## THE 3RD GLOBAL AUTISM CONVENTION



# Autism in the Global South: Culture, Community, and Neurodiversity



# 21st - 25th January, 2026

St. John's Auditorium, St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, John Nagar, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India



## WELCOME MESSAGE BY THE CONFERENCE CHAIR



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Global Autism Convention 2026, an international gathering focused on "Autism in the Global South: Culture, Community, and Neurodiversity". This third edition builds on the foundation laid in 2011 and 2018 and aims to be a vibrant platform for dialogue, learning, and action across cultures and contexts.

This year, we especially highlight the voices and innovations emerging from low and middle-income countries, where the need for inclusive, sustainable, and culturally grounded approaches is urgent. As professionals, self-advocates, families, and policymakers, we each bring essential pieces to the puzzle of meaningful autism support.

On behalf of the organising team, I extend heartfelt thanks to our institutional partners, collaborating NGOs, sponsors, and every participant contributing to this global conversation. Let this be not just a conference, but a collective step toward systems that respect and celebrate neurodiversity.



Warm regards, Dr. Vijaya Raman



## ABOUT THE GLOBAL AUTISM CONVENTION (GAC)



The Global Autism Convention is a collaborative platform that brings together clinicians, educators, families, self-advocates, and policy leaders to explore autism through a lens of neurodiversity, equity, and cultural relevance, especially in low and middle-income countries (LMICs).

The 1<sup>st</sup> GAC was held from May 19–21, 2011 at the NIMHANS Convention Centre, Bengaluru. It was jointly organised by the Rotary Club Bangalore West, ASHA, St. John's Medical College Hospital, and other autism-related organisations. It highlighted ground-level interventions and led to the proposal of a national autism professionals' network.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> GAC was conceptualized and led by Dr. M.V. Ashok, the founding Head of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Unit and CAREADD at St. John's Medical College Hospital in 2018. It marked a landmark moment for inclusive, community-rooted autism dialogue in India, bringing together national and international voices to center lived experiences and collaborative care.



Dr. M. V. Ashok

The upcoming third edition of GAC continues to expand the conversation across the Global South, and championing inclusion, neurodiversity, and culturally responsive care.



## ROOTED IN VISION, COMMITTED TO CARE



# CENTRE FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH AND EXCELLENCE IN AUTISM AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS (CAREADD)



CAREADD at St. John's Medical College Hospital was envisioned by Dr. M.V. Ashok to provide holistic, culturally sensitive care for children, adolescents, and adults on the autism spectrum. It offers diagnostic assessments, early intervention, parent-mediated programs, life skills training, and support for cooccurring conditions. CAREADD is closely linked to the COMDEALL Early Intervention Centre and serves one of the largest cohorts of autistic children and youth in the region, with combining clinical community care research and engagement.

# CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY UNIT, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY, SJMCH



The Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Unit, established in 1994 by Dr. M.V. Ashok, delivers comprehensive mental health services for children and adolescents. It runs outpatient and inpatient care, and specialized clinics for autism, adolescent health, trauma, and eating disorders. The unit offers an RGUHS-recognized Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and trains students across disciplines. Its work integrates clinical care, academic training, and policy-driven research, reflecting a long-standing commitment to inclusive and developmentally informed mental health services.





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## PARTNERING ORGANISATIONS





# ASHA (Academy for Severe Handicaps & Autism)

Established in 1995, Academy for Severe
Handicaps and Autism provides
education along with a comprehensive
set of therapies to individuals with autism
spectrum disorders. In over two decades,
ASHA has evolved and developed
capabilities and expertise to address the
different needs of over 500 individuals
and their families.



#### **Shristi Special Academy**

Shristi Special Academy is a non-profit organisation, established in 1995. Shristi harnesses the power of inclusive special education and structured training to help people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities gain invaluable life skills, thereby enabling them to live more enriching and contributory lives.



#### ALFAA - Assisted Living For Autistic Adults

ALFAA is a residential care center founded in 2009, with the primary objective of providing good quality living conditions and facilities for male adults with Autism, Down Syndrome, and other intellectual and developmental disabilities in India.



#### **Bubbles Centre for Autism**

Started in 2009, Bubbles Centre for Autism is the school program of Biswa Gouri Charitable Trust. Bubbles Centre for Autism addresses the learning needs of children in the age group of 3 – 15 years diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Intellectual Disabilities.





## PARTNERING ORGANISATIONS





# Spastics Society of Karnataka (SSK)

Spastics Society of Karnataka (SSK) is a pioneering NGO dedicated to the comprehensive welfare of children and young adults with developmental disabilities. With a profound impact on over 6000 students and their families every year, SSK is steadfast in their mission to support those with cerebral palsy, autism spectrum disorders, intellectual and learning disabilities, language disorders, and other developmental conditions.



