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Time	Description	Venue
Day 0: Jan 01, 2026 Thursday		
12:00 PM onwards	 Registration/Check-Ins	Registration Desk, Opp CV Raman Guest House
5:45 - 6:00 PM	Informal Welcome to all attendees at HST by Prof. Dipankar Deb and Mr. Anil Singh	LP01, IIT Mandi Catalyst
6:00 - 6:30 PM	 Masterclass: Mr. Anil Singh, CEO, IIT Mandi Catalyst - Beyond Funding: The Role of a Startup Catalyst	Speaker Introduction: Ms. Lipsa Rani Panda LP01, IIT Mandi Catalyst
6:30-7:30 PM	 Masterclass: Ms. Shweta Singh, Marketing & Brand Building at Hack2skill - Vibe Coding using Gemini 3 and AI Studio	LP01, IIT Mandi Catalyst Speaker Introduction: Anil Singh
7:00 - 9:00 PM	 Networking Dinner	LP01, IIT Mandi Catalyst
Day 1: Jan 02, 2026 Friday		
09:15 - 09:50 AM	 Introduction Meeting with Mentors, Investors and Partners	Hall A Catalyst Team
10:00 - 01:30 PM	HST Grand Challenge Finale (Close door pitching for four thematic areas- Parallel) Theme 1: Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) Theme 2: Build for Himalayas (BFH) Theme 3: Environment & Sustainability (E&S) Theme 4: Bio Innovation (BIO)	Theme 1: HCI CnP Conference Room Theme 2: BFH Hall B Theme 3: E&S Hall C Theme 4: BIO Guest House Conference Room Responsible Persons HCI- Abhishek Vishwakarma BFH- Minni Kaur E&S- Rewati Lal BIO- Vipasha Sharma
10:00 - 10:15 AM	Deo Krishna - Circular Bioinnovation- Interdisciplinary Research and Integrated Startup Solution	Speaker Introductions: Manish Singh Hall A
10:15 - 10:30 AM	Deepak Rai - Pulseplay Digital - Thrico SaaS: Building Community Led Brands	
10:30 - 11:15 AM	 Masterclass: Shri Devansh, Founder & Head of Operations, Patent Panacea - Patent Strategy from Innovation to Business Value	
11:15 - 11:30 AM	Young Innovator Fellow (YIF) Program: Dharkan Anand - ClimMaTech Pvt. Ltd. - How YIF has powered my Startup Journey	

11:30 - 12 Noon	 Masterclass: Shri Aman Atreja, Industrial Automation Business Leader, FANUC India Pvt. Ltd. - Industrial Automation with Physical AI		
12:00 - 12:15 PM	Chandan Vaidya - Intiot Services Pvt. Ltd. - Startup Experience from Innovation to Government Clients		
1:00- 2:30 PM	 Networking Lunch		
02:30 - 05:30 PM	HST Grand Challenge Finale (Close door pitching for five thematic areas- Parallel) Theme 1: Human-Computer Interaction Theme 2: Build for Himalayas Theme 3: Environment & Sustainability Theme 4: Bio Innovation Theme 5: Indian Knowledge System (IKS)	Theme 1: HCI CNP Conference Room Theme 2: BFH Hall B Theme 3: E&S Hall C Theme 4: BIO Guest House Conference Room Theme 5: IKS Catalyst Conference Room	Responsible Persons HCI -Abhishek Vishwakarma BFH -Minni Kaur E&S -Rewati Lal BIO -Vipasha Sharma IKS - Abhijeet, Gaurav & Manish
2:00 - 3:30 PM	 Startup Spotlight/Talks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Amol Chougule, Sarabhai Green Energy - How I walk/Trek for Ideas Ambati Bhargav Ram, LoGoJeCh Technologies Pvt. Ltd. - Building Deep Tech: Patience, Observation and Discipline Dr. Manishaa Soin, AICA Healthcare Private Ltd.- Pivoting and managing with Frugality Sai Amrit Patnaik, Avyakt Ehsaas Private Limited.- Effectiveness of Meditation and mindfulness in startups Dr. Aditya Thakur, Dentifrice Private Limited.- Founder Mindset in Regulated & Long-Cycle Markets. 		Hall A Discussion led by Prof. Dipankar Deb, Faculty Incharge/Director - Incubation at IIT Mandi Catalyst Responsible Person: Ms. Shivani Thakur
4:00-5:30 PM	Startup Trek and Network with Ecosystem Partners of IIT Mandi Catalyst		Trek to Shri Markandey Rishi Temple
6:30-7:30 PM	 Masterclass: Ms. Usha Rengaraju, Chief Data Scientist & Google Developer Expert - Agent Building Using ADK (Agent Development Kit)		LP01, IIT Mandi Catalyst Speaker Introduction: Ms. Minni Kaur
7:30 - 9:00 PM	 Networking Dinner		LP01, IIT Mandi Catalyst

