

5th GLOBAL CERAMIC LEADERSHIP ROUDTABLE

On

Next-Generation Ceramics for a Sustainable Future (NGCSF 2026)

February 17–18, 2026

IIT(B.H.U.), Varanasi – 221005, (U.P.), India

Program

09:00	Welcoming guests by presenting Bouquets	
09:05	Lightening of the lamp	
09:10	Kulgeet (Institute song)	
09:15	Welcome address	Dr. Ashutosh Kumar Dubey <i>Head, Department of Ceramic Engineering, IIT (BHU)</i> <i>Organizing Chair, NGCSF 2026</i>
09:18	About ACerS Northeast India Chapter	Dr. L. K. Sharma <i>Mahamana Ceramic Development Organization, New Delhi</i> <i>Chair, ACerS Northeast India Chapter</i> <i>Organizing Co-Chair, NGCSF 2026</i>
09:21	About NGCSF 2026	Dr. Pradip Kumar Roy <i>Organizing Secretary, NGCSF 2026</i>
09:24	Address by Distinguished Guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Rajesh Agarwal, Director, Clay Craft India Pvt. Ltd., Jaipur• Mr. H. L. Rai, MD, Zircar Refractories Ltd., Mehsana
09:34	Address by the Guest of Honour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Bikramjit Basu, Director, CSIR-CGCRI, Kolkata
09:39	Address by Chief Guest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Mrityunjay Singh (Past President –AcerS, Ohio Aerospace Laboratory, USA)
09:44	Director Address	Prof. Amit Patra <i>Director, IIT (BHU),</i> <i>Patron, NGCSF 2026</i>
09:49	Souvenir release and mementos presentation	
09:55	Vote of thanks	Dr. Pavan Pujar <i>Organizing Co-Secretary, NGCSF 2026</i>
10:00	National Anthem	

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Day 1: February 17th (Tuesday)

07:30 - 9:00	Registration and Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00	Inaugural Session
10:00 -10:30	Group Photo & High-Tea Break
	Session Chair: Prof. Rahul Mitra
10:30 - 11:00	Plenary lecture 1: Prof. Bikramjit Basu, CSIR-CGCRI, Kolkata
11:00 - 11:20	Keynote lecture 1: Prof. N. V. Ravikumar, IIT Madras
11:20 - 11:40	Keynote lecture 2: Prof. Subhasish Basu Majumder, IIT Kharagpur
11:40 – 11:55	Invited Speaker 1: Prof. BV Manoj Kumar, IIT Roorkee
11:55 – 12:10	Tea Break
	Session Chair: Prof. Rakesh Singh
12:10 - 12:30	Keynote lecture 3: Prof. Subhash Thota, IIT Guwahati
12:30 – 12:45	Invited Speaker 2: Dr. Jeetendra Sehgal, Borosil Renewables Limited
12:45 – 13:00	Invited Speaker 3: Mr. Mitrabhanu Pati, Business Director, Ceramics Asia Pacific, Imerys India, Hyderabad
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break
	Session Chair: Prof. Prabhakar Singh
14:00 – 14:15	Invited Speaker 4: Prof. Shobit Omar, IIT Kanpur
14:15 – 14:30	Invited Speaker 5: Prof. Anirban Chowdhury, IIT Patna
14:30 – 14:45	Invited Speaker 6: Dr. R. S. Rai, Applied Novel Devices, TX, USA
14:45 – 15:05	Keynote lecture 4: Prof. Kantesh Balani, IIT Kanpur
15:05 - 15:20	Tea Break
15:20 – 16:30	Roundtable Discussion <i>Next-Generation Ceramics for a Sustainable Future (NGCSF 2026)</i> Moderators: Prof. A. K. Dubey and Prof. BV Manoj Kumar Panelists: 1) Prof. Bikramjit Basu, 2) Prof. Subhasish Basu Majumder, 3) Prof. N. V. Ravikumar, 4) Prof. Santanu Behera, 5) Prof. Sanjeet Kumar, 6) Dr. Jeetendra Sehgal, 7) Dr. Shyam Rao, 8) Prof. Manisha Vidyavathy, 9) Prof. Rahul Mitra, 10) Prof. Subramshu Bhattacharya
16:30 – 20:30	Boat riding on the Ganga
20:30 onwards	Gala Dinner

Day 2: February 18th (Wednesday)

08:00 - 9:30	Breakfast
	Session Chair: Prof. Subhasish Basu Majumder
09:30 – 10:00	Plenary lecture 2: Prof. Palani Balaya, National University of Singapore, Singapore
10:00 – 10:25	Keynote lecture 5: Prof. Rahul Mitra, IIT Kharagpur
10:25 – 10:50	Keynote lecture 6: Prof. Subramshu Bhattacharya, IIT Madras
10:50 – 11:10	Invited Speaker 7: Prof. Santanu Behera, NIT Rourkela
11:10 – 11:30	Tea Break
	Session Chair: Prof. Subramshu Bhattacharya
11:30 – 11:50	Invited Speaker 8: Dr. Shyam Rao, CUMI, Bangalore
11:50 – 12:10	Invited Speaker 9: Prof. Manisha Vidyavathy, Anna University
12:10 – 12:30	Invited Speaker 10: Dr. Chandresh Agrawal (Aloft Overseas Consultant, UAE)
12:30 – 12:50	Invited Speaker 11: Dr. Somnath Roy, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-CGCRI, Kolkata
12:50 – 13:10	Invited Speaker 12: Prof. Abhishek Sarkar, IIT Delhi
13:10 – 13:30	Invited Speaker 13: Dr. I. B. Singh, Former Chief Scientist CSIR-AMPRI Bhopal
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break
	Session Chair: Prof. Sanjeet Kumar, Dr. Indra Bhushan Singh
14:30 – 14:50	Invited Speaker 14: Mr Sharad Chandra, Principal Consultant, Glass Biz Solutions, Vadodara
14:50 – 15:10	Invited Speaker 15: Mr. T. K. Chakraborty, Plant Head, Saint Gobain Glass India Ltd., Bhiwadi
15:10 – 15:30	Invited Speaker 16: Dr. Parvesh Agrawal, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-CGCRI, Naroda Centre, Ahmedabad
15:30 – 15:50	Invited Speaker 17: Dr. Dhavanesan R, Managing Director, Dhavaa Technical Ceramics Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore
15:50 – 16:10	Invited Speaker 18: Dr. Sampath Kumar, Principal Engineer (Ceramics), Applied Materials, Bangalore
16:10 – 16:30	Tea Break
16:30 – 18:30	Session Judge: Dr. Imteyaz, Dr. Santanu Das, Dr. Shyam Rao, Prof. Manisha Vidyavathy
	Poster Session
18:30 – 18:45	Valedictory Ceremony
18:45 onwards	Tea Break
20:00 onwards	Dinner