



# *29<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Celebration*



*29 Years of Academics and Research Excellence for Nation Building*

**Established: 1996**  
**University Foundation Day:**  
**20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

**Venue:**  
**NIST Campus, Institute Park,**  
**Berhampur, Odisha**

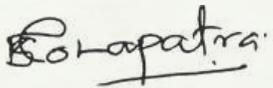
## *Message from the President*

It is a matter of great pride and pleasure that NIST University, Institute Park, Berhampur, is celebrating its 29th University Foundation Day on 20 January 2026. Established in 1996 as the first NRI-led higher educational initiative in Odisha and the first engineering college in southern Odisha, NIST was founded with a clear vision of creating a centre of academic and research excellence comparable to leading global universities.

Over the past 29 years, NIST has evolved into a premier research-driven university, offering Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Ph.D. programmes in Engineering, Science, Management, and Health Sciences, with plans to expand into Medical Sciences, Agriculture, and Liberal Arts. The University has consistently set benchmarks through quality education, multidisciplinary research, and global collaborations.

NIST has established Global Innovation Centers (GICs) in emerging areas such as 5G and Future Communications, Semiconductors, H2 Energy, Artificial Intelligence, and Biotechnology, aimed at strengthening applied research and fostering a technology-driven innovation ecosystem in Odisha. With strong industry-academia partnerships and global research collaborations, NIST continues to make meaningful contributions to national development.

Today, over 19,000 NIST alumni hold leadership roles across technology, management, research, and entrepreneurship, reflecting the institution's enduring impact. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the entire NIST fraternity and appreciate the editorial team for their efforts in publishing this souvenir. As we celebrate this milestone, we remain committed to excellence, innovation, and societal progress.



**Dr. Sukant K. Mohapatra**  
*President, NIST University*



## *Message from the Vice-Chancellor*

On the 29th Foundation Day of NIST University, celebrated alongside Alumni Day on 20-21 January 2026, I extend my warmest greetings to our alumni, students, faculty, staff, and well-wishers.

Foundation Day is a moment to honour our journey and reaffirm our shared purpose. Over nearly three decades, NIST has evolved from a visionary initiative into a premier university, driven by an unwavering commitment to quality education, scientific temper, and societal impact. This growth is a testament to the dedication of our founders and the collective excellence of our entire community.

Alumni Day reminds us that our graduates are the living legacy of this institution. Your achievements across the globe continue to elevate NIST's reputation. As we enter this next phase of growth, your roles as mentors and collaborators are more vital than ever. Looking ahead, we remain dedicated to advancing research, faculty excellence, and global engagement shaping leaders who are prepared for both professional success and meaningful impact.

I wish the Foundation Day celebrations great success and look forward to our continued collective progress.

Warm regards,



**Prof. Priyadarsan Patra**

*Vice Chancellor, NIST University*



# Three Decades of Growth, Vision, and Transformation

## Foundation Laid

NIST established by Dr. Sukant K. Mohapatra and Mrs. Sanjeeta Mohapatra as founder trustees