#### **Autism Society of India**

Autism Society of India was founded by a team of parents and professionals in May 2006, with more than 800 members across India. Advocacy for the inclusion of Autism as a disability in the PWD Act of 1995 is the major goal of Autism Society of India. The aim of the Autism Society of India is to function as a National body for concerted action on all matters relating to persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families.



#### Ishanya India Foundation (IIF)

Ishanya India Foundation is an organisation for rehabilitation and empowerment of persons with disabilities established in the year 2015. IIF operates out of 3 verticals - Education, Livelihood and Capacity Building. IIF follows a strength-based model that fosters agency, workplace competencies, and skills in individuals with neurodevelopmental disabilities, enabling them to become independent and empowered.





# REGISTRATION FEE STRUCTURE



Category	Early Bird (by Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Regular (Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Jan 20 <sup>th</sup> )	On-Spot (Jan 21 <sup>th</sup> - Jan 25 <sup>th</sup> )
Professionals (SAARC including India)	₹8,850	₹11,800	₹17,700
Students / Trainees	₹5,900	₹9,440	₹11,800
NGO Representatives	₹7,080	₹9,440	₹14,160
Above 65	Free	₹1,770	₹3,540
International Delegates (Students)	\$236	\$354	\$472
International Delegates (Professionals)	\$472	\$708	\$944
Parents/ Self- Advocates/ Special Educators	₹4,720	₹5,900	₹7,080
Group Registration	<ul> <li>20% discount is applicable for group of 4 registrations</li> <li>30% discount is applicable for group of 7 registrations</li> <li>40% discount is applicable for group of 10 registrations</li> </ul>		

#### **NOTE:**

- All fees are inclusive of 18% GST
- "Professionals" includes psychiatrists, psychologists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, paediatricians, social workers, and other clinicians.
- Fees apply for the entire conference.
- For group registrations, please email <u>gacregister2026@gmail.com</u>. A separate registration link will be shared with you.



## REGISTRATION DETAILS



## TO REGISTER



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## www.globalautismconvention.com

## **Registration Includes:**

- Delegate Kit
- Access to: Inaugural Function, Scientific Sessions, Poster
   Exhibition Halls, and Cultural Evening
- ✓ Breakfast and Lunches on all conference days, and Gala dinner on 23<sup>rd</sup> January
- Certificate of Attendance (KMC and RCI accreditation for eligible medical professionals)

For further queries regarding registration, contact:

Ms. Pramila - 9343222772 Mr. James - 6360361733 gacregister2026@gmail.com



# **RESOURCE PERSONS**



The following are the confirmed speakers for the conference.

More distinguished speakers will be announced soon.



Prof. Valsamma Eapen Chair - Infant, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, UNSW Sydney, Sydney



Prof. Naoufel Gaddour
Associate Professor of Child and
Adolescent Psychiatry,
University of Monastir, Tunisia



Prof. Paramala Santosh
Professor in Developmental
Neuropsychiatry &
Psychopharmacology ,
Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology &
Neurosciences (IoPPN), King's
College London, England



Prof. Daniel Fung
Chief Executive Officer,
Institute of Mental Health (IMH),
Singapore



Prof. Lonnie Zwaigenbaum
Professor & Director Autism
Research,
Department of Pediatrics,
University of Alberta, Edmonton,
Canada



Dr. Ammar Albanna
Consultant Child and Adolescent
Psychiatrist,
Director Al Amal Psychiatric Hospital,
UAE



Ms. Kavita Kamat

Behaviour Analyst and the Clinical
Director,
Laurel Behaviour Support Services,
Burnaby, Canada



Associate Professor, Nottingham Trent University, England Researcher, Com DEALL Trust, Bengaluru, India

Dr. Matthew Belmonte



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Ms. Alice Mamaga Akosua Amoako
Disability Inclusion Consultant & Digital
Social Entrepreneur.
Director - Autism Ambassadors of Ghana.
Lead - Autism Aid App Project.



