



International Conference On **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: TECHNOLOGY, ETHICS & HUMANITY (AITEH-2026)**

 **9th & 10th October 2026**

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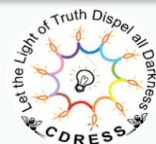
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CORDIAL INVITATION

The awareness is growing today that a healthy science-religion dialogue is an urgent need of our times and provides a platform for interaction among scientists and other scholars of society by sharing knowledge and experience on various issues related to the relationship between modern science and contemporary religions. This time, the primary focus will be on the developments in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and their impact on society and religious values. We consider it a privilege and honour to invite you for this special International Conference on Science-Religion Interfacing, with special emphasis on AI, at S.F.S College, Nagpur.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference will be held at S.F.S College, Seminary Hills Nagpur 06, Maharashtra. As you know, Nagpur, being at the center of India, is well connected by air, train, and road.



ABOUT SFS COLLEGE

St. Francis De Sales College was established in 1956. Though a religious minority institution, it welcomes people of all castes and creed and is proud of its plural socio-cultural ethos. S.F.S College is a premier institution of higher learning in Central India. It is affiliated to Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University.

ABOUT CDRESS

CDRESS (Centre for Dialogue between Religion, Education, Science and Society) is a Forum, launched on 24th January, 2006, to blend harmoniously and creatively the latest findings of modern science and deepest insights of religions to build up a better India in her multi-religious, multi-cultural and multi-racial context, in collaboration with IISR (Indian Institute of Science and Religion) Delhi, by jointly conducting for the staff and students of SFS College and other educational institutions of the city of Nagpur conferences, seminars, essay competitions, debates, poster making etc., on different themes related to the latest developments in science-religion interfacing.

Continuing this rich tradition, an international conference on above topic is being organized on 9th & 10th October, 2026, at S.F.S College, Nagpur.

SPEAKERS

- Prof. Job Kozhamthadam (Ph.D.), Director, IISR (Indian Institute of Science and Religion), Delhi (Keynote Address)
- Dr. Sadanand Sontakke (Ph.D.), Chief Scientist, CSIR - National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur
- Dr. Roy Pereira (Ph.D.), Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, USA
- Prof. Susan John Varghese (Ph.D.), Department of Physics, SFS College, Nagpur
- Rev. Fr. Praveen D'Souza, Offi. Principal, S.F.S College Nagpur

CALL FOR PAPER PRESENTATION AS PPT

The theme of the International Conference is "Science and Religion Interfacing." PowerPoint Presentations are invited on the following:

Central Theme:

Bridging faith and technology: Human dignity, ethics and AI in the service of humanity

Topic:

The increasing use of Artificial Intelligence: Challenges, and opportunities in everyday life

Sub-topics:

- Exploring the role of AI in religious rituals and whether robots can perform sacred rites.
- Examining AI and moral decision-making and whether code can have a conscience.
- Analysing whether an AI-driven humanoid can be held morally responsible for its actions.
- Understanding deepfakes and truth in an era when seeing is no longer believing.
- Comparing AI companionship with human connection and whether people will prefer machines.
- Assessing job automation and human dignity and how AI-driven automation will impact the human workforce.
- Investigating artificial empathy and whether machines can truly understand human suffering.
- Evaluating the use of artificial intelligence in sciences and how much decision-making power should be given to AI.

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

A panel of subject experts will review the submitted abstracts. On acceptance of the abstract, the communicating author will be notified to proceed with the PPT submission. The abstract should be submitted in the following format:

- Length of the Abstract: 500-1000 words
- Document Type: MS Word / PDF format
- Acceptable Similarity: Up to 15%
- Paper Size: A4 size with 1 Inch Margin on all sides
- Body: Times New Roman, Font Size 12, 1.5 Line Spacing, and Alignment Justified
- Title: Times New Roman, Font Size 14, Bold, 1.5 Line Spacing, and Alignment Justified
- Author(s) Details (Full name, designation and affiliation) must be mentioned below the title.
- The abstracts must include Objectives, Major Findings and Conclusion.
- The abstract must have at least three (03) keywords.
- Submit your abstract to: srdsfs2006@gmail.com

Last date of abstract submission is 25th September 2026.

AWARDS

SFS College - IISR Committee will give awards for the best PPT presentation. Further details will be given later.

PANEL DISCUSSION

A panel discussion on the conference theme is being planned as part of conference. Students from diverse religious backgrounds are invited to share perspectives from their own traditions, enabling participants to gain deeper insights into the ethical and human dimensions of AI across faiths.

ACCOMMODATIONS

While we are unable to provide accommodation due to logistical constraints, we will gladly assist you with recommendations for nearby hotels and local travel options.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Participants whose abstracts are accepted will be notified and must register individually by completing the online Google Form (<https://forms.gle/PjjcGi5ej1Bba3Hc7>) and uploading the payment details. For multiple authors, each author must pay the registration fee and submit their forms individually. The registration link will be shared through email to the communicating authors for the shortlisted abstracts. E-certificates will be issued to all the registered participants. All authors must register separately.

The registration fee for the conference:

Category	Before the Last Date
Faculties with Presentation	₹700/-
Faculties and Research scholars	₹500/-
Students	₹300/-
Foreign Delegates	\$20/-

PAYMENT DETAILS

Bank details for payment of registration fee

BENEFICIARY NAME: SFS College
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SCAN TO PAY

Last date for all payment is 5th October 2026

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