



# Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Pune

## National Science Day (NSD) 2026 at IISER Pune

**February 28, 2026, Timing: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Theme: Women in Science: Catalyzing Viksit Bharat**

Inviting all science enthusiasts to celebrate NSD 2026 on **February 28, 2026** at the [IISER Pune campus](https://www.iiserpune.ac.in/).

We have a packed schedule with opportunities to engage and explore.

**Registration Link:** <https://www.iiserpune.ac.in/events/5090/national-science-day-2026>

**Venue: Different Locations on the IISER Pune Campus**

**Instructions:** Entry for the IISER Pune Campus will be from the Baner Gate. Helmets for the rider and pillion are compulsory for two-wheeler vehicles.

### Schedule of Events:

<b>Inaugural Ceremony at New Lecture Hall (NLH)</b>	
9:30 AM to 10:00 AM	<b>Prof. Sunil Bhagwat</b> (Director, IISER Pune) <b>Prof. Arnab Mukherjee</b> (Dean, International Relations and Outreach, IISER Pune) <b>Prof. Devapriya Chattopadhyay</b> (Associate Dean, International Relations and Outreach, IISER Pune) <b>Dr. Krishanpal Karmodiya</b> (Associate Dean, International Relations and Outreach-Industry Initiatives, IISER Pune) <b>Dr. Jeetender Chugh</b> (Associate Professor, Faculty In-Charge, Science Media Centre, IISER Pune)
<b>'Let's Meet the Scientists' at New Lecture Hall (NLH)</b>	
10:30 AM to 11:00 AM	<b>What does "Research" means to me?</b> <b>Prof. Sourabh Dube</b> , Physics Department, IISER Pune
11:15 AM to 11:45 AM	<b>Bioactive Lipids: The Hidden Superheroes</b> <b>Prof. Siddhesh Kamat</b> , Biology Department, IISER Pune
12:00 PM to 12:30 PM	<b>PROTEINS: The Wonder Molecules of Life</b> <b>Dr. Garima Sharma</b> , Biology Department, IISER Pune
12:45 PM to 1:15 PM	<b>Which gives better mileage, cars and motorcycles or biological motors?</b> <b>Prof. Chaitanya Athale</b> , Biology Department, IISER Pune
1:45 PM to 2:15 PM	<b>SeeLAB-Introduction to Data-Driven School Experiments</b> <b>Dr. Jithin Bhagavathi</b> , CSpark

2:30 PM to 3:00 PM	<b>Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat</b> Dr. Aparna Deshpande, Physics Department, IISER Pune
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM	<b>'SciQuest' Grand Science Show</b> <i>A Grand Science Show by IISER Pune Outreach Team</i> Discover the power behind our world at the SciQuest Grand Science Show. Fun, fast-paced experiments reveal how ENERGY drives everything around us!
<b>Science Show at Amphitheatre (Grand Science Show)</b>	
10:45 AM to 11:30 PM	<b>Little Toy - Big Science</b> Padma Shri Awardee <b>Shri. Arvind Gupta</b> , Renowned Science Communicator
12:00 PM to 12:45 PM	<b>Grand Science Show-1</b> <i>IISER Pune Outreach Team</i>
1:15 PM to 2:00 PM	<b>The Science Behind Miracles / चमत्कारामागील विज्ञान</b> <b>Milind Vinayak Deshmukh</b> , Superstition Eradication Committee मिलिंद विनायक देशमुख, अंधश्रद्धा निर्मूलन समिती
2:30 PM to 3:15 PM	<b>Grand Science Show-2</b> <i>IISER Pune Outreach Team</i>
<b>All-day events at Dining Hall Complex (DHC), SAC, Near Sports Complex and Amphitheatre</b>	
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	<b>Experiments and Exhibits by IISER Pune Faculty Members and Doctoral Students (DHC)</b> Demonstration of experiments and activities designed by students, staff and faculty members of IISER Pune
	<b>Science Media Centre IISER Pune - Exhibits and Resources (DHC)</b>
	<b>CSR Project Showcase - Exhibits and Resources for Schools (DHC)</b>
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	<b>Students' and Teachers' STEM Projects (DHC)</b> Demonstration of Science Models developed by School Children and Teachers-Shortlisted participant's Projects demonstration
	<b>Activities designed by Smt. Indrani Balan Science Activity Center (SAC)</b> New activities for hands-on teaching and learning
10:00 AM to 4:30 PM	<b>Interactive Puzzle Zone (Near Sports Complex)</b> Puzzles for hands-on teaching and learning
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	<b>Daytime Astronomy (Near Amphitheatre)</b> <b>Aakashganga Astro Club, IISER Pune</b>
<b>Science Quiz (Online mode) - YouTube Live</b>	
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	<b>Online Science Quiz: The Mysterious Universe (with attractive prizes)</b> <b>Team: Dr. Ashish Arora, Physics Department, IISER Pune and partners from INYAS/India's Science Theatre</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@IISERPuneScienceActivityCentre">https://www.youtube.com/@IISERPuneScienceActivityCentre</a>

**Important Note:** Scheduled time is subject to change.