**Dr. Sunita Maleku Amatya**Chairperson,
AutismCare Nepal Society



Dr. Shoba Srinath
Retired Professor,
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
NIMHANS, Bengaluru, India



Dr. Nishant Goyal
Associate Professor of Psychiatry,
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry,
Central Institute of Psychiatry,
Ranchi, India



Dr. Paul Russell
Senior Professor, Child and Adolescent
Psychiatry, Christian Medical College,
Vellore, India



Dr. Prathibha Karanth
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Dr. Satish Girimaji
Retired Professor, Child and Adolescent
Psychiatry, NIMHANS
Consultant Child and Adolescent
Psychiatrist,
Ramaiah Memorial Hospital,
Bengaluru, India



**Dr. Varghese Punnoose**Professor & HOD, Psychiatry,
Principal, Government Medical
College, Kottayam, India





# Global South & Equity

- Autism in the Global South: Unique Challenges (Keynote)
- Community-Led Approaches in Low-Resource Settings (Keynote)
- From Bench to Village: Translating Autism Service Models (Keynote)
- Navigating Government Schemes & Implementation Roadblocks (Panel)
- ACT Training Tracks for Community Health Workers & Pediatricians (Special Session)

# Q Gender & Diversity

- Autism in Girls, Women & Gender-Diverse People (Keynote)
- Gender Dysphoria in Autistic Youth (Symposium)
- Parenting on the Spectrum: Journeys, Strategies & Shared Wisdom (Panel)





# Innovation & Technology

- Innovations Shaping Autism Care Globally (Keynote)
- Digital Interventions in Autism (Symposium)
- Neuromodulation in Autism (Symposium)
- Co-Creating Services with Patients and Communities (Keynote)
- Visual Thinking, Art & Movement in Therapy (Symposium)
- Design for Inclusion Award: Prototyping Sprint (Special Session)

# **Clinical Advances**

- Early Communication and Lifelong Outcomes (Keynote)
- What Causes Autism? Genes, Brains & Cognition (Symposium)
- Pharmacotherapy in Autism: What We Know & What Must Change (Keynote)
- Medical & Psychiatric Comorbidities (Symposium)
- Autism Assessment: Tools, Adaptations & Reports (Workshop)





- Parenting in Autism (Keynote)
- Community Living for Autistic Adults (Keynote)
- Growing Older on the Spectrum (Keynote)
- Setting Up Inclusive Schools & Child Development Centres (Symposium)
- Designing Sensory-Friendly Public Spaces (Symposium)
- Feeding & Eating Disorders (Workshop)
- Therapeutic Play & Engagement Strategies (Workshop)
- Addressing Challenging Behaviours & Teaching Adaptive Skills (Workshop)
- Supporting Autistic Children Who Have Experienced Abuse (Workshop)
- Live Demonstration: Sharing an Autism Diagnosis with Parents (Special Session)
- Schooling on the Spectrum (Panel Discussion)
- Shadows in Schools and Centres (Symposium)
- Autism and Bullying (Symposium)
- Mental Health of Professionals Working with Children & Teens with Autism (Panel)
- CAM, AYUSH & Yoga-Based Approaches in Autism Care (Panel)
- Using AAC effectively (Workshop)





# Research & Knowledge Sharing

- Achieving Timely and Neuro-Affirmative Diagnosis (Keynote)
- Doing Research and Publishing in Autism (Symposium)
- Voices of Autistic Self-Advocates and those with lived experiences (Open House)
- Sibling voices (Open House)
- Financial Planning for Families of Autistic Children (Open House)



# THE RUKMINI KRISHNASWAMY AWARD FOR THE BEST PAPER PRESENTATION



Submissions are invited on any topic reflecting the conference theme -

Autism in the Global South: Culture, Community, and Neurodiversity

## **Q** Oral Paper Presentations

- For registered delegates presenting original research or projects aligned with the conference themes.
- Format: 8-minute presentation + 2-minute Q&A.
- Abstracts (max 250 words) to be submitted via the GAC 2026 website.
- Accepted abstracts will feature in the Conference Proceedings.
- Note: Case reports/series will not be accepted as oral presentations.



# THE VERONICA MATHIAS AWARD FOR THE BEST POSTER PRESENTATION



Submissions are invited on any topic reflecting the conference theme -

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## C E-Poster Presentations

- Digital posters on innovative, culturally relevant, or community-driven work.
- Format: Maximum 3 slides (16:9 landscape).
- Displayed on 42" digital screens; presenters engage with delegates during poster sessions.
- Case reports may be submitted as E-Posters (format: Introduction – Case Description – Discussion/Conclusion).



# AWARD PRESENTATIONS PAPER & POSTER

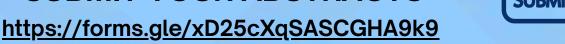


## **Q** General Notes

- Presenters must be registered delegates.
- Abstracts should follow this format:
   Background-Objectives-Methods-Results-Conclusion
  (except case reports as noted above)
- Abstracts should contain a maximum of 250 words.
- Submission deadline: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Judging criteria will be shared with accepted presenters along with the acceptance mail



## **SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACTS**





If your abstract is accepted, authors will be notified via email. Accepted presenters are required to complete their registration within the specified timeline. Detailed instructions for preparing your oral presentation, poster, or e-poster will be shared along with the acceptance notification.

