



NICHE Chronicle



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FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL BE REMEMBERED FOREVER

The contributions of freedom fighters K.E. Maman and P. Gopinathan Nair will be remembered forever. Their memorial monuments were unveiled at NIMS Campus, Neyyattinkara by Shri V. D. Satheesan, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala. The dedication of K.E. Maman and P. Gopinathan Nair to India's freedom struggle and democratic values continues to



L. Gopinathan Nair



K.E. Maman

inspire future generations. We are very proud to say that both spent their final years at NIMS Medicity.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated the K.E. Maman Scholarship Scheme, aimed at supporting higher education for financially disadvantaged students. The event was presided over by Neyyattinkara MLA Shri N. Sakthan. Shri M.S. Faizal Khan delivered the introductory address. Several dignitaries participated in the function.





▶ A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR, NEW ASPIRATIONS

The commencement of the 38th Academic Session and the 18th anniversary of NICHE's Deemed University status were celebrated together on 7 September 2026, marking a significant milestone in the university's journey towards academic excellence and technological innovation. The event was inaugurated by Shri T. Siddique, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Government of Kerala, in the presence of

distinguished dignitaries, students, and parents. On this significant occasion, we gratefully remember the late Dr. A.P. Majeed Khan, whose vision, dedication, and unwavering commitment laid the foundation for the institution it is today.

The celebration marked the beginning of university life for the freshers, with thousands of students and parents gathering to share the occasion. The campus was filled with excitement and anticipation as students took their first steps into an experience that would bring learning, friendships and opportunities to grow.

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

▶ A GATHERING OF WELL-WISHERS

A gathering of distinguished politicians, academicians and industry leaders marked NICHE's 38th anniversary, bringing together people who have shared a close association with the institution over the years. For many of the guests, the occasion was also a chance to reconnect with colleagues, friends and

well-wishers who have contributed to, supported or witnessed NICHE's development. Their presence added a personal dimension to the celebration, bringing together memories of the past and the people who have been part of the institution's story.

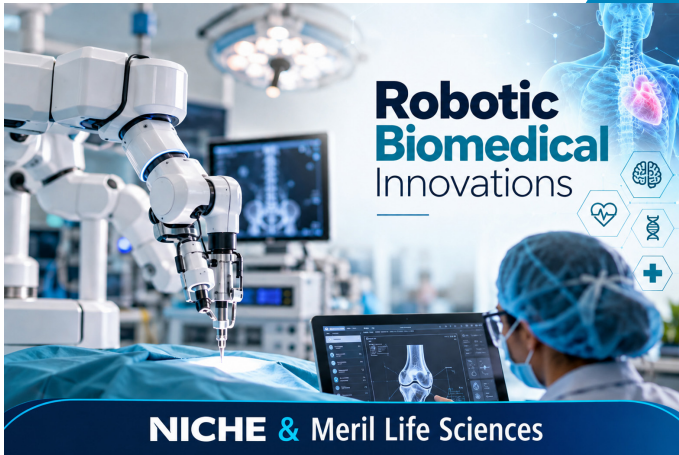


NEW INITIATIVES UNVEILED

Dr. A. Shajin Nargunam | Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic)



Three major initiatives were unveiled during the 38th anniversary celebration, covering emerging technologies, innovation and new approaches to education.



1. Robotic Biomedical Innovations

NICHE introduced robotic biomedical innovations in collaboration with Meril Life Sciences, providing students with exposure to the integration of robotics, artificial intelligence, and healthcare technologies. The initiative promotes interdisciplinary learning, hands-on research, innovation, and industry collaboration, while equipping students with practical skills to address real-world healthcare challenges and develop future-ready biomedical technologies.

2. Project Abhijith: Humanoid Robotics Innovation

R1 EDU V6 is described as India's first university-launched humanoid robot, featuring 360-degree freedom of movement and advanced dexterous-hand technology. The initiative provides students with hands-on exposure to robotics, artificial intelligence, and human-robot interaction.



3. Robotic 3D Printing Lab with Tvasta

The Robotic 3D Printing Lab, established in partnership with Tvasta, provides students and researchers with hands-on experience in advanced manufacturing, robotics, and 3D printing technologies. It promotes innovation, prototyping, research, and industry-oriented learning, enabling students to transform ideas into practical solutions.





FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S DESK

M. S. Faizal Khan | Chancellor

BUILDING AI SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

Artificial Intelligence is transforming engineering and creating exciting opportunities across software, manufacturing, healthcare, robotics and beyond. For engineering graduates, developing AI skills can complement their technical expertise and prepare them for emerging careers. The journey begins with a strong foundation in Python, statistics, probability and basic linear algebra, followed by practical skills in data collection, analysis and visualisation using tools such as NumPy, Pandas and Matplotlib. Students can then progress to machine learning, deep learning and Generative AI, exploring neural networks, large language models and prompt engineering. Most importantly, students should learn by doing. Building real-world projects and maintaining a portfolio can demonstrate their capabilities to employers. Combining AI with engineering knowledge can create powerful applications in robotics, predictive maintenance, infrastructure and embedded systems. As AI evolves, continuous learning and responsible use are equally important. Understanding privacy, bias, security and human oversight will help graduates become capable and responsible AI professionals.

CHIEF MINISTER RECALLS A LONG-STANDING ASSOCIATION WITH THE NI FAMILY

Chief Minister of Kerala Shri V. D. Satheesan recalled his long-standing association with the Noorul Islam family, particularly with the late A.P. Majeed Khan, whom he remembered with warmth and respect. He said that the close relationship he had shared with the family continues through Shri M.S. Faizal Khan and Smt. Smt. Ansa Shabinam Shafeek.



The Chief Minister appreciated the various social, educational and humanitarian initiatives undertaken by Noorul Islam Institutions and said that the Government intends to undertake similar initiatives at the government level to address social needs and support disadvantaged sections of society. He expressed his interest in adopting and implementing such initiatives on a wider scale and sought the support and cooperation of Shri M.S. Faizal Khan in successfully taking these programmes forward.

PAINTING WITH LIGHT & TIME

Cinematography is more than simply capturing images—it is the art of transforming light, movement, and composition into compelling visual stories. The Sukumari School of Multimedia & Film Technology explored this creative world through “Painting with Light & Time,” a three-day programme designed to introduce aspiring filmmakers to the fundamentals and creative possibilities of cinematography.



The workshop was inaugurated by acclaimed cinematographer Alagappan, who guided our students through the art and craft of visual storytelling. The session combined creative insights with hands-on learning, giving students practical experience in understanding and exploring light, composition, and visual techniques during shooting.

WORLD HEART DAY 2026 RHYTHM FOR A HEALTHY HEART

As part of the World Heart Day celebrations, our students organised flash mobs, awareness programmes and medical camps at various locations, including Thuckalay, Vilavancode and Padmanabhapuram Palace.

Through vibrant dance performances and engaging public activities, the students conveyed an important message about heart health and healthy living, transforming health awareness into an engaging and memorable experience. The programme focused on raising awareness



about cardiovascular health, risk factors, early warning signs and the importance of timely medical care. The initiative encouraged people to make heart-healthy choices and highlighted the importance of staying active as part of a healthy lifestyle.

STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATIONS OF PHYSIOTHERAPY EDUCATION

The inauguration of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (BPT) Block marks an important addition to the institution's growing healthcare education infrastructure. The new block has been conceived as a dedicated learning environment where students can engage more closely with the academic, practical and clinical dimensions of physiotherapy. With contemporary learning spaces and provision for practical training, the facility is designed to complement classroom instruction with hands-on experience.



THE POWER OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

World Physiotherapy Day 2026 was celebrated on campus, highlighting the vital role of physical activity in promoting cardiovascular health and supporting stroke rehabilitation. The programme underscored the important

contribution of physiotherapy in encouraging healthier lifestyles and enhancing overall physical well-being. It also reminded everyone that better health can begin with a simple step towards a more active lifestyle.



BRIDGING CULTURES, INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS

NICHE marked a significant milestone with the inauguration of the Movement International Russophile (MIRO) Youth Wing, introducing a dedicated initiative to foster cultural exchange, international interaction and meaningful engagement among young people. The new wing seeks to bring together young minds from diverse backgrounds, creating opportunities to share ideas, discover different cultural perspectives and develop meaningful connections that transcend geographical boundaries. At the heart of the initiative is a vision of youth engagement that extends beyond participation, encouraging curiosity, cross-cultural understanding and collaborative thinking. By creating avenues for interaction and exchange, the MIRO Youth Wing aims to broaden young people's perspectives and connect them with a wider world of possibilities.



