TEAM India is made up of students who are winners at the **Initiative for Research and Innovation in Science (IRIS)** a research based science fair initiative for school students held in India annually. IRIS is a public – private partnership heralded by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Intel and Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF) for empowering the next generation of innovators. The winners of IRIS get an opportunity to be part of Team-India and represent the country at Intel International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF) held in US every year. This year ISEF is being held from *13-17 May 2019 at Phoenix. Arizona, USA*.

Before departure of Team-India to US for competing at ISEF 2019, a Flag-off ceremony was held in New Delhi to wish the very best to these students. A team of 25 bright young innovators was complimented for their participating projects by **Chief guest** P**rof. K.VijayRaghavan**, *Principal Scientific Advisor to Govt of India,* and other dignitaries Dr. Nisha Mendiratta, Head, NCSTC, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Global Director Corporate Affairs, Intel Corporation and Dr. Rajiv K. Tayal, Executive Director, Indo-US S&T Forum. The audience including dignitaries were quite impressed with the projects showcased at the event, most of which were aimed at providing workable solutions for societal problems. The scope of the projects ranged from devising a new method to screen Amblyopia; using digital technology in form of an android application for effective waste management; providing low cost, personalised and supplemental physiotherapy services to cervical spine patients etc.

Over the years, several of the young geniuses who went to ISEF as part of team India, have won various Grand Awards including minor planets named after each of the Grand award winner for their innovative projects**.**

Wishing all the very best to Team-India for bringing more laurels for the country!!