Kshitij 2026, IIT Kharagpur: Asia's Techno-Management Fest

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IIT Kharagpur will host **Kshitij 2026**, its annual techno-management symposium, from **16 to 18 January 2026**. One of India's prominent student-led festivals focused on technology and innovation, the 2026 edition coincides with the **Platinum Jubilee celebrations of IIT Kharagpur**, marking 75 years of the Institute's contribution to education, research and national development.

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NPCI is serving as the **Title Sponsor**, with **HCL Tech** as the **Co-Title Sponsor** and **Hero MotoCorp** as the **Associate Title Sponsor** and for this edition, underscoring strong industry participation in the festival's academic and outreach initiatives.

The **Guest Lecture Series** will feature speakers like **Mr. K. N. Vyas**, former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and a former Secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy; **Mr. Ashok Lavasa**, former Finance Secretary of India and former Chief Election Officer and former Vice President (South Asia), Asian Development Bank; and **Justice Sanjiv Khanna**, the 51st Chief Justice of India.

Also participating are **Mr. Suresh Prabhu**, former Union Minister for Railways, Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation;

Mr. Rajat Sharma, Founder and Chairman of India TV; **Mr. Rishi Kumar Shukla**, former Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation; and **Mr. Bipul Chandra**, Managing Director of Ducati India. The lecture series will address themes of governance, constitutional values, economic policy and institutional leadership.

The festival will include **workshops, a Technology Summit, and a Business Conclave**, focusing on industry-relevant skills, entrepreneurship, and innovation. Previous editions have seen participation from organizations such as Bajaj, Boeing, Cisco, and Genpact.

Kshitij 2026 will feature a wide range of competitive technical, analytical and innovation-driven events, drawing student participation from across the country and abroad. Core engineering competitions include **Robowars**, **Drone Racing, Laws of Motion,Championship**, **Line Follower**, **Droid Blitz**, and **Sand Rover**, testing skills in robotics, automation, aeromodelling and mechanical design. Mechatronics events focus on autonomous systems, control algorithms and real-time decision-making.

The festival will also host multiple **hackathons and coding challenges**, including **Overnite**, **Source Code**, **On-Block Web3 Hackathon,Tech Triad Hackathon,Scam Bust Challenge,Lexicognition AI,Build with Gemini** and the **NLP Challenge**, addressing problem statements in blockchain, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity.

On the management and innovation front, events such as **B-Plan**, the **Indian Case Challenge, Enigma (Biz-Tech Quiz),Anadigix** and **Kshitij Maths Olympiad** provide platforms for entrepreneurship, strategic thinking and analytical excellence. Sustainability-

focused initiatives like **SolarVision** and the **WASH Innovation Challenge** highlight real-world applications of technology for social impact.

Kshitij 2026 will host large-scale **technology and robotics exhibitions**, featuring quadruped robots, humanoid robots, autonomous service robots, AR/VR-integrated systems and LiDAR-based installations presented by the Centre of Excellence in Urban Planning and Design **(CoE- UPD)**, IIT Kharagpur. The exhibition zone will also feature a showcase of **Ducati motorcycles** and a professional **stunt show** by **Hero MotoCorp**.

The **Megashows** this year will be headlined by live performances of **Raftaar** and **Last Minute India,** reflecting the scale and outreach associated with the festival.

Further information is available at www.ktj.in, with accommodation details at www.ktj.in/Accommodation.