



INSTITUTION'S INNOVATION COUNCIL (IIC) SHYAM LAL COLLEGE, DELHI

Session Details:

Title of the session: Strengthening Scientific Research and Innovation in HEIs: ANRF's Vision, Priorities, and Support Framework

Date with Month & Year: 31st July 2026

Duration (in hours): 1 hour

Mode: Online

Convenor: Dr. Saubhagyalaxmi Singh

Platform: YouTube Live

Activity Category: MIC Driven Activity

Objective of the Activity : The objective of the session was to familiarize students, faculty members, researchers, innovators, and startup enthusiasts with the vision, priorities, and funding support framework of the **Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)**. The session aimed to create awareness about research funding opportunities, promote innovation-driven research in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), and encourage collaboration among academia, industry, and government to strengthen India's research and innovation ecosystem.

Activity Led by: Institute Council

Theme: Research, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Higher Education, Funding Opportunities

Expert/Speaker details:

Expert 1:

Name: Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman

Designation: Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Organization: Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)

Brief about Expert : Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman is the Chief Executive Officer of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF). He is a distinguished academician and researcher with extensive experience in science, technology, innovation, and higher education. Under his leadership, ANRF is working towards strengthening India's research ecosystem by promoting interdisciplinary research, industry-academia collaboration, innovation, and capacity building across Higher Education Institutions.

Brief Activity of the Event

On Friday, 31st July 2026, the **Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC)**, **AICTE**, and the **Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)** organized a live virtual expert session titled "**Strengthening Scientific Research and Innovation in HEIs: ANRF's Vision, Priorities, and Support Framework.**" The session was streamed live on **YouTube** and delivered by **Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman**, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), **Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)**.

The webinar aimed to create awareness among students, faculty members, researchers, innovators, and startup enthusiasts about **ANRF's vision, governance structure, research funding ecosystem, and innovation support framework**. The speaker explained how ANRF is strengthening India's research ecosystem by supporting fundamental research, translational research, commercialization of technologies, and collaboration among academia, industry, startups, and government institutions.



**Strengthening Scientific Research and Innovation in HEIs:
ANRF's Vision, Priorities, and Support Framework**

Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)

FRIDAY
31st July 2026

TIME
11:30 AM

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Key Highlights of the Session

- **Genesis of ANRF:** The session explained how the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisioned a National Research Foundation, leading to the establishment of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) through the ANRF Act, 2023, notified in February 2024.
- **ANRF Governance Structure:** Participants were introduced to the governance framework of ANRF, including the Governing Board chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, the Executive Council, and the role of the CEO in implementing ANRF programmes.
- **ANRF Research Ecosystem:** A detailed overview was provided on the ANRF ecosystem comprising ANRF CORE, Accelerator Programmes, Research Capacity Building, RDI Fund, SARAL AI, Webinars & Outreach, and national as well as global research partnerships.
- **Research Funding Opportunities:** The session highlighted major funding initiatives including:
 1. **Advanced Research Grants (ARG)**
 2. **Prime Minister Early Career Research Grants (PM-ECRG)**

3. JC Bose Grants

4. National Post-Doctoral Fellowships (NPDF)

5. Ramanujan Fellowships

- **Technology Readiness & Commercialisation:** Dr. Kalyanaraman explained the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) framework, illustrating how innovations progress from basic research and prototype development to commercialization through ANRF CORE grants and the RDI Fund.
- **Industry-Academia Collaboration:** The speaker emphasized strengthening partnerships between universities, industries, startups, and government agencies to accelerate research translation, innovation, and commercialization.
- **Capacity Building & Innovation Support:** Participants learned about accelerator programmes such as MAHA (Mission Acceleration for High-Impact Applications) and ATRI (Accelerating Translation through Research & Innovation), which focus on research capacity building, innovation acceleration, and nurturing impactful technologies.

