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"Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man." Swami Vivekananda

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Jyotiraditya Scindia Engages IIT Delhi Students Under ‘Bharat Sampark’ Outreach

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As part of the outreach initiative “BHARAT SAMPARK—Engaging India’s Young Minds,” Union Minister of Communications and Development of the North Eastern Region (DoNER) Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia today visited the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, where he held an interactive session with students on technology, innovation, and nation-building.



During the interaction, students raised questions on technology adoption, logistics, innovation ecosystems, research collaboration, and opportunities for youth engagement in public institutions. Encouraging active youth participation, Shri Scindia called upon students to become partners in transforming public service delivery and contributing to India's development journey.

Responding to queries on career pathways and real-time engagement with government institutions, the Minister highlighted the large-scale technological and organisational transformation underway at India Post. He said India Post is rapidly expanding its role in logistics, financial inclusion, citizen-centric services, and digital delivery, and invited students to collaborate through internships, live projects, and innovation-led partnerships.

India Post's evolving role in logistics and digital services

On innovation-driven growth, Shri Scindia noted that India Post's unmatched nationwide network positions it as a key enabler of India's booming logistics and e-commerce ecosystem, especially across Tier-2, Tier-3, and rural India. He said the IT 2.0 modernisation project and adoption of advanced digital systems are helping India Post evolve into a future-ready public service institution, while new market-aligned products are being introduced to meet changing customer expectations.

Visit to India's first N-Gen Campus Post Office

The Union Minister also visited the N-Gen (Next Generation) Campus Post Office at IIT Delhi, the first post office in the country revamped under the N-Gen initiative. The initiative aims to transform campus post offices into youth-centric, digitally enabled, and student-driven service hubs.

The revamped facility features student-designed interiors and artwork, free Wi-Fi, dedicated student service counters, QR-based booking and digital payments, parcel packing facilities, and discounted Speed Post services for students. A student engagement model has also been introduced to provide hands-on exposure to postal operations.

Showcasing deep-tech innovation at IIT Delhi

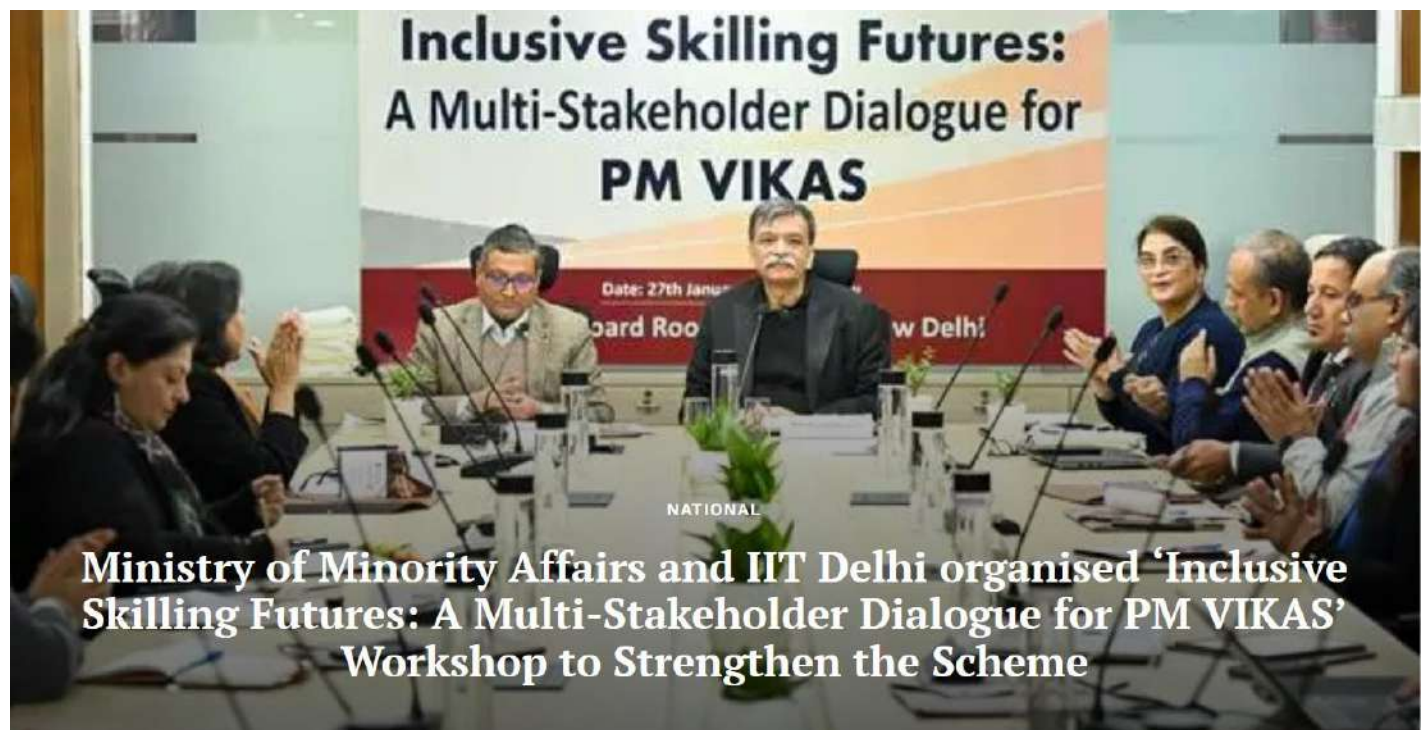
Shri Scindia further visited the Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology and Management, where students showcased advancements in tactile internet and haptic robotics technologies. The indigenously developed solution enables real-time transmission of human touch using ultra-low latency networks, allowing users to sense texture, stiffness, size, and temperature of distant objects through haptic feedback.

Commending the students, the Minister said such innovations mark a significant milestone in India's journey toward a robust deep-tech ecosystem and an emerging "Internet of Skills", with strong potential applications in skill-based education and advanced training.

100 campus post offices by March 2026

Aligned with the government's vision of Digital India, Amrit Kaal reforms, and Yuva Shakti participation, the N-Gen initiative targets the revamp of 100 campus-based post offices by 31 March 2026. Over 40 N-Gen post offices have already been inaugurated across IITs, IIMs, NITs, central universities, and state universities.

Through initiatives like Bharat Sampark and N-Gen, India Post continues to deepen engagement with India's youth, reinforcing its commitment to inclusive, innovative, and future-ready public service delivery.



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Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA), in collaboration with the Department of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, organized a workshop titled "**Inclusive Skilling Futures: A Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue for PM VIKAS**" today at the Research & Innovation Park, IIT Delhi.



The workshop brought together senior policymakers, academicians, industry leaders, and experts from international organizations to deliberate on strengthening the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) scheme. The dialogue aimed to align PM VIKAS with emerging labour market needs, industry demand, and the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. During the workshop, IIT Delhi presented a comprehensive framework for skilling, identified through rigorous secondary research, to provide evidence-based policy recommendations.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Chandra Shekhar Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, emphasised that human resource development is central to India's journey towards Viksit Bharat 2047. He stressed that targeted interventions may be made for capacity building among women to enhance labour force participation.

Dr. C S Kumar further highlighted the need for sustained investment in skills beyond schooling. He highlighted the challenge of scaling enterprises from micro to medium and large enterprises and advocated for a system that encourages the youth to transition from wage employment to entrepreneurship through industry partnerships.

Prof. Rangan Banerjee, Director, IIT Delhi, highlighted the institute's commitment to creating impact through knowledge and capacity building. He cited specific technological interventions as models for future skilling, such as the 'Adi Vaani', an AI-based translator for tribal languages and specialized training initiatives in areas with substantial tribal population. He outlined a 10-year vision for academic institutions to support the Ministry's initiatives and help create an inclusive society.

The workshop included discussions on various areas like **forecasting new skills, women Entrepreneurship, Efficient Financing, Inclusion and Tracking of outcomes**. The workshop concluded with a consensus to pivot towards a demand-driven skilling ecosystem deeply aligned with national priorities.

