

Chetana organises ICSSR Sponsored Two-Day International Research Conference “Digital Marginalization and AI Bias: Redefining Business and Society” 27th–28th February 2026

The pre-conference phase of the ICSSR Sponsored Two-Day International Research Conference on Digital Marginalization and AI Bias: Redefining Business and Society was marked by enthusiastic participation, strong academic engagement, and systematic outreach efforts. These preparatory initiatives successfully fostered a vibrant research culture and laid a strong academic and organizational foundation for the main conference.

The pre-conference activities commenced with the formal inauguration of the conference poster by Dr. Madhumita Patil, CEO, CRKIMR, in the presence of I/c Director CA Suhas Gharat and faculty members. This marked the beginning of extensive promotional and outreach activities. Students actively contributed to the promotion by distributing posters and reaching out to more than 80 colleges, generating significant academic interest and encouraging participation.

In addition to institutional outreach, the organizing committee leveraged digital platforms to expand the conference’s reach. The Call for Papers and conference brochure were widely shared on LinkedIn, enabling the conference to connect with a broader academic and professional audience.

A key highlight of the preparatory phase was the Pre-Conference Workshop on “AI Tools in Research,” conducted on 8th February 2026 by AI expert Dr. Amey Pangarkar. The workshop witnessed participation from over 400 students, research scholars, and faculty members. The session provided valuable exposure to emerging AI tools and their application in academic research, enabling participants to strengthen their research capabilities and align their work with contemporary technological advancements. The workshop received highly positive feedback, reflecting its relevance and academic value.



Image: Dr. Amey Pangarkar, Founder A Consultancy

On 20th February 2026, junior students presented their research papers across four academic tracks, with a total of 132 students participating. The presentations were evaluated by a distinguished panel comprising CA Suhas Gharat, Dr. Meghana Patil, Dr. Shivprasad Murugan, Dr. Balaji Sadavarte, Dr. Aftab Shaikh, Prof. Neha Nikam, Dr. Jyoti Pawar, and Dr. Taqdeesh Shaikh. Their expert evaluation and constructive feedback encouraged students to strengthen their analytical thinking and research quality.



Left to Right: Dr. Kavita Khadse, Dr. Aftab Shaikh, Dr. Rinku Sharma, Dr. Madhumita Patil

Senior student paper presentations were conducted on 21st February 2026 across six tracks, with approximately 23 students presenting in each track. The sessions were chaired and evaluated by eminent academicians including Dr. Shalini Kakkar, Dr. Mrinali Tikare, Dr. Padma Singhal, Dr. Rinku Sharma, Dr. Aftab Shaikh, Dr. Anuja Joshi, Dr. Osaid Koti, Prof. Meghana Patil, Dr. Balaji Sadavarte, Dr. Kavita Khadse, Prof. Uday Sanghani, Prof. Neha Nikam, Dr. Sandeep Sawant, and Dr. Kshamali Sontakke. Their presence ensured rigorous academic evaluation and meaningful scholarly interaction.

The International Research Paper Presentation tracks were conducted on 24th February 2026 via the Zoom platform, where ten international scholars presented their research across two tracks. The sessions were chaired by Dr. Mahesh Luthia, Mustafa Kayyali, Dr. Abdulkader Joukhar, and Dr. Adawia Kitaz. Their expert insights and academic engagement enriched the discussions and strengthened the global dimension of the conference.

Overall, more than 250 students and international scholars presented their research papers across twelve tracks over four days. The pre-conference activities were highly successful in promoting research culture, strengthening academic rigor, and encouraging scholarly exchange at both national and international levels. These initiatives reflect the institution's strong commitment to advancing meaningful research on digital inclusion, artificial intelligence, and their implications for business and society.