Outcome of the activity:

- **Enhanced Understanding of ANRF:** Participants gained comprehensive knowledge about the vision, mission, governance, and strategic priorities of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation.
- **Awareness of Research Funding Opportunities:** Students, faculty, and researchers became familiar with various ANRF funding schemes, fellowships, and grant programmes supporting scientific research and innovation.
- **Knowledge of Research Commercialisation:** Attendees developed a better understanding of the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) framework and the pathway for transforming research outcomes into commercially viable technologies and startups.
- **Encouragement for Research & Innovation:** The session motivated participants to actively engage in multidisciplinary research, innovation, entrepreneurship, and industry collaborations, contributing towards strengthening India's research ecosystem and achieving the vision of making India a global research and innovation powerhouse.

Organizing Team Members Details:

Name / Team	Role
Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC), AICTE	Organizing Body & Activity Coordination
Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman	Resource Person; CEO, ANRF
IIC Implementation Team, MIC-AICTE	Coordination and Implementation of the MIC Driven Activity

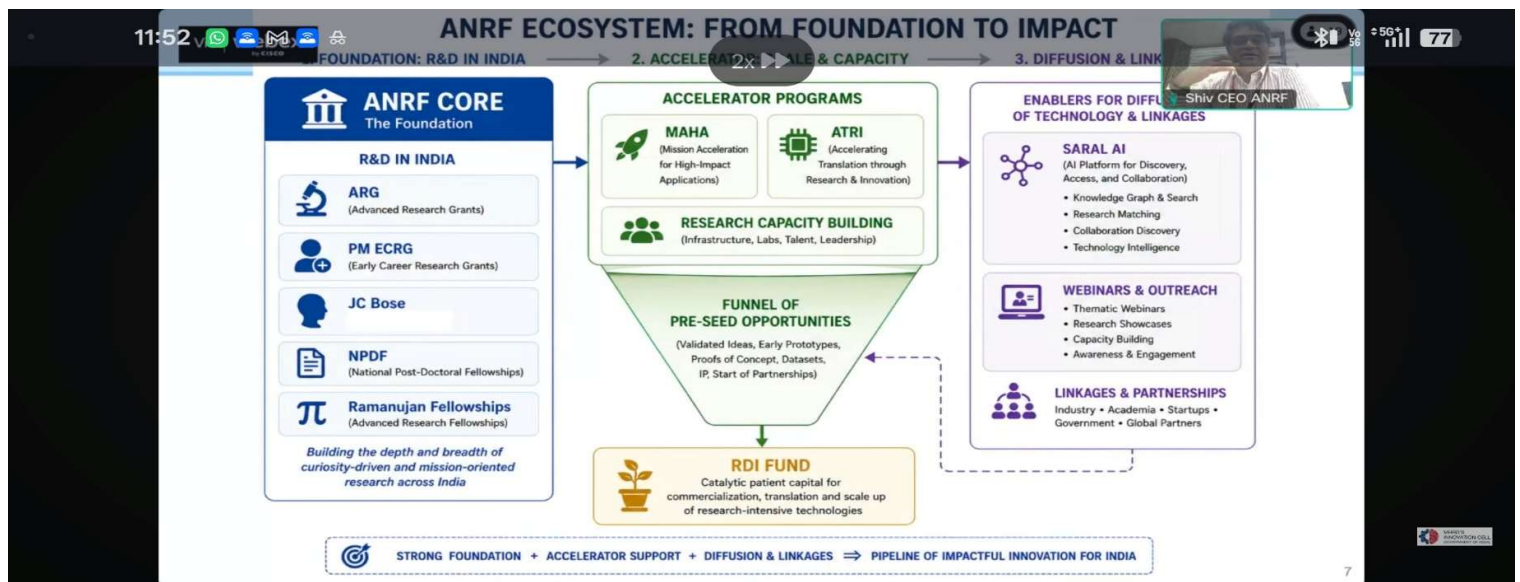
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ANRF & RDI Vision: Catalyzing India as a Research and Innovation Powerhouse

Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman,
CEO, Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)
A Statutory Body of Govt of India, presided by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India




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Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR)

Hub-and-Spoke Framework for uplifting S&T ecosystem of Universities in mentorship mode by pairing them with well-established institutions.

