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Department of
Chemistry and Chemical Biology
Indian Institute of Technology (ISM), Dhanbad



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About Department

The Department of Chemistry was established as a separate department in 1989. Chemistry had previously been a part of the Department of Chemistry and Metallurgy, which had existed since 1926. The Department offers five academic programs: a two-year M.Sc. in Chemistry, a two-year M.Tech in Pharmaceutical Science and Engineering, a two-year M.Tech in Materials Science and Technology, a BS-MS in Chemical Science, and a B.Sc.-B.Ed Chemistry. Students obtaining M.Sc/Ph.D from the Department are significantly absorbed in industry or academic institutions. The Chemistry and Chemical Biology Department has well-equipped Inorganic, Organic, Biological and Physical Chemistry laboratories for UG & PG teaching

About Conference

ANNUM is a premier international conference series that brings together researchers from the Asia-Pacific region to advance interdisciplinary research in materials chemistry. The conference provides a vibrant platform for presenting cutting-edge scientific discoveries, exchanging innovative ideas, and fostering collaborations in natural and synthetic materials. ANNUM also emphasises the translational potential of materials chemistry by highlighting innovations that address global challenges in energy, healthcare, catalysis, critical mineral extraction and advanced technologies, thereby bridging fundamental research with real-world applications and sustainable development.

Call for Abstract

The conference invites abstracts from faculty, students, scientists, researchers and industry professionals. Each abstract should be 200-250 words, presenting original academic or industrial research. Submissions should ideally align with the key themes and relevant areas outlined, though other topics are also welcome.

Major Themes

- **Natural Products and Bioinspired Materials**
- **Organic and Inorganic Materials**
- **Advanced Functional Materials**
- **Critical Minerals and Strategic Materials**
- **Nanomaterials and Nanotechnology**
- **Energy Materials and Sustainable Technologies**
- **Biomaterials and Biomedical Applications**
- **Catalysis and Green Chemical Processes**
- **Electronic, Optical, and Photonic Materials**
- **Translation of Materials Research**
- **Smart, Responsive, and Soft Materials**
- **Materials for Environmental Sustainability**

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Call for abstracts	
Abstract Submission Deadline	01 November 2026
Abstract Acceptance Notification	15 November 2026
Deadline for Registration	25 November 2026

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