

Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, 65th Foundation Day Celebrations

Behind every achievement of IITM stands the unwavering support, encouragement and strength of the families who accompany us throughout our journey...

The Director, IITM, has the pleasure of inviting all IITM employees and their families, including spouses and children, to an evening of vibrant cultural performances, followed by Dinner.

Join us for an evening of music, joy and togetherness, celebrating the spirit of the IITM family and the collective achievements that make our milestones possible.

Tuesday | 17 Nov | 2026

Venue: Meghdoot Auditorium

Foundation Day Celebrations 2026

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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

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