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of **HBNI**

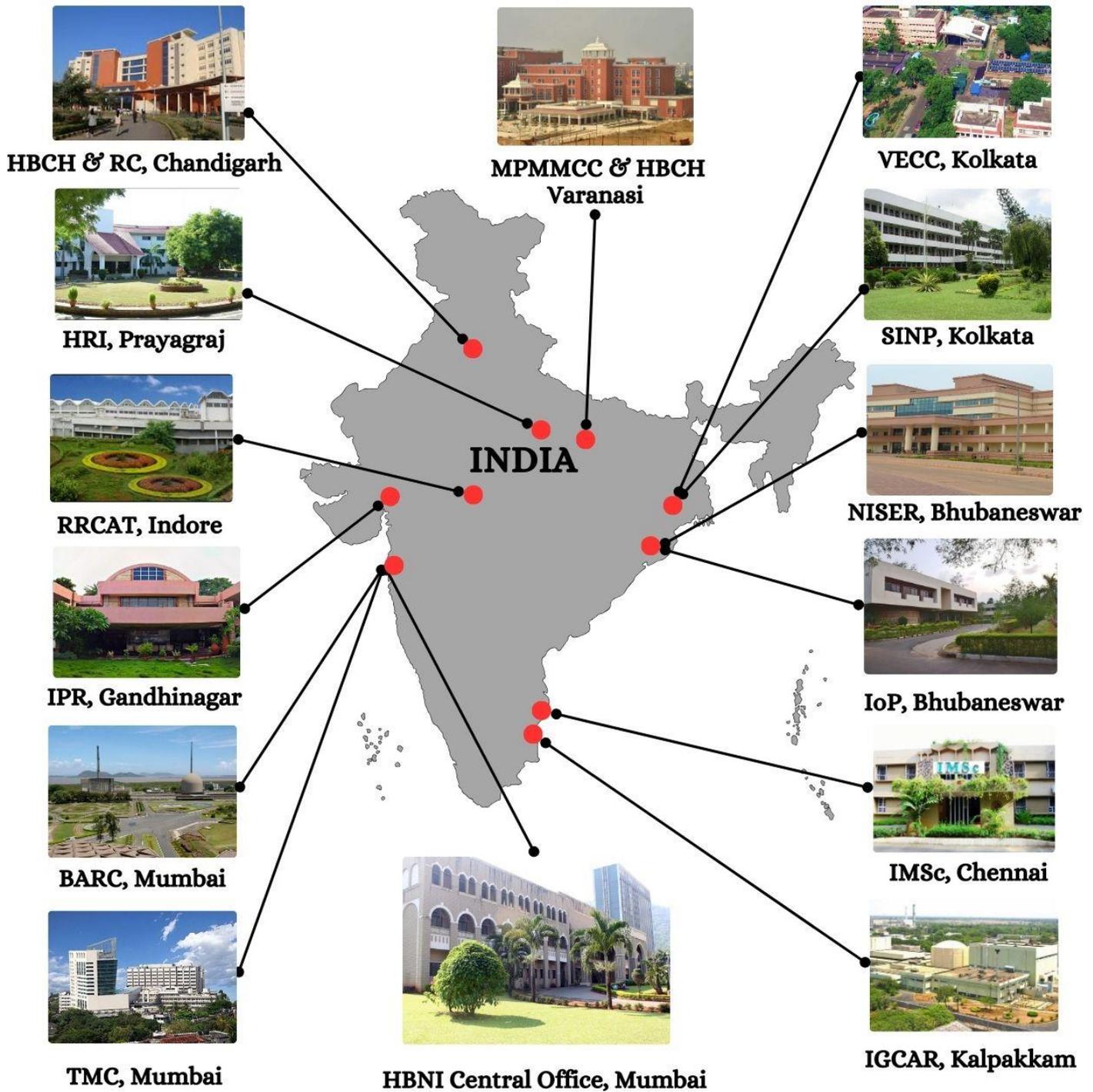


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HOMI BHABHA NATIONAL INSTITUTE

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Convocation Day Program Schedule

Monday, 2nd June 2025, 14:30-17:15 hrs
DAE Convention Centre, Anushaktinagar

-  **Welcome Address & Presentation of Annual Report 2024-25:**
Prof. U. Kamachi Mudali, Vice-chancellor, HBNI

 -  **Chancellor's Address:**
Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chancellor, HBNI

 -  **Special Address:**
Prof. A. K. Mohanty, Chairman, Council of Management, HBNI

 -  **Convocation Day Address by the Chief Guest:**
**Prof. P. Balaram, Honorary Prof. JNCASR and Former Director,
IISc, Bengaluru**

 -  **Distribution of Outstanding Doctoral Student Awards and Degree
Certificates**
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Instructions

- Please occupy your seats by 13:45 hrs.
- When the procession enters the venue, please stand-up till members in the procession occupy their seats.
- Please keep your mobile phones switched-off during the convocation ceremony.
- You are requested to maintain silence at all times.
- Until the procession leaves the venue, kindly do not leave your seat for any reason.
- The official photographer will be taking photographs which will be made available to all the students after the ceremony. Therefore, please refrain from taking photographs during the ceremony.
- Please stand-up during the National Anthem and continue so, until the procession leaves the venue.
- Do not bring any eatables and/ or drinks inside the auditorium.

Thank you for reading the instructions.

Your kind co-operation is solicited.



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Prof. P. Balaram

Honorary Professor, JNCASR &
Former Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

Profile of the Chief-Guest

Prof. Padmanabhan Balaram presently holds Honorary Professorship at JNCASR, Bengaluru. He did B.Sc. (Chemistry) from Fergusson College (1967), University of Pune and M.Sc. from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (1969). During his Ph.D. at Carnegie Mellon University, he studied the use of negative Nuclear Overhauser effect signals as probes of macromolecular conformations under Dr. Aksel A. Bothner-By (1972). His post-doctoral studies were at Harvard University with Nobel laureate Dr. Robert Burns Woodward wherein he worked on the synthesis of the antibiotic erythromycin. After returning to India, he joined Prof. G.N. Ramachandran's lab at Indian Institute of Science (IISc), where he served as a faculty member in the Molecular Biophysics Unit. He superannuated from IISc as Director of the Institute, and later he was a Chair Professor at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore.

Prof. Balaram is an accomplished protein biologist and his research is primarily focussed on the investigations of the structure, conformation, and biological activity of designed and natural peptides. His team uses high-end structural biology techniques such as Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectroscopy, Infrared spectroscopy, Circular Dichroism, as well as X-ray crystallography. His important contributions to the field have been the evaluation of factors influencing the folding and conformations of designed peptides and investigations on structural elements playing a key role in the formation of secondary structural motifs such as helices, beta turns, and sheets. His group has also pioneered the use of alpha-amino isobutyric acid to induce and retain helicity and constrain peptide conformations. Prof. Balaram has over 400 research papers to his credit with ~ 24200 citations (h-index of 78 and i-10 index of 414 on Google Scholar). He is a Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy and has been honoured with several awards such as INSA medal for Young Scientists (1977), Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award (1986), Padma Shri (2002), The J C Bose Medal (2004), Padma Bhushan (2014), the TWAS Prize (1994) and the R. Bruce Merrifield Award by the American Peptide Society (2021).

Convocation Address

Homi Bhabha National Institute, Mumbai

June 2, 2025

The Honourable Chancellor Dr. Anil Kakodkar, the Chairman, Council of Management of HBNI Professor Ajit Kumar Mohanty, the Vice-Chancellor Professor Kamachi Mudali, members of the faculty, staff, distinguished guests and most importantly, the graduating students of this Convocation.

It is a privilege for me to deliver this address on a very important day for your institution. The great progress the country has made since Independence in the sphere of higher technical education has largely, if not entirely, been the result of public initiatives in the sphere of higher education. It is only in more recent times that private institutions have begun to cater to the huge demand for higher education our country. Yours is a very young institution, different in scope from a conventional University. It bears the name of one of Indian science's immortal figures, Homi Bhabha, a truly great institution builder in post-Independence India. I have spent all my active professional years in one of India's oldest institutions, the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, which is now 116 years old. It is here that Homi Bhabha began his career in India and it is here that his visions for the future were born. In attending this Convocation, I have the rare opportunity of reflecting on how much the world has changed in the last fifty years or more, that I have had the privilege to witness in my scientific career. I can only wonder what Homi Bhabha would have to say if he saw the world as it is today. The century and more for which the Indian Institute of Science has existed is a period which has seen the most dramatic transformations in science, technology and global affairs in all human history. Looking back at the 20th century, those of us who have lived through the second half could scarcely have imagined how the world would change in our lifetime.

When invited by Professor Kamachi Mudali to join all of you on this important day, I wondered what I should say? I have been a scientist all my professional life, cloistered in the laboratories of the Indian Institute of Science. I still spend my time amongst scientists at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, a unit of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research under the DAE umbrella. I teach whenever I can. To speak at a Convocation is a difficult task, especially as I alone stand between you and the celebration that will inevitably follow the completion of this formal ceremony. Every one of you who graduates today deserves to celebrate the award of the degrees that you so richly merit. I will venture to make some remarks on science and natural history, at a time when memories of the Covid-19 pandemic, remain fresh in our memory. For over two years between 2020 and 2022 a biological organism, a virus, brought the world to its knees. Both politics and religion, two of the dominating influences in all human societies, bowed before a force of nature.

