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Report

On

NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2026

(Academic Session: 2025-26)

Organizing Committee:

School of Biotechnology and Bioengineering

IIC, SSIP, Incubation Cell

Event Coordinator:

Dr. Shuvomoy Banerjee, Assistant Professor, SBB

Report Prepared by:

Dr. Shuvomoy Banerjee,
Assistant Professor, SBB

Date of the event: 17th February 2026



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Name of Event	NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2026		
Event Type (Co-curricular/ Extra Curricular)	Expert Talk		
Platform	Offline		
Place of event	Room No.203, Academic Building-3, IAR		
Date (s) of the event	17th February 2026	Time	2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
No. of Student/ faculty Participants for Expert talk	Students: 80 Faculty: 20	Level of Activity	National Level
No. of Participants for the poster and science model Presentation	52 (Attendance sheet attached for reference as Annexure-A)		
Name of the Coordinator	Dr. Shuvomoy Banerjee, Assistant Professor, SBB Dr. Neeru Singh, Assistant Professor, SBB Mr. Milan Trivedi, Assistant Professor, SCT & IIC Coordinator Mr. Mineshkumar Prajapati, Head – Incubation, IAR		
Name and details of the Expert	Prof. Rameshchandra G. Kothari Former Vice Chancellor Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (VNSGU), Surat Dr. Anand N. Bhadalkar Director Savli Technology & Business Incubator		
Contact details of Organizers	Dr. Shuvomoy Banerjee, Assistant Professor, SBB Mob: 9316379336		
Sponsoring authority	IAR	Sponsorship/ Budget amount:	Rs. 19,000/- (Annexure-B Attached for reference)

Guest/Expert (External/Internal):

Prof. Rameshchandra G. Kothari - Former Vice Chancellor, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (VNSGU), Surat
and Dr. Anand N. Bhadalkar, Director, Savli Technology & Business Incubator



A brief Profile of the Experts:

Prof. Rameshchandra G. Kothari is a distinguished academician and administrator who served as the Vice Chancellor of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (VNSGU), Surat. With extensive experience in higher education leadership, he has contributed significantly to academic governance, curriculum development, and institutional growth. His expertise spans university administration, policy-making, and the promotion of research and innovation in higher education. Prof. Kothari is widely respected for his vision in strengthening academic excellence and fostering interdisciplinary learning environments.

Dr. Anand N. Bhadalkar is a dynamic leader in the domain of technology incubation and entrepreneurship development. As the Director of Savli Technology & Business Incubator, he plays a pivotal role in nurturing startups, promoting industry–academia collaboration, and supporting innovation-driven enterprises. His work focuses on facilitating technology transfer, mentoring entrepreneurs, and building a robust startup ecosystem, particularly in emerging and applied science sectors. Dr. Bhadalkar is recognized for his contributions to innovation management and fostering sustainable business incubation models.

Objective of the Event:

The National Science Day Celebration 2026 at IAR University aims to foster a culture of scientific inquiry, innovation, and interdisciplinary collaboration by bringing together eminent experts such as Prof. Rameshchandra G. Kothari and Dr. Anand N. Bhadalkar. The event is designed to inspire students, researchers, and faculty members by providing insights into academic leadership, research excellence, and translational innovation. It seeks to bridge the gap between academia and industry through discussions on entrepreneurship, technology incubation, and real-world applications of scientific research. Additionally, the celebration emphasizes the importance of scientific temper, ethical research practices, and sustainable development, while encouraging young minds to pursue impactful research and innovation aligned with national priorities.

Brief Overview of the Event:

The Institute of Advanced Research, Gandhinagar, successfully organized the National Science Day Celebration 2026 on 17 February 2026, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, at Room 203, A3 Building, IAR campus. The event was organized to commemorate the outstanding contributions of Indian scientists and to foster scientific temperament, innovation, and a robust research culture among students and early-career researchers. The programme commenced with the inaugural session and welcome address delivered by Brig. P. C. Vyas, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Director, IAR. The keynote lecture was delivered by Prof. Rameshchandra G. Kothari, Former Vice-Chancellor of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (VNSGU), Surat, who emphasized the importance of research ethics, scientific leadership, and research-driven nation-building in the contemporary academic ecosystem. Following the poster and science



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model display session, the second expert lecture was delivered by Dr. Anand N. Bhadalkar, Director of the Savli Technology and Business Incubator (STBI), Government of Gujarat. His address highlighted the critical role of innovation, entrepreneurship, and technology incubation in translating academic research into societal and industrial impact. Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and PhD students, along with faculty members from various schools of IAR, participated enthusiastically in the event. The programme concluded with the valedictory session, vote of thanks, and award distribution for the poster and science model presentations. Overall, the celebration served as an intellectually enriching platform that promoted scientific inquiry, innovation-driven thinking, and interdisciplinary collaboration within the IAR academic community.