## Galleria

Campus infrastructure expands with the Galleria building

## Swimming Pool

Holistic student development is enhanced with a swimming pool

## Atrium

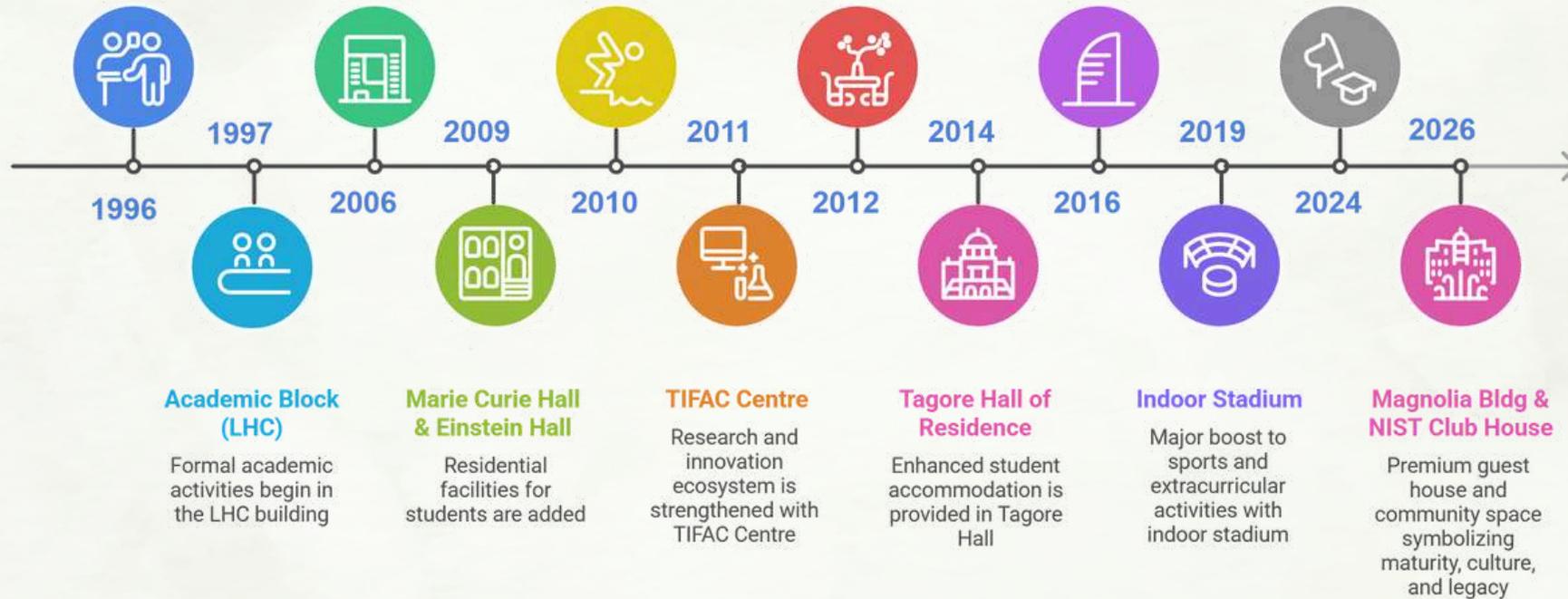
Central academic and interaction hub is created

## CORE Block

Advanced teaching and research facilities are established in CORE Block

## NIST University

University status is notified, marking a significant transition



# NIST University Academic Overview

## School of Engineering

Program offered in 11 disciplines with B.Tech, M.Tech & Ph.D (Computer science, Electronics, Electrical, Mechanical, and Civil engineering)

## School of Management Studies

Includes Ph.D, MBA, BBA, and hospitality management\* programs

## School of Science

Program offered in 6 disciplines with B.Sc, M.Sc & Ph.D (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Data Science and Biotechnology\*)

