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A Report on visit to India Science Festival organized at IISER, Pune

Date of visit: 10/01/2026

Number of staff members visited: 2

Number of students visited: 40

The India Science Festival (ISF) is the flagship annual event of the Foundation for Advancing Science and Technology (FAST India), a non-profit institution of excellence working to enable the transformation of India's science and technology ecosystem through research and policy, government support, institutional strengthening, corporate sector engagement, and science communication.

This year, the seventh edition of India Science Festival was hosted by IISER, Pune on 10th and 11th January, 2026. The event started with the inauguration ceremony chaired by eminent dignitaries viz. **Prof. Abhay Karandikar**, Secretary, DST, GoI; **Prof. K. Vijayraghavan**, Former Principal Scientific Adviser to GoI; **Dr. Maneesha Inamdar**, Director, inStem, JNCASR; **Sheel Kapoor**, CEO, FAST India; **Ashish Dhawan**, co-founder, FAST India; **Ashok Atluri**, Zen Technologies; **Vijay Jerome**, Bajaj Auto Ltd.; and **Prof. Sunil S. Bhagwat**, Director, IISER Pune.

Various expert talks, panel discussions and interactive sessions were arranged on a wide range of themes, including ethical artificial intelligence, space exploration, radio astronomy and emerging technologies. The event was graced by the presence of Prof. Venky Ramakrishnan, Nobel Laureate and Subhanshu Shukla, Group Captain, Indian Air Force and the first ISRO Astronaut to visit the International Space Station. The event concluded with a theatre performance "India's Space Odyssey" narrated by actor Akhilendra Mishra.



India Science Festival Inauguration Ceremony, Speaker: Dr. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, DST, GoI MMCOE Faculties and Students attending India Science Festival 2026



MMCOE Students attending various programs and stalls

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