

**National Workshop**  
**on**  
**“Sustaining Innovation: Embedding R&D in State Institutions”**  
**8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Venue:** Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

**Agenda**

<b>8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (10:00 hrs – 18:45 hrs)</b>			
Time (hrs)	Session	Time Slot (hrs)	Speaker
10:00 – 11:30	<b>Inaugural Session</b>	<b>10:00 – 10:10</b>	<b>Dr. Maneesha Vinodini Ramesh</b> Pro-Vice Chancellor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham UNESCO Chair, Experiential Learning for Sustainable Innovation & Development <i>Welcome Address</i>
		<b>10:10 – 10:20</b>	<b>Prof. Dr. S. Vincent</b> Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology <i>About TANSCST</i>
		<b>10:20 – 10:35</b>	<b>Prof. Vivek Kumar Singh</b> Senior Adviser (S&T), NITI Aayog <i>Workshop Theme</i>
		<b>10:35 – 10:45</b>	<b>Address by Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi</b> Chancellor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
		<b>10:45 – 11:10</b>	<b>Dr. V. K. Paul</b> Hon'ble Member, NITI Aayog <i>Remarks</i>
		<b>11:10 - 11:15</b>	<b>Launch of Books &amp; Reports</b>
		<b>11:15 - 11:20</b>	<b>Dr. P. Ajith Kumar</b> Registrar, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham <i>Vote of Thanks</i>
		<b>11:20 - 11:21</b>	<b>National Anthem</b>
		<b>11:21 - 11:30</b>	<b>Group Photograph</b>
<b>11:30 - 12:10</b>	<b>High Tea</b>		
12:10 – 13:45	<b>Technical Session 1: Towards Synergies in Innovation Oriented Initiatives</b>	<b>Chair: Dr V. K. Paul</b> Hon'ble Member, NITI Aayog	
		<b>Moderator: Dr. Deeksha Gupta</b> Director, Global Strategy for Society Programs, American Chemical Society	
		<b>12:15 – 12:30</b>	<b>Keynote Address: Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya</b> Chief Scientist and Dean, Policy Research, NIScPR (Retd.) & Adjunct Professor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham

		<b>Panel Discussion:</b>
		<b>Ms. Anandi Iyer</b> Director, Fraunhofer Office India
	<b>12:30 – 13:25</b>	<b>Dr. Hemang Shah</b> Sr. Director, Govt. Affairs and Business Development, Applied Materials Bangalore
		<b>Shri Premananda Prusty</b> Director (DES), Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi
		<b>Dr. Raghu Raman</b> Dean, Amrita School of Business, and Director, Amrita Center for Policy Research, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham.
		<b>Dr. Ravikrishna Chebolu</b> Distinguished Scientist & Head, CSIR Innovation Complex, Mumbai.
		<b>Dr. Suchita Markan</b> Scientist & Mission In-charge, Medical Device and Diagnostics Mission Secretariat (MDMS), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
	<b>13:25 – 13:35</b>	<b>Discussion/ Q&amp;A</b>
	<b>13:35 – 13:45</b>	<b>Concluding Remarks by Chair</b>

### **LUNCH (13:45 – 15:00)**

<b>15:00 – 16:35</b>	<b>Technical Session 2:</b>  <i>Strengthening State S&amp;T Councils</i>	<b>Chair: Prof. Vinod Kumar Singh</b> President, National Academy of Sciences, India
		<b>Moderator: Dr. Parveen Arora</b> Former Advisor & Head, NSTMIS, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India
		<b>15:05 – 15:20</b> <b>Keynote Address: Dr. Nisha Mendiratta</b> Head (SSTP) & Scientist 'G', Department of Science & Technology, Government of India
		<b>Panel Discussion</b>  <b>Dr. A. R. Sarika</b> Principal Scientist, Kerala State Council for Science Technology and Environment
<b>15:20 – 16:15</b>		<b>Dr. Narottam Sahoo</b> Member Secretary, Gujarat Council for Science and Technology (GUJCOST)
		<b>Prof. Renjith Mohan</b> Program Manager, Amrita in Live-in-Labs Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
		<b>Dr. R.K. Pritamjit Singh</b>