Why is science important? Remember it is the scientific advances of the last two centuries that have driven the modern technological revolution. I am also aware, as you undoubtedly are, that the last four years have seen an upsurge in public awareness of science, driven by the coronavirus and the Covid-19 pandemic. RT-PCR, rapid antigen tests, aerosol transmission, mRNA vaccines and mathematical modelling are terms that are now commonly used in discussions between those unaware of the language of science. Even as I speak, reports of circulating coronaviruses appear in the daily Press.

Nearly fifty-eight years ago, when I graduated from Fergusson College in Pune and went out into the world with a BSc degree, it was indeed a different world. Thirty-nine years ago, when I reached the high point of any academic career, admission to the professorial rank, the world around me was still largely as it was in the late 1960s. But, in this interregnum, unknown to me, major revolutions were underway in science and technology. These upheavals spanned a range of disciplines, genome sequencing and genetic engineering in biology, the explosion of computer technologies and the

communications revolution. The revolution in Artificial Intelligence, spurred by advances in computer science, promise to transform our lives. My generation can only marvel at the way the internet, Google and the cell phone forever transformed the way we live. Social media can influence not only the fate of individuals but also nations. These technological advances rested on fundamental breakthroughs in physics, chemistry, biology, materials science, mathematics, and computer science, often the result of decades of painstaking research. Rarely were they the result of that blinding flash of insight that often makes science look glamorous and romantic from the outside. Think of gene sequencing technologies, reflect on the lithium battery, so central to our lives today, or the electronic processors that drive all our devices and many more and you will realize science and technology are inseparable.

I have sometimes been asked a question: “What is Science”. I have responded that Science is the study of Nature. That leads to another question: What is Nature? The best answer that I found was in the editorial in the very first volume of the journal *Nature*, that appeared in 1869. The famous biologist Thomas Huxley was invited to write the editorial, heralding the appearance of a new science journal. Huxley did not write the editorial. Instead, he translated an essay in German, written in the mid-18th century, by the poet von Goethe. In the poet’s words: “*Nature! We are surrounded and embraced by her: powerless to penetrate beyond her and powerless to separate ourselves from her.*” Think of the subjects you have studied in school. Physics and Biology are with you all the time, even though you may not choose to recognize this fact. Nothing in the world around you (including yourselves) is divorced from chemistry. Of mathematics, I can do no better than remind you that Galileo is reported to have once remarked, that “mathematics is the language in which God wrote the Universe”. Paraphrasing Galileo, I might add, Chemistry is the language in which Nature wrote the Book of Life. The biochemist Arthur Kornberg aptly described chemistry as the “*lingua franca of the biological and medical sciences*”

Science requires tools and sometimes we underestimate the role of technology in driving science. The theoretical physicist Freeman Dyson once noted that “*Science is often driven by new technologies rather than new concepts*”. In the 17th century two inventions, the telescope and the microscope, forever altered our view of the world. When the Italian, Galileo, pointed the telescope skywards, he opened the field of cosmology, until then restricted by human vision. Today when we celebrate the Chandrayan mission remember all that has gone before and imagine all that might follow. When the Dutchman, Leeuwenhoek, examined water under his microscope, he discovered living organisms too small to be seen with the naked eye. He had uncovered the vast science of microbiology, a field which has really impacted public consciousness during the years of the pandemic. In the 20th century, separated by a span of seven decades, two discoveries revolutionized medicine, making diagnostic radiology indispensable for clinical practice. Both came from physics. The first was Roentgen’s discovery of X-rays at the dawn of the century, the second Lauterbur’s imaging of two concentric tubes of water, in the 1970s, using nuclear magnetic resonance in inhomogeneous magnetic fields. This was the birth of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Can there be better examples to argue the case for basic science? Interdisciplinary science, engineering and manufacturing were the key elements in ensuring that the fruits of fundamental physics reached the clinic. Generations of patients have benefitted from these techniques.

Much of modern technology, that all of us take for granted, is the product of two centuries of scientific advance in physics, chemistry and biology. Remember that the basic sciences, often neglected in our institutions, form the foundations for technological progress. We all know instinctively what light is. But it required Michael Faraday and James Maxwell to establish the connections between electricity, magnetism and light. Today, auctioning the electromagnetic spectrum can be a highly lucrative endeavor. Look with wonder at Mendeleev’s Periodic Table, the very same topic that NCERT threatens to remove from the 10th class syllabus. Remember the element silicon is as critical to modern information technology as the element carbon is to life. Think

of what distinguishes human intelligence from the looming spectre of artificial intelligence. The famous neurologist and writer Oliver Sacks called it the “*enchanted garden of Mendeleev*”. Willard Gibbs in isolation brought Thermodynamics into being, a subject that forms the foundation of the sciences. Ludwig Boltzmann thought of heat and the atom, the origins of our ideas of entropy, which are to be seen even in Claude Shannon’s now immortal work, which laid the foundation for information science and technology. Oswald Avery in 1943 discovered DNA as the material substance responsible for the transfer of genetic information in biology. The Watson -Crick double helix provided the missing link between the 19th century pillars of biology, Mendelian genetics and Darwinian evolution. DNA is a term that even politicians use in public speeches; a tribute to an acronym that is pregnant with meaning. I could go on and on, but on a day when you celebrate your education, I can only say that there is much to learn.

But those amongst us who ceaselessly marvel at the wonders of Nature, have asked the question: Where did everything we see around us come from? This leads to questions which cannot always be answered, questions on the origins of the Universe, questions on the origins of life on earth. All the natural elements in Mendeleef’s Periodic Table were the Earth’s inheritance when it was born. Nucleosynthesis is the prerogative of the stars, our sun amongst them. In his magisterial survey of the *Ascent of Man* Jacob Bronowski describes the formation of carbon so essential for life and I quote: “... *in all the stars there are going on processes which build up the atoms one by one into more complex structures. Matter itself evolves. The word comes from Darwin and biology, but it is the word that changed physics in my lifetime.*” Bronowski goes on to reflect on the formation of carbon, so essential for life. “*The formation of carbon atoms happens when three helium nuclei collide for one millionth of a millionth of a second. Every carbon atom in every living creature is the result of such a wildly improbable collision*”. Life and biology are indeed improbable, a chance event in our solar system’s evolutionary history. To quote Jacques Monod: “The universe was not pregnant with life nor the biosphere with man. Our number came up in the Monte Carlo game.”

After centuries of science can one list its most important achievements? But here I must quote, the always eminently quotable physicist, Richard Feynman. In his introductory lecture, in his now immortal course on undergraduate physics at Caltech, he asks: “*If, in some cataclysm, all of scientific knowledge were to be destroyed, and only one sentence passed on to the next generations of creatures, what statement would contain the most information in the fewest words?*” He answers: “*I believe it is the atomic hypothesis (or the atomic fact, or whatever you wish to call it) that all things are made of atoms—little particles that move around in perpetual motion, attracting each other when they are a little distance apart, but repelling upon being squeezed into one another*”. Ironically, the cataclysm that must have occupied Feynman’s thoughts in the 1950s and 1960s would have been the threat of nuclear war. Sadly, that prospect appears to have once again emerged, as conflicts rage unabated in the Middle East and Eastern Europe and an uneasy calm prevails along other contentious national borders, including our own. In the world of geopolitics, where powerful countries seek to monopolise access to natural elements required for modern technology, there is little time to wonder about the fragile thread by which life on Earth hangs and the importance of preserving the natural world (which of course includes the human species). Unsustainable consumption and development threaten the natural order. Yet, sustainability science, which focusses on environmental conservation and mitigation of hazards, often a consequence of unscientific development, remains a neglected and often, as witnessed by climate change controversies, politically sensitive subject.

Human history is often taught as a succession of centuries of unremitting human conflict, with every new age introducing ever more powerful technologies of war; all of them products of an ever-improving understanding of the material world. Science and technology, based on this very same understanding, have driven the course of human history, shaping cultures and civilisations. The 20th century began with Planck and the quantum, catalysing a frenetic pace of advance in physics and chemistry over much of the decades that followed. The revolution in biology began in the mid-

1950s, quietly at first when the structure of the gene was revealed, but grew into an unstoppable flood of information, culminating in the first human genome sequence, announced as the 21st century was born. Today DNA sequences from fossils, ancient DNA, are being used to trace the origins of the human species and the migrations of our ancestors across the Earth. This early human history, pre-history, requires the confluence of many disciplines, archaeology, palaeontology, molecular biology and computer science amongst them. The methods of genomics allow us to go even further back in time, as we ask questions about the evolution of life on Earth. I leave you with just a thought that the formation of our universe, our sun, our solar system and our planet must have come first. In the over 4.5 billion years of the Earth's existence, human beings, as we might recognise them, have lived only for about 100 thousand years. Many questions, about chemical evolution, the evolution of single cells, archaea and bacteria, the birth of eukaryotic cells and the oxygenation of the atmosphere after the evolution of photosynthesis about 2 billion years ago, must precede the birth of the first animal life on our planet. We have come a long way since then.

