

# **About CeNSE**

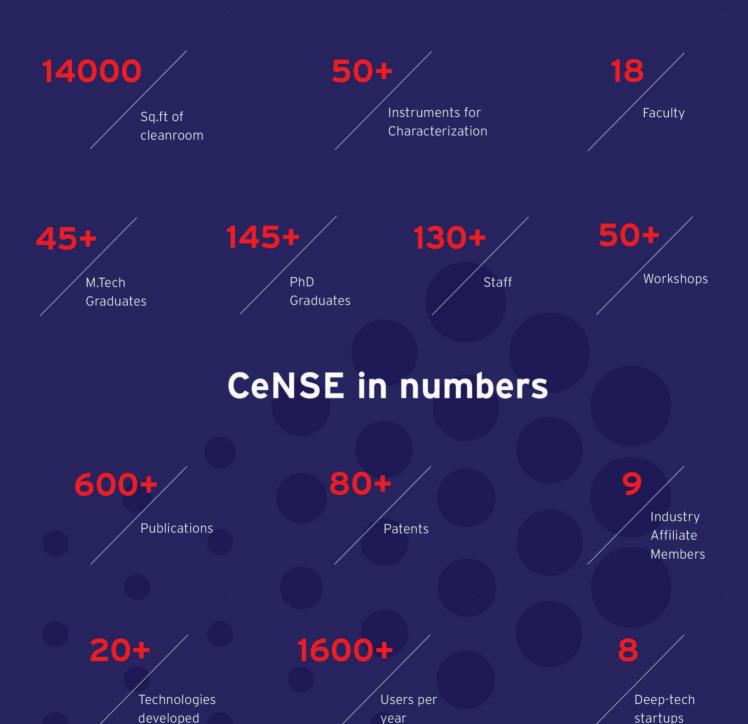
The Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE) is one of the world's leading Centres for nanoscience and engineering research. Established in 2010 and spawned inside the prestigious Indian Institute of Science, academicians in the Centre pursue interdisciplinary research and education across various disciplines. The focus is on key enabling technologies like materials, devices, and systems for applications in electronics, photonics, MEMS/NEMS, nano-bio, and quantum, amongst a host of other exciting crossovers. Inspired by the endless possibilities of nanotechnology and aided by facilities that rank among the very best on the globe, research at CeNSE is often cited as highly competitive, of high quality, and frequently ground-breaking.



# **About IISc**

Founded in 1909, as a result of the joint efforts of Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata, the Government of India, and the Maharaja of Mysore, the Indian Institute of Science has become the premier institution for advanced scientific and technological research and education in India. Over the 114 years since its establishment, IISc has grown rapidly to the position of being the best university in India as well as the 27th in Asia.





#### Message from the Chair



Welcome to the Centre for Nano Science and Engineering. CeNSE, as we call ourselves, is home to an exciting group of people working on a range of interdisciplinary problems, with little regard to the background we may have come from. An aeronautical engineer works on DNA sequencing and bacterial swarms. Physicists work on nanomotors that can travel through the human body, quantum sensing, liquid helium and lasers that can blast through walls. Metallurgists work on systems at the edge of chaos, engineering atomically thin layers & developing materials for e-vehicles and 5G electronics. Electronics engineers work on sensors that analyse breath and blood, cutting-edge photovoltaics, quantum communication, neuromorphic devices and integrated photonics. Mechanical engineers work on microand nano-systems, designing speakers that mimic the noisy cricket, studying turmeric, energy dissipation, and droplet formation... and of course they all work with each other.

We are supported by state-of-the-art facilities – for fabrication and characterization of micro- and nano-structures – that are amongst the best in the world and managed by professional staff members. These are national facilities that can be accessed by anybody in India – students, academics, the strategic sector, and industry – or for that matter, the world, through our INUP and ISTEM portals.

Science to Systems to Society is our motto. We have developed technologies based on the science we do and translated them to society either through the start-ups we have incubated, licensed to industry or transferred to the strategic sector. A technology business incubator (TBI at CeNSE - INCeNSE) has been set up to enable start-ups, from IISc and outside, that can leverage our facilities. An Industry Affiliate Program (IAP) serves as a platform to engage with industry.

Our students make us proud by excelling on the international stage, and as alumni, they have gone on to occupy exciting positions in academia, industry, start-ups, and the government.

To the student out there interested in doing research, you will not find a better place than CeNSE. To the interested faculty candidate, we welcome all backgrounds. We are especially looking for women faculty candidates. To industry, come and leverage our capabilities - intellectual and infrastructural - to meet your requirements.

