows postdoctoral fellows to understand the life science research ecosystem in India, and meet directors and vice-chancellors from institutes and universities across the country, all in one place.

In doing so, YIM brings together postdoctoral fellows from India and abroad with young investigators and mentors (mid/senior scientists) to promote new connections and facilitate a first-hand experience on building and establishing a research group in India.

Over the years, YIM has enabled young scientists in India connect, collaborate and exchange ideas to advance their research pursuits and expand their professional opportunities.





Starting of the YIMs

The idea of YIMs was first discussed in 2007 at a dinner conversation between Ron Vale (who was on sabbatical at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru) and three young faculty members who felt the need to have a platform for like-minded scientists to meet and discuss common challenges and ideas.

Read more:



“After that dinner,” says Vale, who is now Vice President and Executive Director of the Janelia Research Campus at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, **“it struck me that the need was probably greater than these few individuals I had dinner with. There were probably similar conversations that needed to be held all over India.”**





Anecdotes from participants

“The organising team went over and beyond to make the event a huge success. We enjoyed the hospitality by IndiaBioscience. The networking opportunities and ideas exchanged were unique at YIM, and different from other scientific conferences.”

“The informational webinar and pre-event huddle were excellent and very timely. These events prepared us very well to know what to expect in YIM 2024 and how we can be better prepared to make full use of opportunity. Childcare grants were very important for the participants who were caring for their young ones.”



Each year:

-  40 Young investigators
-  40 Postdoctoral fellows
-  6-7 Mentors from India and 3-4 international mentors
-  20+ Institute heads and representatives

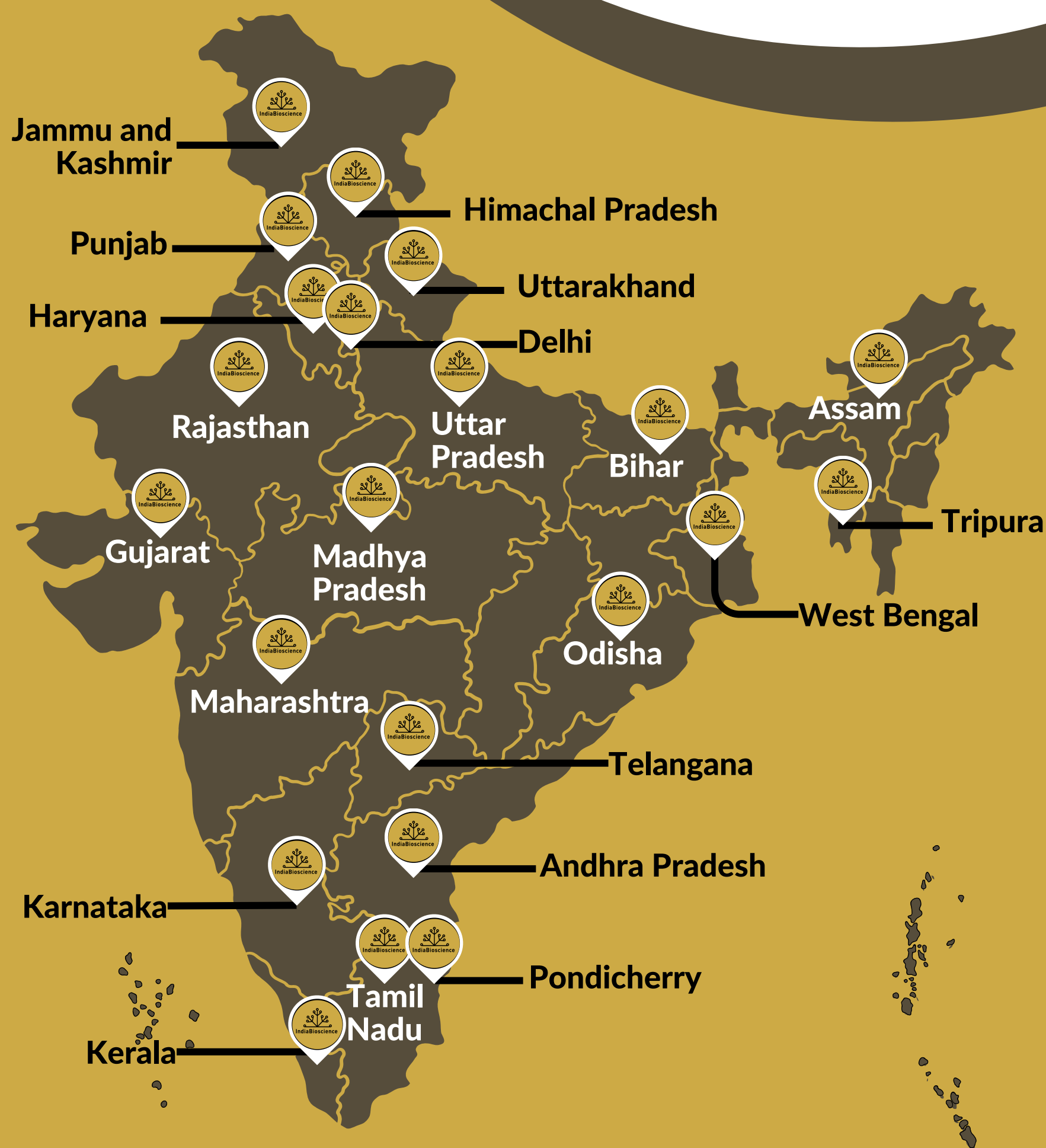
Across 17 YIMs:

