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About us

The Centre for Flexible Electronics, a pioneering entity within the Electronics and Communication Engineering Department at KLEF, Academicians in the Centre Pursue interdisciplinary research and education across various disciplines. The focus is on critical enabling technologies like materials, devices, and systems for electronics applications, energy-harvesting nanogenerators, photovoltaics, sensors, e-skin, and biomedical, amongst various existing crossovers. Inspired by the endless possibilities of nanotechnology and aided by the strong emphasis on sustainable next-generation IoT sensors, self-sustainable devices, flexible electronics material growth, scalable processes, and product development.

Vision

To be a globally recognized hub for pioneering research, innovation, and commercialization in the field of flexible electronics, contributing to technological advancements and sustainable development.

Mission

- Conduct leading-edge research in flexible electronics, developing advanced materials, devices, and systems that enhance technological capabilities.
- Develop environmentally friendly and sustainable electronic solutions that address global challenges
 & fostering innovation and the development of new products in flexible electronics.
- ✓ Betterment of mankind and train the researchers/students to excel in in flexible electronics.
- Transforming promising ideas into proof-of-concept devices, facilitating the transfer of technology, and promoting the commercialization of research findings in collaboration with industry.



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Distinguishing Activities

The Centre for Flexible Electronics is distinguished by its inclusive and diverse collaborative research approach. Our research teams are not confined to a single department or college but are formed from faculty across multiple disciplines, fostering a rich exchange of ideas. Our faculty can achieve their research goals by leveraging the facilities of existing KLEF technology centres and KLEF central instrumentation facilities. The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Physics, Chemistry, and Mechanical Engineering currently has an established research program in this area.

Research and technology play a key role in the development of flexible electronics.

The process of manufacturing flexible electronics starts with the characterisation of the materials.





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Focus Research Areas:

- ✓ Functional Nanomaterials & Polymers
- ✓ Energy Harvesting and Storage
- ✓ Wearable Electron-Devices
- ✓ Sensors and Actuators
- ✓ Biomedical Devices
- ✓ Systems





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Potential Application

Flexible electronics refers to a class of lightweight, flexible, and electronic sensing components and electronic devices built on stretchable substrates used for a broad range of products and applications, such as displays and sensors. The technology used has evolved over time, and now, thanks to inkjet printers, electrical circuits can be printed quickly and inexpensively. Flexible electronics can be applied in many new sectors, ranging from medical devices to environmental monitoring.





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Facility and Infrastructure

The Centre for Flexible Electronics has state-of-the-art indigenous materials preparation, fabrication & characterization facilities for material growth, thin film deposition, and device development including vacuum-based deposition, wet chemical processing, tribological, optical, and electrical characterization. Assistance to Ideation, prototyping, and product design are provided along with the consultancy services.

Preparation & Fabrication Facilities



Wet Chemical Synthesis Hydrothermal Deep Freezer Chemical Vapor Deposition Micro Oven Electro spinning Nano Fibers Unit Hot Press UV-Cabinet Glove Box with Spin Coating RF & DC Sputtering Ink jet Printer

Characterisation & Testing Facilities



Electrochemical Workstation UV-Vis Spectrophotometer Electrometer Gas Sensing Setup Nano Fluids Experimental Setup Fuel Cell Setup Electrolyser Setup Microbial Fuel Cell Atomic Adsorption Spectrometer Linear Motor LCR Meter Atomic Force Microscopy FE-Scanning Electron Microscopy -CIF X-ray Diffractometer - CIF

Prototype to Product



Vibration Generator Setup Thermoelectric measurement Setup Fully Automated Prototype Machine 3D Printer

Design Thinking aspects of ideation, Benchmarking to Prototype, Design Scalable Product Development



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KEY Faculty Members

Name & Designation	Research Area
Dr. P. S. Srinivasa Babu Professor	Flexible Printed Electronics & Supercapacitors
Dr. S. Arunmetha Associate Professor	Solar Energy Harvesting, Photocatalysis, Hydrogen Evolution & CO ₂ Reduction
Dr. V. Vivekananthan Associate Professor	Nanomaterials, Flexible TENGs & PENGs, Wearable Energy Harvesters & Self-Powered Sensors
Dr. Sivasankara Rao Ede Assistant Professor	Electrochemical Water Splitting, CO ₂ Reduction, Fuel Cell and Li-ion Batteries
Dr. Koyilapu Rambabu Assistant Professor	Functional and Flexible Polymers, PEM Fuel Cell, and Batteries



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Research Teams

Name & Designation		Research area
	Dr. Kaliyannan ManojKumar Post Doctoral Fellow	Development of Novel Nanomaterials, Flexible TENGs & PENGs, Wearable Energy Harvesters & Self-Powered sensors Colloids, Metal- air batteries Electrochemistry.
	Mr. N. Ravivarman Research Scholar	Solar Energy Harvesting Photocatalysis & Photoelectrochemical Hydrogen Evolution
	Mr. D. Sateesh Research Scholar	Flexible PENGs, Wearable Energy Harvesters & Self-Powered sensors
	Mr. M. Mukilan Research Scholar	Novel Nano Materials Energy Harvester & Sensors Systems
	Mr. B. V. Aravind Research Scholar	Flexible super capacitors & Batteries





Mr. Sivakumar Ogirala Research Scholar	Novel Materials for Environmental Applications & EMI Shielding
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Sponsored Projects:

PI & Co-PI	Title of the project	Funding Agency	Grant Sanctioned in INR (Lakh)
Dr. BTP Madhav Dr. V. Vivekananthan Dr. S. Arunmetha Dr. P. S. Srinivasa Babu Dr. K Swapna Dr. Sk Mahamuda	Novel Low-Dimensional Materials and Flexible Dielectrics for Optoelectronic and Microwave Devices	DST-PURSE (2023-2027)	684.49
Dr. S. Arunmetha Dr. M. Sathish (Colloborator)	Development of Heterostructured Materials for an Efficient Photocatalytic and Photoelectrochemical Water Splitting towards Green Energy Harvesting	SERB-TARE (2021-2024)	18.30
Dr. V. Vivekananthan	Development of Piezoelectric and Triboelectric Array-based Self-powered Sensors for Rehabilitation Applications	RSC, UK (2022-2024)	4.5
Dr. S. Arunmetha Dr. Shamima Hussain (Colloborator)	Develop Nanostructured materials for Efficient Solar Energy Conversion Applications	UGC-DAE (2022-2025)	3.5
Dr. V. Vivekananthan	Triboelectric Nanogenerator based E- Textiles for Energy Harvesting and Self- Powered Sensing	KLEF (2022-2025)	10
Dr. S. Arunmetha	Development of Nanostructured Materials for Energy Conversion Applications	KLEF (2021-2023)	3.0
Dr. S. Arunmetha	Design and Development of TENG for Energy Harvesting Systems	KLEF (2021-2023)	2.5



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KEY PUBLICATIONS (LAST 2 YEARS)

Papers Indexed in Both SCOPUS and WOS (Total 53 Papers)				
Q1	Q2	Q3		
29	17	6		

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