



IUST to host J&K Science Congress 2026 from September 29

LG & Chancellor Manoj Sinha to inaugurate 3-day Congress focused on science, innovation, emerging technologies

Awantipora, September 22: The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Science, Technology and Innovation Council (JKSTIC), Department of Science and Technology, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, is set to host the J&K Science Congress 2026 from September 29 to October 1, 2026, at its Awantipora campus.

The three-day Congress will be inaugurated on September 29 by Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and Chancellor, IUST. The theme of the Congress, "Science, Innovations and Emerging Technologies for Sustainable and Viksit J&K," underscores the role of scientific advancement and innovation in addressing regional challenges and creating new opportunities. The Congress is being organised as a major platform for bringing together scientists, academicians, researchers, innovators, policymakers, industry representatives, young researchers and students for deliberations on the role of science, technology and innovation in addressing contemporary challenges and advancing sustainable development.

The Congress will feature five plenary sessions, around 26 technical sessions, nearly 200 oral presentations and around 200 poster presentations, besides scores of invited lectures by eminent scientists, academicians and scholars of repute. With participation of more than 100 invited speakers and guests and an overall participation expected to cross 600, the Congress will provide a vibrant platform for scientific exchange, interdisciplinary dialogue and knowledge sharing.

The scientific programme encompasses a wide range of contemporary areas, including advanced materials and nanoscience, quantum science, artificial intelligence and emerging technologies, biotechnology and life sciences, healthcare, sustainable energy, climate and environmental sciences, water and biodiversity, disaster resilience, innovation and entrepreneurship, and smart engineering systems, among other areas of scientific and technological relevance.

A key feature of the Congress will be its focus on the interface between science, technology and sectors of direct relevance to the region. The programme includes panel discussions on food processing and tourism, bringing together experts and stakeholders to deliberate on opportunities for innovation, technology adoption, value addition, sustainability and employment generation in these sectors.

The Congress will also place a special emphasis on young minds and scientific outreach through a dedicated School Students' Science Programme. As part of the School Students' Science Programme, a segment is being organised in collaboration with the National Children's Science Congress (NCSC).



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The Congress will also feature a cultural programme and other outreach activities, adding a broader dimension to the scientific gathering and facilitating interaction among participants from diverse academic, professional and social backgrounds.

The invited speaker profile reflects the breadth and academic standing of the Congress, with eminent scientists and academicians from leading universities, IITs, IISERs, CSIR laboratories and other premier research and academic institutions participating in the event. The programme will provide opportunities for participants to engage with experts working at the frontiers of science and technology and explore possibilities for academic and research collaborations.

The Congress is expected to provide an important forum for knowledge exchange, interdisciplinary collaboration and engagement among academia, research institutions, industry, policymakers and the younger generation, while strengthening the interface between scientific research, innovation and societal needs.

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