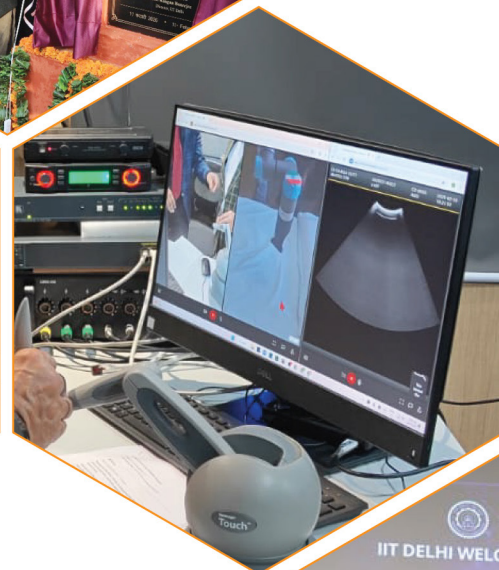


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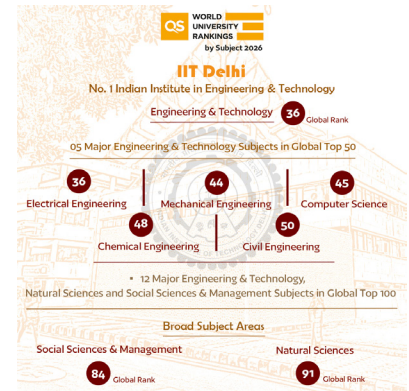
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## QS Subject Rankings 2026: IIT Delhi No.1 Indian Institute in Engineering & Technology; 5 Major Subjects in Global Top 50

In the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026, IIT Delhi continues to be the top Indian institute in the Engineering & Technology category with a global rank of 36. Moreover, several major IIT Delhi engineering and technology subjects registered a remarkable improvement in their world rankings and emerged as global top 50 subjects. Electrical Engineering secured the highest rank, i.e., 36, followed by Mechanical Engineering (44), Computer Science (45), Chemical Engineering (48), and Civil Engineering (50). 12 Major subjects within the broad subject areas of Engineering and Technology, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences & Management have notably secured a place in the top 100 list.



Data Science and AI (Rank: 51-100), Mineral & Mining (51-100), Environmental Sciences (78), Materials Science (64), Mathematics (86), Business & Management Studies (71), Statistics & Operational Research (51-100). IIT Delhi has also been listed among the top 100 world institutions in the Natural Sciences (91st rank) and Social Sciences and Management (84th) categories.

## DMSE Launches First-of-its-Kind Comic Book–Style Brochure

To bring the world of materials engineering alive through humor, storytelling, and vibrant art, the Department of Materials Science and Engineering (DMSE) at IIT Delhi took a creative initiative and released a first-of-its-kind comic book–style brochure. At the heart of the comic titled ‘DMSE—Delivering a Material Safari Experience’ is Prof. Padarth, the newly introduced mascot and ‘sutradhar’ of the DMSE. Presented as a witty guide, Prof. Padarth accompanies a curious student on a jungle-safari-themed journey through the diverse terrains of materials science, from metals and ceramics to polymers, data science, and emerging smart materials.



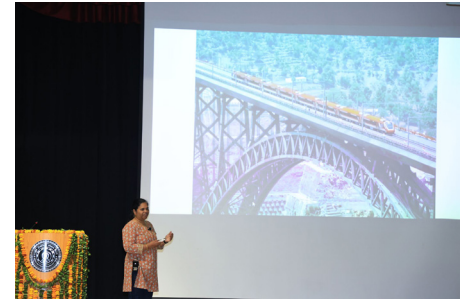
## IIT Delhi Organises Anveshan for Final-Year UG and PG Students



On March 21, 2026, the Institute organised “Anveshan: Innovation & Exploration Across Disciplines” for final-year non-IIT Delhi UG and PG students at its Hauz Khas campus. Anveshan provided the participants, who are aspiring to pursue higher studies at IIT Delhi, an opportunity to visit the Institute and engage in discussions with its faculty and students. Anveshan was organised as part of the #ExperienceIITD initiative by the Office of Academic Outreach and New Initiatives. Under this initiative, IIT Delhi also hosted an Open House in Kota for the JEE aspirants.

## International Women's Day Celebrated

As part of the International Women's Day (IWD) celebrations at IIT Delhi, Dr. G. Madhavi Latha from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, delivered a keynote lecture titled "Being Woman, Breaking Barriers, Becoming Significant," in which she focused on her 17-year work as a geotechnical consultant on the Chenab Rail Bridge in Jammu & Kashmir. To mark IWD, the Board for Sports Activities (BSA) organised a day of fun, fitness, and friendship. A poster competition open to all students, staff, and faculty members on the theme "If women could say it out loud - what would they want?" was held. "A Festival of Gender & STEM" was organized by STEMtheGap. The Central Library, IIT Delhi, organised a 4-day book exhibition to celebrate IWD. As part of Kaizen, the annual fest of NSS IIT Delhi, a special session titled "Redefining Equality," aimed at fostering dialogue on gender equality, leadership, and the role of youth in building an inclusive society, was held.



## Mid-career Refresher Course for Naval Constructor (NC) Officers



A two-week Mid-career Refresher Course (MCRC) for 17 Naval Constructor (NC) officers of the rank of Cdr/Lt Cdr was conducted from March 2-13, 2026, at Naval Construction Wing, Applied Mechanics Dept., IIT Delhi. MCRC, as part of the Continuing Education Programme, facilitates the professional development of NC Officers with 10-16 years of service with the objective of refreshing the fundamentals of Naval Architecture and updating the officers on the latest developments in Warship/Submarine design, construction, and maintenance.

## Aarohan 2026: India on the World Stage

A three-day international, multidisciplinary seminar organised and hosted by IIT Delhi at the R&I Park (9-11 March 2026) convened young designers, technologists, entrepreneurs, and researchers to examine how youth-led research and innovation are reshaping India's global presence, not only as a consumer but also as a producer of knowledge in a new era. Sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the event was inaugurated by the Additional Secretary, MoYAS, Shri Nitesh Kumar Mishra, and Prof. Ashwini Agrawal, Dean R&D, IIT Delhi.