HONOURING THOSE WHO SHAPE EVERY LEARNING JOURNEY

Teachers play a lasting role in the lives of their students, extending their influence far beyond the classroom. Through knowledge, encouragement and guidance, they help young minds develop confidence, curiosity and a sense of purpose. On Teachers' Day, we recognise and appreciate the educators whose dedication enriches the learning experience and whose mentorship helps students discover their potential and pursue their aspirations. Their contribution is reflected not only in academic achievement, but also in the values, perspectives and character that students carry forward.



NAVIGATING MEDICAL DEVICE REGULATORY AFFAIRS: INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

The Department of Biomedical Engineering organised an insightful seminar on "Navigating Medical Device Regulatory Affairs: Essentials, Industry Insights & Career Opportunities," offering students a closer look at an increasingly significant area within the healthcare and medical technology sector. The session was led by Ms. Mahima Ramesh, an alumna of NICHE and a Health System Officer at Sree Chithra Institute of Medical Science, Thiruvananthapuram. Drawing from her professional experience, she offered valuable perspectives on medical device regulatory affairs, industry practices and the evolving opportunities within the field. Her journey from NICHE to the healthcare sector added a meaningful dimension to the session,

demonstrating the diverse professional pathways that Biomedical Engineering can open up.



▶ DONATING BLOOD MEANS DONATING LIFE



NICHE organised a blood donation camp as part of its ongoing commitment to community welfare and social responsibility. The initiative sought to raise awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation and its vital role in supporting patients in need of timely medical care. It also provided an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to come together in support of a cause that can make a tangible difference to people's lives.

▶ ADVANCING TOWARDS PROMISING CAREERS

Our students have secured career opportunities with Besant Technologies Ltd. and NCR Corporation India Pvt. Ltd. through the recent campus recruitment programme. The successful placements showcase the students' preparation and potential, while highlighting NICHE's continued

emphasis on connecting academic education with industry requirements. Such interactions provide students with a practical understanding of professional environments and enable them to explore career pathways aligned with their skills and aspirations.



▶ CELEBRATING SPORTING EXCELLENCE



The occasion was graced by M.S. Faizal Khan, Chancellor, S.N. Raghuchandran Nair, President, Trivandrum Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Dr. E.M. Najeeb, Executive Director, KIMS Health; Dr. K.A. Saju, Rajesh Kumar S.V., and Kishore, from NIMS Medicity.

National Sports Day was commemorated with a special event celebrating the dedication, talent and achievements of our student-athletes and faculty members. A highlight of the celebration was the felicitation of Sujin, a proud Born @ NIMS member, in recognition of his selection for the Indian Football Team's Under-20 Challenge Series and his representation of the Kerala Blasters Reserve Team.



▶ STUDENTS SHINE ACROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS

NICHE students showcased their sporting talent with outstanding performances at both the Kanyakumari District Volleyball Championship Tournament 2026 and the State-Level Championship 2026. At the district volleyball championship held at Anna Stadium, Nagercoil, the Women's Team emerged champions, securing first place, while the Men's Team finished as runners-up in the inter-collegiate category.

Continuing this sporting success, at the State-Level Championship 2026, organised by the School Games Sports Development Foundation, Tamil Nadu, at CMS College of Engineering, Namakkal, our



students competed alongside nearly 1,000 participants, and demonstrated their skills across Volleyball, Kabaddi, Athletics, Yoga, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw, Long Jump and Track Events.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

▶ THREE EVENTS. ONE STANDOUT PERFORMANCE.

Varshini R, a third-year Biomedical Engineering student, showcased her academic excellence and versatility at BIOTRONIX'26, a national-level technical symposium held at Rohini College of Engineering & Technology, Kanyakumari, on 31 August 2026.

Competing in three events, Varshini made her mark across every category, securing First Prize in IDEA-MED for Poster Presentation, Second Prize in Paper Presentation, and First Prize in BioQuizzer, the technical quiz competition.

Her remarkable performance across diverse disciplines reflects her strong subject knowledge, creativity and competitive spirit, bringing pride to NICHE and setting an inspiring example for fellow students.