Key outcomes included the recognition of a need for strong focus on fostering entrepreneurship as an equal alternative to wage employment and enhancing women's workforce participation through targeted accelerators and mentorship. Stakeholders agreed on the critical need to integrate technological advancements—such as AI tools and digital platforms—into traditional skilling sectors to modernize heritage crafts. The roadmap further emphasized institutionalizing industry partnerships and ensuring that all skilling initiatives are rigorously mapped to the future-ready goals of Viksit Bharat @2047.

IIT-Delhi releases 1st Alumni Impact Report on 68th Foundation Day

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The report highlights the collective influence of more than 65,000 alumni since the Institute's establishment in 1966, underscoring IIT Delhi's role in shaping leadership and innovation over nearly seven decades.



IIT-Delhi releases 1st Alumni Impact Report.

The Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi) on Tuesday marked its 68th Foundation Day with the release of its first-ever Alumni Impact Report, offering a comprehensive account of the contributions made by its alumni to industry, entrepreneurship, public service, and academia in India and across the world.

The report highlights the collective influence of more than 65,000 alumni since the Institute's establishment in 1966, underscoring IIT Delhi's role in shaping leadership and innovation over nearly seven decades.

The Alumni Impact Report was released during the Foundation Day by the Chief Guest, Dr Gurtej S Sandhu, Principal Fellow and Corporate Vice President at Micron Technology, along with IIT Delhi Director Prof Rangan Banerjee.

An alumnus himself, Dr Sandhu emphasised the pivotal role alumni play in strengthening an institution's reputation, mentoring students, and building global connections, noting that their contributions extend far beyond financial support.

According to the report, IIT Delhi alumni occupy nearly 10,000 leadership roles across sectors including banking, finance, manufacturing, and engineering, with over 70 per cent of these positions based in India. More than 1,000 alumni currently serve on corporate boards, reflecting the Institute's sustained engagement with industry at national and international levels.

Entrepreneurship has emerged as a defining pillar of IIT Delhi's legacy. The report documents over 2,500 alumni founders and co-founders who have made significant contributions to the global startup ecosystem collectively generating approximately 4.8 lakh direct jobs. Alumni-led ventures such as Zomato and Blinkit, Flipkart, Meesho, Groww, AppDynamics, and Eightfold.ai have played transformative roles in India's digital economy and innovation landscape, the report noted.

Beyond business and industry, the report highlights IIT Delhi's impact on public service and nation-building. Over 650 alumni are currently serving in public institutions, including more than 270 IAS officers and over 100 officers across the IPS, IRS, and IFS.

Building upwards: IIT Delhi plans to rebuild entire campus by 2035

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IIT Delhi is planning to go vertical as part of a proposed decade-long campus redevelopment roadmap that aims to comprehensively upgrade its academic, residential and research infrastructure by 2035 while retaining its existing footprint and green cover.

The institute is working on a plan that lays out a phased redevelopment strategy over the next 10-15 years. The blueprint, expected to be finalised by May, moves away from incremental construction towards a unified campus-wide vision that integrates hostels, academic blocks and residential housing for faculty and staff, said IIT-D director Rangan Banerjee.

"In about 10 to 15 years, the entire campus will essentially be rebuilt," Banerjee said. "But we have to carefully plan transitions, create capacity, shift people, build and then move on to the next phase."

With the campus located in the heart of south Delhi at Hauz Khas, a key constraint is limited space. To address this, the institute plans to build vertically within its current boundaries, enabled by revised height regulations that are expected to allow residential buildings up to 38-42 metres. This potentially permits nearly doubling the height of existing hostels, significantly increasing capacity without expanding the campus footprint or cutting trees.

Two new highrise hostels, one for men and another for women, are already in the pipeline, adding close to 4,000 beds. Once these are operational, the institute is expected to begin demolishing older hostels dating back to 1960s and 1970s in phases and replacing them with full-height modern structures.

"Usually, we approach projects one at a time. We identify a shortage, plan to build over the next few years, figure out funding and then construct. The problem with such a short-term approach is that our infrastructure never really keeps pace with our aspirations. That's why we decided it's important to take a long-term perspective," said Banerjee.

He added, "We reviewed the original master plan, the zoning and available areas while ensuring that no trees are cut. Our current plan focuses on the same footprint and, under existing regulations, evaluates how much we can construct and when. The goal is that 10-15 years from now, with the projected number of faculty and students, the campus will have the necessary space to support our growth."

The redevelopment is estimated to require Rs 8,000-9,000 crore over roughly a decade. The funding model is expected to be evenly split between institutional resources, alumni contributions and support from govt or industry. Rather than relying on traditional endowments, alumni funding is likely to follow a "spend-down" approach, with donations directly deployed for construction, particularly for rebuilding older hostels.

Beyond the main campus, IIT Delhi is also expanding residential capacity in nearby RK Puram, where a two-acre plot is being developed to provide 140-150 flats for international students, visiting faculty and staff, with completion targeted in two-three years. Simultaneously, it is advancing plans for its Sonipat campus, where development is proposed to begin on 10 acres, with another 40 acres earmarked for future expansion.

Banerjee said the 2035 roadmap was being shaped through both top-down planning and bottom-up engagement with faculty, staff and students. "It's not just about buildings. It's about collectively deciding what IIT Delhi should become and then designing the infrastructure to support that future," he added.

Once finalised, the institute plans to present the comprehensive blueprint to stakeholders, positioning the redevelopment as a foundational step towards sustaining its academic and research ambitions over the coming decades.

IIT-Delhi launches programme to boost young faculty research

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Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, has launched the Deepak Raghavan Family Foundation Accelerator Programme, an initiative aimed at strengthening the institute's research ecosystem, and supporting high-potential young faculty members.

The programme has been instituted by distinguished alumnus Deepak Raghavan, and is facilitated by the IIT-Delhi Endowment Management Foundation. It is designed to provide sustained academic and financial support to faculty members, enabling them to pursue independent, high-impact research while contributing to teaching and academic leadership.

A key component of the initiative is a five-year Endowed Chair Professorship for faculty aged 45 years and below.

The Chair will be supported by a dedicated research fund, access to research staff, and resources required to build and scale advanced research programmes.

The accelerator programme offers flexible research funding that can be used for purchasing equipment and software, conducting experiments and fieldwork, developing prototypes, and hiring postdoctoral researchers and research staff.

It also promotes collaboration with industry and external institutions, encouraging the translation of research into real world applications, patents, and new technology.

The programme also includes a fully funded PhD fellowship once every five years, allowing a doctoral scholar to work closely with the Chair Professor.

The fellowship also supports participation in national and international conferences, providing young researchers with global exposure.

Speaking about the initiative, IIT-Delhi Director Rangan Banerjee said: “IIT-Delhi has some of the best researchers and academic talent in the country. Initiatives like this programme help our faculty take their work to the next level, and ensure that India remains competitive in research and innovation in the years to come.”

FITT IIT Delhi hosts WaveX Accelerator announcement to support media and AVGC-XR startups

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FITT, IIT Delhi hosted the official announcement of the WaveX Accelerator Programme, a flagship startup accelerator initiative under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB), Government of India. The announcement was made during a WaveX Startup Mixer organised at FITT, IIT Delhi, alongside partners including T-Hub Hyderabad, IICT Mumbai, FTII Pune, SRFTI Kolkata and multiple Indian Institutes of Mass Communication (IIMCs).



The launch underscores WaveX's focus on accelerating innovation across media, AVGC-XR, broadcasting, communication and emerging technologies through a nationwide incubation network spanning IITs, innovation hubs and leading incubators.

The event coincided with the launch of The Groundbreaker by entrepreneur Mr. Kanwal Rekhi and was attended by students, startups, investors and ecosystem leaders. Proceedings included a welcome address by Prof. Rangan Banerjee, Director, IIT Delhi, felicitations, opening remarks by Prof. Banerjee, Dr. Nikhil Agarwal, Managing Director, FITT, and Mr. Rekhi, followed by Mr. Rekhi's address on entrepreneurial leadership within the WaveX framework.

The programme featured WaveX Accelerator updates, a Q&A session, book signing and networking interactions, offering startups insights into incubation opportunities, access to IIT research labs, faculty mentorship, IP support and investor linkages enabled through the FITT partnership.