## School of Health Science

Focuses on pharmacy, nursing\*, physiotherapy\*, and optometry

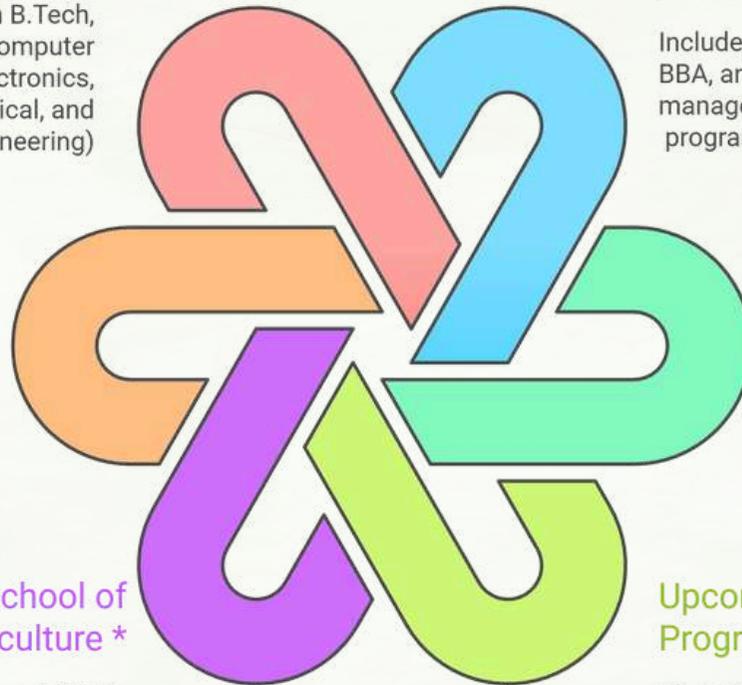
## School of Agriculture \*

Offers B.Sc and M.Sc degree in Agriculture Science

## Upcoming Programs\*

Plans for new programs such as School of Medicine, School of Dental Science, School of Liberal & Performing Arts, International School & International Admission

\* Upcoming programs



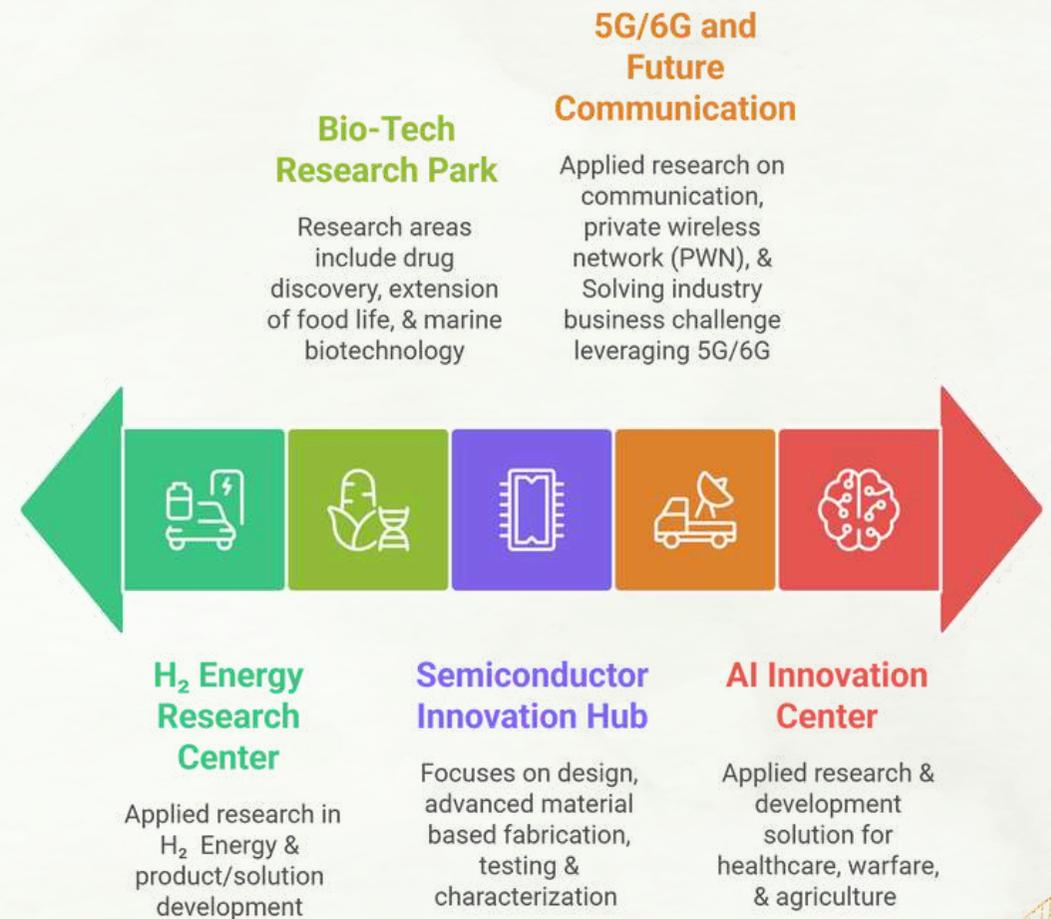
# Centers of Research Excellence (CREs)