Regardless of your background, your interest is most welcome.

- Prof. Srinivasan Raghavan, CeNSE, IISc



#### **Education**

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As part of its focus to deliver exceptional education and pursue cutting-edge research, the centre offers MTech and PhD degree programs in nanoscience and engineering to students.

# Focus Research Areas

Materials

Electron-devices

Systems

**Photonics** 

MEMS/NEMS/Microfluidics

Nano-biotechnology

Quantum Technologies









#### M.Tech Degree Program

Cense is launching an M.Tech in Semiconductor Technology from the Academic year 2023-24 (Aug'23), with optional minors in the thematic areas of Nanoelectronics, Photonics, Nano-bio, Micro-systems & Packaging, Materials (in collaboration with Department of Materials Engineering) and Quantum technology (in collaboration with Institute Quantum Science Initiative). The objective is to cater to the fast-growing semiconductor ecosystem in the country in particular and in the world in general, while retaining the multi-disciplinary flavour of the previous M.Tech program in Nano Science & Engineering. The program is designed to be attractive to students from multiple streams & backgrounds, while at the same time aligning with the current industry needs vis-a-vis the demand for skilled workforce and cutting-edge R&D in semiconductor technology.

CeNSE has launched the "Industry sponsored M.Tech Fellowship" with the objective of attracting talent from traditional areas of engineering and science to the emerging electronics and semiconductor manufacturing industry through collaboration and knowledge exchange with companies.

Selected 2nd year M.Tech students of CeNSE will have an enhanced fellowship of INR 25,000 per month for 12 months along with an INR 55,000 as travel cum contingency support.

Sponsors: Intel, LAM research, MacDermid Alpha, Applied Materials





























#### Ph.D Degree Program

The Centre offers a doctoral degree program that involves rigorous course work followed by thesis research in the various research fields in the centre. For conducting their research, the Ph.D scholars have access to some of the best resources in the nation.

The duration of PhD completion varies between 4 and 6 years, with an average of 4.5 years for students joining after a Masters'. There have been exceptional instances where a Ph.D thesis has been successfully defended in 2.5 years.

An undergraduate student with a high GPA from a Centrally Funded Technical Institute (CFTI) can have direct entry to the PhD program at CeNSE through an initiative by IISc.

#### **Summer Program**

Starting from 2013, CeNSE has been conducting a training program every summer, for promising undergraduate and masters' students from India and abroad, selected through a rigorous and competitive process. The training for 8-10 weeks is primarily based on the facilities available at CeNSE and covers a variety of research topics under the broad umbrella of nano science and engineering.

#### **National Facilities**





National Nano-fabrication Centre - NNFC Seamless access for resarchers across the nation and the world

NNfC houses a 14000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art class 100 and class 1000 clean room facility with micro- and nano- fabrication facilities. It has a dedicated staff of nearly 50 engineers and technicians who maintain the process tools and develop unit process modules to support complex process integration for research and prototyping. Research efforts at NNfC are being taken to the next level by development of more complex process flows and final device or module prototyping.

The mission of this facility is to support research and educational objectives of CeNSE, IISc and offer state of the art fabrication facilities and services to nanoscience academic (through INUP), related industries and national laboratories across the nation and the world.

http://nnfc.cense.iisc.ac.in/







Its capabilities include:

Photolithography: Critical dimensions of 1 µm by optical and down to 10 nm by e-beam lithography.

**Deposition:** Chemical & physical vapour deposition (CVD) of most commonly used semiconductors and dielectrics, such as Si, SiGe, Ge, SiO<sub>2</sub>, SiNx, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, and metals by LPCVD, PECVD, e-beam and sputtering.

Etching: Wet and dry etching of the most commonly used semiconductors and dielectrics.

**Process Development and Integration:** Developing new and customized processes

for MEMS/NEMS devices, microfluidic structures, and semiconductor devices for industries and other laboratories.

**Inline characterization:** Using various metrology tools involved in device fab.

NNfC now houses Gallium Nitride Ecosystem Enabling Centre and Incubator (GEECI), a prototype GaN fab being setup under the aegis of

incubator (OLLer), a prototype oan lab being setup ander the degis o

SID (Society for Innovation and Development), IISc.



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#### **National Facilities**





Micro and Nano Characterisation Facility - MNCF Seamless access for researchers across the nation and the world

MNCF offers a wide variety of material and device characterization services enabled by the more than 50 pieces of equipment housed under a single roof at CeNSE, IISc, together with experienced staff. We also network with other laboratories to enhance the breadth of our services and are in collaborative agreements with instrument manufacturers and suppliers, allowing us to offer characterization services not available from a single source in India or abroad.

