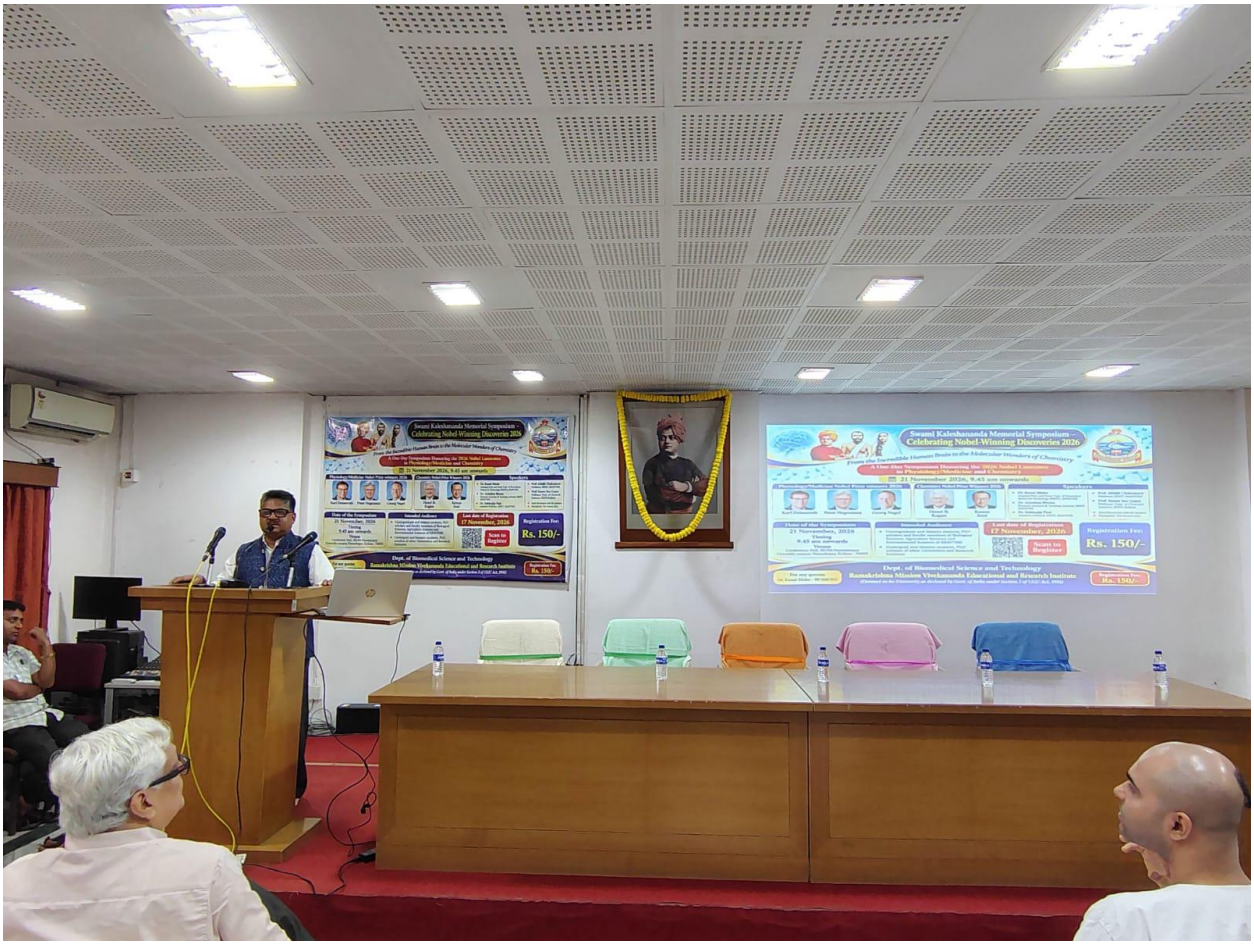
EVENT REPORT

Swami Kaleshananda Memorial Symposium

Celebrating Nobel-Winning Discoveries 2026

"From the Incredible Human Brain to the Molecular Wonders of Chemistry"

21 November 2026 | 9:45 a.m. onwards | Narendrapur Campus, Kolkata



The symposium venue, with the event banner and programme display.

Overview

The Department of Biomedical Science and Technology, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI), organised the Swami Kaleshananda Memorial Symposium – Celebrating Nobel-Winning Discoveries 2026 on 21 November 2026. The one-day academic programme brought together faculty members, researchers and students to reflect on landmark Nobel-recognised discoveries in Physiology or Medicine and Chemistry.

Designed around the theme "From the Incredible Human Brain to the Molecular Wonders of Chemistry", the symposium aimed to connect major advances in our understanding of the brain and biological systems with the molecular principles that underpin modern science. The event also served as a memorial tribute to Revered Swami Kaleshananda Ji Maharaj, former Registrar of the Institute, in whose memory the symposium was organised.

Inaugural tribute and commencement

The programme commenced with a solemn remembrance of Revered Swami Kaleshananda Ji Maharaj. Participants were requested to rise and observe one minute of silence in his memory. The tribute offered an opportunity for the academic community to acknowledge his association with the Institute and remember his contribution with respect and gratitude.

Scientific sessions and academic exchange

The symposium featured invited presentations by speakers from the fields of biomedical science, physiology, medicine and chemistry. The programme highlighted the 2026 Nobel Prize-winning work in Physiology or Medicine and Chemistry, providing participants with an opportunity to engage with the scientific questions, experimental approaches and broader significance of these discoveries.

Presentations were delivered in an accessible academic format, helping students and researchers appreciate how fundamental discoveries can reshape scientific understanding and open new directions for investigation. The sessions were complemented by interaction between speakers and participants, including discussion and informal scientific exchange.

Participation and engagement

The symposium witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, research scholars and faculty members. The audience remained engaged during the talks, and the question-and-answer and discussion segments provided opportunities to clarify concepts and explore the wider implications of the discoveries presented. The presence of participants from different academic backgrounds contributed to the interdisciplinary character of the programme.

Concluding note

The successful conduct of the Swami Kaleshananda Memorial Symposium reflected the Institute’s commitment to promoting scientific curiosity, interdisciplinary learning and meaningful engagement with contemporary research. By bringing Nobel-recognised discoveries into discussion with students and researchers, the programme created an enriching academic experience and honoured the memory of Revered Swami Kaleshananda Ji Maharaj. The Department of Biomedical Science and Technology gratefully acknowledges the speakers, participants and everyone who contributed to the organisation and success of the symposium.

Photo documentation

Selected photographs from the symposium are presented below, documenting the venue, scientific presentations, audience participation and group gathering.



Dr. Arindam Biswas presenting in the symposium.



The conference hall and audience during the academic programme.



Participants attending a scientific presentation.



A close view of a presentation in progress.



Prof. Subrata Banerjee addressing the audience



Dr. Subhadip Paul engaging the audience during a session.



Br. Vedeshachaitanya inaugurating the symposium



Welcome speech by Prof. Pabitra Banik



Prof. Sayam Sen Gupta during his presentation



Prof. Sen Gupta responding to the participants

A gathering of the symposium community



Faculty members, speakers and students at the conclusion of the programme.