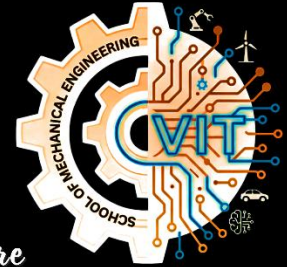




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Schedule of Events



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Inauguration - Programme Schedule

Time	Programme	Details
9:30 AM – 9:33 AM	Welcome Address	Dr. Samuel Rajkumar <i>Director, CDC</i>
9:33 AM – 9:38 AM	About IANC 2026	Dr. Kuppan P <i>Dean, School of Mechanical Engineering</i>
9:38 AM – 9:45 AM	Felicitation	Dr. Jayabarathi T , Registrar Dr. Partha Sharathi Mallick , Pro -Vice Chancellor Dr. Kanchana Bhaaskaran V. S. , Vice-Chancellor Ms. Kadambari S. Viswanathan , Assistant Vice-President Dr. Sandhya , Executive Director Dr. Sekar Viswanathan , Vice - President Dr. Sankar Viswanathan , Vice - President
9:45 AM – 9:50 AM	Exchange of MoUs	Meera Laser Solutions
9:50 AM – 9:52 AM	Introduction of the Guest of Honour	Dr. Jose S <i>HoD-TEE, School of Mechanical Engineering</i>
9:52 AM – 10:00 AM	Address by Guest of Honour	Shri. Sunil Modi <i>Senior Vice President & Director</i> <i>Vanderlande Industries Pvt Ltd, a Toyota Automated Logistics Company, Pune</i>
10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Presidential Address	Dr. G. Viswanathan <i>Founder & Chancellor, VIT</i>
10:10 AM – 10:12 AM	Introduction of the Chief Guest	Dr. Ahankari Sandeep Suresh Rao <i>Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering</i>
10:12 AM – 10:27 AM	Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest	Shri. Ramesh Venugopalsamy <i>Head Skilling – CSR</i> <i>Bajaj Auto Foundation, Pune</i>
10:27 AM – 10:30 AM	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Porpatham E <i>Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering</i>



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08:45–09:25	Registration	Registration and Welcome Drink
09:30–10:30	Inaugural Session	Welcome address, About IANC, VIT leadership addresses and Chief Guest and Guest of Honour addresses, MoU Exchange Ceremony (Meera Laser Solutions), and Announcement of Upcoming MoUs (Tata Motors & Bajaj Auto Foundation)
10:30–10:50	VIT – SMEC and SpoRIC Showcase	Capabilities, Facilities, Sponsored Research and Industrial Consultancy (SpoRIC)
10:50–11:00	Group Photo	Official photography session
11:00–11:20	Networking Tea	
11:20–11:35	VIT – Innovation	Innovation, IPR & Technology Transfer
11:35–12:10	Industry Panel Discussion	Reimagining Mechanical Engineering in the Digital Era: From Talent to Technology to Transformation – An Industry Perspective
12:10–12:40	VIT - SMEC Faculty Pitch (Technology Capability Presentations)	Demonstration of research capabilities: Additive manufacturing, Materials, Engines & EVs, Industry 4.0 and Sustainability
12:40–13:20	Industry Roundtable Discussion <u>Themes:</u> Electric Mobility and Automotive Systems, Smart Manufacturing and Industry 4.0, Digital Engineering, AI and Simulation, Energy, Engines and Thermal Systems, Advanced Manufacturing and Materials, Sustainability and Future Energy	Identification of collaboration opportunities between industry and VIT
13:20–14:15	Networking Lunch	
14:15–14:45	Roundtable Insights and Key Takeaways	Roundtable summaries (~2 minutes per table by industry anchors)
14:45–15:30	Industry Open Forum	Expectations from academia, feedback, collaboration opportunities
15:30–15:35	Closing remarks	Dr. Nanthagopal K, Associate Dean, School of Mechanical Engineering
15:35 onwards	High Tea and Informal Networking	



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