In his book *Sapiens* the Israeli historian Yuval Harari traces the evolution of humankind. He asks an interesting question which I paraphrase: When in the course of human evolution does human behaviour begin to disregard the biological imperatives, survival and reproduction, that dominate animal behaviour, and become increasingly influenced by recent history. In Harari's words: "*The cognitive revolution is accordingly the point when history declared its independence from biology. The immense diversity of imagined realities that Sapiens invented and the resulting diversity of behaviour patterns are the main components of what we call 'cultures'. Once cultures appeared they never ceased to change and develop, and these unstoppable alterations are what we call 'history'. From the Cognitive Revolution onwards historical narratives replace biological theories as our primary means of explaining the development of Homo Sapiens. To understand the rise of Christianity or the French Revolution it is not enough to comprehend the interaction of genes, hormones and organisms. It is necessary to take into account the interaction of ideas, images and fantasies as well*".

In an age dominated by mythology and the religions born from it, we would do well to remember that comparative genomics tells us that human beings are a minor branch in the Tree of Life, budding from the broader branch of *eukarya*. Life on earth is dominated by the microbial branches, *bacteria* and *archaea*. Our closest neighbours are chimpanzees, rats, mice, pigs, horses, cattle, sheep, and dogs. There is a certain comforting unity in biology. Yet human history, driven by civilizational influences and the evolution of culture, appears to be sadly divisive. The coronavirus has breached all political, religious and ethnic boundaries, reminding us that politics and religion, two favourite pastimes, worldwide, afford no protection against a force of Nature. Remember that arrogance, most often a quality possessed in abundance by the very rich and the very powerful, is no defense against a force of Nature.

Why do I draw your attention to such a disparate group of subjects? It is because of the environment, climatic, social, and political, in which we live today. Some reflection on the roles of science in understanding Nature may allow us to introspect on the course of human history and attempt to rationalise why the world today is the way it is. Science is a deeply humbling subject and every day we are reminded of our imperfect understanding of even the subjects of our daily research. It is this humility that is important in any sphere of human activity. Learning is a continuous and never-ending process. Many years ago, I heard a senior and distinguished scientist from the BARC quote from the poet Wordsworth, writing in the immediate aftermath of the French Revolution:

*"Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive
But to be young was very heaven"*

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This was a feeling shared by many in the early years following India's independence in a world recovering from the Second World War. Today we stand on the threshold of a much darker age and your generation will face a challenging future. But I am sure that with your energies and enthusiasm these challenges will be met.

There are two qualities that will stand you in good stead in whatever you wish to do, resilience and imagination. In research, and indeed in many other walks of life, failure is more common than success. Overcoming the fear of failure is often the first step towards success. Let your imagination take you forward. It has been a privilege to address you and may I wish all of you the very best in the years to come.

Prof. P. Balaram

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&
Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy

MESSAGE

Organising the first University Convocation ceremony for the Homi Bhabha National Institute is a moment of pride and privilege for us looking back the glorious past of the Institute. I hereby extend my warmest congratulations to all the 293 graduating students (Ph.D. and Integrated Ph.D.) for the year 2024-2025. Your hard work of the past 4-6 years has finally culminated into the award of a well-deserved degree. The young bright minds have been transformed into accomplished individuals, geared to bring positive change in the society by means of innovative science and technology. A doctorate degree represents the pinnacle of academic achievement and hence you represent the selected few in your field. As we celebrate this significant occasion, I must reiterate the additional responsibility bestowed upon you to carry forward the baton of higher education and the torch of excellence.

Your decision of doing a Ph.D. years ago at HBNI would certainly transform your entire life. The process of earning a doctoral degree develops important traits such as rational and logical thinking, time management, discipline, punctuality and sense of ownership towards something that you created, your Ph.D. thesis. All these traits are crucial for shaping independent scientists for the future of Science and Technology. I must urge all of you to use this achievement of yours not only as a gateway to employment but also foray into the arena of innovation and entrepreneurship.

To all our graduating students, congratulations once again on reaching this milestone. It is through your hard work, dedication and commitment to your studies that you stand here today. As we celebrate the achievements of our graduates, we must also express our gratitude to their parents and families as well as our academic faculty and staff members of HBNI who have been the leaning pillars every time, they needed the support. Last but not the least, you are now ambassadors of HBNI who will fly to new destinations as HBNI alumni. From this day on keep learning, keep growing, and you will certainly bring your alma mater's name to newer heights in the future. All the best and hearty congratulations for a bright future!

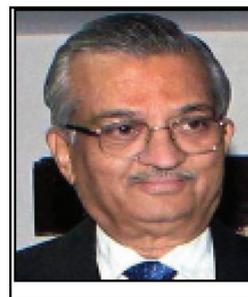
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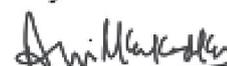
Convocation Day Message

Greetings to all the colleagues, faculty and students of HBNI on the occasion of its first Convocation day. HBNI as a research university was conceptualized in 2005 primarily to strengthen foundational research even as DAE makes forays into new technology domains for national development, leveraging India specific needs and resource endowments. The 20 years that have gone by, though not a long time for a University to expand its wings to the fullest, HBNI has indeed made its mark on the academic landscape of our country as evidenced by its NIRF rankings and publication performance, particularly the Nature Index position. We should however remain conscious of many new dimensions that we are yet to bring-in in this unique experiment in higher education and research space well integrated with our national development aspirations. A convocation is one such dimension, and I wish to congratulate HBNI for incorporating it even though after 20 years of its existence.

Clearly, a convocation is a solemn occasion in the calendar of any University that marks successful culmination of an academic pursuit that students have undertaken at the University. While this thus is an occasion to celebrate, it is also an occasion to look back and into the future and place a vision in front of new graduates. As students transition to alumni status, it is important that they reflect on what they could do to contribute to knowledge based national development as well as to further strengthening of their own alma mater, even as they plan their individual careers. Ongoing engagement between the University and its graduates could strengthen the University as an institution that constitutes perhaps the strongest pillar among the four pillars of an enlightened society. The others three being, the infrastructure, incentives and technology. Convocation thus becomes the starting point of this all important University alumni connect.

I am glad that Prof. P. Balaram, Former Director, IISc, Bengaluru is with us on this occasion as the Chief Guest. My warm welcome to him. His words of advice are very valuable to all of us.

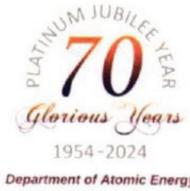
Once again, my heartiest congratulations to all the students graduating today.


Anil Kakodkar



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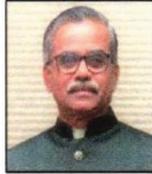
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कुलपति

Convocation Day Message

As the Vice Chancellor of Homi Bhabha National Institute, I welcome you all for the 1st Convocation Function of HBNI. At the very outset, I extend my heartiest congratulations to all the students receiving Ph.D. degree on this occasion. This year onwards, HBNI has decided to organize the Convocation Function after due approval of Council of Management and DAE. I am happy to see an energetic pool of young Ph.D. graduates specialized in nuclear science and engineering as well as health science and mathematics, all set to conquer the world. It's a moment of immense joy and pleasure for us at HBNI and also to you to receive your degree certificate which is a result of your scholastic aspirations and astounding perspiration.

HBNI is completing 20 years of academic pursuit since its inception in 2005, and it has been growing by leaps and bounds, year on year, in terms of student enrollment, degrees awarded, number of programs as well as the ranking released by the accreditation bodies such as NIRF. Today we are celebrating the First University convocation and tomorrow i.e 3rd June, we will be celebrating the 20th Foundation Day of HBNI. During the year 2024-25 HBNI enrolled 1017 students out of which 410 were for Ph.D. and Integrated Ph.D. across our Constituent Institution's (CIs) and Off-Campus Centres (OCCs). Total degrees to be awarded during 2024-25 is 897 for all the programs of HBNI out of which 293 degrees are for Ph.D. and Integrated Ph.D. programs. Discipline wise distribution for the doctoral degrees is as follows: 136 Physical Sciences, 41 Chemical Sciences, 50 Life Sciences, 41 Engineering Sciences, 15 Mathematical Science and 07 Applied Systems Analysis. I am happy to share that in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)-India Rankings 2024 released by the Ministry of Education (MOE), HBNI has secured 6th rank in the **Research Institution** category; 16th rank in the **University** category; and 27th rank in **Overall** category. Also, HBNI secured **Second Place** in **overall category**, and **First Place** in **Physical Sciences category** of Nature Index rankings 2024. There has been an incredible improvement in our ranking, and the credit goes to the hard-working students and knowledgeable and expert faculty members. This achievement is indeed a moment of joy and pride. However, we now have to strive harder not only to maintain the current status but also to climb further. We are resolute to achieve further excellence in all our endeavors and reach higher rankings in the years to come.

My special congratulations to all the students who have received Outstanding Doctoral Student awards this year. These awardees have performed very well in terms of scientific output and quality of research and hence deserve additional appreciation for their efforts. I am proud of all that you've accomplished this year and I sincerely wish all of you for continuing your effort towards sustainable eminence as HBNI scholars wherever you are going to perform. I am sure that with your commitment, support and contribution, the brand HBNI will scale new heights in the years to come. Hearty congratulations and all the best for your bright future.