			Scientific Officer, Manipur Science and Technology Council (MASTEC)  <b>Prof. Dr. S. Vincent</b> Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology
		<b>16:15 – 16:25</b>	<b>Discussion/ Q&amp;A</b>
		<b>16:25 – 16:35</b>	<b>Concluding Remarks by Chair</b>
<b>16:35 - 17:45</b>	<b>Innovator's Exhibition</b>		
<b>17:45 - 18:45</b>	<b>Cultural Program</b>		

<b>9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (10:00 hrs – 17:10 hrs)</b>			
<b>Time (hrs)</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Time Slot (hrs)</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>10:00 - 10:30</b>	<u><a href="#">Special Session</a></u>	<b>10:00 - 10:03</b>	<b>Dr. Maneesha Vinodini Ramesh</b> Pro-Vice Chancellor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham <i>Introducing the Speaker</i>
		<b>10:03 - 10:28</b>	<b>Shri Suman Bery</b> Hon'ble Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog <i>Special Address</i>
		<b>10:28 - 10:30</b>	<b>Prof. Vivek Kumar Singh</b> Senior Adviser (S&T), NITI Aayog <i>Vote of Thanks</i>
<b>10:30 – 12:00</b>	<u><a href="#">Technical Session 3:</a></u>  <i>Institutionalizing Innovation through State Missions: From Policy to Practice</i>	<b>Chair: Dr. Debapriya Dutta</b> Adjunct Professor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Former Advisor and Head (SEED-SSTP), Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.	
		<b>Moderator: Shri Himanshu Joshi</b> Program Lead, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog	
		<b>10:35 - 10:45</b>	<b>Keynote Address: Shri R. Ramanan</b> Former Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog
		<b>10:45 - 11:45</b>	<b>Sub-group Discussions facilitated focussed on Peer-to-peer learning to build key outcomes for State Innovation Mission (SIM) for their state</b>  Representatives from each state/UT may discuss on the following themes during the peer-to-peer learning discussion around: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Readiness and Institutional anchoring</li> <li>• Innovation Priorities of the State/UT and policy interventions</li> <li>• Embedding R&amp;D within State Institutions</li> <li>• Metrics to measure outcomes and Benchmarking with other peer State/UT</li> <li>• Support and Role of SIM in fostering Innovation in the State/UT</li> </ul> <i>Sub-group distribution is as per Appendix I</i>

		11:45 - 12:00	Concluding Remarks by Chair
<b>TEA BREAK (12:00 - 12:30)</b>			
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>  <u><b>Technical Session 4:</b></u>  <i>Linking Grassroots Innovation to State Policy</i>	<b>12:50 - 13:40</b>	<b>Chair: Prof. Lahnilawma</b> Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development, Mizoram	
		<b>Moderator: Dr. Maneesha Vinodini Ramesh</b> Pro-Vice Chancellor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham	
		<b>12:35 - 12:50</b>	<b>Keynote Address: Dr. Vipin Kumar</b> Chief Scientist, National Innovation Foundation
			<b>Panel Discussion</b>
			<b>Shri. Abhimanyu Sahu</b> Director - Access to Energy, Schneider Electric Pvt Limited
			<b>Dr. Bhavani Rao</b> Dean, School for Social and Behavioral Sciences UNESCO Chair, Gender Equality and Women Empowerment, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
			<b>Ms. Madhu Nair</b> Entrepreneur, Veegen Diet Care
			<b>Shri. Sriram Ananthanarayanan</b> Director - New Initiatives and Impact, United Way Bengaluru
	<b>Shri Rajive NP</b> Executive Director, VIBHA Vani India		
<b>13:40 - 13:50</b>		<b>Discussion/ Q&amp;A</b>	
<b>13:50 - 14:00</b>		<b>Concluding Remarks by Chair</b>	
<b>LUNCH (14:00 – 15:00)</b>			
<b>15:00 – 16:15</b>  <u><b>Technical Session 5:</b></u>  <i>Innovation Governance and Performance Benchmarking</i>	<b>15:05 - 15:15</b>	<b>Chair: Dr. Geetha Vani Rayasam</b> Director, CSIR-NIScPR	
		<b>Moderator: Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya</b> Chief Scientist and Dean, Policy Research, NIScPR (Retd.) & Adjunct Professor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham	
			<b>Keynote Address: Dr. Ashok A Sonkusare</b> Deputy Adviser, NITI Aayog
			<b>Panel Discussion</b>
			<b>Dr. Chandrabhas Narayana</b> Former Director, DBT – Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Trivandrum
			<b>Shri D. N. Venkat</b> Innovator and Entrepreneur, R. Tech Engineering
			<b>Dr. Maneesha Vinodini Ramesh</b> Pro-Vice Chancellor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
			<b>Dr. S. Kowsalya</b>