## 2nd Chidambaram Memorial Lecture Held



IIT Delhi organised the second edition of the Chidambaram Memorial Lecture on March 5, 2026. Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Secretary, DSIR & Director General, CSIR, delivered the lecture titled 'Energy Security for Viksit Bharat 2047: Science, Strategy and Self-Reliance'.

## IIT Delhi, SAI, UK's Exeter University Join Hands for a Training Program in Sports Technology



The training program in Sports Technology, Machine Learning, and Data Analytics was held at IIT Delhi from March 2-6, 2026. The program emphasized experiential learning through direct engagement with advanced sports technologies used in contemporary research and high-performance environments. It was an intensive in-person training and upskilling opportunity for sports coaches, physios, fitness professionals, sports scientists, and entrepreneurs. Top faculty from IIT Delhi, University of Exeter, scientists and practitioners from SAI, and industry professionals from leading sporting academies and organizations provided training to the participants.

## Indo-Italian Workshop in Physics



An Indo-Italian Workshop in Physics was held from February 26–28, 2026. Jointly organized by IIT Delhi and the Embassy of Italy, New Delhi, the workshop celebrated the rich scientific collaboration between Indian and Italian scientists across various areas of physics, ranging from fundamental to applied research. Prof. Atish Dabholkar, Director of ICTP, Italy, graced the inauguration ceremony and delivered a talk.

## ISA and IIT Delhi Deepen Partnership to Advance Solar Skills Across Member Countries

On February 25, 2026, the International Solar Alliance and IIT Delhi formalised a Framework for Action (FFA) to strengthen cooperation in advancing renewable energy, with a strong focus on capacity building, academic collaboration, and human resource development across ISA member countries. The partnership will support the training of renewable energy engineers, Solar Technology Application Centre (STAR-C) trainers, and research professionals while promoting joint research, knowledge exchange, and technology cooperation in the field of solar energy.



## MoU Signed with Jindal Steel to Establish Nodal CoE for Structural Steel Research and Innovation



The Nodal Centre of Excellence (CoE) is dedicated to advancing structural steel research, design innovation, and skilling, with a strong focus on high-strength and performance-oriented steel applications. The CoE will work toward modernising codes, standards, and design methodologies, promoting performance-based design, durability, low-damage systems, multi-hazard resilience, and reduced carbon footprint.

## OpenAI CEO Sam Altman Visits IIT Delhi

Mr. Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI, visited IIT Delhi on February 20, 2026, and participated in a conversation with Mr. Vinod Khosla, founder of Khosla Ventures and a distinguished IIT Delhi alumnus (B.Tech., Electrical, '76). The conversation culminated in an "Ask Me Anything" session with the students. Sam Altman also met with Prof. Rangan Banerjee, Director, IIT Delhi; Prof. Arvind Nema, Deputy Director (Operations); and Prof. Vivek Buwa, Deputy Director (Strategy and Planning).



## MCD Recognises IIT Delhi as a Zero Waste Institution



The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has recognized IIT Delhi as a 'Zero Waste Institution' for its commitment to sustainable waste management and environmental responsibility.

Shri Atul Vyas, Registrar, IIT Delhi, received the certificate of achievement from the MCD (South Zone) Dy. Commissioner, Shri Dilkhush Meena, IAS, on February 18, 2026.

## Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan Lays Foundation Stones for Academic Block and Girls Hostel at IIT Delhi

Foundation stones for Academic Block-103 and Girls Hostel-50B were laid on February 11, 2026. Academic Block-103, with a built-up area of approximately 5 lakh sq. ft., will be IIT Delhi's first 10-storey academic building, rising to a height of 36.75 meters with two basement levels. The facility will comprise 31 classrooms and lecture theatres, 150 research laboratories, 150 faculty offices, and conference rooms. The New Girls Hostel-50B, with a built-up area of approximately 3.9 lakh sq. ft., is designed in a B+G+12 configuration and will provide accommodation for 1400 students.



## IHFC Launches Lab to Market 2.0: Driving Research to Real-World Impact



IHFC technology innovation hub of IIT Delhi, launched its Lab to Market 2.0 series in collaboration with its Co-Innovation Centres at SRM Institute of Science and Technology (29 January) and IEST Shibpur (27-28 February), with a focused mission to bridge the gap between academic research and commercialization. These workshops consisted of sessions that provided practical insights and a gateway to translational research, marketing strategies, discussions on startup journeys from the IHFC ecosystem, and concluded with group presentations that put these lessons to practice on real world problems.

## Union Communications Minister Interacts with IIT Delhi Students



As part of the outreach initiative “Bharat Sampark—Engaging India’s Young Minds,” the Union Minister of Communications & Development of the Northeastern Region, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, on January 30, 2026, visited IIT Delhi. During the interaction, students engaged with the Minister on a wide range of issues, including technology adoption, logistics, innovation, research collaboration, and opportunities for youth participation in public institutions. Shri Scindia also visited the Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology and Management at IIT Delhi, where students presented cutting-edge advancements in tactile internet and haptic robotics technology.

## Third Edition of Transformative Leadership in STEMM Workshop Held

The third edition of the “Transformative Leadership in STEMM (TLS) Workshop” for Ph.D. scholars from the SC/ST Community was held from January 28 to 30, 2026. The aim of the TLS Workshop is to encourage and empower advanced-stage Ph.D. scholars from the SC/ST community to apply for faculty positions at IITs, NITs, and other higher education institutions (HEIs). This year’s workshop focused on the disciplines of Chemical Engineering, Textile & Fibre Engineering, Atmospheric Science, Materials Science & Engineering.