We envision to be a reliable and sought-after global facility for characterization and analysis at the micro-/nano- scale. Our mission is to work closely with academia, industries, and national laboratories to solve challenging scientific and industrial problems; be home to a team of highly skilled and motivated application technologists/scientists in the domain of Nano Science and Engineering and be a self-sustaining and non-profit facility.

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**Electrical Characterization:** Multiple probe stations for four-terminal current voltage (I-V) measurements under DC and pulsed conditions, capacitance-Voltage (C-V) and conductance-frequency (G- $\omega$ ) measurements in a wide temperature range, physical and magnetic property measurement systems, three-terminal RF and small-signal measurements up to 67 GHz (with vector network analyzer).

**Mechanical Characterization:** State-of-the-art instruments to probe mechanical properties at micro and nano scales include optical profilometer, atomic force microscopy, micro-system analyzer, scanning acoustic microscope, micro- universal testing machine, rate table, piezo nano displacement system.

**Material Characterization:** In-depth analysis of micro and nano structure and chemistry of materials using field emission scanning electron microscope (FESEM) with energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) and cathodoluminescence (CL), dual beam focused ion beam (FIB), X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS), transmission electron microscope with multi-mode capabilities.

**Optical Characterization:** Comprehensive characterization of bulk materials and thin films using Raman spectroscopy, photoluminescence, Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), simultaneous thermal analyzer, X-ray diffraction (XRD), X-ray reflection (XRR), phase analysis light scattering (Zeta PALS), UV-Vis-NIR spectrometer, solar simulator, and quantum efficiency. MNCF also houses optical microscope for material analysis, stereo microscope, and fluorescence microscope.



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#### **National Facilities**





MEMS & IC Packaging Lab and Systems Engineering Facility (SYsEF) Seamless access for researchers across the nation and the world

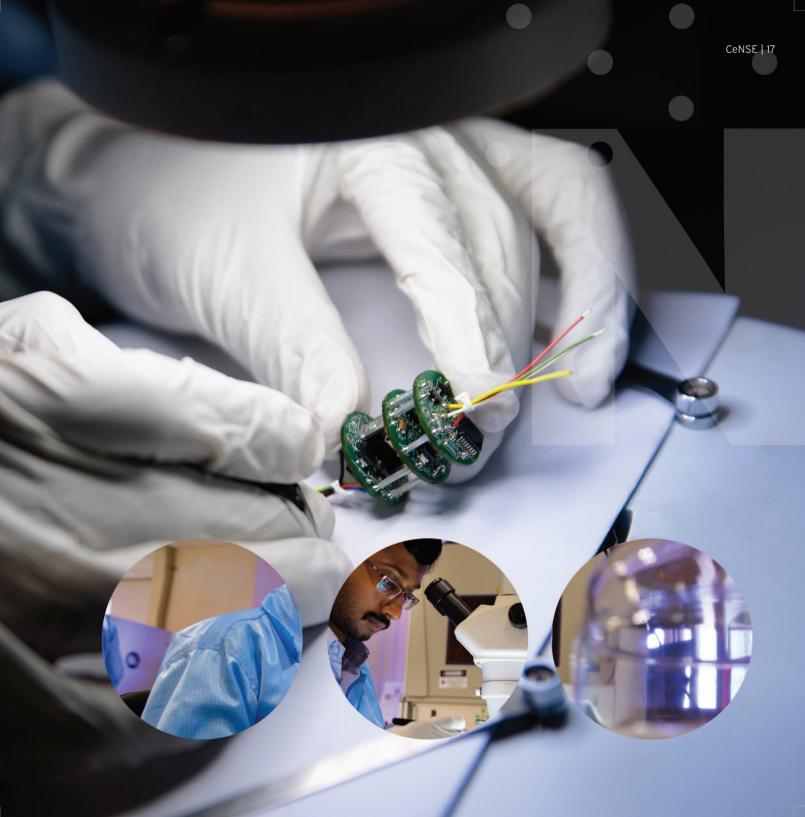
MEMS and IC Packaging facility has the complete capability to convert a wafer into a packaged device – from wafer sawing to wire bonding to precision welding. In addition, there are dedicated setups for calibration of pressure sensors and acoustic sensors.

SysEF focuses on building product prototypes around nanotechnology-based sensors ideas. SysEF has built product prototypes around gas sensor technology for urban air quality monitoring and strategic sectors. SysEF is an ESD-safe workspace which houses various electronic test & measurement equipment, ESD workstations, soldering and desoldering stations, two-layer PCB making machine, 3D scanner, 3D printer, PCB design tool, embedded and software design tools, pressure sensor calibration setup, various gas & pressure sensors, electronic modules & components and processor-based evaluation kits.