Day 2: Jan 03, 2026 | Saturday

9:45-10:00 AM	Participants Take Seats	Auditorium, North Campus
10:00 - 11:00 AM	 Masterclass: Prof. Dipankar Deb, Faculty Incharge/Director-Incubation at IIT Mandi Catalyst Topic: Married to the Prototype, Blind to the User and Late to the Patent Office	Speaker Introduction: Dr. Vipasha Sharma Auditorium, North Campus
11:00 - 12:00 PM	 Panel Discussion - Founder-Incubator Relationships - Why Trust, Momentum and Partnerships Matter. Panelists: Founders from IIT Mandi Catalyst Mr. Vishal Vivek , Founder, Ukhi India Pvt. Ltd. Dr. Himesh Sharma , Founder Skill Labs Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Prashant Kushwaha , Founder & CEO, Dice Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Ravindra Kumar , Founder & CEO, Tecnod8.ai Pvt. Ltd.	Moderator: Mr. Sombodhi Ghosh , Co-Founder, Hito Robotics Auditorium, North Campus
12:00 - 12:10 PM	Inauguration , Chanting of Chapter 15 of Bhagavad Gita, and Saraswati Vandana	MC for the Ceremony: Shri Ansul Agarwal Auditorium, North Campus
12:10 - 12:15 PM	Welcome Address by Prof. Dipankar Deb , Faculty Incharge at IIT Mandi Catalyst	
12:15 - 12:30 PM	Address by Prof. Laxmidhar Behera , Director IIT Mandi and Chairperson of Board of Directors of IIT Mandi Catalyst	Speaker Introductions: Prof. Dipankar Deb Auditorium, North Campus
12:30 - 12:45 PM	Address by the Guest of Honour: Prof. Ankush Mittal , Vice Chancellor, Galgotias University	
12:45 - 1:15 PM	Address by the Chief Guest: Dr. Pramod K Satyawali , Director, Defense Geoinformatics Research Establishment (DGRE), Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO), Government of India	
1:15 - 1:20 PM	Vote of Thanks & Closing Notes	Manish Singh , Auditorium, North Campus
1:20- 2:30 PM	 Networking Lunch	Auditorium, North Campus
2:30 - 03:15 PM	 Masterclass: Shri Suman Das - IP Strategies for Software and AI-based Startups	Manish Singh , Auditorium, North Campus
3:15 - 4:00 PM	 Masterclass Ms. Jahnava Sundari, Introduction to Yoga-Chakra Techniques	

4:00 - 4:45 PM	 Masterclass: Shri Ramesh Nanda San, Senior General Manager, Denso International - In an Era of Agentic AI: What Industrial Automation Industry Wants?	
4:45- 5:00 PM	Group Photo Session	Village Square, North Campus
5:00 - 5:40 PM	 Announcement of HST 2025/26 Grand Challenge Winners and CSR Grant winners	Auditorium, North Campus
6:20 - 6:40 PM	Closed Door Meeting with Grand Challenge Winners	At Catalyst Conference Room Prof. Dipankar Deb & Mr. Anil Singh Responsible Person: Manish Singh & Sudeep Dey
6:40 - 7:00 PM	Closed Door Meeting with CSR Grant Winners	
7:00 - 9:00 PM	 Networking Dinner	LP 01, IIT Mandi Catalyst
Day 3: Jan 04, 2026 Sunday		
8:30- 9:30 AM	 Networking Breakfast	LP 01, IIT Mandi Catalyst
9:30 - 10:30 AM	I did not win the Grand Challenge or the CSR Grant - How Catalyst can Help me going Forward? - Prof. Dipankar Deb and Mr. Anil Singh	
10:30-12:00 PM	 Mentor/Startup Roundtable	
12:00 - 12:30 PM	Meet with the NE Team - Prof. Dipankar Deb, Mr. Anil Singh and Sudeey Dey.	
12:30- 2:00 PM	 Networking Lunch	