-  650+ Young investigators
-  640+ Postdoctoral fellows
-  52+ Organisers
-  65+ Mentors





Location of
Postdoctoral fellows
across 17 YIMs



Location of
Young
Investigators
across India
across 17 YIMs



Key Highlights

-  Mentor talks
-  Panel discussions
-  Breakout sessions
-  Poster sessions
-  PDF lightning talks
-  Institutional talks
-  Mini-workshops
-  EMBO Global Lecture Series
-  Networking sessions
-  Special talks
-  Diverse locations
-  Diverse participation
-  Supports sustainability
-  Inclusivity across career stage and gender
-  Support for and promotion of traditional regional art and artists
-  Stalls/booths/talks by representatives of supporting organisations



IndiaBioscience childcare grants

A selected YIM applicant (Young Investigator/ Postdoctoral Fellow), speaker, mentor, organiser, resource personnel, or workshop trainer (irrespective of gender) can apply for this grant as parents/legal guardians.



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Other supporting organisations

Regional Young Investigators' Meetings (RYIMs) over the years



YIM Impact/Outcomes

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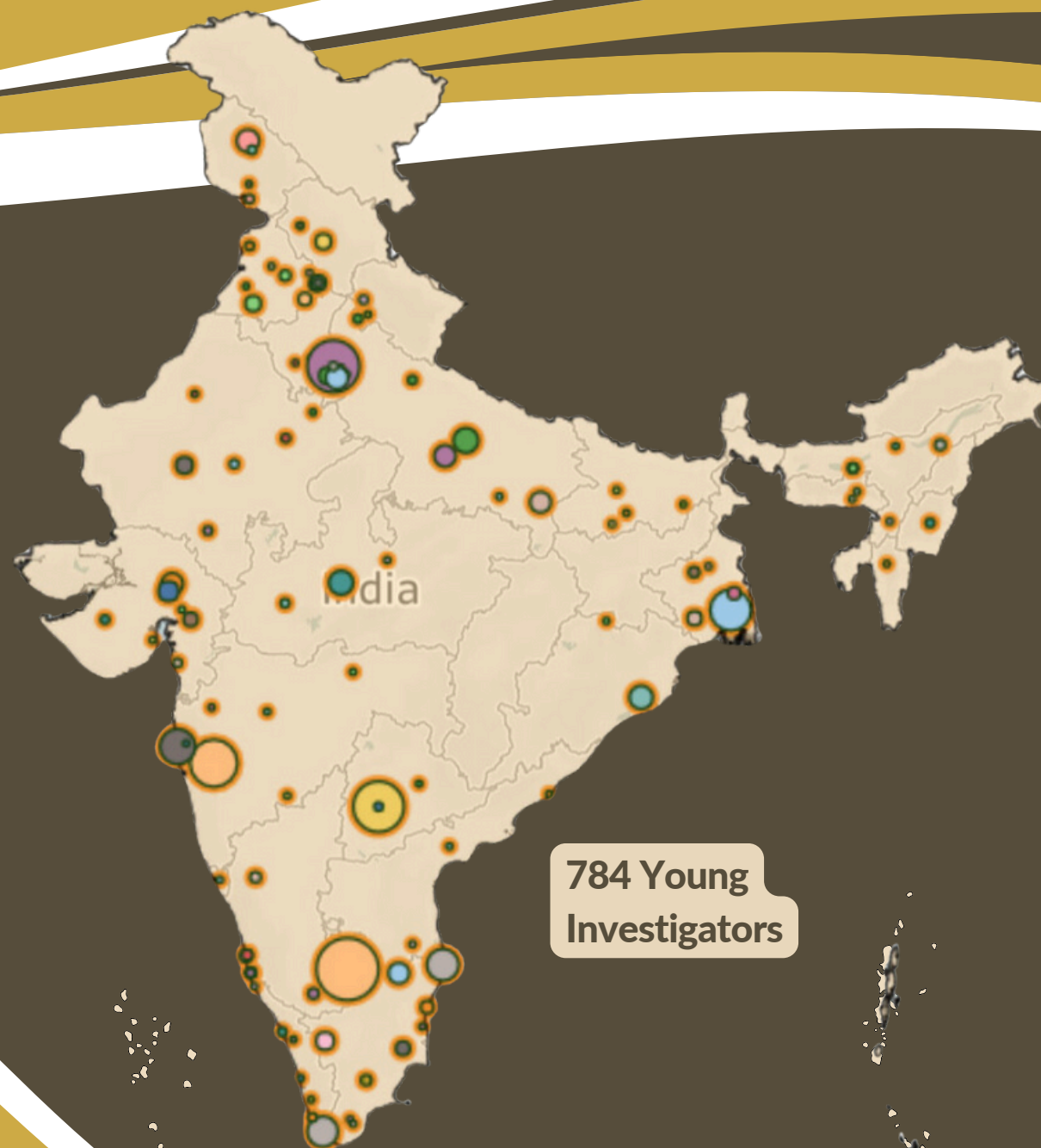
Regional meeting grants to support local networking and collaboration