To know more, http://sysefandpackagingfacility.cense.iisc.ac.in/



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Thematic labs and facilities Interdisciplinary research culture

The most striking feature of the Centre is its interdisciplinary research culture. Being housed within the IISc campus gives the Centre further access to world-class academic expertise in many disciplines- from Mathematics and Computer Science to Chemistry, Physics, and many others. The researchers benefit from this unusually high degree of interdisciplinary synergy.

Research by students and professors is carried in the various thematic labs and facilities (listed in next page), along with the state-of-the-art national facilities like the National Nanofabrication Centre, Micro- and Nano- Characterisation Facility, Packaging lab and the Systems Engineering Facility.







Advanced Opto-nano-Electronics (A-OnE)

**NEMS** 

Optics, nanostructures and Quantum fluids

Quantum Matter

Semiconductor Devices

Multidisciplinary Micro and Nano Systems

Nanopore Research

Nanodevices and Sensors

Functional Thin Films and Electron Microscopy

Microfluidic Devices and Heterogenous Systems

**MEMS** 

Microsystems and Fluctuation Dissipations

Photonics Research

A Brain Like Electronics Laboratory (ABLE)

Crystal Growth

Polymer Processing

Photovoltaics and Energy

Nonlinear Photonics and High Power Laser

Heterojunction

Biosensors

Gas Sensors

Biophotonics and Bioengineering

Neuro Electronics





# **Core Faculty**

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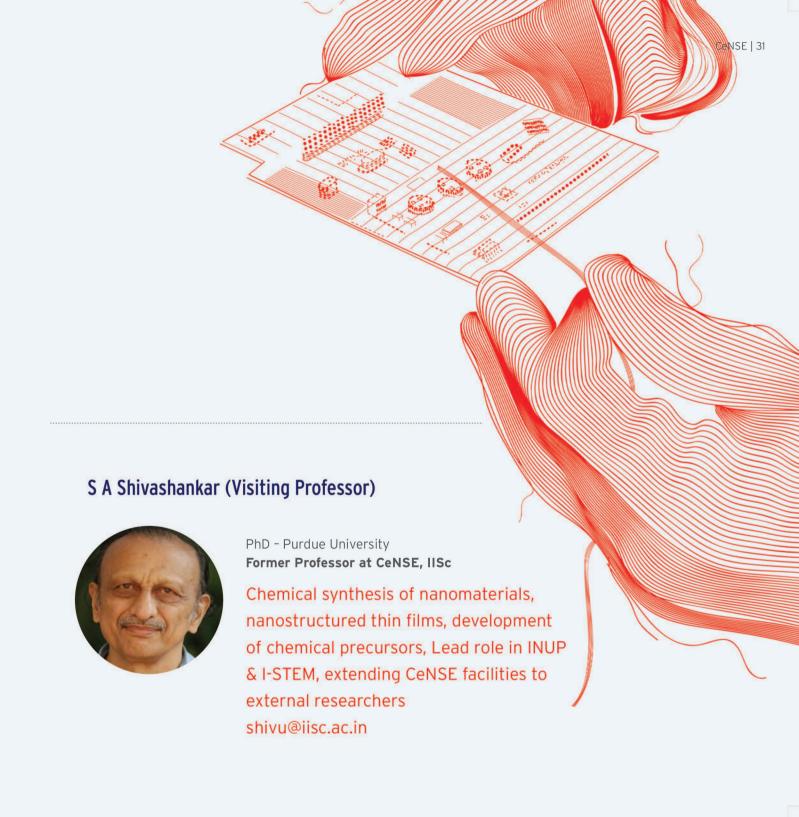
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Indian - Science, Technology and Engineering facilities map (I-STEM)

I-STEM is a web portal, supported by the Govt. of India, hosting a national and regional "inventory of resources" by the Govt. of India, to match users with the resources they need, in an efficient and transparent manner. This will lead to a leap in R&D productivity and greatly enhance the effectiveness of public investment.

Through I-STEM, a user can make a reservation for using a desired facility, at a prescribed user fee, which depends on whether the user is from the academia (and whether s/he has a research grant), a public institution, or from industry. A panel of experts when formed over time to help users (via the Web) to make the most informed use of resources made available through I-STEM.

For more details, please visit https://www.istem.gov.in/ or download the app (I-STEM) from Google Play Store.







