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IISER Kolkata Hosts Delegation from the Embassy of France on 8 May 2026



IISER Kolkata had the privilege of hosting Dr. Sylviane Pied, Attaché for Scientific Cooperation at the Embassy of France, along with Dr. Meenakshi Singh, Scientific Coordinator, and Ms. Anna Lannuzel, Project Manager, Embassy of France in India, on 8 May 2026.

The visit focused on exploring new avenues for research collaboration and strengthening existing partnerships with French institutions, especially in the context of 2026 being celebrated as the Indo-French Year of Innovation.



The meeting was attended by the Director, Deputy Director, and Associate Dean (International Relations & Outreach). Heads of Departments presented the Institute's academic and research strengths, faculty and student achievements, ongoing research areas, recognitions, and future vision through detailed presentations. The interaction provided an excellent platform to deepen Indo-French academic and scientific engagement and explore future collaborative opportunities.

IISER Kolkata Secures 7th Rank in Nature Index (1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025) among Indian Academic Institutions. In a significant achievement, the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Kolkata has been ranked 7th among Indian Academic Institutions. The Nature Index, which tracks high-quality research publications in leading peer reviewed science journals, reflects IISER Kolkata's growing prominence in cutting-edge scientific research.



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Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Kolkata
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13th Convocation Ceremony



Chief Guest
Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood
Principal Scientific Adviser
Government of India



Guest of Honour
Prof. Rajiv Prakash
Director, Indian Institute of
Technology Bhilai



Prof. Arvind A. Natu
Chairperson, Board of Governors
IISER Kolkata



Prof. Sunil Kumar Khare
Director, IISER Kolkata

23 June 2026, 10:00 AM

Venue: RN Tagore Auditorium , IISER Kolkata



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Prof. Anitha Ethirajan Visits DCS for First IISER Kolkata–Hasselt University Dual PhD Viva on 19th May 2026



Prof. Anitha Ethirajan, Hasselt University, Belgium has visited DCS IISER Kolkata on 19th May 2026. She was present as the co-supervisor of Atin Chatterjee's thesis entitled "Molecular Engineering of Peptide-Nanomaterial Hybrids for Biocatalytic and Therapeutic Applications" viva. Atin Chatterjee is the first student to received dual PhD degree from IISER Kolkata and Hasselt University, Belgium. As per the Hasselt University requirements, the jury consists of DCS Chairperson (Prof. Debasish Haldar); IISER Kolkata Members of the Jury: Prof. Rahul Banerjee, Prof. Alakesh Bisai; Hasselt University Members of the Jury: Prof. Wouter Maes, Prof. Koen Vandewal; and other Indian external experts: Prof. Debabrata Maiti (IIT, Bombay), Prof. Partha Sarathi Mukherjee (IISc, Bangalore). Prof. Anitha Ethirajan has interacted with masters and PhD students and faculty members of DCS, IISER Kolkata.

Distinguished Organic Chemist Prof. Ramesh Rasappan Interacts with Students and Researchers



Prof. Ramesh Rasappan, a distinguished synthetic organic chemist from IISER Thiruvananthapuram has visited DCS, IISER Kolkata on 28 May 2026. He has interacted with Bs-MS students, MSc Chemistry students, PhD students, post-doctorate researchers and faculty members. He has delivered an excellent DCS seminar on "Oxidative Cross-Coupling Reactions and Bench-Stable Organozinc Reagents".

Prof. Shaibal K. Sarkar Visits DCS, IISER Kolkata and Delivers Seminar on Perovskite Photovoltaics



Prof. Shaibal K. Sarkar, a distinguished material scientist from Department of Energy Science and Engineering, IIT Bombay visited DCS, IISER Kolkata on 19th of May 2026. He has interacted with masters and PhD students and faculty members. He has delivered an excellent seminar on "Metal Oxide on Halide Perovskites: A Journey from ~4% to >35% Bifacial Perovskite Photovoltaic Device".

Faculty Achievements



Prof. Nirmalya Ghosh of DPS and CESSI joined the International Organizing Committee, SPIE Photonics West, Polarized Light and Optical Angular Momentum, to be held at San Francisco, California during 30 January – 4 February 2027.



Prof. Punyasloke Bhadury and his team have been awarded a prestigious DBT-BIRAC AMRIT Grant for a major national project focused on restoring mangrove ecosystems across India's coastal states.



Prof. Bidisha Sinha has been appointed as Associate Editor of Biophysics Reviews.



Prof. Amirul Islam Mallick has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology (FRSB).



Prof. Pradipta Purkayastha, DCS, IISER Kolkata has awarded Chartered Chemist (CChem) by Royal Society of Chemistry, Cambridge, UK on 12th of May 2026.



Prof. Sayan Bhattacharyya has been invited to join the Editorial Board of Scientific Reports and to serve as an Associate Editor for Nanoscale and Nanoscale Advances, journals published by the Royal Society of Chemistry.



Dr. Kripabandhu Ghosh has been appointed as a Section Editor (equivalent to Associate Editor) of the prestigious Q1 journal Artificial Intelligence and Law (Springer).