Ashutosh Mohle, Chief Executive Officer, WaveX, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, said, *"WaveX Accelerator's announcement marks a pivotal expansion of our nine-centre network with partners like FITT IIT Delhi and T-Hub, delivering policy-backed funding, national visibility, hackathons, and investor exposure to propel AVGC-XR and media-tech startups towards global scale."*

Dr. Nikhil Agarwal, Managing Director, FITT, IIT Delhi, said, *"Hosting this WaveX announcement at FITT underscores our MoU role in operationalising incubation centres, providing IIT research labs, faculty mentorship, IP commercialisation, and multi-IIT coordination for startups innovating in broadcasting, immersive tech, and digital content while prioritising protection of creative IP as a cornerstone for sustainable innovation in India's media ecosystem."*

Following the recently signed MoU between FITT and WaveX, the collaboration brings together WaveX's funding, policy support and national outreach with FITT's operational execution, research and industry collaborations, lab access and ecosystem-building initiatives. The accelerator will support startups across animation, gaming, XR, AI-led content creation and digital platforms.

With its integrated incubation model and policy-backed support, the WaveX Accelerator positions itself as a key enabler of India's rapidly growing media and entertainment technology ecosystem.

Sunita Williams inspires IIT Delhi with reflections on space, teamwork and the ‘overview effect’

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Sunita Williams at IIT Delhi.

The iconic Dogra Hall at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT) resonated with admiration and enthusiasm as renowned astronaut Sunita L Williams, NASA astronaut (retd) and US Navy Captain (retd), visited the campus on Tuesday.

Williams delivered an inspiring talk titled, “The Making of an Astronaut: Sunita Williams' Story”, taking the IIT Delhi community on a vivid journey through her experiences in space.

Recounting moments from her recent space mission during Expeditions 71/72, Williams brought the vastness of space closer to the audience, making complex aspects of space travel relatable and engaging. The event



marked a moment of pride for the Institute, as students, faculty, researchers and senior leadership gathered to hear from one of the world's most accomplished astronauts.

During her visit, Williams also met Prof Rangan Banerjee, Director, IIT Delhi, along with the Institute's senior leadership. Prof Banerjee highlighted IIT Delhi's growing contributions to space technology and its ongoing collaborations with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Reflecting on the evolving landscape of space exploration, Williams remarked, "It is a very exciting time in human space exploration. Every new project has its ups and downs, but each one teaches us something and prepares us better for what comes next."

Emphasising the importance of problem solving in space missions, she noted, "We often work with multiple systems and redundancies, but sometimes the solution is not very complicated; it can be something simple if you are willing to observe carefully."

Inviting the audience to imagine life without gravity, she explained, "When you take gravity away, you start to understand the nuances of how materials, medicine and even human behaviour change. That understanding helps us learn more about ourselves and the universe."

The lecture was followed by a fireside chat moderated by Prof Shilpi Sharma, Associate Dean, Academic Outreach & New Initiatives. Drawing on questions from across the IIT Delhi community, the discussion explored Williams' personal journey, including her childhood, life as a disciplined student-athlete and swimmer, teamwork, and coping with long-duration space missions. Reflecting on teamwork, Williams said, "When you work as a team towards a common objective, you stop thinking only about individual success and start thinking about how the entire team can be better."

Sharing a lighter yet memorable moment from space, she recalled, "Opening a package full of Indian food in space was incredible. What made it special was sharing it with my crewmates. Food has a way of bringing people together, even in orbit."

Speaking about the broader perspective gained from space, she concluded, "Looking at the earth from above gives you the 'overview effect'. You realise we are all living on one planet, deeply connected, and boundaries start to feel meaningless."

The visit left a lasting impression on the IIT Delhi community, inspiring students and researchers alike to look beyond boundaries and aspire for new frontiers in science and exploration.

IIT Delhi launches executive programme in healthcare entrepreneurship and management

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Programme focuses on healthcare innovation, technology and management through online learning



IIT Delhi has announced the launch of its Executive Programme in Healthcare Entrepreneurship and Management. The programme is offered through the Continuing Education Programme (CEP), a statutory body of IIT Delhi responsible for conducting certificate programmes and issuing certificates.

The programme has been introduced in the context of changes within India's healthcare system, including the adoption of digital health, medical device development, AI-based diagnostics, wearable technologies and patient-centred care models. At the same time, the sector continues to face challenges related to fragmented care delivery, regulatory processes, commercialisation pathways and the requirement for leadership with multidisciplinary capabilities.

As healthcare demand increases and innovation activity continues, there is a need for professionals who can assess clinical requirements, develop technology-led solutions, manage regulatory processes and build healthcare ventures. The programme is intended to prepare participants to engage with these aspects of the healthcare sector.



The Executive Programme in Healthcare Entrepreneurship and Management is structured as a five-month course delivered through live online sessions, supported by guided project work. The curriculum covers the lifecycle of healthcare innovation, including design, prototyping, testing and commercial planning, with a focus on converting healthcare challenges into market-ready opportunities.

The programme is anchored by IIT Delhi's Centre for Biomedical Engineering and includes clinical inputs from experts at AIIMS Delhi. It is led by faculty members including Dr Arnab Chanda and Dr Biswarup Mukherjee. The course integrates engineering, clinical, managerial and entrepreneurial perspectives.

A component of the programme is a project-based learning model. Participants work on healthcare problems and develop prototypes, supported by mentoring, peer interaction and feedback from subject experts.

CAQM orders study to redo Delhi-ncr emission mapping

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A consortium of four institutions led by the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) Pune, with partners from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology in Pune (IITM), will develop a new emission inventory and source apportionment study for Delhi-national Capital Region, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has said.

The exercise will map emissions at a high resolution of 500 x 500 metre grids to cover major polluting sectors, with 2026 as the base year. The plan, outlined in a report uploaded on the CAQM'S website, comes soon after the Supreme Court pulled up the statutory body for failing to clearly identify the causes of air pollution in Delhi-ncr and their relative contribution. On January 6, the top court termed this a "complete failure of duty" and directed the CAQM to complete a source-identification and apportionment exercise within two weeks and place the findings in the public domain.

In its report, the CAQM said the new emission inventory will be integrated with the Air Quality Early Warning System (EWS) and the Decision Support System (DSS) to improve air quality forecasting and help design more effective mitigation strategies. While several source apportionment studies have been conducted by different agencies over the years, the CAQM said the methodologies all varied.

“The Commission noted differences in existing approaches for emission inventory and source apportionment. It was further recognised that a unified, data-driven approach is essential to reduce emission uncertainty for developing effective air quality management in Delhi NCR,” the CAQM said.

According to the report, titled “Identification of the causes for worsening AQI in Delhi-ncr,” the updated inventory will rely on recent activity data, improved methodologies and account for ongoing policy measures.

“The emissions will be used for predictive modelling... to further strengthen source apportionment and improve real-time assessment of pollution sources,” it said.

It has invited public suggestions till February 10.

Two-day meet brings together athletes from IITs, colleges

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SANGAM 2026: Students with disabilities display sporting skills



SANGAM 2026: IIT Delhi Brings Campuses Together Through the Power of Inclusive Sports

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SANGAM 2026, IIT-Delhi's flagship inclusive inter-college sports meet, concluded today after two days of high energy, determination and record participation by students with disabilities.

Organised by the Office of Accessible Education (OAE) under the Office of Diversity & Inclusion, the meet brought together around 300 student athletes with disabilities from some of the country's leading institutions.

Participants represented IIT-Delhi, IIT-Gandhinagar, IIT-Madras, IIT-Kanpur, IIT-Roorkee, IIT-Kharagpur and IIT-Hyderabad, along with students from the University of Delhi (DU), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and several colleges across the NCR.

Prof Rangan Banerjee, Director, IIT-Delhi, inaugurated the event, setting the tone for an event focused on equity, access and excellence. The closing ceremony was graced by India's celebrated para-athlete Sharad Kumar, silver medallist in high jump at the 2024 Paris Paralympics, whose presence inspired athletes and spectators alike.

