

Scientific Program for KANCIPS-2026



Theme:

AI and Digital Psychiatry: Current and Future

Preconference Day Activities: Friday - 4th September, 2026

Venue: KRIMS Auditorium

For Frontline Workers Only : Teachers,ASHA & Police Personnel

07:00 – 08:00 AM	Walkathon
08:00 – 09:00 AM	Breakfast
09:00 – 11:00 AM	Debunking Myths, Saving Lives: Role of Tele-MANAS in Empowering Frontline Workers for Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Dr Rajani Parthasarathy Deputy Director (Mental Health), Department of Health and Family Welfare Services, Bengaluru Dr Manjunatha Narayana Additional Professor, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru & Team
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Tea Break

Venue: Ajvi Ocean, Karwar

Time	Hall 1	Hall 2	Hall 3
07:30 – 09:30 AM	Breakfast and Registration		
09:30 – 10:15 AM	Silicon and Synapses: The New Frontier of AI Tools for Psychiatric Practice and Research Dr Suhas Satish Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry NIMHANS, Bengaluru	AI in Substance Use Disorders: Innovations in Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Dr Prabhat Chand Professor, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru	Workshop: Presentation Intelligence: Design Smarter, Present Better, Amplify with AI. Dr Mohan Sunil Kumar Co-Founder and Chief Psychiatrist, Augmenta Health, Bengaluru
10:15 – 11:00 AM	AI in Child Mental Health: Opportunities, Challenges, and Future Directions Dr Vinayak Koparde Associate Professor, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Department of Psychiatry J N Medical College, Belagavi	Smart Care for Aging Brains: AI-assisted Solutions for Geriatric Mental Health Dr P T Sivakumar Professor and Head of Geriatric Psychiatry Unit, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru	
11:00 – 11:30 AM	TEA BREAK		

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Time	Hall 1	Hall 2	Hall 3
11:30 to 12:15 PM	Sensing the Silent Crisis: Advances in Digital Phenotyping for Suicide Risk Identification Dr Samir Kumar Praharaj Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal	Panel discussion: Tele-Psychiatry Toolkit: Designing a Sustainable Tele-Psychiatry Consultancy for Early Career Psychiatrists Dr Naveen Kumar C Professor, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru Dr Priya Sreedharan Professor, Department of Psychiatry, St John's Medical College, Bengaluru Dr Divya Nellur Clinical Director, AMAHA, Bengaluru Moderator: Dr Apurva Mittal, Consultant Psychiatrist, AMAHA, Bengaluru	Workshop: Responsible AI in Research: Mastering Ethics, Integrity, and Precision Prompting Dr Suresh Bada Math Professor, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru
12:15 – 01:00 PM	AI-Driven Medical Record Management: Efficiency, Accuracy, and Data Governance Dr Lakshmi Shiva Founder, Aasare Neuropsychiatric Centre, Bengaluru	Dr Priya Sreedharan Professor, Department of Psychiatry, St John's Medical College, Bengaluru Dr Divya Nellur Clinical Director, AMAHA, Bengaluru Moderator: Dr Apurva Mittal, Consultant Psychiatrist, AMAHA, Bengaluru	Dr Suresh Bada Math Professor, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru
01:00 – 02:00 PM	LUNCH		
02:00 – 05:00 PM	Mock Practical Examination: Learn, Perform, Excel. Dr PSVN Sharma Professor Department of Psychiatry Kasturba Medical College, Manipal Dr C Y Sudarshan Professor, Department of Psychiatry J J M Medical College, Davanagere Dr Jagadisha Thirthalli Professor and Head, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru Dr Ranganath R Kulkarni Professor and Head, Department of Psychiatry, DIMHANS, Dharwad	Workshop: (JoPsyS team) Clear, Concise, Publishable: Skills in Manuscript Writing Dr Vijay Harbishettar Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Psychiatry Spectrum, Assistant Professor, Geriatric Psychiatry Unit, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru Dr Saraswathi N Associate Editor, JoPsyS Consultant Psychiatrist, Health and Family Welfare Department, Belagavi Dr Shantheri Pai R Field Editor, JoPsyS Senior Resident, Geriatric Psychiatry Unit, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru	Workshop: (JoPsyS team) How to Read a Journal Article? Dr Ravindra Munoli Additional Professor Department of Psychiatry Kasturba Medical College, Manipal Dr Sujit Sarkhel Editor-in-Chief, Indian Journal of Psychiatry, Professor of Psychiatry IOP, IPGME&R-SSKM Hospital, Kolkata, Dr Shahul Ameen Former Editor-in-Chief, IJPM Consultant Psychiatrist, St. Thomas Hospital, Chethipuzha, Kerala
05:00 – 05:30 PM	HIGH TEA		
05:30 – 06:30 PM	The Blue Print of JoPsyS – A Way Forward in the journey of JoPsyS (Hall 1)		