(U. Kamachi Mudali)



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Vice Chancellor, HBNI



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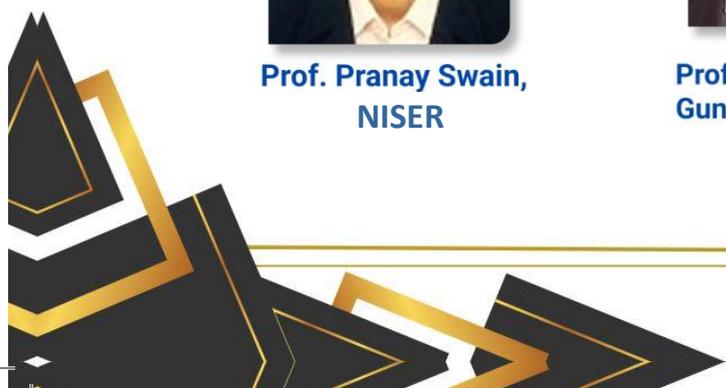


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First Convocation of HBNI (2nd June 2025)

Welcome Address and Annual Report by Vice Chancellor for 2024-25

Hon'ble Chief Guest for the Convocation, Prof. P. Balaram, Hon'ble Chairman Council of Management Dr. A. K. Mohanty, Hon'ble Chancellor of HBNI, Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Directors of CIs and OCCs of HBNI, Members of CoM, Members of AC, Members of P& MB, Convenors-Co-Convenors of various BoS and Members thereof, Dean-Academics and Dean-Student Affairs, Associate Deans at HBNI Central Office, Faculties, Students, Parents and family members, Distinguished invitees and friends, I am glad to present a brief version of the annual report of HBNI for the period 2024-25. It is my privilege first to begin with a brief overview of the institute.

Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI), the academic wing of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), was setup in 2005 as a deemed-to-be university under section 3 of the UGC act 1956 to boost and accelerate the academic programs in DAE institutions. Today, HBNI has grown into a highly reputed research university with valuable contributions to DAE as well as to the society. HBNI's excellent performance in the last 20 years is reflected in its National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC, 2021) CGPA of 3.4 and a grade of A⁺ as well as National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)-2024 rank of 6th in the research category. Since February 2014, HBNI is a fully funded grant-in-aid institute of the DAE.

HBNI has the following 13 units of DAE as its Constituent Institutions (CI; 10 No.)/ Off-Campus Centres (OCCs; 3 No.):

1. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai;
2. Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam
3. Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology (RRCAT), Indore
4. Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC), Kolkata
5. Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics (SINP), Kolkata
6. Institute for Plasma Research (IPR), Gandhinagar
7. Institute of Physics (IoP), Bhubaneswar
8. Harish-Chandra Research Institute (HRI), Prayagraj
9. Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), Mumbai
10. Institute of Mathematical Sciences (IMSc), Chennai
11. National Institute of Science, Education and Research (NISER), Bhubaneswar
12. Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya Cancer Centre and Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital, (MPMMCC & HBCH), Varanasi
13. Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre (HBCHRC), New Chandigarh, Punjab

Mission

Encourage the pursuit of excellence in Sciences and Mathematics in a manner that has a major significance for the progress of indigenous nuclear technological capacity.

Vision

To provide an academic framework for integrating basic research with technology development, encourage multidisciplinary research and nurture an environment for attracting high quality manpower to take up a career in Nuclear Science and Technology.

Core Values

Student centric approach, Science for society, World class education & research, Focus on national mission, Promoting excellence, Ethical conduct

The focus of HBNI is on research-based quality education programmes in chemical sciences, engineering sciences, life sciences, medical and health sciences, physical sciences, mathematical sciences and applied systems analysis, including Humanities & Social Sciences. HBNI is presently offering 47 academic programs. The academic programmes of all the thirteen institutions are being conducted under the aegis of HBNI. During this period, new Board of Studies on Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering was formed and new programs like Ph.D. (Environmental Science and Engineering) by BARC; M.Sc. (Patient Navigation) by TMC, Mumbai; and M.Sc. (Mathematics) by HRI, Prayagraj, were started recently in-line with NEP-2020.

The academic Programs offered at HBNI are Ph.D., Integrated Ph.D. (Single and Dual degree), Integrated M.Sc., M.Tech., PGD, DipRP, M.Sc. Engg, M.Sc., Integrated M.S.c, Post graduate Super Specialty medical courses MD - Doctor of Medicine, D.M. – Doctorate in Medicine, M.Ch. - Master of Chirurgiae, Certified Fellowship Programmes.

❖ Academic Collaborations

To obtain the benefits from the mutual expertise in various research areas, teaching and learning, to facilitate collaborative research among the faculty members, and to enrich the knowledge-base of the students, HBNI has signed/renewed MoUs with the following eminent academic institutions in the country.

As on date HBNI has MoUs with the following institutions for academic collaborations:

1. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
2. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
3. Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
4. Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
5. Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
6. Indian Institute of Technology, Indore
7. Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee
8. Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai
9. Chennai Mathematical Institute, Chennai
10. Jadavpur University, Kolkata
11. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

12. Panjab University, Chandigarh
13. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai
14. University of Calicut, Calicut
15. The Commissariat a l'energie atomique et aux energies alternatives, France
16. Ghent University, Belgium
17. Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, Pune
18. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad
19. **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mumbai**
20. **Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi**
21. **Indian Institute of Technology, Jammu**
22. **Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati**
23. **Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bangalore**
24. AIC RRCAT PI-Hub Foundation (AIC π -Hub), Indore
25. Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad

5 New MoUs were signed between April 2024 to March 2025. As on date under the MoU, 37 HBNI faculties served in the Doctoral Committee of students of MoU Institutes or vice versa; 16 faculties from MoU institutes served as co-guide for PhD students or vice versa; 16 students from HBNI attended the course work conducted by MoU institutes or vice versa. Also 516 joint papers were published along with MoU institutions.

Academic Records

HBNI has awarded so far 9234 students with degree/diploma/certificate since 2007. This includes 2848 Ph.D., 1690 M. Tech., 822 M.D., 259 M.Ch., 221 D.M., 1032 Int. M.Sc., 606 Skill Based Diploma Programs, 274 Skill Based PG Programs, 126 M.Sc. (Engg.), 259 M.Sc., 875 PGD, etc. (as on 31 March 2025).

During the year 2024-25, 1017 students were admitted in different academic programmes at HBNI, out of which 410 students were enrolled for Ph.D. program.

During the period of report (April 2024-March 2025) results have been declared for 293 Ph.D. degrees, 131 M.Tech. degrees, 260 M.Sc. degrees (in various disciplines), 98 post-graduate & super specialty medical degrees (with specializations in Oncology and nuclear medicine), 70 Post Graduate Diploma (in Nuclear Science and Engineering), and 26 Diploma in Radiological Physics.

Foreign Travel Assistance (FTA) Scheme

HBNI has been providing FTA to eligible students to present their scientific results in Conferences and Symposia abroad. I am happy to share that in 2024, quantum of FTA has been appreciably enhanced for Group A, B and C countries so that HBNI students can meet their major expenses towards the trip. During FY 2024-25, 32 students benefited from the scheme and a total of INR 29.6 lakhs was disbursed towards FTA.

❖ Implementation of National Education Policy (NEP-2020)

Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)

UGC has introduced ABC which is a digital identification system with an ABC ID - a unique 12-digit code for all students in India. This is used to digitally store, manage, and access all their

academic credits, including degrees, diplomas, certificates, training details, and co-curricular accomplishments and helps them for easily transfer from one institute to another or to resume their studies if they choose to leave their courses for a while. So far ~ 980 students have enrolled for ABC from the Cis and OCCs.

([http://www.hbni.ac.in/pdf/nep/Academic%20Bank%20of%20Credits%20\(ABC\)%20System.pdf](http://www.hbni.ac.in/pdf/nep/Academic%20Bank%20of%20Credits%20(ABC)%20System.pdf))

Institutional Innovation Council (IIC)

HBNI has constituted an IIC to promote innovation in the institution through multitudinous modes leading to an innovation promotion eco-system in HBNI as per the requirements of UGC. (http://www.hbni.ac.in/pdf/HILC/EstablishmentCertificate_HBNI.pdf)

Multiple Entry/Exit with Academic Break

HBNI has implemented a policy for lateral entry/credit transfer for 2 year M.Sc., Integrated Ph.D. & Ph.D. students. Also, there is an exit provision for 5 year Integrated M.Sc. students after 3 years with B.Sc. degree. Academic break is available for Integrated M.Sc./M.Tech./M.Sc. (Engg) students.

(<http://www.hbni.ac.in/ordinance.html>)

(<http://www.hbni.ac.in/pdf/nep/Annexure%20-%20IX%20Academic%20Break.pdf>)

Promotion of Indian Languages

In order to promote Indian Languages as per the directives of UGC, HBNI has initiated work on Nuclear Glossaries in four languages i.e., Marathi, Gujarati, Tamil and Bengali, in addition to the Hindi Glossary with 13,000 words which has already been published by HBNI. Language centric programs were organised during 2024-25 such as Hindi Diwas, Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas and Marathi Language Conservation fortnight.

Research & Development Cell (RDC)

All the CIs/OCC of HBNI have been requested to initiate necessary action for the formation of a Research and Development Cell (RDC) as per UGC guidelines in their respective Institute. HBNI has formed an R&D Apex committee comprising of the Directors of CIs and OCC as members; VC, HBNI as the Chairperson and Dean, HBNI as Member Secretary; as per CoM direction, to have centralised decisions. (<http://www.hbni.ac.in/pdf/circulars/NEP.pdf>)

HBNI Industry Linkage Centre

With a view to facilitate the translation of the R&D in the laboratory to the industry, and for the welfare of the common man, HBNI has set up “HBNI-Industry Linkage Centre (HILC)”. The Center also facilitates skill development of PhD students of HBNI by the way of internship in Industry. Functions of HILC are Student Internship in Industry, Consultancy Services by faculties, R&D Collaboration, Technology Transfer. (<http://www.hbni.ac.in/hilc/index.html>)

Appointing Professor of Practice (HBNI-PoP)

A PoP in a higher education institute is a faculty member who typically has a non-academic background and is highly successful in his / her field. This would help students in experiential

learning and bridges the industry-society-academia gap. HBNI has requested nominations from all its CI and OCCs to appoint PoP.

