

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
North Eastern Council
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NEST Cluster Tech Conclave

OCTAVATE

Organized by

North Eastern Science & Technology Cluster

for Promoting Research, Innovation & Skill Development

10 - 12, August 2026

About NEST Cluster OCTAVATE

OCTAVATE is the premier annual tech conclave organized by the North Eastern Science and Technology (NEST) Cluster of IIT Guwahati, based at IIT Guwahati and funded by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) through the North Eastern Council (NEC). The conclave is to be held from **10th to 12th August 2026**, at **Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati**.

The symposium will serve as a collaborative platform among academia, industry, government and society. It brings together key stakeholders from the government, academia, industry, MSMEs, and startup ecosystem under one roof - catalyzing partnerships, knowledge exchange, and actionable outcomes for the North East India region. By nurturing entrepreneurship, sustainability, and inclusive development, **OCTAVATE 2026** will lay the foundation for a resilient and innovation-driven North East. Together, it seeks to move from local potential to global possibilities.

ACTIVITIES

- Research and Innovation exhibition by North East Researchers
- School and University students hackathon across four Verticals
- Eminent talks by Policymakers, Industrialists and Academicians
- Global connect dialect bridging Local potential with Global possibilites
- Interactive session between Industries and Researchers
- Industries Startup showcase related to North East

PROGRAMME

DAY 1

Inauguration of NEST Cluster – OCTAVATE 2026

- Expo Inauguration, lamp lighting, welcome remarks, and addresses by IIT Guwahati, NEC, and MDoNER leadership
- Keynote talks by chief guest, addresses by invited dignitaries and institutional leaders
- MoU Exchange ceremony between NEST Cluster & Spoke Institutions
- Visionary and motivational sessions by acclaimed researchers, industrialists, and policymakers
- Cultural Programme showcasing rich heritage of North East India

DAY 2

Brain Storming Sessions, Panel Discussions, & Hackathon

- Parallel Technologies sessions across all the four verticals
- Hackathon – Vertically competitive presentations by student and graduate innovators
- Poster Presentations, Targeted Networking among Government, Academia, Industry and Startup
- Thematic Dialogues & Open House – Stakeholder discussion for identifying collaboration opportunities

DAY 3

Product Expo, Startups, Policy making and REsearch Assistance for Dynamic Youth

- Parallel Policy and Future Roadmap sessions
- Startup to Scaleup : Interactive Entrepreneurship sessions
- Product Expo by HUB, Spoke Institutes & Start-ups across all four verticals.
- **RE**search **A**ssistance for **D**ynamic **Y**outh (READY): Young Entrepreneurs will get assistantship for their startup and technology development
- Final outcomes summary, official vote of thanks, and signing of joint declarations

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



SPOKES INSTITUTES

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

- Ministries/Department of Govt. of India & North East State Govt.
- Industries, PSU's, Startups & Private sector companies
- Educational Institutes and Colleges of North East
- Research Councils and Organizations

Jointly hosted by: NEST Cluster, NEC, MDoNER, IIT Guwahati

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IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date to Apply: 03rd Aug.
Intimation of Acceptance: 05th Aug.

Venue : Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
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