Foundation Day Celebrations 2026

Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology

Pune-INDIA

Programme

09:30 – 09:35 : Welcoming of Dignitaries
09:35 – 09:40 : Saraswati Vandana and Lighting of the Ceremonial Lamp
09:40 – 09:45 : Welcome Address by
Dr. Anupam Hazra, Scientist G, IITM and Chair, 65th Foundation Day
09:45 – 10:05 : IITM: Milestones, Achievements and the Way Forward by
Dr. A. Suryachandra Rao, Director, IITM
10:05 – 10:30 : Declaration of the *IITM Awards for Outstanding Contributions* by
Dr. Vinu Valsala, Scientist G, IITM
10:30 – 10:35 : Address by the Guest of Honour
Dr. Shailesh Nayak, Director, NIAS, Former Secretary, MoES and Chairman, Research Advisory Committee (RAC), IITM
10:35 – 10:40 : Foundation Day Message by the Guest of Honour
Dr. T. Srinivasa Kumar, Secretary, MoES
10:40 – 10:45 : Felicitation of Former Employees *Who Have Completed 75 Years of Age*
10:45 – 10:55 : Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest: Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman, Chief Executive Officer, Anusandhan National Research Foundation, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India
10:55 – 11:00 : Vote of Thanks by
Dr. Sabin T. P., Scientist F, IITM and Co-Chair, 65th Foundation Day
11:00 – 11:05 : The National Song followed by the National Anthem
11:05 – 11:35 : High Tea
11:35 – 12:05 : IITM Foundation Day Lecture: Present and Future of Weather Modification by
Dr. Sarah A. Tessendorf, Head, RAL, NCAR, USA; Member, RAC, IITM
12:05 – 12:20 : Award Lecture 1 – Best Research Paper (Young Scientist)
12:20 – 12:35 : Award Lecture 2 – Best Researcher Award (Modelling)
12:35 – 12:50 : Award Lecture 3 – Best Researcher Award (Observation)
12:50 – 13:05 : Award Lecture 4 – Best Ph.D. Award
13:05 – 14:30 : Lunch

17:30 – 19:00 : Cultural Evening
19:00 onwards : Dinner

Tuesday
17 Nov 2026
Meghdoot Auditorium
IITM, Pashan, Pune

