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SECOND DEGREE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

Celebrating the Graduating

M.Tech Class of 2026

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A DAY TO REMEMBER

IIT Madras Zanzibar celebrates its Second Graduation Ceremony

IITM Zanzibar celebrated its **Second Graduation Ceremony** for the **M.Tech Class of 2024–2026**. Graduates, faculty, families, partners and guests came together on campus to celebrate the students and the journey they had completed.

The ceremony brought together members of the IITM Zanzibar community along with representatives from universities, research institutions, government, industry and the local community.

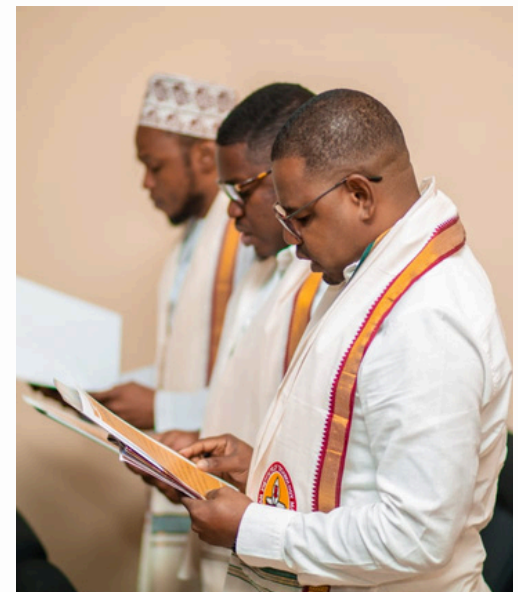


THE GRADUATES TAKE CENTRE STAGE

M.Tech Class of 2024–2026

After months of hard work, the M.Tech Class of 2024–2026 had their moment. Degree certificates were presented to the graduating students at the ceremony, marking the completion of their programme at IITM Zanzibar.

The ceremony was also a chance for the campus community to come together and celebrate the graduates and their achievements.



A SPECIAL GUEST FOR A SPECIAL DAY

Hon. Mudrik Ramadhan Soraga joins the celebrations

Hon. Mudrik Ramadhan Soraga, Minister of Communication, Information Technology and Innovation, Zanzibar, was the Chief Guest at the Second Graduation Ceremony of IIT Madras Zanzibar.

The ceremony also brought together Shri Sarjeet Kajla, Consul General., Dr. Idrissa Said Amour, Chief Administrator, and Prof. A. K. Suresh, VP-Academic Administration, along with other guests and partners.

Teaching Assistants were also recognised during the ceremony with certificates for their contribution to the academic programmes.



A MOMENT OF PRIDE IN INDIA

President Mwinyi attends IIT Madras' 63rd Convocation

H.E. Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar, was the Chief Guest at the 63rd Convocation of IIT Madras, held in Chennai on 17 July 2026.

The occasion also brought IIT Madras Zanzibar into focus, with key initiatives of the Zanzibar campus being unveiled. The Director's Report highlighted the campus' growing student community, 100% placements for its inaugural M.Tech cohort and plans for its next phase of growth.

The occasion was attended by H.E. Mariam Mwinyi, First Lady of Zanzibar; Hon. Lela Mohamed Mussa, Minister of Education and Vocational Training, Zanzibar; and H.E. Shri Biswadip Dey, High Commissioner of India to Tanzania, along with other dignitaries from IIT Madras and Zanzibar.



"The establishment of IIT Madras Zanzibar represents far more than an educational milestone. It reflects a shared belief that knowledge should know no borders and that excellence should never be confined by geography."



Zanzibar and Indian dignitaries at the Convocation



IIT Madras Zanzibar initiatives unveiled during the occasion

BEYOND THE CONVOCATION

Exploring the IIT Madras' spaces

The visit to IIT Madras went beyond the Convocation. President Mwinyi and delegation spent time exploring some of the Institute's centres, labs and innovation spaces, and meeting the people behind the work.

The visit included the Department of Medical Sciences & Technology, Brain Centre and Heritage Centre, followed by the IIT Madras Research Park, where he interacted with the Incubation Cell and startups.

He also visited Pravartak, Healthcare Technology Innovation Centre(HTIC) and Center For Innovation(CFI), getting a glimpse of the research, technology and student-led work taking place across the Institute.