			Professor, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women.  <b>Dr. Shankar Venugopal</b> VP (Technology Innovation, Intellectual Property, and Knowledge Management), Mahindra & Mahindra
		<b>16:00 - 16:05</b>	<b>Discussion/ Q&amp;A</b>
		<b>16:05 - 16:15</b>	<b>Concluding Remarks by Chair</b>
		<b>16:15 - 16:20</b>	<b>Dr. P. Ajith Kumar</b> Registrar, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
		<b>16:20 - 16:30</b>	<b>Ms. Naba Suroor &amp; Ms. Simarjot Kaur</b> NITI Aayog Key points from the sessions
<b>16:15 – 17:10</b>	<b>Key Takeaways &amp; Way Forward</b>	<b>16:30 - 16:55</b>	<b>Way Forward</b>  <b>Dr. Deeksha Gupta</b> Director, Global Strategy for Society Programs, American Chemical Society  <b>Dr. Parveen Arora</b> Former Advisor & Head, NSTMIS, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India  <b>Shri Himanshu Joshi</b> Program Lead, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog  <b>Dr. Maneesha Vinodini Ramesh</b> Pro Vice Chancellor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham  <b>Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya</b> Chief Scientist and Dean, Policy Research, NIScPR (Retd.) & Adjunct Professor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
		<b>16:55 - 17:05</b>	<b>Address by Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi</b> Chancellor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
		<b>17:05 - 17:10</b>	<b>Dr. Thyagaraju B.M.</b> Vote of Thanks

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## Appendix I

S.N.	Name	Designation	Organisation	Group
1	Dr. Arvind Kumar	Sc. G & Advisor, Head NSTMIS	Department of Science and Technology	1
2	Dr. Parveen Arora	Former Advisor & Head, NSTMIS	DST	2
3	Dr. Prashasti Singh	Assistant Professor	SRCC, University of Delhi	3
4	Dr. Anurag Kanaujia	Scientist	CSIR NIScPR, New Delhi	4
5	Smt. Chithra Arumugam, IAS	Additional Chief Secretary to Government, S&T Department	Odisha	5
6	Ms. Chinmayee Chetna Dash	Deputy Secretary to Government, S&T Department	Odisha	3
7	Dr. Geetha Vani Rayasam	Director	CSIR-NIScPR	1
8	Dr Nisha Mendiratta	Head (SSTP) & Scientist G	DST	3
9	Ms. Anandi Iyer	Director	Fraunhofer Office India	2
10	Shri Premananda Prusty	Directorate of Economic & Statistics	Director	4
11	PROF.DR.S.VINCENT	MEMBER SECRETARY	Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology	1
12	Prof V RAMASWAMI	Associate Professor	Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology	2
13	Hema P	Project Associate - II	Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology	3
14	Dr B Vishnupriya	Project scientist	Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology	4
15	MANIKANDAN V	OFFICE ASSISTANT	Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology	5