More than just a sporting event, the meet was designed as a serious competitive platform, with a structured classification system to ensure fair play. Athletics events included 100m sprints and field competitions across B1, B2 and B3 visual impairment categories. Badminton featured specialised divisions for upper limb, lower limb, hearing impaired and wheelchair users, while adaptive sports such as blind chess, table tennis, blind cricket and standard cricket added to the diverse sporting programme.

One of the most talked about aspects of the two-day meet was its strong emphasis on gender inclusion. The cricket tournament stood out for fielding inclusive teams, where all competed together on the same squads sending a powerful message that talent and teamwork rise above gender and disability.

The competition delivered intense action and memorable performances. IIT-Kanpur clinched the cricket title in the diverse disabilities category, with IIT-Delhi finishing runners up. In blind cricket, Ramjas College (DU) emerged champions, followed by JNU. IIT-Delhi claimed top honours in chess, defeating Hansraj College (DU) in a closely fought final. Blind chess saw a clean sweep by DU colleges, with Kirori Mal College taking first place, Ramjas College second and Hindu College third. Athletes from IIT-Madras, IIT-Kharagpur, IIT-Roorkee, IIT-Gandhinagar and several DU colleges also impressed in table tennis and badminton events.

Summing up the spirit of the event, Prof Deepak Kumar, Dean of Diversity and Inclusion, IIT-Delhi, said, "SANGAM 2026 has successfully fostered a unique collaboration between premier technical institutes and central universities, setting a new benchmark for inclusive campus life. By bringing together a 'Sangam'

(confluence) of diverse abilities, the event has established a blueprint for accessible sporting ecosystems in higher education.”

With its growing scale and impact, IIT-Delhi now plans to take SANGAM forward as a pan-India inclusive sports platform, inviting more institutions to join a movement that champions accessibility, dignity and excellence both on and off the field.

Tech-Enabled Transportation Services Cut Logistics Costs For MSMEs: C-DEP–IIT Delhi Study

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Tech-Enabled Transportation Services Cut Logistics Costs For MSMEs: C-DEP–IIT Delhi Study



The Centre for Digital Economy Policy Research (C-DEP), in collaboration with IIT Delhi, released a report titled 'Study of Technology-Enabled Intra-City Logistics for MSMEs' at the India Habitat Centre, highlighting the critical role of tech-driven logistics in supporting Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

The report was released by Praveen Khandelwal, Member of Parliament and Secretary General, Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), and Ashwini Mahajan, Co-Convener, Swadeshi Jagran Manch, BusinessWire India reported.

MSMEs Face Intra-City Logistics Challenges

MSMEs contribute nearly 30 per cent of India's GDP and 45 per cent of industrial output but often struggle with high transport costs, limited vehicle availability, and delivery delays.

The study, based on MSME interviews and service data, shows that technology-enabled logistics reduces costs, improves delivery reliability, and enhances operational efficiency.

Leaders Stress Technology's Role

Speaking at the release, Khandelwal noted, "The key to India becoming a developed nation depends on lowering logistics costs for our MSMEs." He added, "A significant part of logistics costs in India can be attributed to road transport. To bring logistics costs down to 4–5 per cent of GDP, improving cost efficiency in road-based and intra-city logistics will be crucial."

Mahajan said MSMEs are now excelling with technology—from anti-drone systems to defence innovations. She highlighted India's strong tech ecosystem, including UPI and space capabilities, and noted that the country's rising global standing reflects its growing leadership potential.

Dr. Jaijit Bhattacharya, President, C-DEP, highlighted that a large portion of road transport costs comes from intra-city goods movement, and technology-enabled transportation services are helping MSMEs cut these costs. Beyond savings, they boost reliability, efficiency, and labour productivity, supporting higher earnings and customer trust.

"If higher taxes make these services unaffordable, MSMEs lose a tool that improves efficiency and customer trust. Better clarity would ensure that technology adoption is not penalised," she added.

Key Findings

Business users make up 71 per cent of tech-enabled logistics users but account for 97 per cent of orders across vehicle categories.

73 per cent of MSMEs reported lower transport costs, 95 per cent noted improved on-time delivery, and 27 per cent expanded customer reach.

Policy and Regulatory Risks

The report warns that GST 2.0 could classify digitally booked transport services as ‘Local Delivery Services’, raising tax rates from 5 per cent to 18 per cent and increasing per-trip costs by over 12 per cent, disproportionately affecting MSMEs.

Ecosystem and Transition Considerations

Challenges for small operators include formalisation, documentation, and access to digital infrastructure. State-level initiatives for fleet electrification are critical for sustainable intra-city logistics, requiring alignment with vehicle availability and charging networks.

Recommendations

The study urges clear GST guidelines, phased formalisation of transport operators through digital platforms, and targeted PLI support for transitioning to electric freight vehicles to maintain affordability and efficiency for MSMEs.

This report underscores that tech-enabled logistics is not just a cost-saving tool but a strategic enabler for MSMEs, enhancing competitiveness, operational reliability, and market access.

IIT Delhi’s Professional Certificate Program in Fintech

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This article discusses IIT Delhi's Professional Certificate Program in Fintec, a six-month online course meant to offer graduate, diploma holders and students of the final year with capabilities in the financial technology ecosystem.

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi will be starting the registration process for the admissions to the professional certificate program in Fintech from February 28, 2026 and will conclude on August 29, 2026.

IIT Delhi's Professional Certificate Program in FinTech is a unique course designed to offer professionals the information and skills they need to flourish in the rapidly evolving financial technology ecosystem. This program blends fundamental concepts with practical applications, ensuring that participants gain a deep understanding of the most recent trends and innovations impacting the future of finance.

The curriculum of the professional certificate program in Fintech covers a wide range of topics, including blockchain technology, digital payments, cryptocurrencies, regulatory frameworks, and financial analytics, offering a thorough understanding of FinTech principles and their practical application.

Key highlights of the Program:-

Features	About
Registration Open	Registration for admission starts from February 28, 2026 .
Registration End	Registration for admission closes on August 29, 2026 .
Fees	The program fee is ₹ 1,85,000 + 18 % GST
Class Time	The classes will be held on every Sunday from 9:00 AM to 12:15 P.M.
Eligibility Criteria	Any graduate, postgraduate in fields like engineering, science, business or related fields from a recognised institute is eligible.
Course Duration	The course duration is 6 months.
Mode of Study	Online

What are the Highlights of the Professional Certificate Program in Fintech by IIT Delhi?

If any student wishes to seek admission to the Professional Certificate Program in Fintech, which is being offered by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, there is a certain eligibility requirement that needs to be fulfilled, which is as follows:-

- Any candidate who is a graduate or a diploma holder from any recognised university in any discipline is eligible to apply for this program.
- Those candidates who are in the final year of any discipline can also apply for the program.

There are a few reasons why any candidate should take this professional certificate program in Fintech by IIT Delhi, which are as follows:-

- Real-world case studies from Harvard, globally, and India.
- CEP of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi will issue an e-certificate.
- Generative AI in Financial Technology
- Prominent Industry and Academic Experts will offer up-to-date advice in this program.

The tools used in the professional certificate program in Fintech by IIT Delhi will be **MS Office**.

Learning Outcomes of the Program

Given below are the learning outcomes of the professional certificate program in Fintech, which is being offered by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi:-

- Helps in understanding the growth of finance and technology, and how these advances are reshaping finance as a discipline and commercial decision-making.
- Will help the student learn the ABCDs of FinTech:- Cloud Computing, Big Data, Blockchain and Artificial Intelligence.
- Helps in understanding how money, payment systems, and banking have evolved by using the ideas of cryptography, Bitcoin, blockchain, blockchain security, and central bank digital currency.
- Helps in understanding the shifting banking landscape, alternative lending, and digital payments.
- Learn about Fintech applications such as smart contracts, BNPL, NFT, insurance technology, and wealth technology.
- Appreciating Regtech, Fintech rules in India, and Regulatory sandboxes.

