

**Programme for Confluence 2025**  
(1<sup>st</sup> Industry Academia Meet, Visva-Bharati)

**Day 1 (November 6, 2025)**

**Venue: Lipika Auditorium**

**Registration**

**(8:30 - 9:30)**

**Inaugural Session**

Time	Events
9:30	Dignitaries on Dais
9:30-9:40	Traditional Baran of Dignitaries by the students of Visva-Bharati
9:40 - 9:45	Lighting of the Lamp
9:45 -9:55	Vedic Hymn & Opening Song by Sangit Bhavana, Visva-Bharati
9:55 -10:00	Welcome Address & About Confluence 2025 by the Organizing Secretary
10:00-10:10	Address by the Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati
10:10 -10:20	Address by the Guest of Honour Prof. T. G. Sitharam , Chairman, AICTE
10:20-10:30	Address by the Guest of Honour Mr. Vineet Joshi, Secretary, MoE, Gol
10:30 -10:40	Address by Special Guest Dr. Ashok Dalwai, IAS(R), Former CEO, NRAA & Chairperson, ISEC
10:40 - 10:45	Release of Souvenir, e-Newsletter & IKS Document
10:45 -10:55	Honouring Sponsors / Partners
10:55 - 11:10	Address by the Chief Guest Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Union Minister of State for Education, Gol
11:10 - 11:15	Vote of Thanks by Joint Organizing Secretary National Anthem

**Tea-Break**

**11:15 – 11:30**

**Technical Session I: Capacity Building: Placements, Skill Development, Internship and Student Exchange**

Convener: Dr. Avijit Banerjee

Rapporteurs: Dr. Asok Kumar Sarkar & Dr. Amitava Paul

Time	Event	Participants
11:30 -11:40	Introduction of the Chair/Co-Chair/Speakers	Chair: Dr. S. P. Mohanty, Co-chairman, FAI & MD, HURL Co-Chair: Dr. U. C. Dixit, VP, Indorama India
11:40 -11:50	Thematic presentation	Theme presentation: Dr. Firdous Barbhuiya, VB
11:50 -12:10	Lead Lecture by Industry Partners	Lead lecture: Mr. Sandeep Bhattacharya, Head-HR, BDG-Group
12:10-12:20	Special lecture	Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, HR Lead, PRADAN
12:20-12:30	Special lecture	Dr. Biswarup Bose, Business Head, Sai Fert. Pvt.Ltd.
12:30-12:40	Special lecture	Mr. Xu Wei, The Consul General of China in Kolkata
12:40-12:50	Interaction/Discussion	
12:50-13:00	Remarks from Chair/Co-chair	

**Lunch**

**13:00 – 14:30**

## Technical Session II: Community Services, Incubation, Startup & Innovations

Convener: Dr. Sujit Kumar Pal

Rapporteurs: Dr. Arabinda Mondal & Dr. Bholanath Mondal

Time	Event	Chair/Co-Chair/Speaker
14:30 -14:40	Introduction of the Chair/Co-Chair/Speakers	Chair: Mr. Chandrasekhar Ghosh, Former MD & CEO, Bandhan Bank Co-Chair: Mr. Shuvaloke Sarkar, Sr. VP, Matix
14:40 -14:50	Thematic presentation	Dr. Amit Hazra, VB
14:50 - 15:10	Lead Lecture by Industry Partners	Dr. Venkatram Vasantavada, MD & CEO, Seed Works
15:10 -15:20	Special lecture	Dr. Santanu Bhattacharyya, Director, IISER, Tirupati
15:20 -15:30	Special lecture	Dr. K. S. Thyagarajan, PI Industries Ltd.
15:30 -15:50	Interaction/Discussion	
15:50 -16:00	Remarks from Chair/Co-chair	

## Technical Session III: CSR and Stakeholder's Welfare

Convener: Dr. Sudipta Das

Rapporteurs: Dr. Prasenjit Saha & Dr. Aliul Azim

Time	Event	Chair/Co-Chair/Speaker
16:00 -16:10	Introduction of the Chair/Co-Chair/Speakers	Chair: Dr. Subodh Kumar Singh, Regional Executive, FAI Co-Chair: Dr. Chitore Guha Sarkar, TATA Trust
16:10 -16:20	Thematic presentation	Dr. Samiran Mondal, VB
16:20 -16:40	Lecture by Industry Partners	Mr. Prabhakar L, VP & Head-CSR, ITC
16:40 -16:50	Special Lecture	Ms. Krittika Simlai, HDFC CSR- Parivartan
16:50 -17:00	Special Lecture	Mr. Kishore Darak, TATA Trust
17:00-17:10	Special Lecture	Mr. Pawan Bhalotia, President, NCC
17:10 -17:20	Interaction/Discussion	
17:20 -17:30	Remarks from Chair/Co-chair	

