



National Workshop
On
Transforming Higher Education: Innovation and
Entrepreneurship



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About the Workshop

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 places strong emphasis on transforming higher education through innovation, entrepreneurship, skill development, and practical learning. One of its key goals is to make universities and colleges not only centers of knowledge but also hubs of creativity, problem-solving, and job creation. NEP 2020 encourages institutions to promote start-ups, industry collaboration, digital learning, and flexible pathways that prepare students for real-world challenges.

In this context, there is a growing need to build the capacity of faculty members, researchers, and students to design innovative academic programmes and entrepreneurial initiatives within higher education institutions. Developing high-quality MOOCs courses and fostering start-up ecosystems within universities are important steps toward achieving this vision.

To address this need, we are organizing a National Workshop on “Transforming Higher Education: Innovation and Entrepreneurship” in alignment with NEP 2020. The workshop will focus on practical aspects such as conceptualizing, designing, and developing MOOCs courses for platforms like SWAYAM, as well as understanding the process of initiating and supporting start-ups within universities. It aims to provide hands-on exposure, policy insights, and best practices to participants.

This workshop seeks to empower institutions to integrate innovation and entrepreneurship into teaching, research, and outreach, thereby contributing to a future-ready, self-reliant, and knowledge-driven higher education system

Registration Fee

Rs.500/- (Including Welcome Seminar Kits, Tea- Snacks, Working Lunch, Certificate)

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Important Dates

Registration Begins: 29th January 2026

Last Date of Registration: 9th February 2026

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SPEAKERS



Dr. Ashutosh Mohan

Dr. Ashutosh Mohan is an Associate Professor at the Institute of Management Studies, Banaras Hindu University. He holds a B.Sc. (Chemistry Honours) and an MBA from BHU, a Ph.D. from the Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi, and was awarded a D.Litt. by BHU in 2016. He began his academic career as a Lecturer at Jamia Millia Islamia before returning to BHU. He currently serves as the National Coordinator (INI) for the SWAYAM initiative.

Prof. Sayam Sen Gupta

Sayam Sen Gupta earned his Master's in Chemistry from IIT Kanpur and his PhD from Carnegie Mellon University, USA. Following postdoctoral research in the USA and Germany, he served as a scientist at the National Chemical Laboratory, Pune. In 2016, he joined IISER Kolkata, where he is currently a Professor in Chemical Sciences. His research focuses on Sustainable Chemistry, with over 150 publications in journals such as Science and JACS. He is a Founder Director of RISE Foundation IISER and a recipient of the National Award to Teachers from the Government of India.



Dr. Sonali Roy

Dr. Sonali Roy completed her PhD in Toxicology at Visva-Bharati University and was a JSPS Fellow at the University of Tokyo. She previously worked at CSIR-NEIST Jorhat and served as the Incubation Manager for the BioNEST incubator at NIPER-Guwahati, where she established the center as a leading bio-incubator in the Northeast. Currently the COO of RISE Foundation IISER, she holds an MBA and has completed innovation management programs with IIM Calcutta, the Atal Innovation Mission (NITI Aayog), and the National Biopharma Mission (DBT-BIRAC).



Mr. Saurabh Ray

Saurabh Ray is the Founder of MONOSHA Biotech, a WHO-compliant Serpentarium and Venom Production Laboratory established in West Bengal in 2020–21. He holds an M.Sc. in Environmental Science, a PG Diploma in International Business (IIFT), and is a Certified Master Herpetologist. He has trained at leading serpentariums and venom banks across Africa, Australia, the USA, Malaysia, and Vietnam. He is an expert member of the ICMR National Task Force for Research on Snakebite, Government of India.



Dr. Bikash Ghosh

Bishakh Ghosh is the founder of Pinggy, a profitable, bootstrapped startup launched in 2023 that has received the MeitY GENESIS Grant. He earned his Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering from IIT Kharagpur in 2023 and his B.Tech. from NIT Durgapur in 2018. Pinggy builds developer tools focused on computer networks. His research spans blockchains, distributed systems, cloud computing, and computer networks, with publications in top-tier conferences including IEEE INFOCOM, NDSS, and MobileHCI, along with several journal publications and two U.S. patent applications in blockchain technology.





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