Manasa Centre for Cultural Studies
Kateel Ashok Pai Memorial College
in association with Kuvempu University

An initiative of IQAC and PG Studies and Research in Psychology,
UG Departments of Sciences, Humanities, Technology, Nursing, KAPMI.

Organise

National Conference
on
"Artificial Intelligence, Inter-Disciplinarity and the Future of Higher Education"
(Hybrid Mode)

April 10th and 11th 2026

Venue:
Kateel Ashok Pai Memorial College
"Jnanapatha Campus", Kalyan Nagar, Sagara Road,
Near Malligenahalli, Shivamogga, Karnataka, India -577205
Website : kapmc.kapmi.edu.in

About MCCS: Manasa Centre for Cultural Studies (MCCS) in Shivamogga, India, is a research-focused unit under Manasa Trust which promotes interdisciplinary studies in humanities, social sciences, psychology, and psychiatry, aiming to integrate regional realities with contemporary knowledge through workshops, publications, and fellowships. Led by director Prof. Rajendra Chenni, it is a part of the larger Manasa group of institutions providing mental health care, rehabilitation and education, focusing on community well-being and intellectual growth.

KEY FOCUS AREAS:

Interdisciplinary Research: Connecting social realities with current knowledge in various disciplines.

Scholar Networking: Creating a community for researchers in humanities, social sciences, and mental health.

Knowledge Production: Publishing books, translations, and conducting research workshops.

Regional Focus: Concentrating on the specifics of local societies while using global knowledge.

About KAPMI: Kateel Ashok Pai Memorial Institutes of Manasa Trust are group of higher educational institutions namely Kateel Ashok Pai Memorial College, Kateel Ashok Pai Memorial Institute of Allied Health Sciences and Kateel Ashok Pai Memorial Institute of Nursing.

Kateel Ashok Pai Memorial College (KAPMC) is a renowned college established in memory of Late. Dr. K.A.Ashok Pai, an internationally renowned community psychiatrist, writer, film maker, philanthropist and a pioneer in the field of mental health. KAPMC is affiliated to Kuvempu University and recognised by the Govt. of Karnataka. The college is a unit of Manasa Trust which manages a psychiatric hospital and two mental health rehabilitation centres.

The College offers UG programmes in humanities, literature, social work, psychology, commerce and computer applications, as well as post-graduation and research in Psychology. The college provides hands on experience and need based knowledge. KAPMC strives to prepare the young community with professionalism and civic sense. Since the beginning, the college has secured ranks at the university level.

About Kuvempu University: Kuvempu University- an affiliating University established in 1987. It is a State University recognized by UGC under 2(f) and 12(b). The University has been named after great Kannada writer Shri KUVEMPU and has achieved a distinctive academic profile and a cultural identity of its own. Kuvempu University is a vibrant active teaching and research university located on the edge of the Western Ghat`s serene environment. The university is NAAC accredited with 'A' grade. It obtained 101st rank in NIRF 2020 and 94th rank in QS 2020. The university provides undergraduate, postgraduate and doctorate level programs across a wide range of disciplines.

Theme of the Conference: Artificial Intelligence has made colossal strides in the recent decades and has already started making revolutionary impact on all domains from corporate capital, global economy to academic institutions and knowledge creation. It has already percolated into how we organise our everyday lives, professional careers and citizenship. Globally, wide ranging debates have facilitated a vibrant exchange of ideas and perspectives on the impact of AI in the near future. More specifically the developments have prioritised the questions what shall happen to our conceptualisation of knowledges? Aren't the boundaries between various knowledges (already being erased by post-structural theoretical developments) certainly on the way to erasure? How would this impact the dominant idea of inter disciplinarity which has been shaping higher education programmes and research? Will AI soon be in a position to replace academic research by individual researchers? How are we to cope with such revolutionary changes? We are in the midst of lively debates as well as apprehensions.

The two day national conference is conceptualised to provide a forum for teachers, researchers and policy makers to discuss these seminal issues. The conference shall be multi-disciplinary in order to integrate various perspectives on the theme. It shall include key note sessions, individual and panel presentations and open house discussions.

"Hybrid participation is available exclusively for delegates outside from Kuvempu University jurisdiction."

SUB THEMES FOR THE CONFERENCE

BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE

Psychology, Mental Health and AI:

- AI and Mental Health
- AI and the Future of Psycho diagnosis
- Ethical dilemmas of using AI in Psychology

Social Work and AI:

- AI and Social Work Education
- Intersection of AI in Social Work Practice

HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCE

Sociology:

- AI, Digital India and Marginalised Communities.
- Use of AI in Disaster Management: Sociological Implications.
- AI and Welfare Schemes: Inclusion or Exclusion?

Economics:

- Labour Market Transformation & AI,
- AI & Inclusive Growth
- Digital Economy & AI.

History:

- AI and the Reconstruction of History
- AI in Historical Research and Methodology

AI and Studies in Literature

- Potential Advantages and Challenges of using AI in the teaching of Literature
- The Future of Literary Research in the Context of AI

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Higher Education in Science and AI (Chemistry, Zoology)

- AI in the Sciences
- AI in Chemical Research and Discovery
- AI In Wildlife Conservation and Management
- AI in Genetic Engineering
- Machine Intelligence for Structure–Property–Reactivity Relationships

AI and Higher Education in Computer Application:

- AI Driven Educational Content Creation. (Higher Education).
- Prevention of Cyber Crime using AI.

COMMERCE AND MANAGEMENT

AI and Higher Education in Commerce and Management:

- AI in Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Opportunities and Applications of AI in Accounting, Finance, and Economics.
- Ethics and Transparency in AI-Driven Finance, Accounting, and Marketing.

NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCE

AI and Higher Education in Nursing:

- AI Literacy in Nursing Education
- AI in Nursing Education and Practice

Important Dates:

Last date to submit abstract	–	02, March, 2026.
Last date to submit full paper	–	15, March, 2026.
Last date to submit soft copy of poster	–	25, March, 2026.
Last date to register for the conference	–	28, March, 2026.
Acceptance intimation	–	10, March, 2026.

For paper presentations:

- The abstract should be submitted in the APA format in a Word document (Times New Roman font, size 12 with double line spacing with a maximum of 300 words and 5 keywords) with proper name and details.
- If abstract is selected, the full paper not exceeding 2000 words in soft copy should be submitted.
- Maximum three registered authors per paper (including a guide).
- Affiliation of the authors and the E-mail ID of the primary author should be included in the abstract.
- If the presenter is from outside Kuvempu university jurisdiction. (Other than Shivamogga or Chikkamagaluru Districts) presenter can choose online mode also with prior arrangement.
- The presentation time limit is 8 + 2 minutes per paper.
- Selected papers will be published in an ISBN peer reviewed book with nominal fee which will be informed later.
- E-mail ID for paper submission : conference @ kapmi.edu.in

For poster presentations:

- Posters could be presented in either Kannada or English
- Posters should be printed in Flex material (3x4 feet (36 inch x 48 inch))
- Specific time and place shall be allotted for poster presentation
- Authors should be present during the time for explanation (maximum 5 minutes)
- Last date for submission of abstracts for poster is 25, March 2026

Best
Paper &
Poster
Award

Registration Fee:

Students	Ph D Scholars	Academicians, Practitioners/ Policy makers /Others	Foreign delegates
350/-	800/-	1,000/-	3000/- in INR ONLY
ON SPOT REGISTRATION			
500/-	1200/-	2,000/-	5000/- in INR ONLY

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