### Tea-Break

17:30 - 18:30

### Cultural Evening

(by Sangit Bhavana, Visva-Bharati)

18:30 – 20:00

Venue: Lipika Auditorium

### Dinner

20:00 - 21:30

## Day 2 (November 7, 2025)

### Concurrent Sessions (Technical Sessions IV & V)

#### Venue: Central Library

#### Technical Session IV: Science & Technology: Collaboration & Commercialization

Convener: Dr. Goutam Brahmachari

Rapporteurs: Dr. Alakananda Hazra & Dr. Bitan Mondal

Time	Particulars	Chair/Co-Chair/Speaker
9:30 -9:40	Introduction of the Chair/Co-Chair/Speakers	Chair: Dr. D K Tyagi, CEO, Farm Gate Technologies Co-Chair: Dr. Manoj Mukhopadhyay, WBCIL
9:40 -9:50	Thematic presentation	Dr. Rakesh Kundu, VB
9:50-10:10	Lead Lecture by Industry Partners	Mr. M. V. Natarajan, Business Head, Reliance
10:10-10:20	Special lecture	Dr. Anish Chatterjee, Adviser, GiZ
10:20-10:30	Special lecture	Dr. Debabrata Bhattasali, BBRC-Syngene
10:30-10:50	Interaction/Discussion	
10:50-11:00	Remarks from Chair/Co-chair	

#### Venue: Lipika Auditorium

#### Technical Session V: Heritage, Visual & Performing Arts

Convener: Dr. Sisir Sahana

Rapporteurs: Dr. Dheeman Bhattacharyya & Dr. A. K. Chattopadhyay

Time	Particulars	Chair/Co-Chair/Speaker
9:30 -9:40	Introduction of the Chair/Co-Chair/Speakers	Chair: Dr. Debasis Bandhopadhyay, Director, Culture & Cultural Relations Co-Chair: Mr. Zulfiqar Zinna Ahmed, Amra Sabuj
9:40 -9:50	Thematic presentation	Theme presentation: Dr. Amrit Sen, VB
9:50-10:10	Lead Lecture by Industry Partners	Mr. Ashish Athawle, CEO, ComPazz
10:10-10:20	Special lecture	Dr. R. Sivakumar, Ex-Professor, Visva-Bharati
10:20-10:30	Special lecture	Dr. Sruti Bandopadhyay, Professor of Manipuri Dance
10:30-10:50	Interaction/Discussion	
10:50-11:00	Remarks from Chair/Co-chair	

#### Tea-Break

11:00 – 11:30

## Day 2 (November 7, 2025)

### Special Session: Industry-Academia-Student Interaction Meet

Venue: Lipika Auditorium

Tagore's dream and today's reality: Integrating education, innovation, community and industry

Convener: Dr. Subhashree Sanyal

Rapporteur: Dr. Atig Ghosh

Time	Particulars	Chair/Moderators/Panelists
11:30 -11:40	Introduction of the Chair/Co-Chair/Moderators/Panelists	Chair: Dr. Soumitra Das, Director – Asia Pacific, IZA Co-Chair: Dr. K. S. Thyagarajan, PI Industries Ltd.
11:40 -11:50	Opening remarks by Moderator	Moderators: Dr. Amit Hazra & Mr. Debashis Mukherjee
11:50 -12:35	Panel Discussion	Panelists: Dr. Amrit Sen, VB Dr. Ravinder Singh, Head, Product Development, PI Mr. Yoshihisa Ishikawa, The Consul General of Japan in Kolkata Dr. Shyamapada Banerjee, Sapala Organics Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, PRADAN Mr. Dipankar Sen Gupta, TSIPL Mr. M. V. Natarajan, Reliance Mr. Ashish Athawle, CEO, ComPazz Dr. D.S. Pandey, Dean, BHU
12:35-13:05	Participation/Interactions/Discussion	Discussants: Dr. Manoj Mukhopadhaya, WBCIL Ms. Ipsita Chakraborty, TCG Life Sciences Dr. Tanushyam Chattaopadhyay, Adani Group Dr. Tapan Kumar Bhowmik, Accenture India Shri P. Bilash Singh, Director, JNMDA, Manipur All other Industry representatives All student representatives from Visva-Bharati
13:05-13:15	Remarks from Chair/Co-chair	

### Lunch

13:15 – 14:30

### Valedictory Session

Time: 14:30 onwards

Venue: Lipika Auditorium

Presided over by Dr. Probir Kumar Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati

Presentation of Rapporteur Reports	Chief Rapporteur: Dr. Atig Ghosh
Remarks by Guest of Honour	Dr. S. P. Mohanty, MD, HURL
Valedictory Speech by the Chief Guest	Dr. Ashok Dalwai, Former CEO, NRAA, Chairman, ISEC
Vote of Thanks	Vote of Thanks by Joint Organizing Secretary

Ashram Sangit

Heritage Walk