ACADEMICS

A Semester Comes to a Close

The March–June semester came to an end in July, with the final examinations held on 3 July. As one semester wrapped up, preparations for the next intake were already underway.

BS and M.Tech admissions moved ahead, while admissions also opened for the newly approved PG Diploma programme, with outreach extending to several cities across Africa and the Middle East.



LEARNING BEYOND THE REGULAR CLASSROOM

New Areas, New Learning

From 13–24 July, IIT Madras Zanzibar hosted a 10-day school and workshop on **Exotic Quantum Phases in Equilibrium and Driven Matter**, organised by ICTP. The programme brought participants to campus for focused sessions and discussions in quantum science.



A short course on **Data Science for Epidemiology & Public Health Analytics**, led by Prof. Manoj Kumar and Dr. Sweta Dey, brought participants together for lectures, discussions and presentations.



BEYOND THE CAMPUS

Meeting Future Learners Across Unguja & Pemba

July took the IIT Madras Zanzibar team beyond the campus, as we joined the 7th Zanzibar Higher Education & Vocational Education Week in Unguja and Pemba.

Over the two exhibitions, we met students, parents, teachers and members of the community, answering questions about our programmes, campus life and what studying at IITM Zanzibar could look like.

For us, it was just as much about listening and having conversations as it was about sharing information.



UNGUJA
14–20 July
Mnazi Mmoja Ground

PEMBA
23–28 July
Gombani Stadium

ALSO ON CAMPUS THIS MONTH



Prof. Michael Kavic,
Associate Provost and
Dean of Research &
Innovation, Associate
Professor, Chemistry &
Physics, SUNY Old
Westbury, New York at
IITM Zanzibar campus -
24th July, 2026



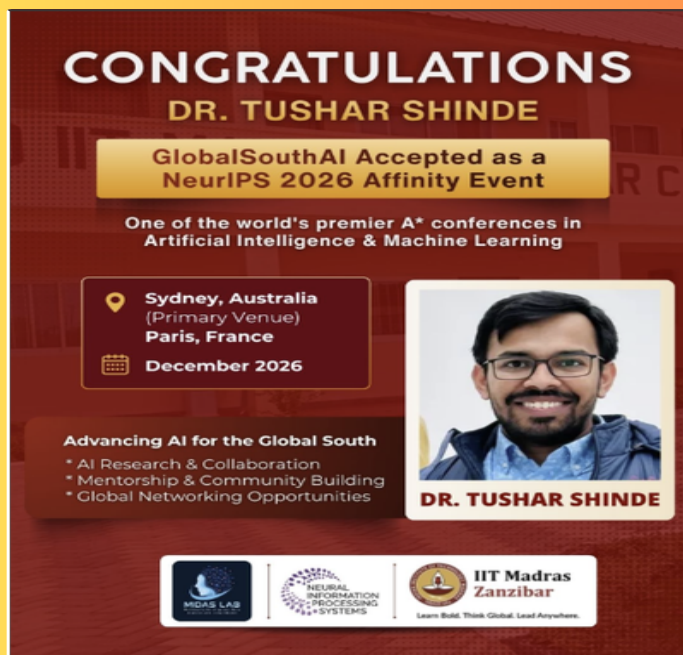
Joint Secretary and Under
Secretary (East &
Southern Africa Division),
MEA (Gol) at IITM Zanzibar
campus - 25th July, 2026



Visit by IIT Kharagpur
Alumna at IITM Zanzibar
campus - 31st July, 2026

ACHIEVEMENTS

Taking IITM Zanzibar to Global Platforms



Dr. Tushar Shinde
GlobalSouthAI reaches NeurIPS 2026



Dr. Manoj Kumar at AAIAC 2026 speaking on "Physics-Informed Machine Learning: Integrating Data with Physics."



Prof. Sridharakumar Narasimhan joined the Data Science Africa 2026 Summer School in Kampala as a speaker.



Dr. Indriss Amour at the 17th IUCEA Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, held from 29–31 July.

LOOKING AHEAD

BUILDING WHAT'S NEXT

IIT Madras Zanzibar and the Zanzibar Startup Association (ZSA) have signed an MoU to create more opportunities for students and strengthen connections with Zanzibar's growing startup community.



Internships | Innovation | Training | Entrepreneurship | Hackathons

As July comes to a close, new ideas and new opportunities are already taking shape.



For more updates