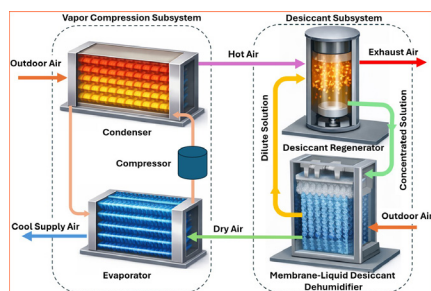


## Aarogya Health Talk Series

Under the Aarogya Health Talk series, the 10th lecture, titled ‘Dissociating Healthcare from Wealth,’ was delivered virtually by Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty, Founder & Chairperson at Narayana Health Group of Hospitals. Dr. Shetty addressed one of the most critical challenges in healthcare today—ensuring that access to quality medical services is not determined by an individual’s financial capacity. The talk was organised jointly by the IIT Delhi Hospital and the Academic Outreach office.



## Researchers Developing a High-Efficiency AC Capable of Reducing Electricity Use by a Third



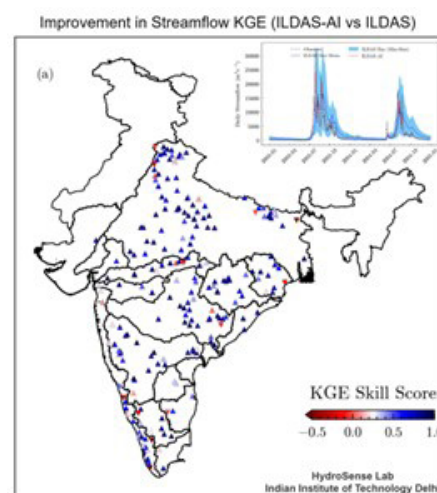
The research team of Prof. Anurag Goyal and a PhD research scholar, Ananthkrishnan K, from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, is currently testing a laboratory-scale prototype of this proposed system, which has shown potential to reduce electricity use by roughly a third. The system is designed to precisely match the energy transfer rate in the two parts, vapor compression and desiccant modules, across various outdoor conditions in our country. Using the proposed system at typical operating conditions, total electricity consumption decreased from approximately

1200 W for a standard room AC to about 800 W for the hybrid, resulting in around 33% lower energy consumption, while meeting the same indoor comfort targets. Across representative Indian climates, the predicted savings range from 28% (in very humid areas) to 41.5% (in dry and arid areas).

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/Xjnrg>

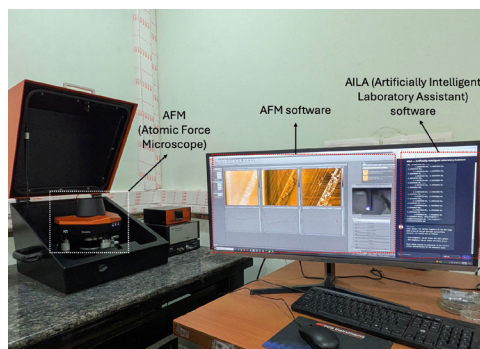
## Hybrid Physics-AI Framework for National-Scale River Flow Modeling Developed

Accurate river flow information is critical for water resources management, including irrigation scheduling, flood risk reduction, and reservoir operations. However, large-scale hydrological models often produce significant uncertainties in streamflow estimates at local scales unless extensive basin-specific calibration is performed. Such calibration is computationally expensive and challenging to implement across a country as hydrologically diverse as India. Addressing this challenge, IIT Delhi researchers comprising PhD scholar Bhanu Magotra and Prof. Manabendra Saharia from IIT Delhi's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Yardi School of Artificial Intelligence developed a novel integrated framework that combines the physical consistency of land surface models with the computational efficiency of AI.



Read more: <https://shorturl.at/sB8he>

## AI Agent 'AILA' That Can Conduct Real Scientific Experiments Like Human Scientists Created



Until now, AI models like ChatGPT have served mainly as digital assistants — helping draft documents, answer questions, and analyse data. But IIT Delhi researchers, including Indrajeet Mandal, a PhD scholar at the School of Interdisciplinary Research; Prof. N. M. Anoop Krishnan (Civil Engineering & Yardi School of AI); and Prof. Nitya Nand Gosvami (Materials Science and Engineering), have now pushed these boundaries much further, developing AILA (Artificially Intelligent Lab Assistant), an AI agent capable of stepping into real laboratories and carrying out scientific experiments from start to finish, much like a human scientist. The research focused on the Atomic

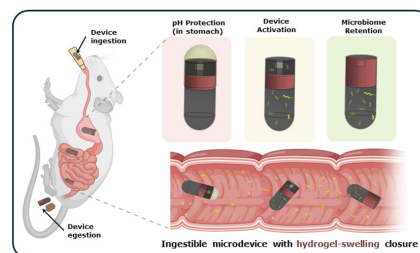
Force Microscope (AFM), a sophisticated instrument that examines materials at incredibly tiny scales. Remarkably, AILA can now control this complex device, make real-time decisions during experiments, and analyse results independently.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/1FaN4>

## Swallowable Microdevice That Can Collect Microbial Samples from the Small Intestine Developed

Researchers at IIT Delhi have developed an ingestible device that can sample bacteria directly from the small intestine, opening a new window into the human gut microbiome.

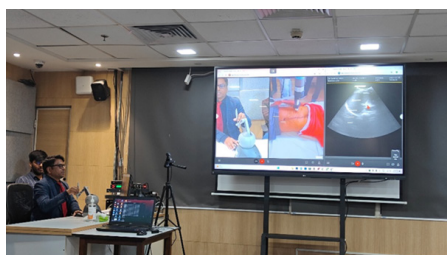
According to Prof. Sarvesh Kumar Srivastava, Principal Investigator at the Medical Microdevices and Medicine Laboratory (3MLab), Centre for Biomedical Engineering, once swallowed, the small pill-like ingestible microdevice stays shut in the stomach. It opens only in the intestine to collect bacteria, then seals itself again to keep the sample safe while moving through the gut.



The team has already filed the patent and validated their gut-sampling technology in an animal model using a microdevice no larger than a grain of rice! The effort now is to advance this platform technology to help Indian patients in the clinic after necessary approvals.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/44fIY>

## Remote Healthcare: AI-powered Tele-Robotic Ultrasound Links Delhi to Antarctica



A breakthrough innovation from the IHFC READY program - now incubated as ViTachyon Robotics, led by founders Siddharth Gupta and Udayan Banerjee, the Tele-Robotic Ultrasound Diagnostics System (TRUS) was successfully deployed at India's Maitri Station in Antarctica.

