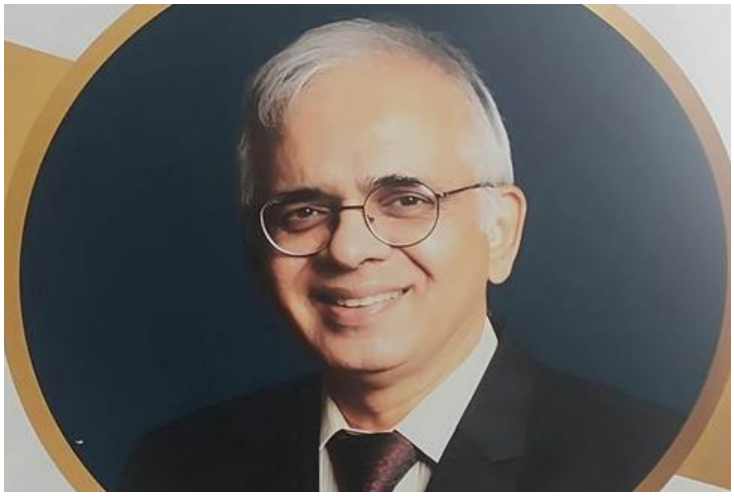
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Professor Shekhar C. Mande joins 10-member team of United Nations Group related to science & technology

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Professor Shekhar C. Mande, President of the Indian National Academy of Sciences (INSA), has been appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General for the 2026-2028 term to the 'United Nations Group of Ten High-Level Representatives from Civil Society, the Private Sector, and the Scientific Community Promoting Science, Technology, and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).'

Professor Mande will join this high-level expert group along with nine other distinguished experts from around the world. This 10-member group is an integral part of the United Nations Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM), which promotes collaboration and partnership to harness science, technology, and innovation for sustainable development.

Professor Mande is a distinguished expert and scientific administrator in structural and computational biology. He is currently the president of INSA and a distinguished professor at the Bioinformatics Center of Savitribai Phule Pune University. Additionally, he is a J.C. Bose Fellow at the National Centre for Cell Science (NCCA) in Pune. Professor Mande also serves as the National President of Vigyan Bharati. Vigyan Bharati is a national science movement dedicated to promoting scientific awareness in India.

He has previously served as Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and as Secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Government of India. His appointment reflects the growing global recognition of Indian scientific expertise and India's contribution to international dialogue on science, technology, and innovation to address global development challenges.