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Day 1: Saturday - 5th September, 2026 – Main Hall (1)

Time	Session
07:30 – 09:00 AM	Breakfast and Registration
08:00 – 09:45 AM	Dr. H S Subrahmanyam Memorial (Best PG Paper) Award Session
09:45 – 10:30 AM	Theme Plenary Session: The Future Psychiatrist: Human, Hybrid, or Algorithm? Prof R Raguram FRCPsych, Senior Consultant Psychiatrist, Former Professor NIMHANS and Head Department of Psychiatry, Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences, Bengaluru
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Tea Break
11:00 – 12:30 PM	Inaugural Function
12:30 – 01:15 PM	Presidential Address
01:15 – 02:15 PM	Lunch
02:15 – 03:00 PM	Dr LGP Achar Memorial Oration
03:00 – 03:30 PM	Eminent Psychiatrist Award session
03:30 – 04:15 PM	Dr R L Kapur Memorial Lecture
04:15 – 05:00 PM	E-Poster Presentations (Near Hall 1) Free Oral paper presentations (Halls 2 & 3)
05:00 – 05:15 PM	High Tea
05:15 – 07:00 PM	Annual General Body Meeting
07:00 PM onwards	Cultural Program and Banquet

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Day 2: Sunday - 6th September, 2026

Time	Hall 1	Hall 2	Hall 3
07:30 – 09:00 AM	Breakfast		
08:00 – 09:00 AM	E-Poster Presentations (Near Hall 1) Free Oral Paper Presentations – Hall 2 and Hall 3		
09:00–09:45 AM	Evidence-Based AI-Assisted Psychotherapy: Clinical Potential and Ethical Considerations Dr Girish Babu N, Medical Director, Manoshanti Clinic, Hubballi	Workshop: The rTMS Masterclass: Empowering clinicians for Psychiatric Practice and Research Dr Shyam Sundar A Professor, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru Dr. Sachin Pradeep Baliga Consultant Psychiatrist and Advisor, Neuromodulation Program, Fortis Hospital, Bengaluru	Agentic AI in Research: Enhancing Productivity, Precision, and Discovery Dr Shahul Ameen Consultant Psychiatrist, St. Thomas Hospital, Chethipuzha, Kerala
09:45– 10.30 AM	Seeing is Believing: Unlocking New Dimensions in Psychotherapy via Virtual Reality Dr Rahul Mandaknalli Founder and Medical Director, Brain and Minds Hospital, Kalaburagi		Unplugged! Evidence-Based Digital Detoxification in Modern Psychiatry Dr Sudheendra Huddar Consultant Psychiatrist and Addiction Medicine Specialist, Sukhibhava Healthcare, Hubballi
10.30– 11:15 AM	AI, Reality Distortion and Psychosis: Emerging Psychiatric Concerns in Human–AI Interactions Dr Aruna Yadiyal Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Father Muller Medical College, Mangaluru		Emerging Frontiers in Cybernetic Psychiatry: The Future of Mind-Machine Interface Dr Rajeshkrishna Bhandary P Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal
11.15– 11.30 AM	TEA BREAK		

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11:30– 01:00 PM	Panel Discussion: AI and Mental Health: Hype, Hope, or Hazard? Dr N M Patil, Emeritus Professor Department of Psychiatry J N Medical College, Belagavi Dr Anupama M, Professor & Head, Department of Psychiatry, J J M Medical College, Davanagere Dr Kishor M, Professor and Head Department of Psychiatry J S S Medical College, Mysuru Dr Anil Kakunje Professor Department of Psychiatry Yenepoya Medical College, Mangaluru Moderator: Dr Harish Kulkarni Professor, Department of Psychiatry S Nijalingappa Medical College, Bagalkot	Workshop: tDCS in Clinical Practice: Evidence, Techniques, and Applications Dr Sreeraj VS Associate Professor Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru Dr. Swarna Buddha Nayok Assistant Professor Department of Clinical Psychopharmacology and Neurotoxicology, NIMHANS, Bengaluru	11.30 AM – 12.15 PM Brain, Bytes, and Behavior: The Role of AI in Psychiatric Neuroimaging Dr Naren P Rao Medical Director, Manoshanti, Bengaluru 12.15– 01:00 PM The Digital Dark Side: Clinical Perspectives of Cybercrime, Cyber- bullying and Cyber- victimization Dr Raveesh B N Professor and Head, Department of Psychiatry MMCRI, Mysuru
01:00 – 01.45 PM	VALEDICTORY FUNCTION (Hall 1)		
01.45 PM onwards	LUNCH		