The Centers of Research Excellence (CRE) at NIST is aimed at interdisciplinary research, and moving from project to product. It hosts cutting-edge CREs across domains, enabling students and faculty to explore real-world challenges with innovation solutions.



## Global Innovation Centers (GICs)

The Global Innovation Centers (GICs) at NIST serve as a vibrant hub for creativity, applied research, and entrepreneurship, with a strong focus on translating ideas into products. Designed to nurture breakthrough innovations and accelerate their journey from concept to productisation, the GICs provide world-class infrastructure and resources to students and faculty across diverse disciplines. By fostering global collaboration and industry engagement, the GICs promote the development of impactful solutions that address real world business and technological challenges. Currently, the GICs focus on five strategic domains: 5G/6G and Future Communication, Artificial Intelligence, Semiconductors, Hydrogen Energy, and Biotechnology.



# Student Achievements and Global Recognition



**NIST Students Shine at ZSI Hackathon**



**NISTian won the Infosys Global Hackathon**



**NISTian Triumph Smart India Hackathon**



**Team MetaAchievers won the Best XR Innovation Award at the prestigious FICCI BAF Awards 2025, held at Mumbai**



**Ms Aditi Padhi for becoming a finalist on Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Ustadnka Ustad aired on ZEE Sarthak**



**Team MargDarshak secured first prize at the OCIT summit CubeX Ideathon held at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar**



**NISTian got selected for prestigious the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Summer Research Internship 2025**



**Mr. Subhasish Das (ECE) got fully funded summer research internship at the National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan (NTNU)**

# Faculty Excellence in Research & Innovation



**Dr. Amit Patnaik**  
(amit.patnaik@nist.edu)  
Expertise: Ethnomedicinal plants of Odisha and Cervical Cancer



**Dr. Aswini Kumar Khuntia**  
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Expertise: Robotics



**Dr. Abinash Dutta**  
(abinash.dutta@nist.edu)  
Expertise: Redox biology/antifungal vaccine



**Dr Brojo Kishore Mishra**  
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Expertise: AI-ML for agriculture



**Dr. Bibhudutta Mishra**  
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Expertise: Arbovirus platforms



**Dr. Duryodhan Sahoo**  
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Expertise: Stability and synergy to the emerging advanced-materials cluster



**Dr. Jagannath Panda**  
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Expertise: MOF/COF technology



**Dr Pradyumna Patra**  
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Expertise: 5G Network



**Dr. Ratikanta Nayak**  
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Expertise: Energy Storage



**Dr. Sasmita Padhy**  
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Expertise: Power-grid resilience



**Dr. Sandipan Mallick**  
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Expertise: Semiconductor devices



**Dr. Shrabani Mahata**  
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Expertise: Artificial photosynthesis

# Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients



**Dr. Chitaranjan Mohapatro**  
(2000–2004 Batch)  
Award Winner: 2021



**Colonel Nikhil Kumar**  
(2001–2005 Batch)  
Award Winner: 2022



**Dr. Parthajit Mohapatra**  
(1999–2003 Batch)  
Award Winner: 2023



**Mr. Arya Vedabrata**  
(1999–2003 Batch)  
Award Winner: 2025

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Convocation Ceremony

A historic moment as His Excellency Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, graced the Second Convocation Ceremony of NIST University on 19th December (Friday) at the Indoor Stadium.



*Where Tradition, Talent, and  
Tomorrow Come Together.*