16	Prof. K. Sarat Kumar	Member Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Science and Technology (APCOST)	Andhra Pradesh	3
17	Dr. Narottam Sahoo	Member Secretary, Gujarat Council for Science and Technology (GUJCOST)	Gujarat	1
18	Dr. A. R. Sarika	Principal Scientist, Kerala State Council for Science Technology and Environment	Kerala	2
19	Dr. R.K. Pritamjit Singh	Scientific Officer, Manipur Science and Technology Council (MASTEC)	Manipur	4
20	Dr. Deeksha Gupta	Director, Global Strategy for Society Programs	American Chemical Society	5
21	Dr. Vipin Kumar	Director and Chief Innovation Officer	National Innovation Foundation	2
22	Dr. Ravikrishna Chebolu	Distinguished Scientist & Head,	CSIR Innovation Complex, Mumbai	1
23	Dr. Sripathi Rao Kulkarni	Senior Principal Scientist	CSIR Innovation Complex, Mumbai	3
24	Chandrabhas Narayana	Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research	Professor	4
25	Dr. Shankar Venugopal	VP (Technology Innovation, Intellectual Property, and Knowledge Management)	Mahindra & Mahindra	5
26	Shri C N Prem Kumar	AVP	StartupTN, Government of Tamil Nadu	1
27	Abhimanyu Sahu	Director - Access to Energy	Schneider Electric Pvt Limited	2

28	Dr. Suchita Markan	Scientist & Mission In-charge	Medical Device and Diagnostics Mission Secretariat (MDMS) ICMR	3
29	Dr. Bhavna Dixit	Joint Director	Rajya Niti Aayog, Chhattisgarh	4
30	Dr. Hemang Shah	Sr. Director, Govt. Affairs and Business Development	Applied Materials, Bengaluru	5
31	Ms. Madhu Nair	Entrepreneur	Veegen Diet Care	2
32	Shri Rajive NP	Executive Director	VIBHA Vani, India	3
33	Dr. S. Kowsalya	Professor, Department of Food Science and Nutrition	Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women	5
34	Mrs. M. Ramya Siva Selvi	Subject Matter Specialist	KVK Theni	1
35	Dr. K.Senthilkumar	CEO	AIC-NIFT TEA Incubation Centre for Textiles and Apparels, Tamil Nadu	5
36	Dr. C. Chandra Mouli	CEO	AIC - SKU Confederation, Andhra Pradesh	4
37	Dr. M. G. Anantha Prasad	CEO	AIC - Jyothy, Karnataka	3
38	Ms. Savitha Prakash	Manager	AIC - Jyothy, Karnataka	2
39	Dr. B Nagaraj	COO	AIC - RAISE Foundation, Tamil Nadu	1
40	Shri B Vinod Kumar	CEO	CODISSIA Defence Innovation and Atal Incubation Centre, Tamil Nadu	5
41	Ms. Vinitha Ramanathan	Sr. Program Executive	CODISSIA Defence Innovation and Atal Incubation Centre, Tamil Nadu	4
42	Shri Raman Kant	CEO	ACIC KL Startups, Andhra Pradesh	3
43	RamanKanth Vallabhaneni	Chief Executive Officer	ACIC KL Startups Foundation	2

44	Mr. Vishnu Varadan V	CEO	AIC Engineering College Foundation, Pondicherry	1
45	Prof. Renjith Mohan	Program Manager, Amrita in Live-in-Labs	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham	1
46	Dr. Raghu Raman	Dean, Amrita School of Business, and Director, Amrita Center for Policy Research	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham	2
47	Prof. Krishnasree Achuthan	Dean, PG Programs & Online Programs	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham	3
48	Dr. Nava Subramaniam	Dean & HoS, School of Business, Coimbatore	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham	4
49	Dr. Manoj P.	Dean & HoS, School of Business, Bengaluru	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham	5
50	Dr. Prema Nedungadi	Associate Dean, School of Computing, UNESCO Chair on Assistive Technologies in Education, and Director, AmritaCREATE	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Amritapuri	1
51	A R Shanker	Professor of Practice	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetan, Amritapuri	2