Outcome of the Event:

The National Science Day Celebration 2026 significantly enhanced scientific awareness, motivation, and collaborative engagement among students, researchers, and faculty members. The expert insights shared by Prof. Rameshchandra G. Kothari and Dr. Anand N. Bhadalkar enriched participants' understanding of academic leadership, research excellence, and the translational potential of science in addressing real-world challenges. The event successfully fostered an innovation-driven mindset, encouraging young researchers to explore interdisciplinary approaches and entrepreneurial pathways. It also strengthened the academia–industry interface by highlighting opportunities in technology incubation and startup development. Overall, the program cultivated a deeper appreciation for scientific temper, ethical research practices, and the role of science in sustainable national development.

Feedback from Students:

The feedback from students for the National Science Day Celebration 2026 was overwhelmingly positive, reflecting high levels of engagement and inspiration. Participants appreciated the insightful sessions delivered by Prof. Rameshchandra G. Kothari and Dr. Anand N. Bhadalkar, highlighting how their experiences and perspectives provided valuable guidance on academic growth, research excellence, and entrepreneurial opportunities. Students found the discussions highly relevant, particularly in understanding the practical applications of scientific knowledge and the importance of innovation-driven thinking. Many expressed that the event enhanced their motivation to pursue research careers and explore startup-oriented pathways. Overall, the program was regarded as informative, thought-provoking, and instrumental in shaping a forward-looking scientific mindset among the student community.



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Short report for social media/Press release:

CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

Experts

Prof. Rameshchandra G. Kothari
Former Vice Chancellor
Veer Narmad South Gujarat University
(VNSGU), Surat

Dr. Anand N. Bhadalkar
Director
Savli Technology & Business Incubator

17th February 2026 02:00 PM Onwards Auditorium, AB-III

Coordinators
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ગાંધીનગર સમાચાર તા. ૧૯-૦૨-૨૦૨૬, ગુરુવાર ૩

IAR યુનિવર્સિટીમાં નેશનલ સાયન્સ ડેની ઉજવણી કરાઈ

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ગાંધીનગર, તા. ૧૮
IAR યુનિવર્સિટી,
ગાંધીનગર ખાતે ૧૭ ફેબ્રુઆરી
૨૦૨૬ના રોજ નેશનલ સાયન્સ
ડેની ઉજવણી કરવામાં આવી હતી.
આવૃત્તીય સંસ્થાના અધ્યક્ષ
યોગેશ્વરભાઈ રમણલાલ રાખવા
તેમજ વિદ્યાર્થીઓ અને પ્રારંભિક
કારકિર્દીના લેખકોમાં વૈજ્ઞાનિક
દૃષ્ટિકોણ, સર્વોચ્ચ અને મજબૂત
અસરો ધરાવતા પ્રોત્સાહન
આપવા આ કાર્યક્રમનું આયોજન
કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું.
કાર્યક્રમની સરનામમાં
IAR યુનિવર્સિટીના પ્રો-વીસી
અને ડાયરેક્ટર, પ્રિન્સિપલ પી.

સી. વ્યાસ દ્વારા આયોજન
તરફથી આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું
હતું. આ કાર્યક્રમમાં એકસપેટ
તરીકે જાણીતા વિજ્ઞાનવિદ તથા
વીર નર્મદ સાઉથ ગુજરાત
હતાં. ડૉ. આનંદ એન. બાદલકર
દ્વારા ઉદ્બોધન તથા ડૉ. મીલક શિખર,
વિન્નેદાસ પ્રો-વીસી પ્રિન્સિપલ પી.
સી. વ્યાસ ના માર્ગદર્શન હેઠળ
કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. IAR
યુનિવર્સિટીના વિવિધ
ઉપાયોગોના સ્થાવક, અનુસ્થાવક
અને ધોરણો દ્વારા વિદ્યાર્થીઓને
પ્રાધ્યાપકો અને ઉચ્ચતકાર્યકર્તા
કાર્યક્રમમાં ભાગ લેવાનો હતો.

