

## Registration

Participants are requested to register by sending duly filled registration form along with prescribed fees as Demand Draft (DD) from any Nationalized bank, in favor of the Convener, NFM-2026, Payable at Pilani. For online registration, complete format and send print out of the final form along with the DD of prescribed fees.

Prior registration is preferred over On-site Registration.

## Fees

### Early-bird Registration (without accommodation)

Students*:	Rs. 3000
Faculty/ Scientist#:	Rs. 7000
Industry #	Rs. 10000

### On-site Registration (without accommodation)

Students:	Rs. 4000
Faculty/ Scientist:	Rs. 8000
Industry:	Rs. 12000
International Delegates	USD 100

## IMPORTANT DATES

### LAST DATES FOR

Early-bird Registration:	30 Mar 2026
Abstract Submission:	25 Mar 2026
Decision of Acceptance:	28 Mar 2026

## Keynote Speakers (Confirmed)

Prof. Yosi Sacham Diamand (Tel Aviv Univ., Israel)

Prof. Kausik Mukhopadhyay (Univ. Central Florida, USA)

Prof. Samir Sapra (IIT-Delhi)

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Prof. K. M. Sureshan (IISER, Thiruvananthapuram)

Prof. Dr. Sasanka Deka (DU, New Delhi)

Prof. Sanchita Bandopadhyay (Manipal Univ. Jaipur)

### International Speakers will be presenting ONLINE LECTURES

\* Registration Charges for Students include Conference Registration Charges and Food & Refreshments during the event

# Registration Charges for Faculty/ Scientist/ Industry include Conference Registration Charges, Food & Refreshments, Local conveyance (ex-New Delhi/ Jaipur)

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## Materials Research @ BITS Pilani

An interdisciplinary group of faculty members from different departments of the Pilani campus are actively doing research in the highly evolving area of materials and their applications. The team includes Prof. J. Panwar (Biosciences), Prof. I. R. Laskar, Prof. S. Ray, Prof. M. Sarkar, Prof. S. Pande, Prof. B. R. Sarkar, Prof. M. Basu, Prof. S. Patra (All in Chemistry), Dr. R. K. Gupta, Dr. S. Gangopadhyay (both in Physics), Dr. S. Belgamwar (Mechanical Engg.), Dr. B. Roy, Dr. S. Chatterjee (Chemical Engg.), Prof. N. Gupta, Dr. A. Hazra (both in Electrical Engg.). The group initiated the first NFM in 2014 as a national conference to initiate communication and cross-disciplinary interactions which had considerably contributed to its growth and visibility of the University among the research peer-group in the subsequent edition in NFM-2017. Post-COVID, the members reconstituted the research impetus in form of several interdisciplinary spear-heads such as Centre for Research Excellence in Semiconductor Technology (CREST), under inspiration the Vice Chancellor, Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao. The members have recently been awarded several research projects in respective areas from various national funding agencies.

1<sup>st</sup> Announcement

# International Conference on NANO- AND FUNCTIONAL MATERIALS (NFM-2026) Materials for Sustainable Future

17-18 APRIL 2026

Organized by  
**Department of Chemistry**



**BITS Pilani**  
**Pilani Campus**  
**Pilani, Rajasthan 333031**

## About BITS Pilani



A premier academy of India, Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani (BITS Pilani), was deemed to be a university in 1964. With the expansion to the Goa, Hyderabad, Dubai and Mumbai campuses BITS-Pilani has emerged as an *Institute of Eminence* in science and technology education and research. The 240 acres self-contained Pilani campus boasts of its neatly laid original design along with the new additions of New Academic Building, Library, Sports complex, New Science Block, Centre of Excellence buildings etc. The Pilani Campus hosts the state-of-the-art technology for teaching and research that empowers its intellectual core, especially, a signature network capability that brings all the campuses on a roundtable and shares classrooms and cross-campus activities. On-campus research facilities and active inter

-disciplinary research approach have successfully attracted healthy amounts of research funding from government agencies as well as private agencies/ industry. Thus equipped, BITS Pilani steers forward to explore & establish a brighter tomorrow.

## Department of Chemistry, Pilani Campus

One of oldest & ever-evolving department having a vision to excel in teaching & research, recently reinforced with enthusiastic young faculty members. Active research in the frontier areas of both fundamental and applied chemistry has been appreciated nationally & globally for several decades. The department continues to grow and attain new paradigms in chemistry education in the country.

## About Pilani

Ancestral hometown of the Birla Family, Pilani, set in an idyllic environment has a population of about 50,000. Pilani enjoys pleasant weather of 24 to 35 °C during Spring. Majestic destinations such as Jaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Udaipur, Ranthambore etc. are places of tourists' interest around Pilani.

## Transportation

### By Train

Nearby railway stations of Chirawa (15 km), Loharu (23 km) and Sadulpur (42 km) are connected by frequent bus/ shuttle car services to Pilani

### By Car

Chartered car service available from Jaipur (225 km) & New Delhi (210 km) connecting Train/ Flight services

## Accommodation

Limited on-campus accommodations are available upon on first come first serve basis. Other accommodations are available in private lodge/ guest houses in Pilani. For more information contact at [NFM@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in](mailto:NFM@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in)

## The Conference

Objective of the conference is to expose the students & researchers to the recent advances in the fields of nanomaterials and functional materials in our country and across the globe. The aim is to elucidate the seamless mixing of science and engineering aspects in development of the very important interdisciplinary domain of material science. This will stage a panel of eminent researchers/ professors to seed ideas/ concepts for trans-disciplined collaborations, towards growing national and global technology demands in materials science and engineering aiming a sustainable future. You are invited to present your research findings in addition to be inspired by the pioneers during the lecture sessions.

## Topics of interest

Conference will be mostly focused on,

- **Materials for Nanoscience**
- **Materials for Opto-electronics and Biosensors**
- **Computational Aspects in Material Science**
- **Materials for Renewable Resource Applications**
- **Materials for Green Chemistry & Catalysis**
- **Materials for Pharmaceuticals and Drug Delivery**
- **Materials for Device Applications**
- **Materials for Biomedical and Agricultural Sciences**

## Call for Abstracts

Submit abstracts (one page) on your recent original work for Poster/Oral Presentations. Format can be downloaded from our website. [<http://www.bits-pilani.ac.in/pilani/nfm/home>] Filled in format should be turned in on or before the deadline mentioned, via email. Decision will be informed by return email by the specified date.

Email: [NFM@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in](mailto:NFM@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in)

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