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About **TED^x** IISERBPR

TEDxIISERBPR 2026 returns this January with a renewed mission to spark ideas that inspire real change. After a successful debut in 2024, we are bringing together diverse voices from science, technology, culture, entrepreneurship, and social impact to create a space where perspectives collide and new possibilities emerge.

At IISER Berhampur, we believe in shaping curious thinkers and responsible leaders. With an audience of students, researchers, faculty, and engaged citizens along with a growing digital reach the event offers partners meaningful visibility and association with a purpose-driven platform.

Backed by TED's global reputation and IISER's excellence in science, TEDxIISERBPR is more than a conference it's a movement of ideas worth spreading. Join us as we turn conversations into transformation

Our Speakers

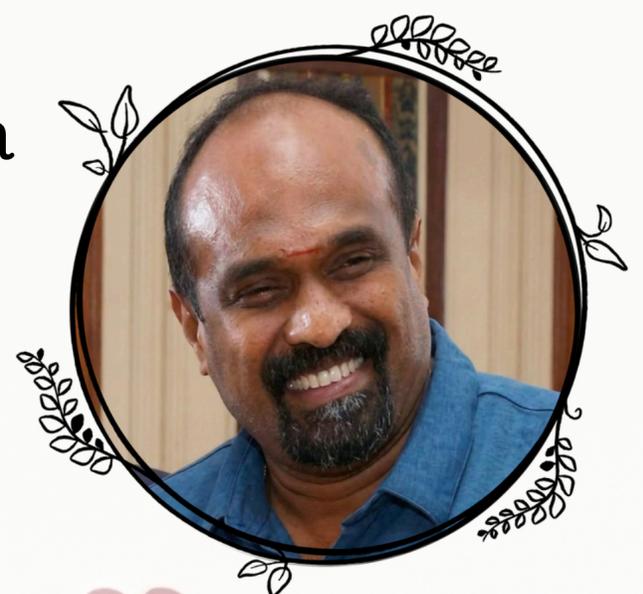


• Karthik Raghavendran

Karthik Raghavendran is a distinguished scientist and global innovator in neurotechnology and AI, serving as Cofounder and CEO of Neurostellar, where he leads pioneering work in neural interface systems and neuro-AI for health, cognition, and human enhancement. An entrepreneur, author, and public speaker, he has co-written doctorate-level Neuropsychiatry texts, is a frequent guest speaker at IISc and NIT, and is internationally recognized for scientific leadership and responsible neurotechnology advancement.

• Dr. R. Natarajan

Dr. R. Natarajan, IRS, Deputy Commissioner, DGPM, Chennai, is a distinguished civil servant and academician, a nine-time national champion and record holder in the 100 m and 200 m, South Asia's fastest man, Asia No. 3 seed, and 1996 Atlanta Olympics 200 m qualifier. He holds degrees in Pharmacy, Sociology, Yoga (M.Sc.), and a Ph.D. in Track & Field Athletics, becoming the first and only Indian athlete with a doctorate in the discipline, bridging sports science, yoga, and public administration.



• Captain Suresh Babu

Captain Suresh Babu, an Indian Navy officer, is a Marine Commando (MARCOS) with deep-sea diving and Special Forces qualifications, serving over 34 years. He played key roles in special operations, post-26/11 anti-terrorism, and Gulf anti-piracy missions, commanded a MARCOS unit, and led peacekeeping missions in Somalia and Sri Lanka. He contributed to infrastructure development for MARCOS, Diving, and NCC units, holds two Limca Book of Records in skydiving, and proudly describes himself as a peace-loving Marine Commando.

• Dr. Suvrat Raju

Dr. Suvrat Raju is a renowned theoretical physicist at ICTS-TIFR, Bengaluru, specializing in quantum gravity, quantum field theory, and black hole information paradoxes. An alumnus of St. Stephen's College and Harvard University (Ph.D.), he has over 15 years of research experience, with influential contributions to spacetime, holography, and the quantum structure of gravity. A Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences, he is also a leading advocate of scientific integrity, open inquiry, and public engagement with science.

• Annie Namala

Annie Namala is a leading Dalit rights activist, Executive Director of CSEI, and National Convener of Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (WNTA), one of India's largest civil society platforms tracking government commitments and SDG progress. She led India Civil Society Reports on SDGs, facilitated civil society consultations for India's 2020 Voluntary National Report, contributed to the Leave No One Behind framework, and is a former member of the National Advisory Council on the RTE Act, advancing social equity and inclusion of marginalized communities.

• Dr. L. S. Shashidhara

Dr. L. S. Shashidhara is the Director of the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru, and a distinguished developmental biologist whose work bridges genetics, evolution, and cancer biology. Using *Drosophila* as a model, his research reveals how conserved developmental pathways govern organ formation and their disruption in human epithelial cancers. A former founding faculty member at IISER Pune, he has played key roles in national initiatives including the Pune Knowledge Cluster and the Indian Cancer Genome Atlas, and is deeply committed to science education, outreach, and interdisciplinary research.



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Venue- IISER Berhampur

Date- 17th January, 2026

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