Scan to view details about the RYIM 2025-2026 grants

Interactive database of life science researchers in India

This resource is an interactive map showing the geo-distribution of life science researchers in our database.



784 Young Investigators

Mentor talks

Every year at the YIM, mid/senior scientists (mentors) describe their scientific journeys providing inspirational as well as amusing anecdotes about their experiences with establishing scientific careers.



View mentor talks from previous YIMs



The IndiaBioscience Outreach Grants were

initiated to provide seed funding to young researchers to step out of their labs and build stronger connections with the broader public through innovative science outreach efforts.

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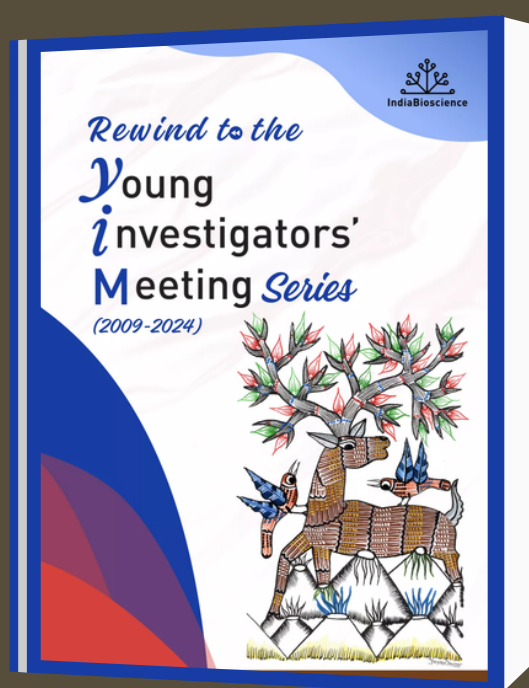
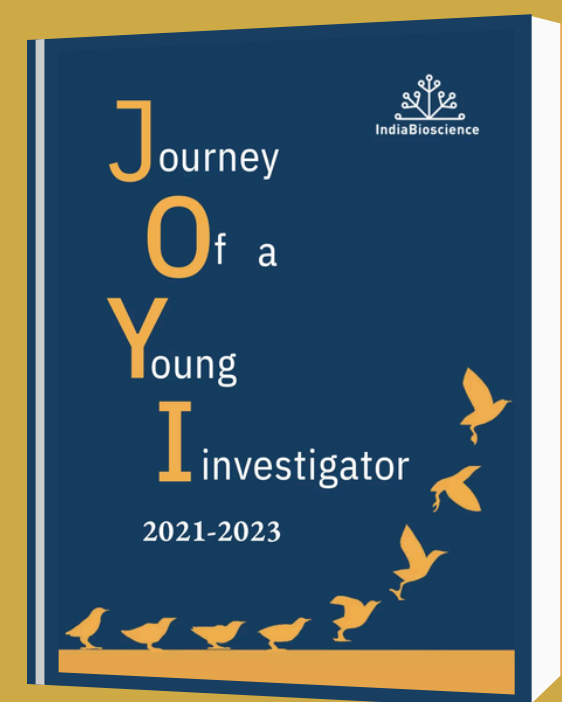


Results from the nation-wide **YI survey** to understand challenges faced by life science researchers in India