Developed jointly by AIIMS New Delhi and IHFC in collaboration with the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, the system

enabled a doctor seated in Delhi to conduct a real-time ultrasound examination of a volunteer located over 12,000 kilometres away in Antarctica.

A landmark live demonstration of TRUS connecting AIIMS New Delhi with India's Maitri Research Station in Antarctica was successfully conducted in February 2026, marking a historic advancement in remote medical technology for extreme environments. Union Minister of State (I/C) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh, witnessed the live demonstration.



Labs at IIT Delhi

# Industrial Research and Development

## Sponsored Research & Consultancy Projects Initiated Through IRD Unit during January – March 2026

85 Sponsored Research Projects		Total Sanctioned Fund ₹ 10864.94 Lacs
Project Department/Centre/School	No. of Projects	Sanctioned Funds (Rs. in Lacs)
Department of Applied Mechanics	3	171.34
Department of Biochemical Engineering & Biotechnology	4	385.78
Department of Chemical Engineering	2	225.2
Department of Chemistry	7	506.21
Department of Civil Engineering	5	330.25
Department of Computer Science & Engineering	4	426.22
Department of Design	5	891.3
Department of Electrical Engineering	7	872.79
Department of Energy Science and Engineering	5	680.1
Department of Humanities & Social Sciences	1	94.84
Department of Management Studies	1	76.57
Department of Mechanical Engineering	1	18.00
Department of Physics	5	95.87
Department of Textile & Fibre Engineering	3	76.20
Centre for Atmospheric Sciences (CAS)	2	262.99
Centre for Automotive Research and Tribology (CART)	1	61.32
Centre for Biomedical Engineering (CBME)	11	3384.72
Centre for Rural Development & Technology (CRDT)	2	117.60
Centre for Sensors, Instrumentation and Cyber Physical Systems Engineering	1	1467.68
Optics and Photonics Centre	1	16.68
Transportation Research and Injury Prevention Centre (TRIPC)	1	30.96
Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology & Management	8	44.83
Kusuma School of Biological Sciences	2	106.58
Amar Nath and Shashi Khosla School of Information Technology	1	329.31
School of Public Policy	1	174.18
Office of Dean (Diversity and Inclusion)	2	30.96

91 Consultancy Projects		Total Sanctioned Fund ₹ 909.18 Lacs	
Project Department	No. of Projects	Sanctioned Funds (Rs. in Lacs)	
Department of Applied Mechanics	9	61.91	
Department of Civil Engineering	66	612.60	
Department of Computer Science & Engineering	2	64.70	
Department of Design	1	4.26	
Department of Electrical Engineering	1	21.61	
Department of Management Studies	3	6.68	
Department of Mechanical Engineering	4	77.15	
Department of Textile & Fibre Engineering	2	10.00	
Centre for Biomedical Engineering	2	17.81	
School of Public Policy	1	32.46	



## Significant Research Activities

### Global Research Partnership (GRP) Programme

- Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (HUJI)-IITD GRP



Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI), Israel and IIT Delhi contributed matching funds to support 5 projects over a period of 2 years in the areas of temperature-dependent RNA riboswitches using AI/ML model, Ciphertext Security, Robust Reasoning, Engineering the Plant Microbiome, and Control of Single Photons Emitted by Quantum Dots, starting from 1st January 2026.

- HUJI Delegation Visits IIT Delhi

During the visit on February 10, 2026, discussions were held on co-supervision arrangements at the PhD level, establishing reciprocal exchange, development of a joint HUJI-IITD PhD programme, collaboration between scientists in the area of quantum materials and devices, etc. An interactive lecture titled "Startup Nation: The Israeli Entrepreneurial Mindset through Seven Hebrew Words" by Dr Amnon Dekel, CEO, Asper HUJI Innovate, was also organised for IITD students.



- Academic Visit to UCL



Following the University College London (UCL) delegation visit to IIT Delhi on 20 November 2025, and the identification of synergies between Prof. Gail Taylor and Prof. Shilpi Sharma, a half-day visit to UCL was organised after the 13th Microbiome Interactions meeting in Hinxton, UK. The visit included discussions with faculty from the Centre for Biodiversity and Environment on research interests and collaboration

opportunities, with a focus on initiating joint student supervision. The interaction concluded positively, with mutual interest in expanding collaborations beyond existing areas.

## IRD Student Schemes

### • IRD Startup Action & Discover & Learn (1-2-3-4)

A total of eight new student projects were supported for funding in varied areas of research starting from March 2, 2026. Of these, three projects namely AI-Powered Intelligence for Indian Real Estate Valuation, Photonic Tensor Core Design, and Radar Transmitter IC for Short-Range Sensing Systems are under student startup action, and five are Discover & Learn (1-2-3-4) projects in the thrust areas of Recombinant Bacterial System for Lignin Decomposition, FinLLM India, Electric Bicycle and Retrofit Kit for Short Distance Mobility, Smarter Laser System for Uniform Material Processing, and Low-cost infusion pump.



### • Healthcare Technologies Jointly Developed by IIT Delhi and AIIMS Showcased



On the occasion of the 5th AIIMS Annual Research Day on January 30, 2026, Prof. Ashwini K. Agrawal, Dean (R&D), IIT Delhi, participated in a panel discussion titled “The Need to Dream Big: Grand Challenges.” Nearly 10 healthcare technologies jointly developed by IIT Delhi and AIIMS, New Delhi were also showcased. These included: painless intraocular drug delivery systems; wearable electronics for swallow-graphy; design and fabrication of auxetic vascular stents; transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS) for the treatment of major depression; an AI model for detecting malignant potential of pulmonary nodules in sarcoma; a digital visual acuity test for pre-verbal children; virtual reality (VR)-assisted 3D endoscopes for minimal-access (laparoscopic) surgery; a low-cost, lightweight polycentric polymeric knee joint (PPKJ); a high-fidelity bilayer colon simulation model for surgical training; and a biocompatible dressing for hypospadias repair. To further strengthen IIT Delhi-AIIMS collaboration, both have jointly established the “AIIMS-IIT Delhi HealthTech Accelerator”.

## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- IIT Delhi and Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS), GoI signed an MoU on January 06, 2026, for organising Aarohan 2026, an international, multidisciplinary seminar exploring how youth-led innovation is reshaping India's global presence.
- IIT Delhi and Stichting Blockchain for Impact Foundation, Netherlands, signed an MoU on February 4, 2026, to establish the National MedTech Acceleration Hub (NAMAH) at IIT Delhi through the ICMR-DHR MedTech Product Development and Acceleration Gateway of India (mPragati). NAMHA was launched in the presence of Shri Sandeep Nailwal (Co-founder, BFI), Prof. Ashwini Agrawal, and Dr. Gaurav Singh and it aims to accelerate the translational pathway from Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) 2 to 7.



## IRD New Initiatives

### • Streamlining Payment Process for Consumable Items



To expedite the payment process for consumable items purchased from sponsored research projects/consultancy projects/other internal projects (related to IRD), all concerned PI/CI shall submit the duly filled Consumable Form (C-Form) along with supporting bills directly to IRD through the department dispatch number. There is no requirement to mention the serial number or make any entry in the register maintained by the storekeeper or in the office of the respective HoO/HoC/HoS. IRD will maintain department/centre/school-wise records after assigning the serial number on the C-Form. This procedure is effective from 15th December 2025.

# International Connect

During January-March 2026, IIT Delhi hosted several international delegations, strengthening collaborations with partner universities and industry leaders worldwide. These engagements provided valuable opportunities to explore joint initiatives and deepen institutional partnerships.

## Ministerial and High-Level Diplomatic Engagements



Romania: H.E. Clara Volintiru, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, focused on cryogenics, supply chain excellence, and AI incubators. (March 2, 2026)



Egypt: H.E. Raafat Hendy, Minister of Communication and Information Technology, discussed AI applications and faculty-student exchange. (Feb 20, 2026)



New Zealand: Hon. Shane Reti, Minister of Universities, explored the Research & Innovation Park to witness technology translation and bioeconomy initiatives. (Feb 18, 2026)



Japan: Mr. Ichita Yamamoto, Governor of Gunma Prefecture, focused on enhancing student employability through Indo-Japan industry linkages. (Feb 6, 2026)

## Other Important Engagements



Coventry University, England: A 3-day workshop was conducted with Coventry University with discussion centered around areas of collaboration including faculty exchange, student exchange, summer internships etc. (Feb 23-25, 2026)



University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC): High-level dialogues with representative from UIUC identified specific areas of collaboration like Agricultural technology, techno entrepreneurship etc. (Feb 20, 2026)



RWTH Aachen University (Germany): Rector Prof. Ulrich Rüdiger conducted detailed lab visits at Physics and Materials Science Dept. to strengthen DAAD-funded mobility. (Feb 16, 2026)



**NZ Prime Minister's Scholarship:**  
Hosted 16 scholars for an immersion program including project pitches and NRF lab explorations.  
(Feb 16-18, 2026)



**Toray Industries, Inc. (Japan):** CTO Dr. Tetsuya Tsunekawa led a delegation to explore strategic innovation and startup ecosystem integration.  
(Jan 23, 2026)



**US Faculty Delegation (AIIS):**  
Hosted a seminar for multiple US universities focusing on the societal impact of technology. (Jan 5, 2026)



**Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA:** A delegation of 12 undergraduate students from MIT, USA visited IIT Delhi in Jan'26. The cohort was led by Prof. Pawan Sinha, Professor of Vision & Computational Neuroscience at MIT. The students toured research facilities at IIT Delhi focused on assistive technologies and participated in cultural activities.



## Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)

# MoUs

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University of Liverpool, United Kingdom: Five-year academic co-operation agreement  
(06.02.26 - 05.02.31)

International Solar Alliance (ISA): Strategic partnership for academic co-operation in renewable energy  
(25.02.26 - indefinite period)

## Delegation from British High Commission in India Visits IIT Delhi

The Corporate Relations Office hosted a delegation from the British High Commission in India along with leading UK industry representatives led by Ms. Jaya Choraria, Deputy Trade Commissioner for South Asia. The exploratory meeting focused on building multi-dimensional partnerships across advanced computing, AI, cybersecurity, digital infrastructure, and biologically inspired robotics. The session commenced with remarks by Prof. Preeti Ranjan Panda, Dean (Corporate Relations), followed by insights from Mr. K.T. Rajan, Cluster Director – Technology & Innovation. Ongoing research and overviews were presented by Prof. Naveen Garg, HoD, Computer



Science and Engineering and Prof. Srikanta Bedathur, HoD, Amar Nath & Shashi Khosla School of Information Technology. The delegation also interacted with Prof. Shubhendu Bhasin, Coordinator of the Biologically Inspired Robots and Drones (BIRD) Centre of Excellence and concluded the visit with a tour of CYRAN AI Solutions.

With participation from organisations including Faculty AI, Civo, Holistic AI, Kainos, Logically and several other technology leaders, the dialogue underscored strong potential for collaborative research, innovation translation, startup engagement, and responsible AI development between the UK and India.

## Mercedes-Benz Research and Development India and IIT Delhi Collaborate for Joint Research

Mercedes-Benz Research and Development India (MBRDI) and IIT Delhi are working together on joint research programmes, creating shared pathways for knowledge development. This collaboration has been formalised through a five-year Master Research Agreement (MRA), strengthening efforts to bring academia and industry closer through joint research. The association will focus on research areas that support the future of mobility and engineering systems.



These include quantum technologies, future materials, neuromorphic engineering and electric mobility, where fundamental research and applied engineering intersect to create opportunities for knowledge development and intellectual property creation. As part of the initial phase of this collaboration, a research project in the areas of quantum sensors and battery systems is being launched under the leadership of IIT Delhi's Prof. Nirat Ray (Department of Materials Science and Engineering), with Prof. Saurabh Saxena, Centre for Automotive Research and Tribology (CART), jointly steering the research efforts.

