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State Science:  
From Collaboration to Commercialisation

30 January 2026, St. Albert's College (Autonomous), Ernakulam  
10.15 am to 3.30 pm

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The National Science Meet 2026, conducted as part of the 38<sup>th</sup> Kerala Science Congress, brings together leaders of State / Union Territory Science and Technology Councils, national policymakers, and innovation ecosystem partners on a common platform. The Meet aims to strengthen cooperation among States, showcase success stories, and develop collaborative strategies for building an innovation-driven India.



## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

9:00 AM

**Registration**

### INAUGURAL CEREMONY

10:15 – 10:20 AM

**Welcome Address**

**Prof. A. Sabu**

Member Secretary, KSCSTE

10:20 – 10:30 AM

**Presidential Address**

**Prof. K. P. Sudheer**

Executive Vice President, KSCSTE

10:30 – 10:45 AM

**Inaugural address**

**Prof. T. G. Sitharam**

Former Chairman, All India Council for  
Technical Education (AICTE)  
Government of India

10:45 – 11:00 AM

**Special Address**

**Dr. Rajan N. Khobragade**

Additional Chief Secretary  
Health and family welfare  
Government of Kerala

11:00 – 11:15 AM

**Keynote Address**

**Dr. Nisha Mendiratta**

Advisor/Scientist G & Head  
State Science & Technology Programme  
Department of Science and Technology  
Government of India

11:15 – 11:20 AM

**Vote of Thanks**

**Dr. Sarika A. R.**

Principal Scientist, KSCSTE

Plenary (11:30 – 12:15 PM)

## National Perspectives on Science, Technology and Innovation

### Opening Remarks

**Prof. K. P. Sudheer**

Executive Vice President, KSCSTE

**Technical Talk 1:** 11:35 – 11:45 AM

*Niti Ayog Perspective on Strengthening STI*

**Dr. Thyagaraju B. M.**

Deputy Advisor  
Science & Technology NITI Aayog  
Government of India

**Technical Talk 2:** 11:45 – 11:55 AM

*BioE3: Driving India's Bioeconomy*

**Dr. Anamika Gambhir**

Scientist G, Health & Wellness  
Department of Biotechnology  
Government of India

**Technical Talk 3:** 11:55 – 12:05 PM

*Mapping India's Scientific Infrastructure:  
The I-STEM Vision*

**Dr. Harilal Bhaskar**

COO/National Coordinator, Indian Science,  
Technology, and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM)

**Technical Talk 4:** 12:05 – 12:15 PM

*STI for Climate and Energy Security*

**Dr. Ranjith Krishna Pai**

Scientist F, Climate, Energy and Sustainable  
Technology (CEST) Division,  
Department of Science and Technology, Government of India

### Panel Discussion (12:30 – 1:30 PM)

State Led Science for National Impact: Convergence, Collaboration, and Commercialization

Moderator:

**Dr. T. M. Balakrishnan Nair**

Director  
Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)

**Dr. Nisha Mendiratta**

Advisor/Scientist G & Head  
State Science & Technology Programme  
Department of Science and Technology  
Government of India

**Dr. A. Biju Kumar**

Vice-Chancellor, Kerala University of  
Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS)

**Dr. Jagvir Singh**

Scientist G and Adviser  
Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India

**Dr. Anamika Gambhir**

Scientist G, Department of Biotechnology  
Government of India

**Dr. Harilal Bhaskar**

COO/National Coordinator, Indian Science,  
Technology, and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM)

**Dr. Manoj Kumar**

Scientist D, Technology, Capacity & Partnerships  
Department of Biotechnology, Government of India

**Prof. A. Sabu**

Member Secretary  
Kerala State Council for Science Technology &  
Environment

**Dr. S. Vincent**

Member Secretary  
Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology

**Shri. C. D. Mungyak**

Director & Member Secretary  
Arunachal Pradesh State Council for Science and Technology

**Mrs. Brenda Fernandes**

Member Secretary  
Goa State Council for Science & Technology

**Prof. K. Sarat Kumar**

Member Secretary & Chief Executive Officer  
Andhra Pradesh State Council of Science &  
Technology (APCOST)

**Dr. Pooja Yadav**

Joint Director  
Council of Science & Technology Uttar Pradesh

### State Council Presentations (2.30 - 3.30 PM)

Moderator:

**Prof. P. Balaram**

Senior Visiting Professor, National Centre for Biological Sciences-  
TIFR, Bengaluru, & Chairperson, 38<sup>th</sup> Kerala Science Congress Committee

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## KERALA STATE COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Established in 2002, KSCSTE is an autonomous institution under the Science and Technology Department, Government of Kerala. KSCSTE promotes basic research, strengthens industry-academia collaboration, encourages grassroot innovation, supports infrastructure development, and advances science education across the state.

KSCSTE coordinates a strong network of R&D centres addressing priority areas of scientific research. Water resources research is undertaken by the Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (CWRDM). Forests and biodiversity studies are led by the Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI), while transport planning research is carried out by the National Transportation Planning and Research Centre (NATPAC). Plant and biodiversity research is advanced through the Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI), and lower plant groups are studied at the Malabar Botanical Garden and Institute for Plant Sciences (MBGIPS). Basic science research is pursued at the Srinivasa Ramanujan Institute for Basic Sciences (SRIBS), and climate change studies are led by the Institute for Climate Change Studies (ICCS). Scientific progress through KSCSTE and its R&D centres strengthens knowledge systems and enables a sustainable, future-ready Kerala.

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