IIT Delhi gets Centre of Excellence for Regulatory Affairs, a joint collaboration of CERC and Grid India

January 19, 2026 <https://www.psuconnect.in/education-news/iit-delhi-gets-centre-of-excellence-for-regulatory-affairs>

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi launches a Centre of Excellence for Regulatory Affairs in collaboration with Central Electricity Regulatory Commission and Grid Controller of India Limited to strengthen research, capacity building, and future-ready regulatory frameworks in India's power sector.



Power Minister, Shri Manohar Lal inaugurated the Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Regulatory Affairs in the Power Sector at IIT Delhi which is jointly established by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) and Grid Controller of India Ltd. (Grid India).

This step is a major achievement in fostering nation's regulatory capacity with power sector accelerated by the growing electricity demand, large-scale renewable energy integration, expanding power markets, and increasing use of digital technologies.

The partnership between CERC, Grid India and IIT Delhi is a unique institutional model which brings together regulatory leadership, operational expertise and academic excellence.

The collaboration is expected to contribute significantly to building robust, adaptive and future-ready regulatory frameworks for India's power sector.

The Centre of Excellence is envisaged as a national-level hub for regulatory research, capacity building, advisory support and knowledge dissemination.

The Centre will work closely with CERC and Grid India to identify key regulatory and sectoral challenges, support capacity building and human resource development to strengthen institutional capabilities and promote effective knowledge management and dissemination.

It will undertake cutting-edge research with access to global academic and policy networks, while also providing advisory and consultancy support to regulators and other power sector stakeholders.

Further, this Centre of Excellence will focus on multidisciplinary research covering power sector regulations, market design, grid operations, energy transition challenges, decarbonisation pathways, digitalisation and emerging technologies such as energy storage, demand response and green hydrogen.

It will also support regulators and system operators through evidence-based analytical inputs, while building long-term regulatory capacity through structured training programmes for sector professionals.

No more invasive procedures to study gut health: IIT Delhi and AIIMS Delhi develop and successfully test Smart Capsule to collect microbial samples from the intestine

January 17, 2026 | 1:59 PM <https://www.opindia.com/news-updates/iit-delhi-and-aiims-delhi-develop-and-successfully-test-smart-capsule-to-collect-microbe-sample-from-intestine/>





In a significant advancement for medical diagnostics, researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi have developed and successfully tested a swallowable “smart capsule” designed to collect microbiome samples directly from the small intestine. This innovative device promises to revolutionise the study and diagnosis of digestive diseases by providing non-invasive access to previously hard-to-reach gut bacteria.

The project, funded by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), addresses a critical gap in microbiome research. Traditional methods rely on invasive procedures like endoscopy or indirect stool samples, which often fail to capture the full diversity of microbes in the small intestine. The smart pill, developed at IIT Delhi’s Medical Microdevices and Medicine Laboratory, offers a safer, more accurate alternative by autonomously navigating the digestive tract to gather site-specific samples.

Measuring just 7 mm by 2.7 mm, about the size of a regular capsule, the device is encased in an enteric-coated gelatine shell that protects it from harsh stomach acids. The device is taken by mouth just like pills and capsules are taken. Once it reaches the higher pH environment of the small intestine, the coating dissolves, allowing intestinal fluid to enter, thereby collecting microbial samples. A specialized hydrogel then swells to seal the inlet, preventing contamination as the pill continues through the gut and exits naturally.

Testing conducted on Sprague-Dawley rats demonstrated the pill’s efficacy. In experiments, the device successfully transited from the stomach to the intestine in four out of five animals, collecting sufficient genetic material for detailed microbial sequencing using nanopore technology. It identified gut microbes down to the species level and even detected biochemical markers like intestinal alkaline phosphatase, an indicator of gut health. No injuries or surgical interventions were required, highlighting the safety of the device.

Prof. Sarvesh Kumar Srivastava, principal investigator at IIT Delhi, compared the human microbiome to a “hidden universe” of living microbes. “Just as we send rovers to explore outer space, we need miniaturised devices to explore the inner space of the human body,” he said.

Co-senior author Dr. Samagra Agarwal from AIIMS New Delhi’s Department of Gastroenterology and Human Nutrition Unit emphasised the clinical potential, saying, “Understanding the microbes and chemicals released there could be key to early disease detection, monitoring chronic conditions, and developing more targeted treatments.”

The findings, published in the Wiley Online Library in November 2025, have paved the way for human clinical trials, which will be conducted in the next phase of the project.

This “Made in India” innovation could transform personalised medicine, aiding in the management of conditions such as inflammatory bowel disease, infections, diabetes, and neurological disorders by unlocking deeper insights into the gut’s role in immunity, digestion, and metabolism.

From dust traps to clean-air tech: IIT-Delhi hosts innovations to curb pollution

January 17, 2026 3:24 AM IST <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/delhi-news/from-dust-traps-to-clean-air-tech-iit-delhi-hosts-innovations-to-curb-pollution-101768586033111.html>

IIT Delhi showcased 33 innovative proposals to combat air pollution, including solar-powered dust traps and emission control devices, aiming for permanent solutions.

A filter-less ionization system that cleans the air, pole-mounted dust traps that operate on solar energy, an electrostatic mist sprayer, and a high sulphur-compatible retrofit emission control device for industries — these were some of the innovations grabbing eyeballs on Friday at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, which showcased 33 shortlisted proposals under the Delhi government’s “innovation challenge” to find solutions to Delhi’s persisting problem of air pollution.

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Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Friday inaugurated the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC)’s exhibition titled Innovative Technological Solutions for Combating Air Pollution. Addressing young innovators, Gupta said, “Seeing all these innovative ideas, I see a very beautiful and better future for Delhi.”

She added that air pollution is the biggest challenge for the capital and that the government is moving beyond temporary measures to implement permanent, technology-based solutions.

“Young innovators will be the greatest force against pollution,” Gupta said.

The innovations that may eventually be adopted by the government will be finalised by the end of the month, with the aim of operationalising them by the end of 2026, Delhi environment minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa had said earlier.

The challenge, launched by the Delhi government, aimed to find practical, scalable and deployable solutions to tackle air pollution, particularly by reducing ambient particulate matter and vehicular emissions. Close to 300 applications were received, of which 33 cleared the initial screening.



The proposals were shortlisted by an eight-member expert committee headed by an IIT-Delhi professor and comprising scientists and domain experts.

One of the innovations featured a pole-mounted dust trap. “This is an advanced clean-air technology where each pole emits an EMF signal, which causes particulate matter to coagulate and become heavier before settling on the ground. Each pole has a radius of 400 metres, and a network of such poles can be established across the city using artificial intelligence,” the innovator explained.

Standing beside it was another innovation by Mumbai-based firm Zero Carbon Tech24, called the “filterless smoke and dust carbon-capturing device”.

Sirsa said, “The focus is on new technologies in pollution control so that Delhi can become a model city.”

Proposals that meet prescribed benchmarks will move to field trials and laboratory testing, with costs to be borne by the DPCC, as per guidelines. The winning projects will be eligible for incentives, including ₹5 lakh after successful expert committee evaluation and up to ₹50 lakh for solutions verified by National Physical Laboratory-equivalent labs and recommended for government adoption.

Microsoft and FITT IIT Delhi, Launch UNNATI AI Accelerator Startup Cohort

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VMPL New Delhi [India], January 15: Microsoft and FITT, IIT Delhi, today announced the launch of the startup cohort under the UNNATI AI Accelerator—a flagship initiative aimed at supporting AI-driven startups addressing critical social and developmental challenges across healthcare, education, agriculture, and sustainability. The cohort launch was hosted at the Sovereign Office, Noida, and marked [...]



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The launch event commenced with a welcome address and context setting by Mr. Pankaj Jain, Partner Director – Product Management & Site Leader, Microsoft Noida, who outlined the vision and objectives of the UNNATI AI Accelerator. This was followed by a keynote address by Dr. Nikhil Agarwal, Managing Director,

FITT, IIT Delhi, who shared perspectives on responsible AI, ethical innovation, and the role of academia-industry collaboration in shaping AI solutions for public good.