## AI for Social Impact

The Wadhvani Institute for Artificial Intelligence (Wadhvani AI) is a non-profit organization based in India that focuses on leveraging artificial intelligence for social good. A team from Wadhvani AI visited IIT Delhi to explore emerging opportunities around technology, climate, and rural systems.



The meeting brought together Prof. Somnath Baidya Roy, Centre for Atmospheric Sciences; Prof. Vivek Kumar, Head, Centre for Rural Development and Technology; and Prof. Aaditeshwar Seth, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, to explore ways to strengthen climate-

smart agriculture.

Discussion focused on advancing the carbon credit systems, forest-stack applications, natural farming models, and soil organic carbon estimation aligned with Net Zero goals. The discussion further covered AI-driven applications spanning climate risk modelling, agricultural and weather advisories, and decision support systems for afforestation. The exchange highlighted significant opportunities and practical pathways for collaborative innovation for the real world.

## IIT Delhi Alumnus Anant Yardi Pledges Rs 75 Cr Contribution

In 1968, Anant Yardi left IIT Delhi's campus with an engineering degree and a vision. Nearly six decades later, he is helping rebuild it — brick by brick, lab by lab. Founder and Board Chairman of Yardi Systems (US), Mr. Yardi has pledged Rs 75 crore to IIT Delhi to support advanced research in artificial intelligence and infrastructure development. This latest commitment brings his total contribution to IIT Delhi to Rs 150 crores, reinforcing his standing as one of the Institute's most generous benefactors. A significant portion of the new pledge will be directed at the Yardi School of Artificial Intelligence (ScAI), with the remaining funds supporting the Institute's infrastructure renewal and expansion programme, including the construction of new student hostels and academic buildings. Established in 2020, the Yardi School of Artificial Intelligence offers advanced programmes in AI, machine learning, and data science, with more than 40 professors collaborating across departments. The school focuses on developing transformative technologies with applications in medicine, robotics, and allied fields. Reflecting on his contribution, Yardi said: "IIT Delhi gave me a strong start in life. This is my way of giving back."



## Flipkart Co-founder and IIT Delhi Alum Binny Bansal Inaugurates an Exhibition Hall Named After Him

On March 30, 2026, alumnus Binny Bansal (B. Tech, Computer Science, 2005) returned to IIT Delhi with his family, marking a memorable day of nostalgia, inspiration, and pride. The visit began with an engaging fireside chat with students, where he shared candid career insights alongside warm campus memories, drawing a large and enthusiastic audience. He then took a campus tour exploring the new infrastructure built in IIT Delhi, revisited his hostel, Shivalik, and relived formative moments from his student life. The day's highlight was the inauguration of the Binny Bansal Exhibition Hall in the Main Administrative Building, a tribute to his generous and no-strings-attached endowment to the Institute. The hall stands as a symbol of alumni excellence and giving back, serving as a vibrant space for showcasing innovation, creativity, and student talent.



## Alumni Impact Report Celebrated

The Institute marked a significant milestone on March 19, 2026, with a celebration of the IIT Delhi Alumni Impact Report 2026 — the first-ever comprehensive document of its kind, which highlights the extraordinary journeys and contributions of more than 65,000 alumni since the Institute's inception. The event featured a keynote address by Mr. Anant Yardi, President and Founder of Yardi Systems, from the Class of 1968. An insightful alumni panel discussion with Vikram Gupta, Founder and Managing Partner of IvyCap Ventures; Saurabh Mittal, Founder of Mission Holdings; and Sashi Reddi, Co-founder and Managing Partner, SRI Capital, began with reflections on their journeys from IIT Delhi and expanded into broader themes, including the evolution of entrepreneurship, the growing role of the IIT Delhi Endowment Fund, and how today's startup ecosystem differs from when they began. In addition, a panel discussion titled "Shaping the Future: How Alumni Can Transform Every Sector - A Preview of the Next Alumni Impact Report," moderated by Alok Mittal, Co-founder and MD of Indifi, featured six alumni, namely Abhiroop Jayanthi, Managing Director, The Carlyle Group (Corporate); Amb. Sunjay Sudhir, ex-Indian Ambassador to the UAE & Maldives (Public Service); Azeez Gupta, Co-founder, Rocket Learning (Social Sector); Prof. Amit Gupta, Mechanical Engineering Dept., IIT Delhi (Academia); Rear Admiral Sujit Baxi, DG, Warship Design Bureau (Naval Construction Wing); and Namita Gupta, Co-Founder, Airveda (Entrepreneurship), representing the full breadth of sectors covered in the Alumni Impact Report.



Watch the visual story of the Alumni Impact Report here: [https://youtu.be/xpj2mX\\_IIdE](https://youtu.be/xpj2mX_IIdE)

View the full report and donate at <https://alumni.iitd.ac.in/alumni-impact-report>

## Hostel Redevelopment Initiative Launched



The Institute marked a significant infrastructure milestone with the laying of the foundation stone for a new girls' hostel by the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of India. This development formally launches IIT Delhi's hostel redevelopment programme, setting a campus-wide transformation in motion.

## Alumni Achievements

### IIT Delhi Alumni Continue to Shape the Nation Through UPSC 2025

Akshit Bhardwaj (AIR 12), a B.Tech Electrical Engineering graduate who cleared the exam in his second attempt at just 23, with Mathematics as his optional subject led the IIT Delhi contingent clearing the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2025. Other notable achievers include Anubhav (AIR 339), a Civil Engineering graduate, and Mrityunjay Gupta (AIR 726), who cracked the exam in his very first attempt. According to IIT Delhi's Alumni Impact Report 2026, over 270 alumni currently serve as IAS officers, with 100+ in IPS, IRS, and IFS — a legacy these new achievers now join.