(<http://www.hbni.ac.in/pdf/circulars/Appointment%20of%20HBNI%20Professor%20in%20Practice.pdf>)

Teaching assistantship

Teaching assistantship is available for Ph.D. & Integrated Ph.D. students in HBNI. (<http://www.hbni.ac.in/pdf/nep/Teaching%20Assistance%20Certificate.pdf>)

Multidisciplinary Courses

To encourage the pursuit of multidisciplinary courses, HBNI has formed a new BoS called Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering. The discipline is currently offering a Ph.D. programme in Environmental Science and Engineering. (<http://www.hbni.ac.in/bos.html>)

Placement & Alumni Activity

HBNI also has an active HBNI placement cell and HBNI Alumni Cell as per NEP guidelines. (<http://www.hbni.ac.in/placement/index.html>) & (http://www.hbni.ac.in/placement/alm_net.html)

Online Course Conducted by HBNI

An online course on “Advanced Materials Chemistry” was conducted by HBNI from October 14-December 23, 2024. Prof. A. K. Tyagi, Dean, HBNI was the Course Director. The broad topics covered under the course included general materials chemistry, characterization techniques, major trace and ultra-trace chemical analysis techniques, and functional materials.

❖ **Specific Achievements**

- ✓ First Annual Students’ cultural program “ANURANG” on June 03, 2024 with participation of students from many CIs/OCCs.
- ✓ NPTEL courses on “An Introduction to Lasers and Laser Systems” & “Risk Based Engineering”
- ✓ Academic programs at MPMMCC& HBCH, Varanasi (2nd OCC of HBNI).
- ✓ Nuclear glossaries in Marathi, Gujarati, Bengali & Tamil following earlier Hindi glossary of HBNI to promote higher education in regional languages.
- ✓ PhD program in “Environmental Science and Engineering” to promote interdisciplinary research.
- ✓ Civil construction of extension building of HBNI for infrastructure development.
- ✓ Webinars by HBNI Alumni and other professionals (11 No.) to promote placement and entrepreneurship among students.
- ✓ Constitution of “HBNI-Institution Innovation Council” to promote innovation and start-ups.
- ✓ Revision of HBNI ordinances and Academic Codes of Practices as on date with NEP-2020 provisions.
- ✓ Formulation of HBNI IPR policy and implementation.
- ✓ First ever University Convocation of HBNI for PhD students on June 02, 2025

❖ Academic and Technical Achievements

• Publications

The total number of journal publications with HBNI affiliation during the calendar year 2024, as indexed by Scopus, was **2711**. Some of the publications have come in high impact journals such as Nature (IF 69.5), Nature Materials (IF 37.2), Nucleic Acid Research (IF 16.7), Nature Chemical Biology (IF 13), etc. Based on the high-quality of publications in the Nature Group of Journals, the Nature Index 2024 has placed **HBNI in the second position among all institutions in India, and in the first position with regard to the publications in Physical sciences**. HBNI faculty and/or students also published 6 books and 166 book chapters.

• National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF), 2024

The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country by a set of parameters. The parameters broadly cover “Teaching, Learning and Resources,” “Research and Professional Practices,” “Graduation Outcomes,” “Outreach and Inclusivity,” and “Perception”. NIRF was approved by the MHRD and launched by Honourable Minister of Human Resource Development on 29th September 2015.

HBNI obtained **6th rank** in the Research Institution Category, **16th rank** in the University and **27th rank** in overall category in the NIRF 2024 ranking. This is a significant improvement from NIRF 2023 performance wherein HBNI had obtained **15th rank** in the Research Institution Category, **17th rank** in the University and **39th rank** in overall category.

• Recognitions, Awards and Honours Received by HBNI Faculty Members

Many faculty members of HBNI across all its CIs and OCCs received prestigious awards and honours and became Fellows and Associates of Scientific Bodies. Some representative awards are listed below:

1. Prof. U. Kamachi Mudali, VC, HBNI, has been conferred with the Gold Medal of Chirantan Rasayan Sanstha & Lifetime Achievement Award of Rotary International District 3234, Chennai.
2. Prof. A. K. Tyagi, Dean, HBNI, has been awarded the prestigious Vigyan Shri Puraskar for 2024 by Govt. of India
3. Prof. S. M. Yusuf, BARC has been elected as a Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS).
4. Prof. Shripad Dinanath Banavali, TMC has been awarded the prestigious QIMPRO Gold Standard Award 2024 in Healthcare by Qimpro Foundation, Mumbai.
5. Prof. Jyotirmayee Mohanty, BARC has been awarded DEVI Award-2024 in Science Category.
6. Prof. Sukhendu Nath, BARC has been elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI).
7. Prof. Kathi Sudarshan, BARC has been elected as a fellow of Maharashtra Academy of Sciences.
8. Prof. S.K. Musharaf Ali, BARC has been elected as a fellow of Maharashtra Academy of Sciences.
9. Prof. A. K. Ghosh, BARC has been elected as a fellow of Maharashtra Academy of Sciences.
10. Dr. Celin Acharya, BARC has been elected as a Fellow of NASI in the field of Biochemistry, Biophysics, Biotechnology category for 2024.
11. Prof. Manoj Kumar Yadav, HRI has been elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Science, India from Oct 2024.

12. Dr. Tisita Das, HRI has been conferred with “SMC Emerging Scientist Award-2024 by Society for Materials Chemistry.
13. Prof. S. Ningshen, IGCAR has been elected as a Fellow of the Indian Institute of Metals
14. Dr. Bishnu P Biswal, NISER has been selected as an associate of the Indian Academy of Sciences 2024.
15. Dr. Manas Ranjan Sahoo, NISER has been awarded the INSA Associate Fellows 2024.

- **Awards Received by HBNI Students**

Many students of HBNI across all its CIs and OCCs received awards in scientific proceedings. Some representative awards are listed below:

HBNI Outstanding Student Award & JB Joshi Research Foundation Innovation Award

| HBNI Outstanding Student Award 2024 | | | | | | | |
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| S. No. | Name of the Student | Enrolment No. | Discipline | CI/OCC | Academic Program | MTech/PhD Guide | Thesis title |
| 1 | Dr. Sujeesh S | ENGG01201904003 | Engineering Sciences | BARC | PhD | Prof. Sulekha Mukhopadhyay | Catalytic Decomposition of Sulphuric Acid in Integrated Reactor: Experimental Study, Modeling & Optimization |
| 2 | Dr. Sumit | ENGG03201704002 | Engineering Sciences | RRCAT | PhD | Dr. Rahul Shukla | Investigation on shape control methodologies of Piezoactuator-Based X-Ray Deformable Mirror, its Fabrication and Characterization for Adaptive Optics |
| 3 | Dr. Ajay Kumar Pandey | ENGG06201804006 | Engineering Sciences | IPR | PhD | Prof. S. K. Pathak | Guided and Leaky modes characteristics of Dielectric Loaded Helix Structure |
| 4 | Dr. Sourav Sarkar | ENGG01201804015 | Engineering Sciences | BARC | PhD | Prof. K. K. Singh | Experimental and computational studies on hydrodynamics and mass transfer in liquid-liquid pulsatile flow in column contactors |
| 5 | Dr. Harish Srinivasan | PHYS01201904011 | Physical Sciences | BARC | PhD | Prof. Subhankur Mitra | Non-Markovian and Non-Gaussian Behaviour in Molecular Diffusion within Complex Fluids |
| 6 | Dr. Prottay Das | PHYS11201705001 | Physical Sciences | NISER | PhD | Prof. Bedangadas Mohanty | Studying chiral magnetic wave, hadronic rescattering and $f_1(1285)$ production in high energy collisions with ALICE detector |

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| 7 | Dr. Lakkaraju Leela Ganesh Chandra | PHYS08201904002 | Physical Sciences | HRI | PhD | Prof. Aditi Sen | Exploring Variable-Range and Non-Hermitian Systems: From Entanglement Distribution to Quantum Battery |
| 8 | Dr. Ankit Kumar Panda | PHYS11202004002 | Physical Sciences | NISER | PhD | Dr Victor Roy | Relativistic dissipative causal magnetohydrodynamics from kinetic theory and the effect of electric fields on bulk observables in high-energy heavy-ion collisions |
| 9 | Dr. (Ms.) Sneha Das | PHYS04201904002 | Physical Sciences | VECC | PhD | Dr Sarmishtha Bhattacharyya | Single particle and collective excitations above $Z = 82$ |
| 10 | Dr. Sushil Maruti Patil | CHEM01202004005 | Chemical Sciences | BARC | PhD | Dr Ruma Gupta | Synthesis and Characterization of Novel Deep Eutectic Solvent for studying Dissolution, Coordination and Redox Chemistry of Lanthanides and Actinides |
| 11 | Dr. (Ms) Prajnashree Panda | CHEM11201804018 | Chemical Sciences | NISER | PhD | Dr Sudip Barman | Fabrication of Hybrid Nanostructured Materials and Porous Carbon for Energy Storage and Gas Adsorption Applications |
| 12 | Dr. Ajaya Kumar Sahoo | LIFE10201904002 | Life Sciences | IIMs | PhD | Prof. Areejit Samal | Computational data-driven investigation of chemical exposome and its links to human and ecosystem health |
| 13 | Dr. (Ms.) Rashi Sanjay Lunia | MATH10201904003 | Mathematical Sciences | IIMs | PhD | Prof. Sanoli Gun | Arithmetic and analytic aspects of values of L-functions |
| 14 | Mr. B. Vinith | ENGG01202201062 | Engineering Sciences | BARC | MTech | Dr Alok Awasthi | Studies on a novel process for recovery of Uranium from Tummalapalle leach liquor |
| 15 | Mr. Sandeep Singh Tomar | ENGG01202201056 | Engineering Sciences | BARC | MTech | Dr Nirvik Sen | Dissolution of washed and dried frit powder in nitric acid to produce clear zirconium nitrate solution |
| 16 | Dr. (Ms.) Shreya Dhingra | HLTH09202109002 | Medical and Health Sciences | TMC | MD | | |