A key highlight of the event was the UNNATI AI Startup Cohort Showcase, where each selected startup presented an elevator pitch, followed by an interactive Q&A session with mentors, investors, and ecosystem stakeholders. The session provided a platform for startups to demonstrate how their AI-powered solutions address real-world challenges while ensuring scalability, inclusivity, and responsible deployment.

Selected Startups under the UNNATI AI Accelerator

The following startups have been selected for the UNNATI AI cohort based on innovation depth, impact potential, and scalability:

- Cybranex Technologies and Consultancy Pvt Ltd (Education): Unicorn Simulator—an interactive web platform enabling founders to learn unit economics, prioritization, and strategy through personalized simulations.
- ScaNxt Scientific Technologies Pvt Ltd (Agriculture): IoT-powered smart agriculture systems delivering deep-tech solutions for farmers.

- Pradivya Software Pvt Ltd (Sustainability): AI-driven predictive maintenance and industrial automation with a patented computer-vision solution for moving trains.
- Easiofy Solutions Pvt Ltd (Healthcare): ImagixAI—an AI platform automating tumor segmentation with 99% accuracy, reducing treatment planning time by 60%.
- EcoRatings Software Solutions Pvt Ltd (Sustainability): GenAI platform integrating proprietary datasets to deliver real-time sustainability insights and benchmarking.
- Superceuticals (Healthcare): Cure Catalyst—an AI-powered triage and diagnostic platform enabling early disease detection using real-world data.
- OpenSpectrum AI Pvt Ltd (Agriculture): Agrotrace—AI and IoT-based dual-sensor system measuring soil water potential and temperature with high precision.
- Biosky Space Innovations Pvt Ltd (Sustainability): High-precision energy forecasting platform leveraging satellite data, weather models, and AI-based physics modelling.
- VMI Collective Pvt Ltd (Education): Develops outcome-based learning IPs and programs through co-executed, impact-driven models.
- SNN Eduworld Pvt Ltd (Education): AptCoder—vernacular EdTech platform for coding, robotics, AI, and STEM education using patented Vernatics technology.



Through the accelerator, startups will receive structured mentorship, ecosystem access, and strategic guidance from FITT, IIT Delhi and Microsoft leaders, along with exposure to industry experts, investors, and government stakeholders. The program aims to enable startups to refine product-market fit, strengthen impact metrics, and prepare for scalable deployment across India.

Dr. Nikhil Agarwal, Managing Director, FITT, IIT Delhi, said:

“Artificial Intelligence is rapidly becoming a defining force in shaping the next generation of global technology leaders. At FITT, IIT Delhi, we strongly believe that the next wave of unicorns will not only be valued by scale, but by the depth of their impact and the responsibility with which they deploy technology. Through the UNNATI AI for Social Good Accelerator, we are enabling startups to translate cutting-edge AI research into scalable, ethical, and market-ready solutions that address real challenges in healthcare, education, agriculture, and sustainability. This platform brings together academic excellence, industry expertise, and patient capital to help founders build globally competitive AI ventures rooted in India’s social priorities.

Mr. Rajiv Kumar is managing director and president of the Microsoft India Development Center (IDC):

“AI has the power to create exponential value when it is grounded in strong fundamentals, clear problem definition, and responsible design. Many of tomorrow’s AI unicorns are likely to emerge from startups that combine deep technology with purpose-driven innovation. Through UNNATI AI, Microsoft is committed to

supporting founders, as they move from experimentation to execution—helping them define clear success metrics, achieve product-market fit, and build scalable platforms that can serve millions.”

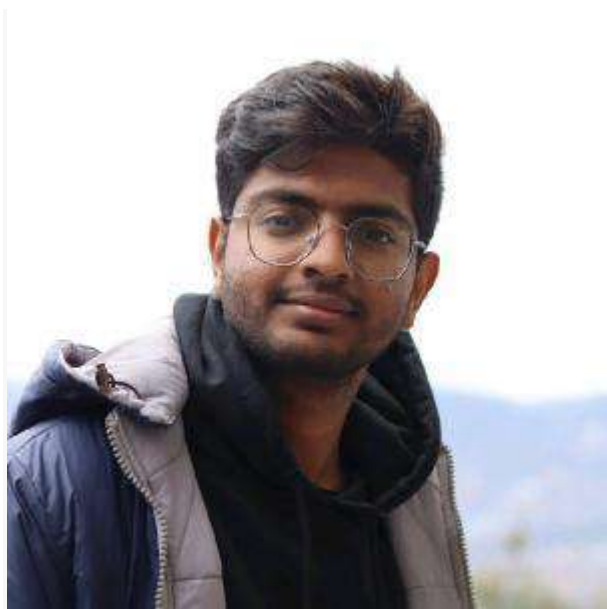
The launch concluded with networking interactions and a high tea session, fostering meaningful engagement among startups, mentors, investors, and ecosystem partners.

About the UNNATI AI Accelerator

The UNNATI AI Accelerator is a collaborative initiative by FITT, IIT Delhi and Microsoft aimed at supporting AI-driven startups that demonstrate strong innovation capabilities, responsible AI practices, and measurable social impact. The program focuses on enabling startups to scale solutions across healthcare, education, agriculture, and sustainability through mentorship, ecosystem access, and strategic guidance. For more information, please visit the website: <https://unnatiai.fitt-iitd.in/>

E-Cell IIT Delhi’s Annual Summit 2026 Unveiled by Grammy Winner Shankar Mahadevan

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Ekansh, Head of Entrepreneurship Cell, IIT Delhi

Ekansh, Head of E Cell at IIT Delhi shared his vision for India 2030

The Entrepreneurship Development Cell (eDC) of IIT Delhi is proud to announce the 2026 edition of its flagship Annual Summit, the Business & Entrepreneurship Conclave (BECon). This year's summit, themed around "Engineering the Mind of Machines," is set to be the largest to date, with a massive outreach of over 60,000 individuals and an extensive network of campus ambassadors driving innovation across India

The summit was officially unveiled via a warm video message from Grammy Award winner Shankar Mahadevan, who shared his excitement for the budding entrepreneurial talent at IIT Delhi. Adding to the digital momentum, Bollywood actor Nikita Dutta, through her Instagram, announced her co-presence at the event with Entrepreneur Smarthveer Sidana, signaling the unique convergence of cinema and technology at this year's conclave.

A Vision for "AI Era"

The 2026 summit marks a strategic shift in the entrepreneurial landscape. Ekansh Agarwal, the Head of the Entrepreneurship Cell at IIT Delhi, shared his vision for the year, noting that IIT Delhi has always been at the forefront of producing global CEOs and impactful entrepreneurs.

"In this new era, the world has moved beyond Software as a Service (SaaS). We are now looking at Cognition as a Service, AI, Semi Conductors and Deep Tech," said Ekansh. "There are massive opportunities for hardware innovation and AI. Our goal this year is to ensure that the innovation required for the next five years to excel in this AI-driven world originates from IIT Delhi. I look at Entrepreneurship as a unique combination of bringing together Creators across fields to seed innovation, for ex: in the AI era, the applications are not just limited to business rather spread across music, film making etc. "

Another student lead at Annual Summit, shared how Ekansh's vision is cross pollinating ideas across fields and bringing the best minds together.

Month-Long National Activation

The road to the Grand Summit began with BECon Regionals on January 10th, reaching talent hubs in Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, and Guwahati. Following a stop in Jaipur on January 17th, the activation will culminate in the Grand Summit at the IIT Delhi campus from January 30th to February 1st, 2026. The event features three core tracks designed to support founders at every stage:

- Blueprint: A premier business plan competition for student teams.
- Moonshot: A high-stakes funding arena for Seed and Pre-Series A pitches to top investors.

-----Startup Clinic: Personalized 1:1 mentorship focusing on GTM strategies and product-market fit. For such events, Annual Summit is featuring Entrepreneurs like Hira Nandani, Sanjeev Bigchandani et al.
The Grand Finale: Cinema & Silicon Valley Converge

The summit will conclude with a high-profile headline session on February 1st, 2026, at the iconic Open Air Theatre (OAT). Titled "Cinema & Silicon Valley Converge," the session features:

-----Nikita Dutta: Renowned actor and star of Kabir Singh, Jewel Thief, and The Big Bull.