યુનિવર્સિટી (VNSGU) ના પૂર્વ
વાઈસ ચાન્સેલર પ્રોફેસર આર.
જી. કોઠારી તથા આજથી
૩૬ મોનો જી એ-૧ બિઝનેસ
ઇન્ક્યુબેટર (STBI) ના
ડાયરેક્ટર ડૉ. આનંદ એન.
બાદલકર ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા હતા.
પ્રોફેસર આર. જી.
કોઠારીએ પોતાના વકતવ્યમાં
વિજ્ઞાન અભિવ્યક્તિ તથા વાઈ
ક્યોવિટી વિસ્તરે અને પોતાના
વિચારો રસપ્રદ શૈલીમાં રજૂ કર્યાં

સાકલ કરી હતી.
સમગ્ર કાર્યક્રમનું આયોજન
પ્રેમ રિસર્ચ ડૉ. રોશી પિંચા, ડૉ.
સુશોભિત મેનરજી, ડૉ. મીલક શિખર,
વિન્નેદાસ પ્રો-વીસી પ્રિન્સિપલ પી.
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Glimpses of the Event – Glimpses of “National Science Day celebration 2026” held on 17th February 2026:



Photo-1: Welcome address by Brig. P. C. Vyas, Pro-V C & Director, IAR



Photo-2: Session on research ethics by Prof. Rameshchandra G. Kothari, Former Vice-Chancellor of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (VNSGU), Surat



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Photo-3: Student and faculty participation in the event



Photo-4: Session by Dr. Anand N. Bhadalkar, Director, Savli Technology and Business Incubator (STBI), Government of Gujarat



Photo-5: Science model presented by participants in the event



Photo-6: Experts, Faculties and students group photo in the event: Celebration of National Science Day 2026

Media Coverage:

Link to the FB Page/LinkedIn/Google Meet/YouTube etc.:

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/iargandhinagar_scienceday-nationalscienceday-posterpresentation-activity-743392541132317696-j2VM?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAN_LRQBgmUUP6l78iGUpqZ-RliovtQPfnU



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- Prof. Rameshchandra G. Kothari, Former Vice Chancellor, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (VNSGU), Surat, and Dr. Anand N. Bhadalkar, Director, Savli Technology & Business Incubator, for delivering an expert talk
- Pro VC and Director, IAR
- Dean Academics
- Registrar
- Dean Research
- Heads, All the Department
- All Faculties and Staff, IAR
- IT, Finance, and Admin Department
- Student Volunteers

Signature

Prof. Roli Mishra

Chairman, IIC, IAR

Signature

Dr. Shuvomoy Banerjee

Asst. Prof., SBB

(Event Coordinator)

Date: 10/04/2026

Place: Gandhinagar





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Annexure-A

Attendance of Students:

Student

R&D cell of IIC, IAR presents
Expert session on **Research Ethics**

Date: 17th February 2026 Venue: A3-203

Sr No.	Name	IAR no.	Signature
01	Vaishali Kothari	15349	
02	Avani Sharma	16564	
03	Vishwa Jadav	16280	
04	Khushi Desai	17045	
05	Kashish Sindhia	16895	
06	Dhruvi Prajapati	17641	
07	Anvesha Patel	16797	
08	Sana Khatumbor	16145	
09	Mohak Chimrani	17246	
10	Jiya Agja	17183	
11	Jinal Mooli	16616	
12	Anvesha Sarji	16594	
13	Vedant Dhatt	16111	
14	Pyem Sharma	17918	
15	Panchal Jiya R.	16598	
16	Patel Rachi	26074	
17	Patel Sukrati	27334	
18	Prasad P. Gandhi	17153	
19	Dimple R. Wadhvani	16646	
20	Kailash R. Choudhari	17184	
21	Pandey Shivani. S	16852	
22	Shaly Shukla A.	16841	
23	Khushi Sonar v.	16857	
24	Limbachhi Adarsh	16981	
25	Janki Patel	16187	
26	Jit Patel	17182	
27	Kaethe Shreya	17821	
28	Dixita Goswami	17739	
29	Saurmya Mishra	17397	
30	Nancy Shahdadpuri	16533	
31	Rajni Khanwale	17286	
32	Ahuti Khatri	17380	
33	Mahi Amin	15356	
34	Reema Nandasmiya	26306	



