

Summer School 2026 – Program Schedule (Tentative)

05 June 2026, Friday		
Day	Time	Session Details
Day 01	08:00 am – 09:15 am	Registration and Breakfast
	09:15 am – 10:30 am	Opening Ceremony & Welcome Address
	10:30 am – 11:00 am	Break
	Session 01	
	11:00 am - 11:45 am	Thought Experiments in Science and Spirituality: A Brief Overview Shri Varun Agarwal , Director, Bhaktivedanta Institute Kolkata, Alumnus IIT Kanpur
	11:45 am - 12:00 pm	Q & A
	12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	Curvature: Concept, and Its Overtones Prof. C. S. Aravinda , Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bangalore
	12:45 pm - 01:00 pm	Q & A
	01:00 pm - 02:00 pm	Lunch and Break
	Session 02	
	02:00 pm - 02:45 pm	Role of Critical Thinking in the Progress of Physics Prof. Abhas K. Mitra , Hon. Adjunct Professor, Homi Bhabha National Institute, Mumbai, India & Former Head, Theoretical Astrophysics Section, Bhaba Atomic Research Centre
	02:45 pm - 03:00 pm	Q & A
	03:00 pm – 03:45 pm	Bridging Higher-Dimensional Mathematics and Vedantic Thought Prof. Sandeep Kumar , IIT (BHU) Varanasi
	03:45 pm – 04:00 pm	Q & A
	04:00 pm – 04:45 pm	A Thought-Experiment and Experiential Approach to Discerning Consciousness and Its Counterfeit Dr. Jaynarayan T Tudu , Department of Computer Science, IIT Tirupati
	04:45 pm – 04:50 pm	Q & A
	04:50 pm – 05:20 pm	Break
	Session 03	
	05:20 pm – 06:05 pm	The Limits of Objective Reality Prof. Renato Renner , Department of Physics, ETH, Zurich
	06:05 pm – 06:20 pm	Q & A
06:20 pm – 07:05 pm	What Do We See in a Thought Experiment? Prof. James Robert Brown , Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto, Canada	
07:05 pm – 07:20 pm	Q & A	
07:20 pm – 08:15 pm	Visit to Campus New Vishwanath Temple	
08:15 pm – 09:30 pm	Dinner	
06 June 2026, Saturday		
Day	Time	Session Details
Day 02	08:00 am – 09:00 am	Breakfast
	Session 01	
	09:00 am – 09:45 am	The Architecture and the Design of Thought Experiment Prof. A. K. Mukhopadhyay , Former Professor of AIIMS, New Delhi, India
	09:45 am – 09:50 am	Q & A
	09:50 am – 10:35 am	Consciousness Beyond DNA: Insights from Twins and Human Cloning Dr. Srikanth Chandragiri , Helmholtz Research Centre, Munich, Germany
	10:35 am – 10:40 am	Q & A
	10:40 am – 11:25 am	The Sealed Universe Laboratory: A Thought Experiment on Exogenous Variables, Causality and Conscious Choice

Day 02		Dr. Roshan Tiwari , Research Scientist, Bhaktivedanta Institute Kolkata
	11:25 am – 11:30 am	Q & A
	11:30 am – 11:50 am	Break
	11:50 am – 12:35 pm	Computation and Awareness Mr. Shushant Sharma , Bhaktivedanta Institute, Kolkata (Alumnus of IIT Guwahati)
	12:35 pm – 12:40 pm	Q & A
	12:40 pm – 01:25 pm	Can Simulation Be Experience? A Computational Thought Experiment on Consciousness Shri Prabhakar Ballapalle , Sandisk, Bengaluru
	01:25 pm – 01:30 pm	Q & A
	01:30 pm – 02:30 pm	Lunch and Break
	Session 02	
	02:30 pm – 03:15 pm	Thought Experiments in Chemical Engineering Prof. Ramgopal Uppaluri , Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Guwahati
	03:15 pm – 03:20 pm	Q & A
	03:20 pm – 04:05 pm	Thoughts on Chemical Origin of Life Research: Trends from a Computational Perspective Dr. Sai Phani Kumar Vangala , Department of Chemical Engineering, IISER, Bhopal
	04:05 pm – 04:10 pm	Q & A
	04:10 pm – 04:30 pm	Break
	Session 03	
	04:30 pm – 05:15 pm	Portals to A New Reality: Five Experiments to Unlock the Future of Physics Prof. Vlatko Vedral , Department of Physics, University of Oxford
	05:15 pm – 05:30 pm	Q & A
	05:30 pm – 08:30 pm	Summer School Tour: Serene Boat Ride on the Sacred Ganges
08:30 pm – 09:45 pm	Dinner	
07 June 2026, Sunday		
Day	Time	Session Details
Day 03	08:00 am – 09:00 am	Breakfast
	Session 01	
	09:00 am – 09:45 am	Thought Experiments, Consciousness and Indian Knowledge Systems Shri K. Vasudeva Rao , President, Bhaktivedanta Institute, Kolkata
	09:45 am – 10:00 am	Q & A
	10:00 am – 10:45 am	Multilingualism, Self, and Consciousness: Towards a Theory of Diversity-Induced Modulation of Self Prof. Ramesh Kumar Mishra , Centre for Neural and Cognitive Sciences, University of Hyderabad
	10:45 am – 11:00 am	Q & A
	11:00 am – 11:45 am	Thought Experiments and Molecular Reality: From In Vivo Observation to In Silico Exploration Dr. Dube Dheeraj, Prakashchand , Centre for Human Computer Interaction, IIT Mandi
	11:45 am – 11:50 am	Q & A
	11:50 am – 12:10 pm	Break
	Session 02: Young Mind Speaks	
	12:10 pm – 01:15 pm	A Thought Experiment on the Origin of Universe Abhiman Udayakumar Shetty , B. Tech. IIT Bhubaneswar
The Quantum Librarian: Bridging the Measurement Problem and Ancient Wisdom Ruthvik Galem , Research Scholar, Bhaktivedanta Institute Kolkata		

	<p>Wigner's Friend and Observer Dependent Descriptions Akash Pujari, IIT Madras</p> <p>Artificial Brain & Conscious Experience Jagadishwar Dasari, Technical Lead, Bhaktivedanta Institute Kolkata</p> <p>Mind as a Laboratory Y Monalisa, B. Tech. IIT Bhubaneswar</p> <p>The Statistical Mirror: Humans Inside the Prediction Loop Rajesh Pandit, Quality Analyst, Learningmat (Alumnus IISER Kolkata)</p> <p>Transparent Mind Network: Consciousness beyond Computation Naramshetti Padmaja, Vivaram Hemanth Kumar, Haridasu Akhileshwari, Goda Mohan Krishna, B. Tech. RGUKT Nuzvid</p>
01:15 pm – 01:30 pm	Q & A
01:30 pm – 02:30 pm	Lunch and Break
02:30 pm – 03:15 pm	Panel Discussion
03:15 pm – 04:00 pm	Valedictory Session
04:00 pm – 08:00 pm	Summer School Tour: Shree Kashi Vishwanath Darshan
08:00 pm – 09:00 pm	Dinner