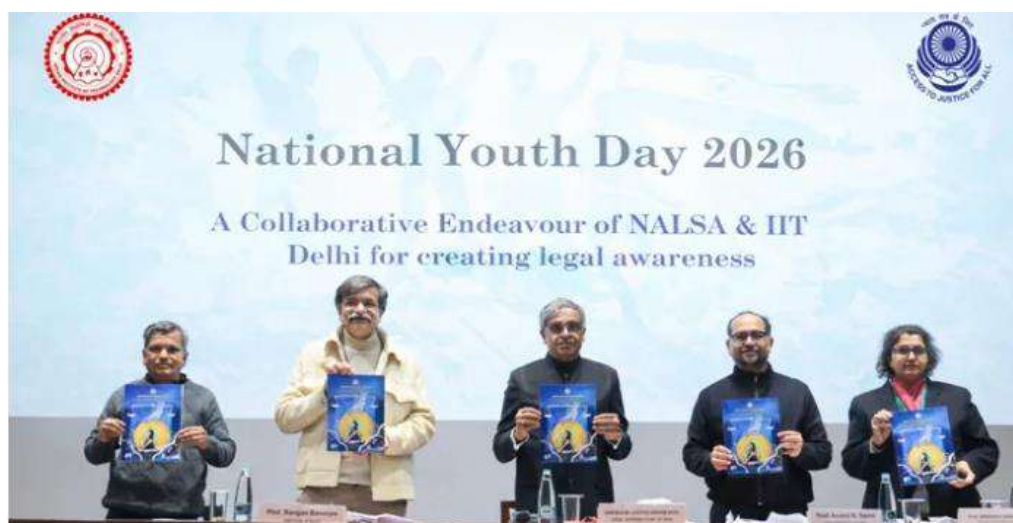
-----Smarthveer Sidana: A celebrated IIT Delhi alumnus, Entrepreneur, former BCG Management Consultant and a recognized leader featured in Forbes 30u30 (2024) and Entrepreneur Magazine's 35u35 (2022).

This final session embodies the summit's mission to bridge the gap between creative storytelling and technological disruption.

Justice Vikram Nath says ragging undermines dignity at IIT Delhi event on National Youth Day

January 12, 2026 <https://indialegallive.com/top-news-of-the-day/news/justice-vikram-nath-says-ragging-undermines-dignity-at-iit-delhi-event-on-national-youth-day/>

NALSA Executive Chairman Justice Nath emphasised ragging is a misuse of power that undermines dignity and causes fear and embarrassment. He observed that mentorship, guidance, and inclusion leave a far deeper impression than intimidation, noting that true strength lies in making others feel safe and confident rather than in dominance



Justice Vikram Nath, Executive Chairman, National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), has said that true education must integrate both knowledge and character, intellect and empathy. Justice Nath further remarked that, much like engineering, life itself is a process of learning and refinement, stating, “We build, we test, we fail safely, we learn, and we iterate.”

Speaking at the NALSA-IIT Delhi organised National Youth Day event to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on Monday, Justice Nath emphasised ragging is a misuse of power that undermines dignity and causes fear and embarrassment. He observed that mentorship, guidance, and inclusion leave a far deeper impression than intimidation, noting that true strength lies in making others feel safe and confident rather than in dominance.

Referring to constitutional values, Justice Nath noted that the Fundamental Duties call upon citizens to cultivate scientific temper, humanism, and the spirit of inquiry and reform, and highlighted that the NALSA’s Student Awareness Resource on Ragging, 2026 is intended to empower students with clarity about their rights and available support mechanisms. The Resource on Ragging, 2026, aims to enhance student legal awareness on prevention of ragging and protection of dignity in educational institutions. The resource seeks to empower students with clear information on what constitutes ragging, available safeguards, and avenues for seeking timely legal assistance.

The IIT Delhi leadership highlighted the institute’s comprehensive student welfare framework, including its zero-tolerance policy towards ragging, structured mentorship programmes, counselling services, and preventive well-being initiatives.

The programme was attended by NALSA officials, including Sanjiv Pandey, Member Secretary, NALSA, and Kunal Vepa, Director, NALSA, along with senior academic leadership of IIT Delhi, including Professor Rangan Banerjee, Director, IIT Delhi; Prof. Arvind K. Nema, Deputy Director (Operations), IIT Delhi; Prof. B.K. Panigrahi, Dean, Student Affairs, IIT Delhi; and Prof. Sreedevi Upadhyayula, Associate Dean (Student Welfare), IIT Delhi.

The event brought together students, faculty members, and senior officials from NALSA and IIT Delhi to deliberate on student well-being, mental health, and the importance of safe and inclusive educational spaces.

IIT Delhi seminar brings national focus on India’s medicinal plant sector

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A national seminar on advancing farm-gate quality assessment of medicinal plants, organised by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) on 8-9 January at the IIT Delhi, brought national focus on India's medicinal plant sector — assured quality, traceability, and standardisation of raw materials at the point of origin.



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“Experts across the Ministry of Ayush institutions, including National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPB), have called for Artificial intelligence (AI) and related technologies to monitor, verify, and document the quality and journey of medicinal plants right from the farm (the “farm-gate”) through the entire supply chain, in a two-day National Seminar on “Design and Development of Tools for Quality Assessment of Medicinal Plants at Farm Gates”,” the Ministry of Ayush said on Monday.

The seminar convened policymakers, scientists, technologists, industry leaders, and researchers to deliberate on strengthening farm-gate quality systems as a foundation for the sustainable growth and global competitiveness of India's Ayush and medicinal plant ecosystem.

The seminar was inaugurated with keynote addresses by Prof. Dr. Mahesh Kumar Dadhich, Chief Executive Officer, NMPB, and Prof. Dr. Tanuja Nesari, Director, Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA).



Their addresses set the national policy and scientific context for quality-driven growth, emphasising the need to integrate innovation, regulation, and traditional knowledge to build global confidence in Indian medicinal plant raw materials.

Technical sessions on Day One examined the entire medicinal plant value chain—from sustainable cultivation and regenerative agriculture to AI-enabled quality assessment, digital traceability, and supply-chain integration.

Experts from ICAR–Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research (DMAPR), IIT Delhi, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Ministry of Ayush , Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Himalaya Wellness, and Herbalscape Crops shared evidence-based insights and field experiences.

The discussions highlighted that India is both technically and institutionally prepared to adopt AI-based diagnostics, digital phenotyping, and integrated quality frameworks, reinforcing the credibility of Indian medicinal plant raw materials in domestic as well as international markets.

Day Two was dedicated to roadmap building through two structured expert brainstorming sessions on Integration of Artificial Intelligence in the Indian Medicinal Plant Industry, and use of Blockchain Technology for Supply-Chain Transparency and Traceability.

The sessions resulted in a strong consensus that digital tools at the farm gate—such as portable quality-testing devices, AI-enabled decision-support systems, and blockchain-based traceability platforms—are no longer optional but essential to ensure authenticity, safety, and global competitiveness of Indian herbal raw materials.

<https://news.careers360.com/iit-delhi-design-for-bharat-2026-youth-innovation-challenge-teams-exhibition-projects-posters-models-prototypes-national-selection>

IIT Delhi hosts design for Bharat 2026 exhibition; 19 shortlisted teams present projects

Vikas Kumar Pandit | January 8, 2026 | 04:35 PM IST | 2 mins read

IITD Design for Bharat 2026: Delhi-level entries are evaluated by an expert jury. Three projects are shortlisted for recommendation to the national round.



Delhi teams showcase innovative projects at IIT Delhi as part of Design for Bharat 2026 youth challenge. (Image: Official Press Release)

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Delhi) hosts a design exhibition under the national design challenge “Design for Bharat—Youth Innovation Challenge 2026,” where 19 shortlisted teams from Delhi present their work through posters, models, and prototypes. IIT Delhi serves as the nodal institute for the Design for Bharat competition in the national capital.