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| 17 | Dr. (Ms.) Sumona Kundu | HLTH09202109051 | Medical and Health Sciences | TMC | MD | | |
| 18 | Dr. Aditya Dhanawat | HLTH09202110007 | Medical and Health Sciences | TMC | DM | | |
| 19 | Dr. Anup Srinivas | HLTH09202110059 | Medical and Health Sciences | TMC | MCh | | |
| J B Joshi Endowment Innovation Award 2024 | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Dr. Soumen Das | CHEM01201704055 | Chemical Sciences | BARC | PhD | Dr. Sudipta Chakraborty, BARC | Clinical Scale Formulation and Evaluation of Novel Diagnostic Agents based on ^{99m}Tc and ^{68}Ga |
| 2 | Dr. Saurabh Srivastava | ENGG01201804011 | Engineering Sciences | BARC | PhD | Dr. Anita Topkar, BARC | Study and Optimization of Silicon Photomultiplier-Scintillator Detector based Instrumentation for Radiation Monitoring Applications |
| 3 | Dr. Koustav Pal | PHYS05201904011 | Physical Sciences | SINP | PhD | Prof. Indranil Das, SINP | Investigation of Exchange Bias and Magnetotransport in Bulk and Thin Film Materials |
| 4 | Dr. Milaan Vijaybhai Patel | ENGG06201804009 | Engineering Sciences | IPR | PhD | Prof. Jinto Thomas, IPR | Development of Pulsed Supersonic Beam System for Tokamak Edge Diagnostics and Other Applications |

Others

1. Mrs. Anusree Dey, BARC has received the Best Young Investigator Award for her presentation titled, "Bromodomain protein 4 regulates radio resistance in breast cancer cells,"
2. Dr. Pooja Negi, BARC has received Best Thesis Award for her thesis titled, "Physiological and molecular insights into radiation induced salt tolerant mutant of sugarcane,"
3. Ms. Sanchita Ghosh, BARC has received Third Prize in poster presentation for her poster titled, "Synthesis of human serum albumin encapsulated [^{188}Re] ReOx nanoparticles: a potential dual modal nanoagent for cancer theragnostic,"
4. Shri D. Bola Sankar, IGCAR has received one of the Best Poster Award for his poster titled, "Development of an efficient method for the separation of ^{90}Sr from the fuel dissolver solution and development of radionuclide generator for ^{90}Y elution
5. Shri Abhinash Maharana, IGCAR has received one of the Best Poster Award for his poster titled, "Optimizing ReO_4 (Surrogate for $^{99}\text{TcO}_4$) sequestration: Unravelling multifaceted effects using surfactant free, synthesized-Zeolite Na-A,"
6. Mrs. S. Jayalakshmi, IGCAR has received one of the Best Poster Awards sponsored by The Journal of Physical Chemistry (A), ACS for her poster titled, "Understanding the complexation behavior of tri-n-alkyl phosphorotrithioate ligands with uranyl nitrate,"

7. Ms. Geethika B. R., IPR has received one of the Best Oral presentation Award for her talk titled, “Anisotropic emission from laser produced aluminium plasma,”
8. Ms. Komal, IPR has received one of the Best Poster Award for her poster titled, “Investigating the effect of impurity seeding on the magnetic and electrostatic edge fluctuations in ADITYA-U tokamak”
9. Shri Souvik Mondal, IPR has received Best Poster Award for his poster titled, “The dynamics of blob merging in the tokamak scrape-off layer region
10. Shri Aher Jayesh Bhausaheb, Int. M.Sc., NISER has received the “Biointerphase Best Poster Award”

❖ HBNI Faculty Induction Programmes

As per the university regulations, HBNI conducted faculty induction programs in hybrid mode on September 30, 2024 and December 9, 2024 for the benefit of newly inducted faculty members to brief them about the structure of academic processes and ordinances of HBNI. Fifteen new faculty members and six teaching staff from different CIs/OCCs of HBNI attended the program on September 30, 2024. Twenty-five new faculty members and six teaching staff from different CIs/OCC of HBNI attended the program on December 9, 2024.

❖ Events conducted at the HBNI Central Office, Mumbai

HBNI Central Office, Mumbai conducted several events such as Workshop on “Career on Opportunities in Industry for Chemistry & Chemical Engineering Doctoral Students”, National Technology Day, Prof. Srikumar Banerjee Memorial Programme, Nineteenth Foundation Day of HBNI, Independence Day Celebration, Anti-Ragging Week Celebration, Teachers’ Day Celebration, National Science Day Celebration, International Women’s Day Celebration, Dr. Sekhar Basu Memorial Program, “Swachhata Hi Seva 4.0 Campaign, Hindi Diwas Celebration, Workshop on “IPR and Industry – Academia Linkages”, “Marathi Language Conservation Fortnight”, Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week - 2024 (VAW-2024), Theme Meeting titled “HBNI: An Enabler to DAE’s Academic Programmes”, Workshop on Publishing Books and Research Papers, jointly with BARC, Start-up pre-incubation program jointly organized by HBNI and AIC-BARC, Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav at HBNI, Fit India Week Celebration at HBNI.

HBNI has made great progress in a short span of 20 years, thanks to the untiring efforts of the predecessors who have toiled in the foremost years. There are miles to go, and much more is yet to be achieved than what we have so far. Thus, it is important for HBNI to continuously evolve and innovate to reach wider and farther its horizons. It is also equally important to retrospect as well as introspect and fill up the gaps and lacunae, if any. I am confident that with the continuous support from all the stakeholders, HBNI will shape up as one of the best global Higher Educational Institutions with its unique structure. We shall continue to strive hard towards the common goal of making HBNI a leading knowledge hub in the arena of Nuclear Science & Technology and Inter-disciplinary research.

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I congratulate all the HBNI faculty members and student awardees for bagging several coveted awards/recognitions. I am very proud of what you've accomplished this year and I sincerely wish all of you for continuing your effort towards sustainable eminence in the coming years. I am sure that with your commitment, support and contribution, the brand HBNI will scale new heights in the years to come.

I also want to take this opportunity to convey my sincere and profuse thanks to the Team HBNI at Mumbai for the hard work put in by them to organize today's program.

Before I conclude, I want to invite all our alumni who are not now with DAE, to remain in touch with your alma mater and convey your suggestions about our programs and processes, based on your post-HBNI degree experience.

Congratulations to all the students who have received their degrees today, and to the HBNI Outstanding student awardees this year.

Thank you!!