Students Achievements



Ms. Bandana Shaw, a first-year PhD student at CDS, supervised by Dr. Kripabandhu Ghosh, has been selected for the prestigious IndiaAI Fellowship under the IndiaAI Mission, MeitY, and has also secured a publication at ICAIL 2026, reflecting the department's growing research excellence and national recognition.



Mr. Subinay Adhikary, a final-year (fifth-year) PhD student at CDS, supervised by Dr. Kripabandhu Ghosh and co-supervised by Dr. Dwaipayan Roy, received the Doctoral Consortium Best Paper Award at ICAIL 2026, Singapore, the premier international conference in Artificial Intelligence and Law. He also presented his research and received valuable feedback from leading experts in the field.



Mr. Priyansh Jaswal, a CESSI PhD student working with Prof. Dibyendu Nandi, received a SCOSTEP Visiting Scholar Program award at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. The award, based on a competitive proposal, enabled a three month visit to NASA GSFC to work on a collaborative project. The project explores the connection between the Sun's magnetic cycle and the orientation of magnetic storms in space.



Anuvansh
(23MS197)

We are delighted to share that two BS-MS students of IISER Kolkata have secured admission to MBA programmes at premier Indian Institutes of Management after outstanding performances in CAT 2025 and the subsequent selection process. Anuvansh (23MS197) has been selected for the MBA programme at Indian Institute of Management Lucknow, while Abhratanu Ray (22MS052) has secured admission to the MBA programme at Indian Institute of Management Bangalore. Their achievements reflect the academic excellence, versatility, and diverse career aspirations of IISER Kolkata students. We congratulate them and wish them continued success in their future endeavors.



Abhratanu Ray
(22MS052)



We are pleased to share that three first-year IISER Kolkata students—Aditi Bhuyan, Bipasha Das, and Nazia Begum—have been selected for the prestigious Kotak Kanya Scholarship. The scholarship provides financial assistance, annual support throughout their undergraduate studies, and access to mentoring and skill development opportunities. We congratulate the scholars on this achievement and wish them continued success in their academic pursuits.

Vigyan Pratibha Regional Centre Hosts Annual Summer Camp 2026 at IISER Kolkata



The Vigyan Pratibha Regional Centre at IISER Kolkata successfully organized its Annual Summer Camp 2026 from 18–23 May for students of Classes VII to X. Around 75 students from various schools across the country participated in the camp. During the programme, students engaged with Vigyan Pratibha Learning Units, which are designed to foster scientific knowledge and understanding beyond the confines of textbooks. These learning resources encourage observation, analysis, critical thinking, and collaborative learning, enabling students to develop a deeper and more critical understanding of concepts encountered in their academic curriculum, as well as of the natural, technological, and social changes taking place around them. Such exposure helps students make informed choices and build meaningful pathways for their future careers. The camp featured interactions with experienced educators, including faculty members from IISER Kolkata and other academic experts, who facilitated the Vigyan Pratibha Learning Units and associated pedagogical activities.

Seminar and Colloquiums

[DMS Topology & Geometry Seminar] Aritra Bhowmick -- Stability of Cut Locus and Some Questions, Date: Friday, May 01, 2026

[DPS Seminar] Prof. Gunjan Agarwal (Ohio State University) -- Collagen-Receptor Concert at the Cell-Matrix Interface, Date: Monday, May 04, 2026

[DPS Special Seminar] Dr. Debojyoti Kundu (Publishing Editor, Physics & Astronomy Books, Springer Nature) -- Book Publishing Opportunities with Springer Nature, Date: Thursday, May 14, 2026

[CAFMS Seminar] Prof. Shaibal K. Sarkar (IIT Bombay) -- Metal Oxide on Halide Perovskites: A Journey from ~4% to >35% Bifacial Perovskite Photovoltaic Device, Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2026

[DPS Seminar] Dr. Bitan Roy (Lehigh University, USA) -- Geometric and quantum phenomena on projected branes, Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026

[DBS Seminar] Dr. Priyanka Sen (Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology and Bioengineering, VIT University) -- "A point of care amyloid detection system", Date: Friday, May 22, 2026

[DPS Seminar] Prof. Krishanu Roychowdhury (Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics) -- Anomalous Landau Levels in Inhomogeneous Fluxes, Date: Friday, May 22, 2026

[DCS Visitor's Seminar] Dr. Ankita Paul (Post-doctoral fellow California Institute of Technology) -- "Complex Carbohydrate Synthesis for Understanding Biological Phenomena", Date: Friday, May 22, 2026

[DCS Seminar] Prof. Swapan Pati (JNCASR), Date: Monday, May 25, 2026

[DPS Group Seminar] Dr. Biki Ram (Indian Institute of Technology Indore) -- Investigating QPO Evolution and Coronal Dynamics in Black Hole low mass X-ray Binaries with AstroSat, Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026

[DCS seminar] Prof. Ramesh Rasappan (IISER Thiruvananthapuram) -- Oxidative Cross-Coupling Reactions and Bench Stable Organozinc Reagents, Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026

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