### Vinod Khosla Breaks into Forbes' Top 10 Greatest Innovators



At number 10 on Forbes' 250 Greatest Innovators in America, IIT Delhi alum Vinod Khosla (B.Tech., Electrical Engineering, Class of 1976) stands alongside Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates, Jensen Huang, and Sam Altman. He is the highest-ranked Indian-American on the entire list and the only one whose story began in a hostel room at IIT Delhi. A recipient of IIT Delhi's Distinguished Alumni Award, Khosla has spoken warmly of the Institute's influence on his career.

### Prof. Shrinivas Kulkarni Wins Royal Astronomical Society Gold Medal

One of the most prestigious honours in global astronomy, the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS) Gold Medal, recognises Prof. Shrinivas R. Kulkarni's (MS Physics, 1978) field-defining contributions to time-domain and multi-wavelength astrophysics.



### Rajesh Aggarwal (1989, Civil Engineering) Appointed Maharashtra's New Chief Secretary

After nearly ten years of serving in various important roles in Delhi, Rajesh Aggarwal is coming back to Mumbai. IIT Delhi is proud of this accomplished alumnus, whose leadership continues to inspire and uplift those working in public service.

### Eco-Friendly Guard's Cabin Built with Support from Alumni

Dr. Kusum Saini, a former PhD student in Civil Engineering at IIT Delhi, turned her innovative research on natural materials into a real project by building an eco-friendly guard's cabin using sustainable materials. Dr. Saini received the Batch 1969 Innovation Fellowship for one year, showing how IIT Delhi alumni's contributions can help students turn their research from ideas in the lab into actual projects.



## Newly Instituted Awards, Scholarships, and Chairs During Jan–Mar 2026 Through the Continued Generosity and Commitment of Our Alumni and Partners

Awards	Chairs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Anjali Sharma Memorial Award</li> <li>▪ Kaushalya Climate and Sustainability Spirit Award</li> <li>▪ NMCG Award</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NMCG Chair</li> <li>▪ NPTEL Chair</li> <li>▪ Deepak Raghavan Chair</li> </ul>
Scholarships	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bajaj Scholarship</li> <li>▪ Chemical Department Female Student Scholarship</li> <li>▪ Dalmia Scholarships for Mechanical and Nilgiri Hostel</li> <li>▪ Haldea Scholarship</li> <li>▪ Jyotika Rao Memorial Merit Scholarship</li> <li>▪ Ms. Gobbelamma Scholarship in Manufacturing Sciences</li> <li>▪ Ms. Suramma Scholarship in Manufacturing Sciences</li> <li>▪ Ms. Venkata Rama Lakshmi Scholarship in Manufacturing Sciences</li> <li>▪ Pramila &amp; Gobind Lal Mittal Scholarship</li> <li>▪ Youth Dreamers Foundation Scholarship</li> </ul>	

### Alumni Reunions



**Ruby Reunion**  
(Class of 1985)



**Golden Jubilee Reunion**  
(Class of 1976)

# Awards & Achievements



## The Women of Impact at IIT Delhi Awards

### Exemplary Woman Leadership Award (Professor Level)

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**Prof. Angelie Multani**  
Humanities and Social Sciences



**Prof. Sreedevi Upadhyayula**  
Chemical Engineering

### Emerging Woman Leadership Award (Associate and Assistant Professor Level)

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**Prof. Ritu Gupta**  
Chemistry



**Prof. Aparajita Dasgupta**  
Mathematics



**Prof. Shilpi Minocha**  
Kusuma School of Biological Sciences



**Prof. Anita Roy**  
Kusuma School of Biological Sciences



**Prof. Anil Verma**

**Chemical Engineering**

Awarded 'Dr. K. Anji Reddy Innovator of the Year (2025)' Award in Chemical Engineering and Technology in India.



**Prof. Nomesh Bolia**

**Mechanical Engineering**

Prof. Bolia's team has won the prestigious 'IIMA/CDSA-ORSI Excellence in Management Science and Analytics Practice Award for 2026' - one of the most esteemed national awards in the field of Operations Research.



**Prof. Rohith A.N.**

**Civil and Environmental Engineering**

Awarded 'Jal Shakti Hackathon 2025 Award' by the Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) for developing a tool "SPONGE: A Planning-Scale Decision Support Engine for Nature-Based Urban Stormwater Management for Flood Mitigation".



**Prof. Amit Kumar Jain**

**Electrical Engineering**

Awarded the 'Lifetime Achievement Alumni Award - Academics' for the year 2025 by his alma mater Shri Govindram Seksaria Institute of Technology & Science, Indore.



**Prof. Saikat Sarkar**

**Civil and Environmental Engineering**

Appointed as a member of the International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (IUTAM) Early Career Researcher Committee. Notably, he is the only Indian among the 38 members selected from across the world.



**Prof. Sreedevi Upadhyayula**

**Chemical Engineering**

Awarded 1st prize in the Graduate Category at the New Generation Ideation Contest-2025, organized by Hindustan Petroleum Green R&D Centre, for her innovative idea titled 'Hydrogen-Free Valorization of Bioethanol By-Products into High-Energy Green Fuels'.

# Continuing Education Programme

The January–March 2026 quarter witnessed sustained academic innovation and strategic expansion at the Continuing Education Programme (CEP), IIT Delhi. During this quarter, the CEP further strengthened its commitment to academic excellence, accessibility, and industry relevance. The continued growth in learner engagement, diversification of programme offerings, and strengthened industry partnerships reflect IIT Delhi's expanding role in professional and lifelong learning ecosystems. These initiatives align with the Institute's vision of delivering globally relevant, high-quality technical and professional education.

- 29 Programmes (13 online Programmes under eVIDYA@IITD initiative; 16 Programmes under BG-192) were notified.
- 62 Programmes with 6,210 enrolled participants under academic delivery.
- 23 Programmes benefiting 2909 participants were concluded.