- 30 Hubs + 169 spoke institutions participated
- 18 PAIR Networks Supported



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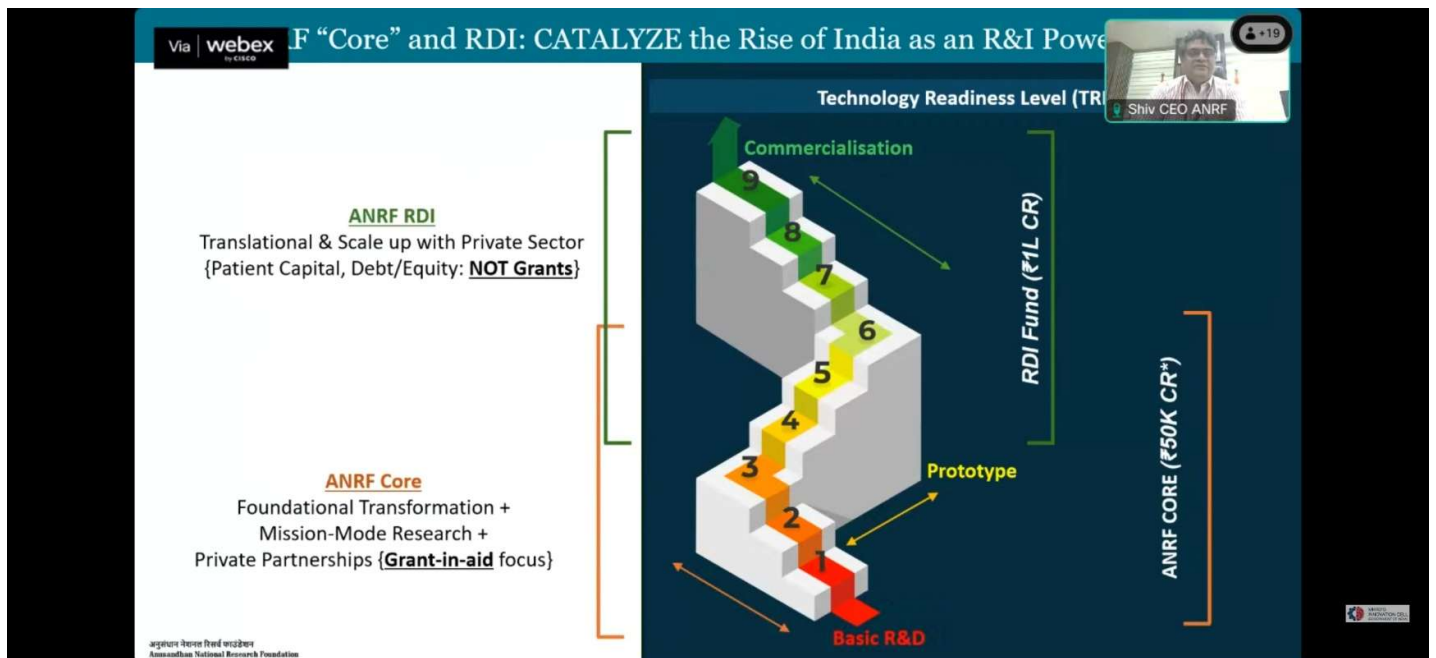
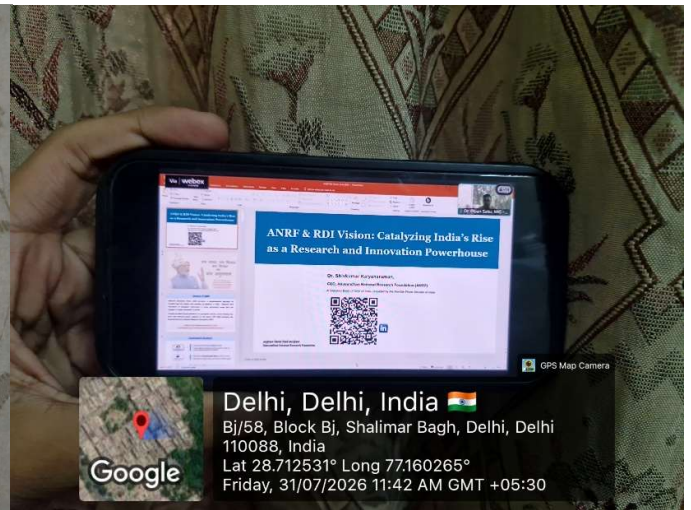