JOYI: Journey of a Young Investigator

The e-collection celebrates the stories of young investigators attending YIMs from 2018-2023

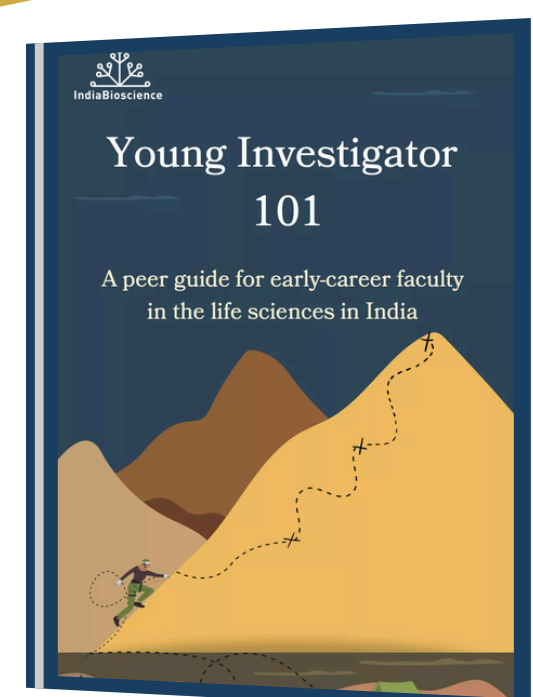


Rewind to the Young Investigators' Meeting series (2009–2024)

This e-compendium celebrates the journey of scientists who have attended Young Investigators' Meetings (YIM) since the first meeting in 2009 to 2024.

YI 101: A peer guide for early-career faculty in the life sciences in India

The e-book is a peer guide for early-career faculty to navigate starting out as a YI in India.



The Young Investigators Meeting
at Estuary Island, Poovar, Kerala
24-28 Feb 2009

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The 2nd Young Investigators Meeting
at Fort Resort, near Raichur, India
09-13 Feb 2010

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YIM
the 3rd Young Investigator Meeting
Postdoc Satellite Meeting
12-13 Feb 2011
Young Investigator Meeting
13-18 Feb 2011
Majur Hotel, Bhubaneswar, India

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YIM the 4th Young Investigator Meeting
Fariyas Resort, Lonavala, India
Postdoc Satellite Meeting
Jan 7-8, 2012
Young Investigator Meeting
Jan 8-11, 2012

This meeting brings together India's best young life science researchers in an interaction with Indian and international scientists, granting agencies & policy makers. The aim is to find in young researchers those who will lead Indian science in the coming years. The meeting features scientific talks and posters with a focus on mentorship within the Indian context.

YIM
Taj Gateway, Jodhpur Rajasthan
Postdoctoral Fellow Satellite Meeting
9th - 10th February 2013
Young Investigator Meeting
10th - 13th February 2013

The fifth edition of the Young Investigators Meeting will be held in Jodhpur - India's very own blue city. If you are a senior postdoctoral fellow, young investigator or a science educator, YIM-2013 seeks to provide you a platform to reach a broader audience worldwide. With special emphasis on research and education this year, we encourage applications from scientists with a strong interest in education.

6th Young Investigators Meeting
2014

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7th Young Investigators Meeting
2015
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Srinagar

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8th Young Investigators Meeting
2016
27 FEB - 02 MAR, 2016
HERITAGE VILLAGE RESORT & SPA MANESAR
GURGAON, DELHI

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9th Young Investigators Meeting
2017
6-10
Goa

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10th Young Investigators Meeting
2018
5-8
MADRAS/APJANAPURAM

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11th Young Investigators Meeting
2019
6-10
March 2019
Guwahati

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12th Young Investigators Meeting
2020
14-18
FEBRUARY 2020
MADRAS/APJANAPURAM

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13th Young Investigators Meeting
2021
17-19 March 2021
Application deadline:
7 February 2021

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14th Young Investigators Meeting
2022
YIM: 4 - 6 May 2022
PDF Satellite Meeting: 9 - 12 May 2022
Last date to apply:
04 March 2022

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15th Young Investigators Meeting
2023
13-17
Feb 2023
Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad

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16th Young Investigators Meeting
2024
11-15 March 2024
Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
Application Deadline
1 November 2023
Apply Here
bit.ly/YIM2024

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17th Young Investigators Meeting
2025
March 3 - 7 2025
Agra, Uttar Pradesh
Apply Here
bit.ly/YIM2025
Application Deadline
30 September 2024

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18th Young Investigators Meeting
2026
2-6 March 2026
Pune
Apply Here
bit.ly/YIM2026
Application deadline
10 October 2025

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