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Sr No.	Name	IAR no.	Signature
35.	Jaham Desai	16423	
36.	Arunjyoti Verma	17304	
37.	Ninomya Mihir S.	17181	
38.	Sakshi Tiwari	17903	
39.	Akshadha Gupta	16355	
40.	Nandini Singh	14093	
41.	Ujjal Joshi	14065	
42.	Chandya	14248	
43.	Rushang	14303	
44.	Parth	14115	
45.	Maitrik	14470	
46.	Smit	14371	
47.	Ferooti	14074	
48.	Sayalee	14168	
49.	Vaidahi	14345	
50.	Ugvi	14333	
51.	Kshitiij	14089	
52.	Dhruvi	14468	
53.	Saami	14520	
54.	Swati	14486	
55.	Spansh	14327	
56.	Ayushi	14411	
57.	Mansi	14574	
58.	Kirtisaj Parihar	16314	
59.	Mahimra Joshi	14580	
60.	Karsh Samtani	14557	
61.	Rishabh Kurekh	14279	
62.	Divyagit	14369	
63.	Arjun	14156 14156	
64.	Kaish	14412	
65.	Bhuvan	14295	
66.	Dhairya	14390	
67.	Memushi	14475	
68.	Tinal	14473	
69.	Bansuri	14632	
70.	Mansi	14574	
71.	Ayushi	14411	
72.	Padshant	14365	
73.	Kamika Chobay	14879	
74.	Bhoi harshit	16308	



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Venue: A3-203

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01	Vaishali Khokhar	15349	
02	Bhakti Khutzi	17380	
03	Suthar mithil	16774	
04	Hinguzariji zeel	17924	
05	Jay Patel	16076	
06	Jaimil Patel	17075	
07	Jainil Ravel	17771	
08	Disaary Patel	16083	
09	Daksh Sharmen	16067	Daksh.
10	Dhruvik osasumi	17406	
11	Vishva Sevak	17411	
12	Esha Patel	17288	
13	Anshi Shevavastava	17761	
14	Aaditya Singh	17420	
15	Raunak Jainval [M.Sc DBT]	17174	
16	Aarvi Jain	17447	
17	S. Manikanta [M.Sc DBT]	17144	
18	Akash chandhary [M.Sc DBT]	17257	
19	Kanika Ishwarkar [M.Sc DBT]	17416	
20	Bansari Patel [M.Sc DBT]	17845	
21	Madhura Pail [M.Sc DBT]	17284	
22	Diya Dasji [M.Sc DBT]	16853	
23	Vani Sharma [M.Sc DBT]	17422	
24	Suzan Sraiker [M.Sc Biotech]	17456	
25	Olaita chudasama [M.Sc Biotech]	17401	
26	Mehuli Roy [M.Sc Biotech]	17239	
27	Yojanajyoti Patra [M.Sc BT]	16029	
28	Huishita Kashyap [M.Sc Biotech]	17599	
29	Nishit Parmar [M.Sc Biotech]	16045	
30	Heli Jaivedi [M.Sc BioTech]	16316	
31	Yashvi Verma [M.Sc Biotech]	16644	
32	Shradha. Titri [M.Sc BT]	17386	
33	Nandana Nair [M.Sc Biotech]	16858	
34	Neti Bhavsar [M.Sc DBT]	16678	
35	Nitya-lohiya (B.Sc. F.S)	17155	
36	Simran Jain (B.Sc. F.S)	16129	



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37	Aarya Patel	16321	
38	Dhruvi Nayak	17132	
39	Kunishku Thakor	16165	
40	Dhruvi Desai	16116	
41	Palak Hiraniya	16278	
42	Mahi Barot	16233	
43	Jay Rajput	17675	
44	Kavish Shah	17596	
45	Patel Akhraj	17650	
46	Jenish Mehta	17824	
47	Chandra Patel	16232	
48	Bil Patel	16746	
49	Misthi Bhuna	16175	
50	Nidhi Dhanekar	17797	
51	Swara Velani	17674	
52	Manav Gadhevi	16664	
53	Dhruvi Manish Joshi	16161	
54	Bhuvan Joshi	16574	
55	Nishu Sheladiya	16003	
56	Krishna Aravani	16986	
57	Dhriti D. Shah -BSc- Sem-4	15912	
58	Dhruvraj D. Zule	17033	
59	Mitesh Chavda	17240	
60	Khushi Joshi	17406	
61	Yashvi Patel	17869	
62	Tamanna Singh	16452	
63	Vishva Nayak	16086	
64	Pratvi Joshi	16454	
65	Humec Patel (BSc BMS Sem-2)	17712	
66	Yashvi Patel (BSc BMS Sem-2)	16212	
67	Surbhi Kotak (BSc BMS Sem-2)	16618	



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Annexure-B

Expenses occurred for the event

Sr. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
1.	Honorarium to External Expert Dr. Anand Bhadalkar	3,000
2.	Honorarium and Travel Expense to External Expert Prof. Rameshchandra Kothari	8,500
3.	Memento to External Experts	1,500
4.	Cash Prize to winners	4,500
5.	Other Miscellaneous items (Flower Bouquet, Chocolates, etc.)	1,485
	Total Expense (Rs.)=====>>>>	18,985