



## **Report on IEEE TECHITHON 2026 – The Biggest Ever National-Level Exhibition**

**Dates: 28th, 29th & 30th January 2026**

**Venue: Atharva University, Mumbai**

**Organized by: Atharva University, Mumbai**

**In association with: IEEE Students Chapter, ACE**

### **Introduction**

Guided by a bold academic vision and an innovation-first mindset, Atharva University, Mumbai continues to pioneer transformative initiatives that elevate experiential learning in higher education. In alignment with its Vision and Mission, the University organized IEEE TECHITHON 2026, a three-day national-level mega technology fest and project exhibition, held from 28th to 30th January 2026. Recognized as the Biggest-Ever National-Level IEEE Exhibition, the event set new benchmarks in student innovation, interdisciplinary learning, and industry readiness.

### **Objectives**

- To promote project-based and experiential learning.
- To nurture innovation, research aptitude, and entrepreneurial thinking.
- To provide a national platform for showcasing student-driven technological solutions.
- To strengthen industry–academia and IEEE collaboration.
- To empower students through funding, incubation, and mentorship.

### **Vision**

To be a globally recognized center of excellence that fosters holistic education, cutting-edge research, innovation, and entrepreneurship, empowering students with advanced technology, entrepreneurial skills, social values, and global opportunities to shape future leaders and change makers committed to the betterment of society and humanity.

### **Mission**

- To provide transformative education blending tradition and modernity.
- To empower innovators through research, entrepreneurship, and collaborative problem-solving.
- To nurture ethical leaders committed to sustainability and community development.
- To bridge knowledge and society through strategic partnerships and real-world impact.



## About IEEE Techithon 2026

IEEE Techithon 2026 derives its name from “Technology” and “Marathon”, symbolizing a continuous journey of ideation, innovation, and real-world problem solving. Over the years, Techithon has evolved from a college-level showcase into a national innovation movement, emphasizing mentorship-driven, outcome-oriented, and industry-relevant projects.

The event was organized under the aegis of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)—a global professional body established in 1963 through the merger of AIEE and IRE. IEEE is dedicated to advancing technology for the benefit of humanity by promoting research, setting international standards, and supporting professional development worldwide. As of 2026, Ms. Mary Ellen Randall serves as the President and CEO of IEEE.

## IEEE Highlights

- Nationwide outreach to over 8,000 institutions, including
  - 6,000+ degree colleges
  - 1,267 UGC-approved universities
  - 23 IITs and 31 NITs
- Strong collaboration with IEEE Students Chapter, ACE
- Emphasis on innovation, sustainability, and emerging technologies
- Exposure to national-level competition, industry insights, and IEEE best practices

## Inauguration Highlights – 28th January 2026

The event was formally inaugurated on 28th January 2026 by Mr. Vedant Aluwalia, CEO, DataViv Technology,(Chief Guest). He shared that it was a great honour to be here today and to extend my heartfelt best wishes to the students of Atharva University. As they have Organized one of India’s largest tech fests which is a remarkable achievement, and it truly reflects the vision, innovation, and dedication of each student, faculty member, and organizer involved.

He encourages all the students to reach new heights, to keep their curiosity alive, and to use every challenge as an opportunity to learn and grow. May this tech fest be an inspiration for many more achievements in the future.

The inaugural ceremony was presided over by Shri Sunilji Rane Sir, Founder, Atharva University, Mumbai, who, in his visionary address, emphasized that the primary aim of such initiatives is to drive innovation and start-up culture through the university ecosystem. He highlighted that Atharva University is, for the first time, introducing multiple scholarship opportunities to support deserving and innovative students. Sir pointed out that although the



availability of quality projects across India remains limited—especially outside major metropolitan regions like Maharashtra and Mumbai—the capability, scope, and calibre of today’s students are exceptionally high, and platforms like IEEE TECHITHON are designed to bridge this gap. Sharing a global perspective, he noted that in 2003, India and China were at a similar level in terms of higher education, with China having just one university in the world’s top 100; however, by 2026, China has around 13 universities in the top 100, while India has none, underscoring the urgent need for accelerated academic, research, and innovation-driven growth. To realize this vision, students with strong project ideas are encouraged to deploy a working prototype every 15 days and complete the entire project lifecycle within 90 days. Project selection will be carried out from lakhs of proposals, ensuring that only high-quality, impactful, and scalable projects are supported by Atharva University, with the objective of nurturing students into future entrepreneurs. Further strengthening this national vision, Shri Sunil Rane Sir announced that in March 2026, Atharva University will host a mega national technology exhibition at NESCO, Goregaon, featuring 40 technology verticals from across India. He also shared that the University reached out to over 8,000 colleges nationwide, receiving 72 high-quality project submissions, reflecting the growing national footprint and impact of Atharva University and IEEE-led initiatives.

## **Session Overview**

**Across three days, IEEE Techithon 2026 featured:**

- National-level project exhibitions.
- IEEE technical sessions and innovation showcases.
- Hackathons, coding competitions, and technical challenges.
- Interactive demonstrations and expert interactions.

## **Key Activities**

- Showcase of over 100 cutting-edge projects across emerging domains.
- Exhibition of the top 50 funded projects, selected through a rigorous evaluation. Process under the Project Friday initiative.
- Projects accelerated through Atharva University’s incubation ecosystem.
- Events in AI, Robotics, FinTech, Gaming, Coding, and interdisciplinary technologies.
- Active participation of students, faculty, parents, industry experts, and IEEE members.



## Conclusion

IEEE TECHITHON 2026 successfully reinforced Atharva University's commitment to innovation-led education and national academic leadership. The event not only provided a powerful platform for showcasing student creativity and research excellence but also strengthened IEEE engagement, industry collaboration, and entrepreneurial thinking. Recognized as the Biggest-Ever National-Level IEEE Exhibition, Techithon 2026 stands as a landmark initiative in shaping future-ready technopreneurs and innovators.

## Photograph of the event.





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