## Recently Empanelled Service Providers for e-Vidya Programme period from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029

Name of Organisation/ Service Providers	
1. Fullstack Education Pvt. Ltd.	6. Interview Bit Software Services Pvt. Ltd.
2. Erulearning Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	7. Talent Sprint Pvt. Ltd.
3. Great Learning Education Services Pvt. Ltd.	8. Teamlease Edtech Ltd.
4. Guvi Geek Network Pvt. Ltd.	9. Times Edutech and Events Ltd.
5. Jaro Institute of Technology Management Research Ltd.	10. UpGrad Education Pvt. Ltd.

## Artificial Intelligence – Driving the Future



Artificial Intelligence stands at the forefront of innovation at the Continuing Education Programme (CEP), Indian Institute of Technology Delhi. With a dynamic portfolio of cutting-edge programmes, IIT Delhi is empowering professionals to lead in the age of intelligent technologies.

Spanning domains from Generative AI and Large Language Models to Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Applied AI, Quantum Integration, and AI Governance, these programmes seamlessly bridge academic excellence with real-world application.

Through this forward-looking initiative, IIT Delhi is not just building skills—it is shaping India's AI-ready workforce and accelerating the nation's journey towards digital leadership and innovation excellence.



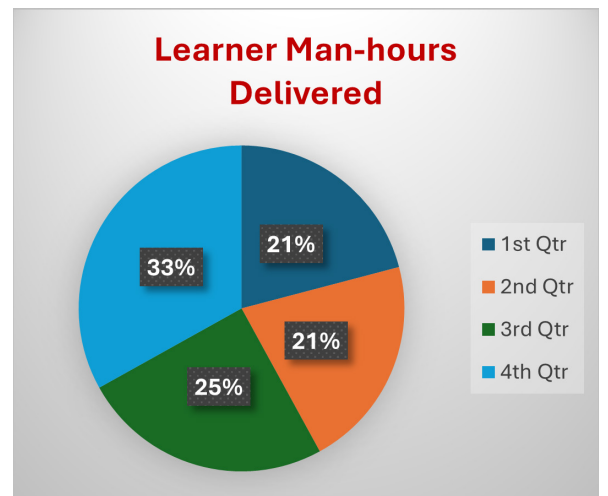
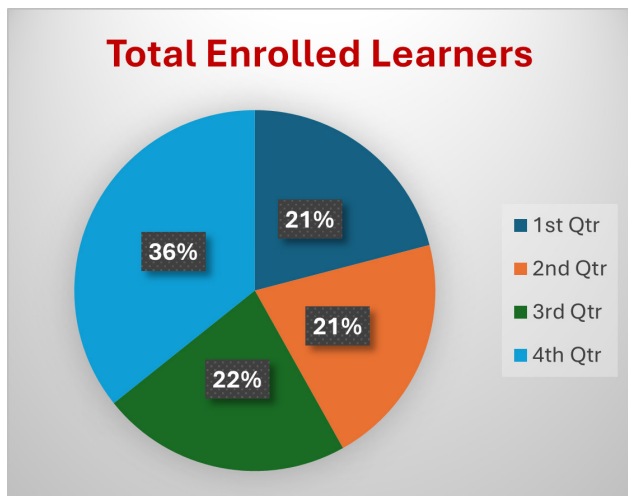
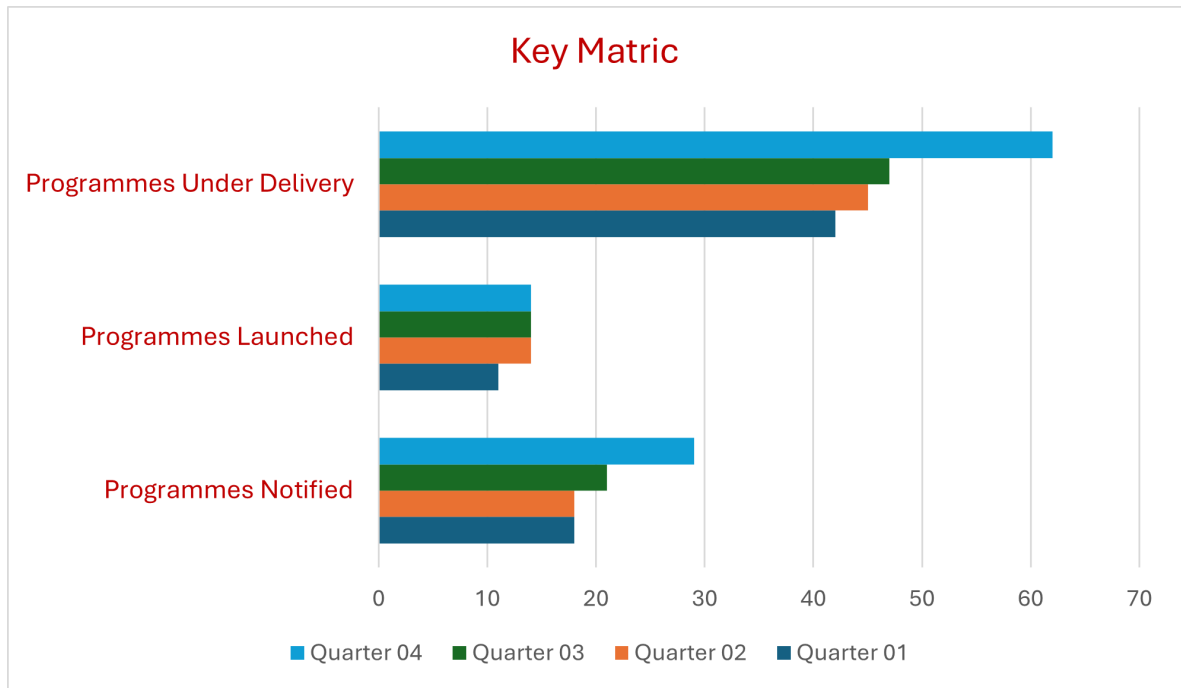
## Programme Reach and Man-Hour Delivery

### Highlights (January – March 2026)

- Over 6210 professionals enrolled across certificate programmes this quarter.
- Approximately 45% of new enrolments were from AI and Data Science-related programmes.
- Participants represented public sector undertakings, IT and software firms, healthcare organisations, startups, and consulting firms.



## Financial Year at a Glance (April 2025 – March 2026)





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