



**National Workshop
on**

“Sustaining Innovation: Embedding R&D in State Institutions”

8th – 9th January 2026

Venue: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

Agenda

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

		12:30 – 13:25	<u>Panel Discussion:</u> Ms. Anandi Iyer Director, Fraunhofer Office India Dr. Hemang Shah Sr. Director, Govt. Affairs and Business Development, Applied Materials Bangalore Shri Premananda Prusty Director (DES), Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Dr. Raghu Raman Dean, Amrita School of Business, and Director, Amrita Center for Policy Research, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham. Dr. Ravikrishna Chebolu Distinguished Scientist & Head, CSIR Innovation Complex, Mumbai. Dr. Suchita Markan Scientist & Mission In-charge, Medical Device and Diagnostics Mission Secretariat (MDMS), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)	
			13:25 – 13:35	Discussion/ Q&A
			13:35 – 13:45	Concluding Remarks by Chair
LUNCH (13:45 – 15:00)				
15:00 – 16:35	<u>Technical Session 2:</u> <i>Strengthening State S&T Councils</i>	Chair: Prof. Vinod Kumar Singh President, National Academy of Sciences, India		
		Moderator: Dr. Parveen Arora Former Advisor & Head, NSTMIS, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India		
		15:05 – 15:20	Keynote Address: Dr. Nisha Mendiratta Head (SSTP) & Scientist ‘G’, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India	
		15:20 – 16:15	<u>Panel Discussion</u> Dr. A. R. Sarika Principal Scientist, Kerala State Council for Science Technology and Environment Dr. Narottam Sahoo Member Secretary, Gujarat Council for Science and Technology (GUJCOST) Prof. Renjith Mohan Program Manager, Amrita in Live-in-Labs Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Dr. R.K. Pritamjit Singh	

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

9 th January 2026 (10:00 hrs – 17:10 hrs)			
Time (hrs)	Session	Time Slot (hrs)	Speaker
10:00 - 10:30	Special Session	10:00 - 10:03	Dr. Maneesha Vinodini Ramesh Pro-Vice Chancellor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham <i>Introducing the Speaker</i>
		10:03 - 10:28	Shri Suman Bery Hon'ble Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog <i>Special Address</i>
		10:28 - 10:30	Prof. Vivek Kumar Singh Senior Adviser (S&T), NITI Aayog <i>Vote of Thanks</i>
10:30 – 12:00	Technical Session 3: <i>Institutionalizing Innovation through State Missions: From Policy to Practice</i>	Chair: Dr. Debapriya Dutta Adjunct Professor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Former Advisor and Head (SEED-SSTP), Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.	
		Moderator: Shri Himanshu Joshi Program Lead, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog	
		10:35 - 10:45	Keynote Address: Shri R. Ramanan Former Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog
		10:45 - 11:45	Sub-group Discussions facilitated focussed on Peer-to-peer learning to build key outcomes for State Innovation Mission (SIM) for their state 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"> ● State Readiness and Institutional anchoring ● Innovation Priorities of the State/UT and policy interventions ● Embedding R&D within State Institutions ● Metrics to measure outcomes and Benchmarking with other peer State/UT ● Support and Role of SIM in fostering Innovation in the State/UT <i>Sub-group distribution is as per Appendix I</i>

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

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

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, Bangaluru	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 Pondicherry 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 Vidyapeethan, Amritapuri	2