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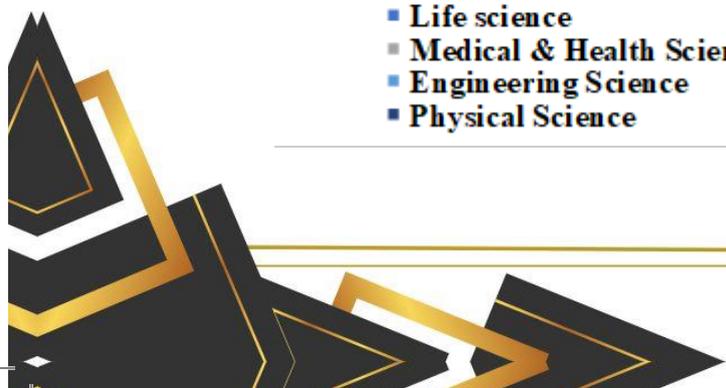
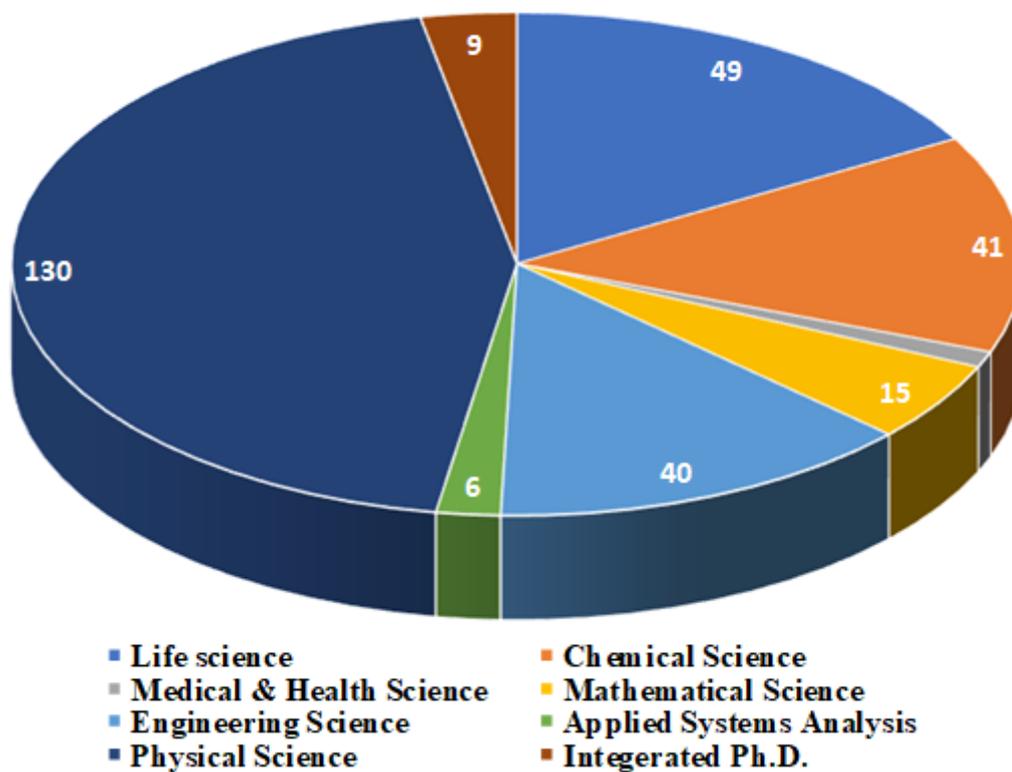
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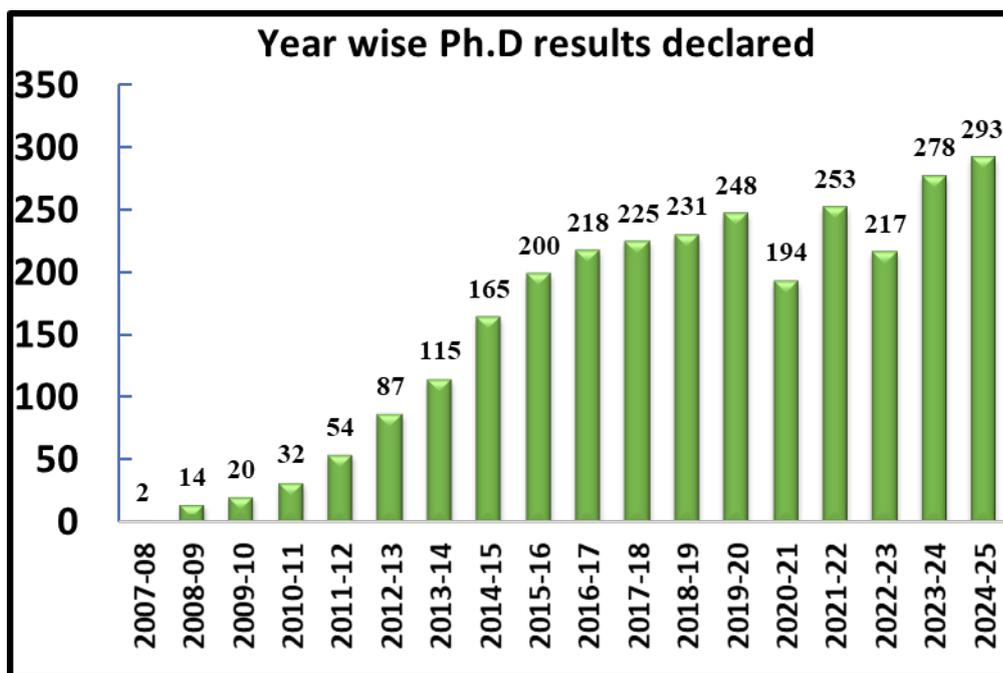


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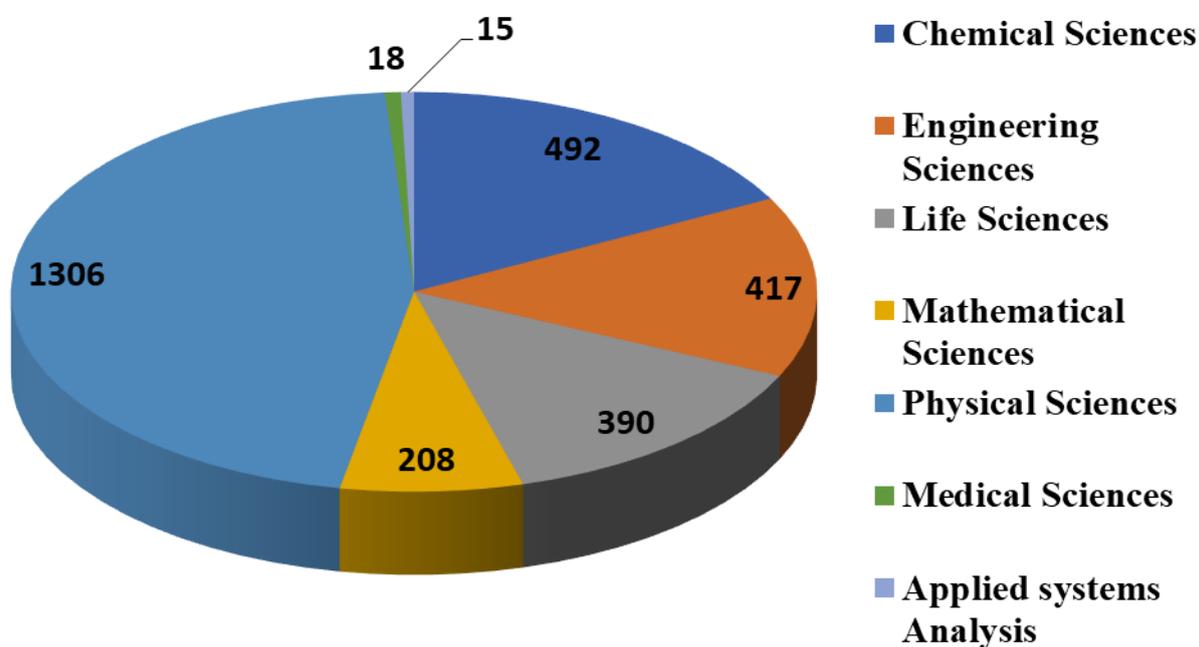
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| Life Science | 49 |
| Chemical Science | 41 |
| Medical & Health Science | 3 |
| Mathematical Science | 15 |
| Engineering Science | 40 |
| Studies for Applied Systems Analysis | 6 |
| Physical Science | 130 |
| Integrated Ph.D. | 9 |
| Total | 293 |

Discipline-wise Ph.D. Degrees Awarded by HBNI for the Period April 2024-March 2025





Discipline wise distribution of Total (2846) Ph.D results declared since inception





Dr. Sourav Sarkar

ENGG01201804015

Thesis Title:

Experimental and Computational Studies on Hydrodynamics and Mass Transfer in Liquid-Liquid Pulsatile Flow in Column Contactors



His thesis delves into the world of pulsed contactor design, specifically focusing on Pulsed Disc and Doughnut Column (PDDC) and Annular Pulsed Disc and Doughnut Column (APDDC) utilized in solvent extraction processes, a crucial step in nuclear fuel reprocessing. The core objective of the research is to gain a fundamental understanding of how liquids behave within these pulsed columns when two immiscible liquids flow together in a pulsating manner.

Furthermore, the research delved into the realm of mass transfer. Mass transfer in pulsed column is investigated using uranium extraction and stripping. A model is developed to predict the rate of mass transfer based on CFD simulations of single droplets. Additionally, a separate axial dispersion model is developed to predict mass transfer and axial concentration profile within the contactor.

In essence, Dr. Sourav's thesis provides a comprehensive set of tools and knowledge to optimize the design and operation of pulsed columns.



Dr. Sujeesh S.

ENGG01201904003

Thesis Title:

Catalytic Decomposition of Sulphuric Acid in Integrated Reactor: Experimental Study, Modeling & Optimization



Decomposition of sulphuric acid (H_2SO_4), is a three-step and energy intensive process in sulphur-based water splitting processes (Iodine-Sulfur (IS) and Hybrid sulphur (HyS) cycles) for hydrogen production. Decomposition of sulphur trioxide (SO_3) is the overall rate-controlling reaction/step in the entire three-step decomposition process. The overall decomposition rate (and conversion) of SO_3 , in heterogeneous catalytic system is controlled by transport (heat and mass transfer) resistances in the catalyst bed (macro-scale) and catalyst particles (micro-scale), together with intrinsic reaction rate. Dr. Sujeesh's research work is on investigation of transport resistances in catalytic decomposition of SO_3 in Packed Bed Reactors (PBRs) using Chromium doped iron oxide ($Cr-Fe_2O_3$) catalyst, through multi-scale modeling and experimentation, and also to maximize SO_3 conversion.



Dr. Ajay Kumar Pandey

ENGG06201804006

Thesis Title:

Guided and Leaky Modes Characteristics of Dielectric Loaded Helix Structure



The electromagnetic characteristics of helical structure owing to its skewed boundary condition, which supports hybrid modes as well as circular rotation of the field, finds various applications starting from microwaves to optical communications. The guided and leaky mode characteristics for planar as well circular rod type dielectric structures are relatively well known. However, the investigation to the leaky modes characteristics coupled with guided modes for a dielectric loaded Helix structure is not explored at all despite the fact that helix structure exhibits unique characteristics. Dr. Ajay's thesis work addresses these critical issues both analytically and experimentally. A generalized analytical and computational numerical theory, for both the guided and leaky modes, has been developed to investigate the dispersion and radiation properties of dielectric loaded helix with and without radial thickness.