The exhibition forms part of the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) 2026 initiative. According to the institute, Design for Bharat was launched by the ministry of youth affairs and sports as a national platform to engage young people in developing design-based solutions relevant to Indian contexts. The challenge was open to youth aged 18 to 29 years and focuses on ideas aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

According to the organisers, the competition invited participants to identify real-world problems and propose practical design interventions rooted in local realities. The initiative aimed to encourage teamwork, problem-solving, and structured thinking across social, educational, and infrastructural themes. Entries were assessed against defined evaluation criteria before progressing to successive rounds.

IIT Delhi Design Exhibition: Shortlisting and jury evaluation

IIT Delhi states that in Delhi, more than 50 entries met the eligibility and evaluation requirements of the competition. From these, 19 teams were shortlisted in the first round and invited to exhibit their work at the IIT Delhi campus on January 2. The exhibition allowed teams to present their concepts and prototypes for detailed assessment by an expert jury.

The jury panel included faculty members and professional designers practising in the Delhi NCR region. The panel evaluated the shortlisted entries based on established parameters and selected three projects for recommendation to the national-level round of the competition.

Projects selected for national round

The selected projects include Project COSMO from the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi; Unsupervised Learners from Banarsidas Chandiwal Institute of Information Technology; and Project Nitara from Miranda House.

Officials from MY Bharat, including director Salil Kumar Agarwal, deputy director Abhay Sankar SR, and programme executive Jayant Singhal, visit the exhibition and interact with participating teams. Faculty members from the school of planning and architecture, Delhi; UPID Noida; and the department of design at IIT Delhi also review the exhibits.

Sumer Singh, associate professor, department of design, IIT Delhi, coordinates the exhibition as the nodal officer. "This event is a wonderful initiative in the domain of design, which will boost the enthusiasm of design students across the country. IIT Delhi, as a nodal institute, also extends its thanks to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, for their support, which ensured a successful exhibition," he said.

WaveX Teams With FITT, IIT Delhi To Expand Media-tech Incubation

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Under this collaboration, FITT, IIT Delhi will support the implementation and expansion of the WaveX Programme



WaveX, the startup accelerator initiative under Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT), IIT Delhi, to collaborate on strengthening innovation, incubation and entrepreneurship in media, entertainment, broadcasting and communication technologies.

The MoU was signed by the WaveX partners with FITT, IIT Delhi to expand media-tech incubation and innovation across India, in the presence of Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

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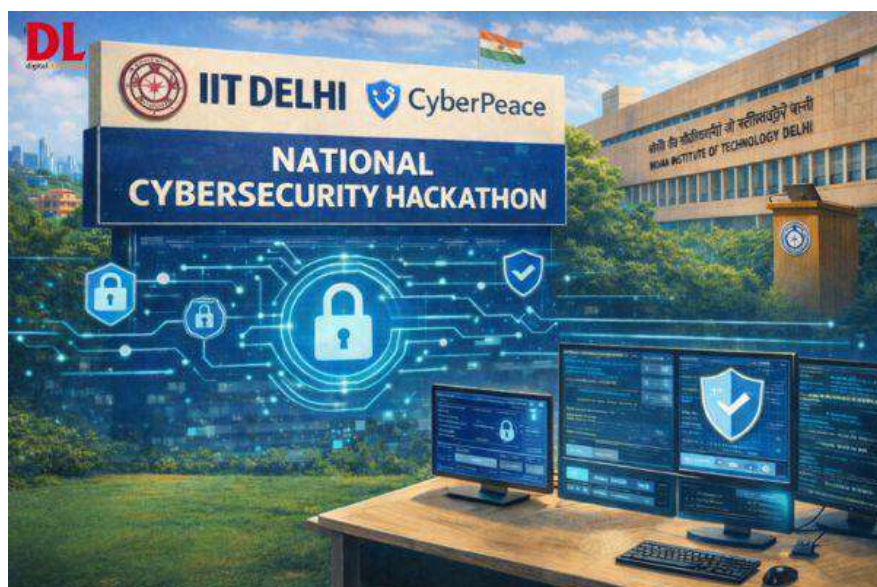
Under this collaboration, FITT, IIT Delhi will support the implementation and expansion of the WaveX Programme, a national initiative aimed at fostering innovation and entrepreneurship by establishing and strengthening incubation centres across the country. FITT will provide strategic and operational guidance for

incubator setup, facilitate engagement with other IITs and innovation hubs, offer access to technical expertise, research facilities, mentorship, IP support and enable capacity-building initiatives for startups and incubation managers.

WaveX, under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, will provide financial support, policy guidance, and national visibility for the programme. Through this collaboration, WaveX aims to nurture a future-ready media and entertainment technology ecosystem by enabling startups with funding support, mentorship, infrastructure access, industry partnerships and exposure to investors and global markets.

IIT Delhi Partners with CyberPeace to Host National Cybersecurity Hackathon

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The Indian Institute of Technology Delhi's Entrepreneurship Development Cell has joined forces with cybersecurity think tank CyberPeace to organize E-Raksha Hackathon 2026, a national-level competition focused on cybersecurity, defence AI, and digital safety solutions.

The 36-hour hackathon is scheduled to take place from January 16 to 18 at IIT Delhi campus, forming part of BECon'26, the institute's annual entrepreneurship conclave, and serving as a pre-summit event to the India AI Impact Summit 2026.

The competition will bring together student innovators from across India to develop deployable solutions addressing emerging digital threats. Participants will tackle challenges across multiple domains including AI and machine learning, threat detection, blockchain technology, and secure software development. Problem statements will focus on critical areas such as agentic AI for securing home IoT devices and detecting deepfakes.

Professor Lakshmi Narayan Ramasubramanian, In-charge of the Entrepreneurship Development Cell at IIT Delhi, emphasized that the hackathon aims to develop practical, scalable solutions addressing defence-related challenges and enhancing national security. Major Vineet Kumar, founder of CyberPeace, noted that the event would promote responsible AI, digital trust, and cybersecurity through comprehensive stakeholder engagement.

Winning solutions will be showcased at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 on February 10 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The competition offers cash prizes worth ₹3 lakh and provides participants with national visibility and opportunities to engage with senior leaders from industry, government, and policymaking circles.

IIT-Delhi gets over Rs 70 crore from 2000 batch at Silver Jubilee Reunion

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The majority of the pledged amount will be directed towards the General Endowment of IIT Delhi



IIT Delhi's class of 2000 (IIT Delhi)



The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi has received over Rs 70 crore from the batch of 2000 at the Silver Jubilee reunion. According to the institute, this is the highest pledge announced by a single graduating batch across all academic years.

The majority of the pledged amount will be directed towards the General Endowment of IIT Delhi, a statement from the Institute said, adding that this will provide IIT Delhi with long-term financial flexibility to support a wide range of initiatives, including strengthening academic programmes, advancing research and innovation, supporting student scholarships and faculty excellence, and enabling philanthropic and strategic priorities aligned with IIT Delhi's evolving needs.

The Silver Jubilee Reunion brought together the graduates of the IIT Delhi from across India and overseas.

Welcoming the announcement, Prof. Nilanjan Senroy, Dean of Alumni Relations, IIT Delhi, said, "The commitment demonstrated by the Class of 2000 reflects the deep sense of responsibility and belonging that IIT Delhi's alumni feel towards their alma mater. This exceptional pledge will significantly strengthen the Institute's efforts across research, education, and infrastructure, creating long-term impact for future generations. It also sets a powerful example that will inspire future batches to come together in supporting the Institute's continued growth and excellence."

Alumni contributions continue to play a vital role in IIT Delhi's growth and development, supporting initiatives that enhance academic excellence, research capacity, and societal impact. The pledge by the Class of 2000 stands as a testament to the power of collective alumni action in shaping the Institute's future.

Meanwhile, IIT Delhi's Entrepreneurship Development Cell and the cybersecurity think tank CyberPeace will be launching E-Raksha Hackathon 2026 from January 16 to 18. This national-level event will focus on cybersecurity, defence AI, and digital safety. The 36-hour hackathon will be part of BECon'26, the institute's annual entrepreneurship conclave, and will serve as a pre-summit event for the India AI Impact Summit 2026.