

# **REPORT**

## **IRIS National Fair 2025-26**

### **Cohort 2 - Ahmedabad**

Dr. Ambedkar International Centre partnered with EXSTEMPLAR Education Linkers Foundation for their flagship event, Initiative for Research and Innovation in STEM (IRIS) National Fair themed “Sustainability through Innovation” from 30th - 31st January, 2026 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi for Cohort 1.

The Cohort 2 of the IRIS National Fair was successfully held from 6th to 8th February, 2026 at Adani International School, Ahmedabad, bringing together young innovators, educators, mentors, and thought leaders committed to advancing sustainability through research and innovation. The three-day event served as a vibrant platform for students to present research projects aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), reflecting the spirit of scientific inquiry, social responsibility, and nation-building.

The Fair witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across diverse grade levels, who showcased projects addressing critical issues such as climate action, clean energy, sustainable cities, responsible consumption, health, and inclusive education. The exhibition area was transformed into a dynamic hub of ideas, where students demonstrated prototypes, research findings, and practical solutions aimed at creating meaningful societal impact. Teachers and mentors played an instrumental role in guiding students through rigorous research methodologies, encouraging critical thinking and interdisciplinary exploration.

A highlight of the valedictory ceremony was the Special Address delivered by the Director, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), who was invited as the Guest of Honour. In his address to the teachers, he underscored the transformative role of research-oriented education in shaping responsible citizens and future leaders. He noted that innovation must be rooted in equity, sustainability, and constitutional values. He commended the teachers for fostering a culture of inquiry and mentorship, observing that educators are the cornerstone of any meaningful academic transformation. The Director also highlighted the alignment of the IRIS initiative with the broader vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 and Aatmanirbhar Bharat, stressing that nurturing young researchers at the school level strengthens India’s innovation ecosystem. He encouraged students to view research not merely as an academic exercise, but as a responsibility towards society and the environment.

Following his address, the Director, DAIC, participated in the prize distribution ceremony, felicitating outstanding student projects across various thematic categories. Awards were presented to projects demonstrating originality, scientific rigour, feasibility, and measurable social impact. The ceremony celebrated not only the winners but also the collective effort of all participants, mentors, and organisers who contributed to the success of the Fair.

The IRIS National Fair – Cohort 2 concluded on an inspiring note, reaffirming the importance of integrating sustainability and innovation within mainstream education. The event reflected a shared commitment to cultivating young minds capable of addressing contemporary global challenges with creativity, empathy, and scientific excellence.

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