Dr. Sumit

ENGG03201704002

Thesis Title:

Investigation on Shape Control Methodologies of Piezoactuator-based X-ray Deformable Mirror, its Fabrication and Characterization for Adaptive Optics



High brightness X-rays at synchrotron radiation (SR) beamlines require adaptive focusing optics which are capable of delivering aberration-free, adjustable micron-size focal spots of high energy SR and providing flexibility to accommodate different experimental geometries for a wide range of applications. Piezo-actuated x-ray deformable mirrors (PXDMs) have capability of providing a beam profile of variable focal length and capable of correcting wavefront distortion introduced by other imperfect optics of beamline. The objective of Dr. Sumit's work is to design and develop a PXDM to achieve the target aspheric and arbitrary shape for focusing of SR beam in sub-micron size at the experimental station of beamlines of Indus-2 SR source.



Dr. Ajaya Kumar Sahoo

LIFE10201904002

Thesis Title:

Computational Data-driven Investigation of Chemical Exposome and its Links to Human and Ecosystem Health



Dr. Ajaya's thesis computationally investigates the structure-activity landscape of environmental chemicals binding to two endocrine receptors, namely the androgen receptor (AR) and the thyroid stimulating hormone receptor (TSHR), revealing the presence of activity cliffs, where structurally similar chemicals exhibit large differences in their activity.

The constructed AOP network reveals key biological events and toxicity pathways, providing insights into chemical-induced adverse health effects in both humans and ecological species. The stressor-species networks for PHs highlight the diverse species or species groups most affected by PH exposure. The species sensitivity distribution of the PHs helps in deriving the hazard concentration of the chemical that is not harmful to a large proportion of species in aquatic environment.

In sum, his thesis systematically examines diverse environmental chemical spaces and their health impacts on humans and ecosystem, presenting a holistic view of the chemical exposome and its implications from a One Health perspective.



Dr. Rashi Sanjay Lunia

MATH10201904003

Thesis Title:

Arithmetic and Analytic Aspects of Values of L-Functions



Her thesis is centered around the study of analytic and arithmetic properties of values of L-functions at "special points". The values of L-functions encode a lot of arithmetic data. The Riemann hypothesis predicts that all non-trivial zeros of the Riemann zeta function lie on the line $\text{Re}(s) = 1/2$. For a non-trivial Dirichlet character, it is expected that the Dirichlet L-function attached to it does not vanish at $1/2$. Though this problem is still wide open, a lot of progress has been made in recent years.



Dr. Sneha Das

PHYS04201904002

Thesis Title:

Single Particle and Collective Excitations Above $Z = 82$



Dr. Sneha's thesis reports the structures of nuclei in the above Pb region. With the few valence proton particles above $Z = 82$ and below $N = 126$ shell closures, the nuclei exhibit single particle excitation near the ground state while at the higher spins and excitation energies, both the multi-particle and multi-hole configurations become important. The nuclei in this above Pb region offer a vast laboratory to study the different nuclear structural phenomena, such as, the presence of magnetic rotation bands, enhanced $E3$ transitions, neutron core excitation, several isomers as well as it serves as a fertile ground to understand the effective nucleon-nucleon interaction in this region.



Dr. Harish Srinivasan

PHYS01201904011

Thesis Title:

Non-Markovian and Non-Gaussian Behaviour in Molecular Diffusion within Complex Fluids



The concept of Brownian motion has been fundamental to advancements in numerous fields, including biology, materials science, finance, and environmental science, offering crucial insights into the stochastic processes underpinning diverse phenomena across these disciplines. Central to Brownian motion are the principles of Markovianity and Gaussianity, valued for their broad applicability in real-world systems. However, with the advent of new experimental and simulation methodologies, we can now critically assess the validity of these assumptions. Frequently, it becomes evident that the Brownian motion model falls short, necessitating the development of models that are not constrained by Gaussian/Markovian assumptions. Dr. Harish's thesis explores various complex fluids which exhibit strong deviation from tenets of Brownian motion and provides comprehensive theoretical models to describe processing involving non-Gaussian and non-Markovian diffusion mechanisms.



Dr. Lakkaraju Leela Ganesh Chandra

PHYS08201904002

Thesis Title:

Exploring Variable-Range and Non-Hermitian Systems: From Entanglement Distribution to Quantum Battery



Recent research in quantum physics has made significant strides in understanding and harnessing quantum entanglement, a phenomenon central to quantum technologies and fundamental to quantum many-body physics. Dr. Lakkaraju's work spans two frontier areas: long-range interacting systems and non-Hermitian quantum systems, uncovering novel properties of entanglement with potential applications in quantum information processing and advanced quantum technologies.



Dr. Ankit Kumar Panda

PHYS11202004002

Thesis Title:

Relativistic Dissipative Causal Magnetohydrodynamics from Kinetic Theory and the Effect of Electric Fields on Bulk Observables in High-Energy heavy-Ion Collisions



In high-energy heavy-ion collisions, two relativistic heavy nuclei undergo Lorentz contraction and collide, forming a Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP), a deconfined state of quarks and gluons. Initially, the QGP exists in a highly non-equilibrium state from which it rapidly evolves towards equilibrium where it can be described well assuming it as a fluid, after which it expands and cools. This fluidic expansion and cooling process is successfully described by relativistic viscous hydrodynamics. As it cools and expands, the QGP transitions into hadrons through hadronization, with these hadrons continuing to interact until they cease collisions and stream freely into detectors. Alongside the QGP, an intense transient magnetic field is generated by spectators—nucleons that are not directly involved in the collision. Theoretical models predict that the magnitude of this magnetic field can reach as high as 10^{14} - 10^{15} Tesla in non-central collisions at RHIC and LHC energies, opening the door to the study of various novel phenomena such as the CME, CSE, and CMW. Since the QGP consists of charged particles, it exhibits finite conductivity and responds to external electromagnetic fields, thus altering these fields themselves. Hence, studying such interactions between the fluid and EM fields becomes crucial, and relativistic magnetohydrodynamics (RMHD) offers a comprehensive framework for such analysis.



Dr. Prottay Das

PHYS11201705001

Thesis Title:

Studying Chiral Magnetic Wave, Hadronic Rescattering and $f_1(1285)$ Production in High Energy Collisions with ALICE Detector



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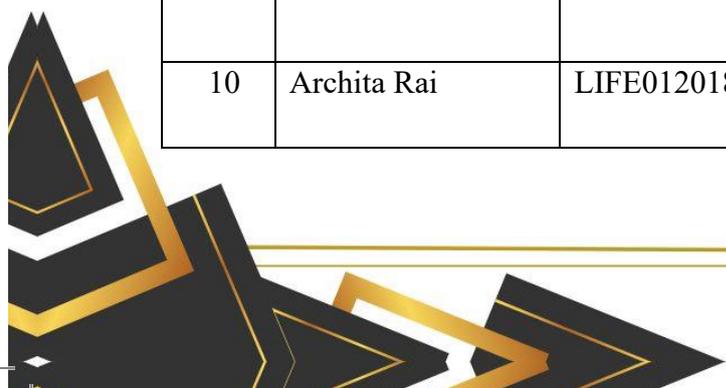
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Important Milestones of HBNI

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| 1 | Constituting a steering committee to set up HBNI | 21-Apr-03 |
| 2 | Submission of documentation to the MHRD by the DAE | 14-Jan-04 |
| 3 | Constitution of the first Council of Management, designating individuals to the post of Director and Dean | 18-Nov-04 |
| 4 | Registration of HBNI as a Society | 18-Nov-04 |
| 5 | Visit of an expert committee appointed by the UGC to HBNI | 28-Mar-05 |
| 6 | Registration of HBNI as a trust | 02-Jun-05 |
| 7 | Notification by the MHRD declaring HBNI as a deemed to be University | 03-Jun-05 |
| 8 | Approval of first set of results by the CoM | 14-Jul-08 |
| 9 | First review of the functioning of HBNI by a review committee set up by the MHRD | 19-Sep-09 |
| 10 | Review by a committee appointed by the UGC | 02-Apr-10 |
| 11 | Second review of the functioning of HBNI by a task force constituted by the MHRD | 21-Aug-12 |
| 12 | Notification by the DAE declaring HBNI as a “Grant-in-Aid Institution | 19-Feb-14 |
| 13 | Review of HBNI by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) | Apr 25-May 2, 2015 |
| 14 | Accreditation of HBNI as a “A+” grade University by NAAC (second cycle) | 16-Mar-21 |
| 15 | 15 th rank among all Indian Research Universities, 17 th in University Category, 30 th in Overall Category by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) of MoE | 05-Jun-23 |
| 16 | Notification of Ministry of Education approving HBNI, Mumbai to start its 2 nd off-campus Centre at Varanasi consisting of Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya Cancer Centre and Homi Bhabha Cancer Centre. | 20-May-24 |
| 17 | Notification of Ministry of Education approving HBNI, Mumbai to start its 3 rd Off-Campus Centre called Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre at New Chandigarh, Punjab | 07-Apr-25 |



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**HBNI Ranked 6 in
Research Institution Category**

**HBNI Ranked 16
in University Category**



**HBNI Ranked 27
in Overall Category**





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