▶ OUR STUDENTS REPRESENT INDIA AT RUSSIAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Two of our students are currently in Russia, representing India at the Russian Cultural Festival—an international gathering that brings together cultural traditions and student participation. Muhammad Shebin and Aishwarya Vijay are part of the Indian representation at the festival, carrying with them an opportunity to share India's cultural heritage while experiencing another country's traditions and cultural landscape. Their participation places student talent and cultural exchange at the heart of an international platform, offering a meaningful experience beyond the classroom and campus.

▶ NEW DOORS TO THE WORLD OF SCIENCE

SYMBIOSIS 2026, a grand science exhibition organised by Excel Study Centre, has commenced at Sri Vivekananda Memorial Public School, Neyyattinkara, and was inaugurated by Dr. Tessy Thomas, Vice Chancellor, NICHE. The exhibition brings together innovative science projects, creative ideas and student-led inventions, inspiring young minds to question, explore and discover new possibilities. Our Dental Science

students are also participating in the exhibition, adding a valuable dimension to this celebration of science and innovation.



▶ A NEW CHAPTER IN LEGAL EDUCATION, NILA BEGINS ITS JOURNEY

Noorul Islam Law Academy (NILA) has embarked on a new and significant chapter in legal education, with a vision to nurture knowledgeable, skilled and ethically grounded legal professionals. The Academy seeks to provide aspiring lawyers with a strong academic foundation while fostering critical thinking, professional competence and a commitment to justice and social responsibility.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Hon'ble Justice Augustine George Masih, Judge, Supreme Court of India, adding special significance to the

occasion. His presence marked an important milestone in NILA's journey and underscored the importance of quality legal education in shaping the future of the profession.

As it begins its academic journey, NILA is offering LL.B. and LL.M. programmes, providing students with opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of law and its evolving role in society. With a focus on academic excellence, practical learning and professional values, NILA aims to prepare its students to contribute meaningfully to the legal system and society at large.



▶ A MEMORABLE BEGINNING FOR THE NEW FACULTY

The beginning of newly appointed Law faculty members was marked by a memorable interaction with Hon'ble Justice K. Sreedharan, former Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court and former Lok Ayukta of Kerala. Meeting a distinguished member of the judiciary offered the new faculty an opportunity to receive his blessings, hear his words of guidance and begin their new responsibilities with a sense of purpose. The gathering was attended by Chancellor Shri M. S. Faizal Khan, Pro-Chancellor Smt. Ansa Shabinam Shafeek, and Dr. Madhu Sreedharan, Director, NIMS Heart Foundation.



CHANCELLOR MEETS MINISTER, MAHARASHTRA

Shri M.S. Faizal Khan, Chancellor, NICHE, had the privilege of meeting Smt. Madhuri Misal, Hon'ble Minister of State, Government of Maharashtra. The meeting provided an opportunity for a meaningful interaction and exchange of views on urban development, transport, social justice, medical education, and minority development, contributing to greater collaboration and societal development.



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Technology is changing how institutions teach, assess, and support learners. In 2026, the focus is moving beyond adopting digital tools to building learning systems that are personalised, inclusive, connected to employment, and responsive to learners' needs. AI can contribute to this shift, provided it supports educators and expands access for learners.

1. Lifelong learning linked to employability

Education is increasingly seen as a continuous journey—from foundational learning to higher education, reskilling, and career growth. Flexible, personalised learning can help people build skills throughout their lives and connect learning more closely with employment and livelihood opportunities.

2. Stackable credentials and flexible pathways

Short, skill-based credentials can give learners more flexible ways to build and demonstrate their capabilities. When combined into larger qualifications and linked to recognised competencies and industry needs, they can support different learning and career pathways.

3. Collaboration across education, industry, and support services

Partnerships between educational institutions, EdTech companies, employers, and government can help connect academic learning with real-world skills. Collaboration with health and rehabilitation services can also help make learning pathways more responsive to learners who need additional support.

4. Inclusive, engaging, and experiential learning

Learners benefit from experiences that invite them to participate, practise, and apply what they learn. Interactive, hands-on, and immersive approaches—supported by accessible design and assistive technology—can engage a wider range of learners, including neurodivergent learners and learners with disabilities.

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