

TIST 2026 Marks Decennial Edition at Salesian College



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Siliguri, 28 Feb 2026: The Deanery of Sciences at Salesian College (Autonomous) successfully hosted the Two-Day National Conference on Trends in Science and Technology (TIST 2026) on 27-28 February, marking the decennial edition of the event launched in 2017.

The conference commenced with an inaugural session led by Padma Shri awardee Eklabya Sharma, who delivered the keynote address. A native of Kurseong, Dr. Sharma is a distinguished ecologist and environmental scientist internationally recognised for his pioneering research on Himalayan ecology and sustainable mountain development. A graduate of Banaras Hindu University with a Ph.D. in Ecology, he has served as Vice Chancellor of TERI University and Deputy Director General at International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). Currently Strategic Advisor at Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Dr. Sharma was conferred the Padma Shri in 2024 for his outstanding contributions to environmental science and advocacy for the mountain agenda.

Over the two days, the programme featured six plenary talks, four technical sessions, and 12 student presentations spanning Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science, and Economics. Highlights included lectures on Black Holes, Algebraic Curves, Process Synchronisation in Modern Operating Systems, Attosecond Delays in Photoemission, and Foundations for Parallel Computing. In total, 22 research papers were presented in parallel sessions by faculty members, research scholars, and students.

Sponsored by International STEAM Research, the conference concluded on 28 February with a valedictory session, distribution of certificates, and closing remarks, celebrating a decade of TIST's contribution to scientific dialogue and innovation.



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