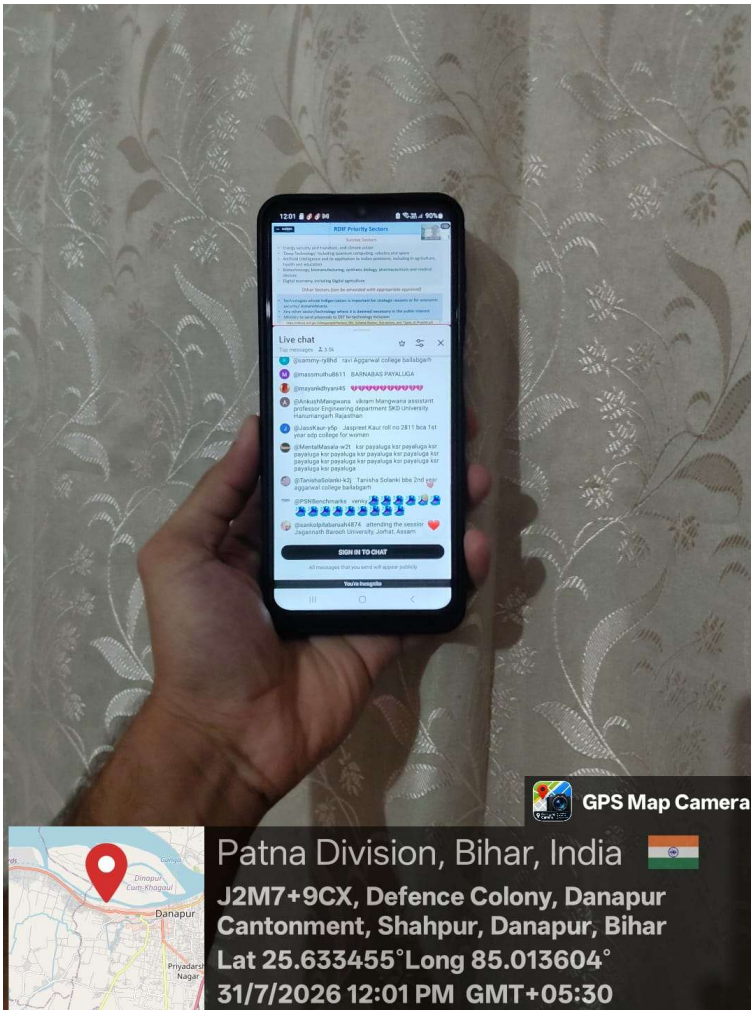
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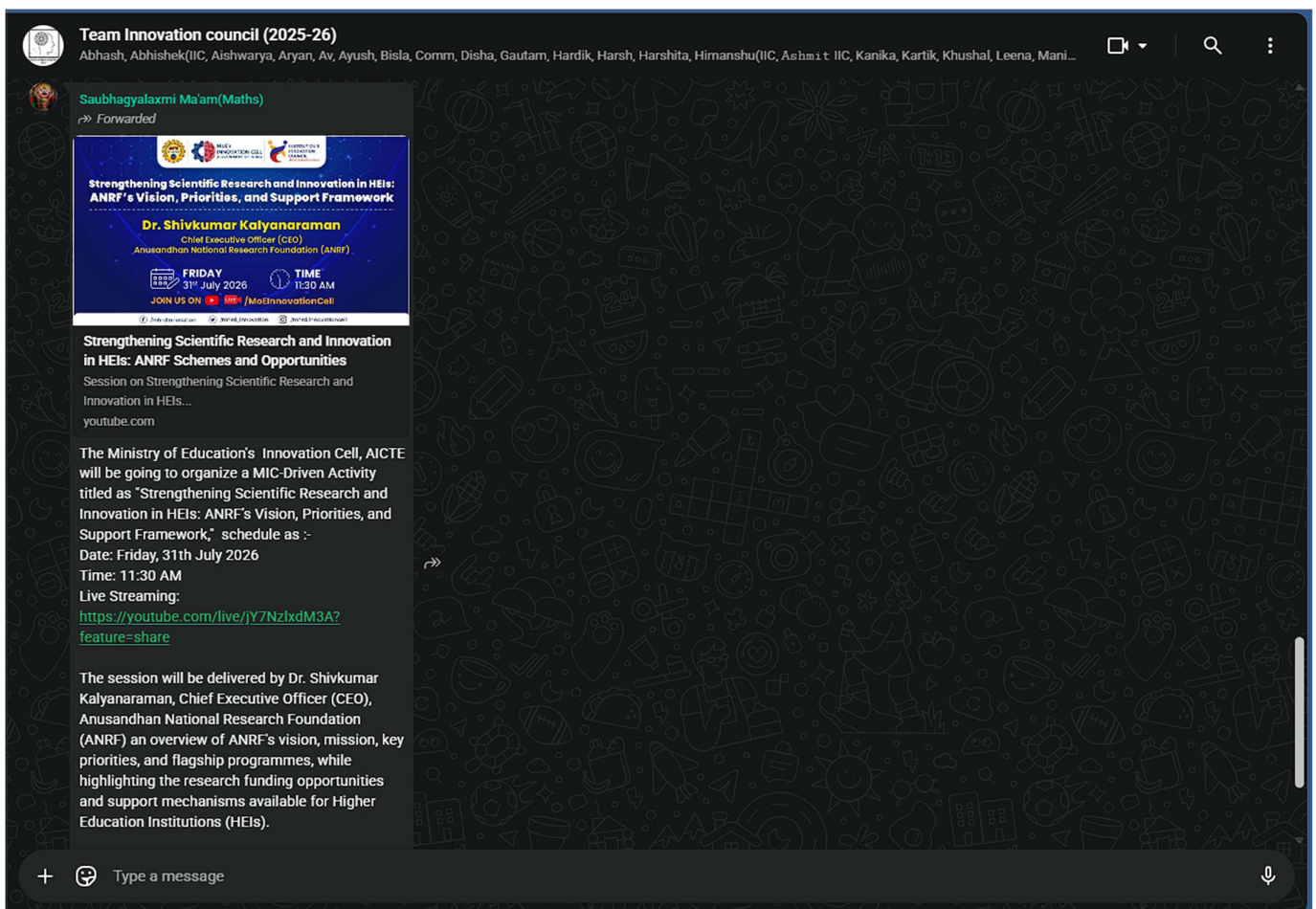
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Attendance details:

ATTENDANCE SHEET (Faculty Members)

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S. No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. Saubhagyalaxmi Singh	Convener
2	Dr. Monika Goyal	Faculty Member
3	Mr. Balram Kindra	Faculty Member
4	Dr. Sushil Kumar	Faculty Member
5	Dr. Neha Bothra	Faculty Member
6	Dr. Sunny Aggrawal	Faculty Member
7	Dr. Pranav Dass	Faculty Member
8	Dr. Leena Singh	Faculty Member
9	Dr. Kanika Solanki	Faculty Member
10	Dr. Nidhi Jain	Faculty Member
11	Dr. Bisla Devi	Faculty Member
12	Ms. Priyanka Yadav	Faculty Member
13	Dr. Rahul Boadh	Faculty Member
14	Dr. Manisha	Faculty Member

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2	Hardik Jain	B.Com. (Prog.)
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5	Aishwarya Naulakha	B.Com. (Hons.)
6	Ujjwal Awasthi	B.Com. (Hons.)
7	Abhinav	B.Com. (Hons.)
8	Aman Kumar Sah	B.Sc. Physical Science with Computer Science
9	Yaksh Tomar	B.Sc. Physical Science with Computer Science
10	Zoya Fatima	B.Com. (Hons.)
11	Kartik Goyal	B.Com. (Prog.)
12	Prachi	B.Com. (Hons.)
13	Ansh	B.Com. (Hons.)
14	Kartik Goyal	B.Com. (Prog.)
15	Ankit Jangra	B.Com. (Prog.)
16	Vasu Gupta	B.Com. (Prog.)
17	Ashmit Mathur	B.Com. (Hons.)
18	Ayush sugla	B.A. Programme (Economics + Political Science)
19	Rameshwar Singh	B.Com. (Hons.)
20	Shreya	B.Sc. Physical Science with Chemistry
21	Tanzeel	B.Sc. Physical Science with Chemistry