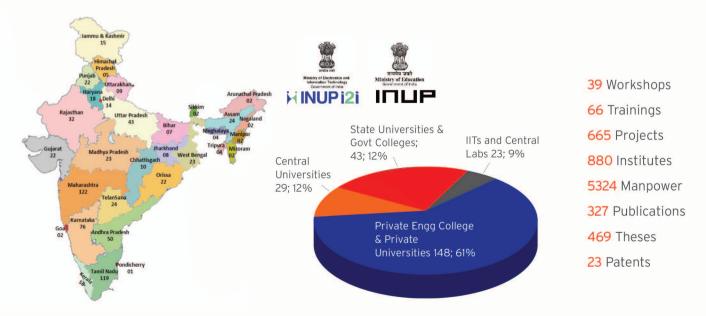


Indian Nanoelectronics Users Program (INUP & INUP-i2i)

Indian Nanoelectronics Users Program - idea to innovation (INUP-i2i) is a joint program run by CeNSE@IISc, IITB, IITG, IITM, IITKGP & IITD, and funded by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India for accelerating research and development in nanoelectronics in India. The program provides familiarization workshops and hands-on-training to qualified and motivated researchers in academia in state-of-the-art facilities.

INUP funded by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, provides basic lecture series training and advanced training (hands-on) to qualified and motivated researchers in the academia at two state-of-the-art facilities at CeNSE.

Through these programs, the participants get to carry out their research project that is selected on a competitive basis. Experienced technologists and domain experts assist them, making it possible for aspirants in even remote corners of India to be engaged in very current R&D.



# Outreach







C-DNA is a novel training program funded by the Department of Biotechnology, which combines theoretical lectures and hands-on training on nanofabrication and characterization tools, aimed at researchers from biology or medical background (PhD students, post-doctoral fellows, faculty, medical doctors, postgraduates, biologists) interested in pursuing research in nanobiotechnology. The program is aimed at catalysing research and education in nanobiotechnology across the entire country (especially in places with minimal availability of facilities) with a focus on the engineering aspects of this interdisciplinary field.

For more details, http://cdna.cense.iisc.ac.in/

#### **Services**

# @ CeNSE



### **Industry Interface**



Industry Affiliate Program - IAP

Industry affiliate program (IAP) is engineered to bring industry on board at CeNSE and work with them as extended teams. This initiative has increasingly become a critical component of our innovation system with multiple high-tech industries joining hands with us. IAP members at CeNSE get handheld privileges of facility usage, consultancy & research projects with faculty, training, student internships, networking, distinguished lectures, and visits to CeNSE and IISc.

To know more visit, http://www.cense.iisc.ac.in/content/industry-affiliate





















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Industry Interface

CeNSE engages with various companies for research collaborations, student hiring, training, facility usage and M.Tech fellowships

















































A speciality incubator focussed on nano, semiconductor hardware deeptech sartups

From Lab-to-market, INCeNSE provides the best launchpad for hardware deep-tech startups.

With the birth of every great idea is also born the challenge of translating that idea into a market ready product. Access to deep resources, ace acceleration programs and an innovative community of experts is at the heart of any successful transformation.

Funded by the Govt. of Karnataka and birthed & housed at the Centre of Nano Science and Engineering, INCeNSE provides a fertile ground for hardware deep-tech startups in nanotechnology and science.

Access to state-of-the-art labs and fabrication facility that are teeming with the best technologists and faculty with deep domain knowledge will ensure the journey of your nano idea catches the right pace.





Available opportunities

#### Faculty positions

CeNSE strongly encourages women faculty candidates to apply.

We invite applications for faculty positions. The candidates should have an excellent academic and research record with at least 3 years post-PhD research experience. We pursue interdisciplinary research across several disciplines mentioned in our research focus areas.

All applications for faculty positions have to be routed through the portal at the link:

https://recruitment.iisc.ac.in/frp/

For more details, visit, http://www.cense.iisc.ac.in/content/careers

#### **Technical positions**

Many technical positions like facility technologists and technology managers at the central facilities; project assistants and project associates for various projects; software development, etc keep getting advertised. For regular updates, follow http://www.cense.iisc.ac.in/content/careers

#### PostDoc positions

CeNSE is a platform for interdisciplinary research across several disciplines with focus on micro-nanoscale science and engineering. Candidates with excellent academic and research record are encouraged to submit applications for academic and industry sponsored postdoctoral positions. Applicants from all research fields relevant to micro-nanoscale science and engineering are encouraged to apply.

#### Administrative positions

Visit the page, http://www.cense.iisc.ac.in/content/careers for regular updates on new openings.



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