For further queries, contact: scientificcommittee.gac2026@gmail.com



## SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS



## **Q** Symposium

## Proposals should:

- Address issues relevant to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).
- Highlight interdisciplinary and cross-cultural perspectives.
- Integrate science, services, and lived experience.
- Focus on innovation, equity, and culturally grounded practice.

## Symposium Format

- Number of symposia: Limited to 6–8 (curated by the Scientific Committee).
- Duration: 90 minutes per symposium.
- Composition: 3–4 speakers and one chairperson/moderator.
- Suggested flow: 12–15 minutes per talk, followed by 15–20 minutes of combined discussion and Q&A.

## Deadline:

December 15th, 2025



## **GAC 2026 TRAVEL EDUCATION GRANT**

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The Travel Education Grant supports students, trainees, earlycareer professionals, and practitioners from India and other lowand middle-income countries to attend GAC 2026

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Partial reimbursement of travel expenses

GRANT COVERAGE

Waiver of registration fees

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Modest accommodation support

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants should submit the following documents:

- Completed online application form
- Curriculum Vitae (maximum 3 pages).
- Abstract acceptance letter (if applicable).
- A brief statement (max. 500 words)

APPLICATION FORM: <a href="https://forms.gle/STe56mw4jXMBT94D9">https://forms.gle/STe56mw4jXMBT94D9</a>

**DEADLINE:** December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

For more info, please contact:
Scientific Committee, Global Autism Convention 2026
Email: <a href="mailto:scientificcommittee.gac2026@gmail.com">scientificcommittee.gac2026@gmail.com</a>



# GAC 2026 DIGITAL SOUVENIR



We invite contributions to the GAC 2026 Digital Souvenir, a commemorative e-publication highlighting scientific, clinical, and community insights from the convention.

### **ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

- Short essays or reflections on autism research, care, or policy
- Commentaries on innovative practices in LMICs
- Case experiences or clinical pearls (de-identified, max. 500 words)
- Perspectives from trainees, early-career professionals, and senior faculty
- Tributes to mentors and pioneers in autism care and research

## **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

- Word limit: Max 1000 words
- Format: Word / PDF
- Referencing: Vancouver style (if applicable)
- Contributions will be reviewed by the scientific committee
- Selected entries will appear in the official GAC 2026 Digital Souvenir (PDF) to be shared with all registered delegates

**Send your submissions to:** scientificcommittee.gac2026@gmail.com

**Deadline:** December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### WHY CONTRIBUTE?

- Disseminate your scientific perspectives to an international audience
- Showcase innovative practices from diverse contexts
- Become part of the archival record of one of Asia's largest autism gathering



## **AWARDS & COMPETITIONS**



### **COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD**

The Community Impact Award honours community-driven autism initiatives that create lasting change through inclusion, sustainability, and respect for neurodiversity.

Deadline: January 15th, 2026

For more details: <a href="https://forms.gle/kkd7RTHQ8oMT34xb8">https://forms.gle/kkd7RTHQ8oMT34xb8</a>

#### MASCOT DESIGN COMPETITION

The mascot of the Global Autism Convention (GAC) 2026 will serve as the visual embodiment of the conference's values, aspirations, and spirit. It is not just a symbol, but a companion to the journey of creating an inclusive, neurodiversity-affirming world.

Deadline: December 15th, 2025

For more details: https://forms.gle/gAN4uTWxTHzewnhA7

### **NEURODIVERSITY ESSAY & CREATIVE EXPRESSION COMPETITION**

This competition invites young people to explore and express their understanding of autism, neurodiversity, and inclusion, especially in cultural and community contexts within LMICs through essay writing.

Deadline: January 15th, 2026

For more details: <a href="https://forms.gle/VAGWd9MA9naoNu6WA">https://forms.gle/VAGWd9MA9naoNu6WA</a>



All prize winners will be felicitated during the valedictory function at the conference.



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# ABOUT SJNAHS THE HOST INSTITUTE



St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences (SJNAHS) is a self-financing private Institution. St. John's Medical College, Bengaluru established in 1963 by the CBCI with the aim of training healthcare personnel committed to serving the poor in the margins, was dedicated as a memorial of the XXXVIII International Eucharistic Congress held in Bombay in 1964 and named after St. John the Baptist, the Patron of Pope John XXIII, who was an ardent supporter of this initiative of the Catholic Church in India.

#### SJNAHS consists of:

- A Medical College counted as one of the best in the nation.
- A state of the art Hospital with 1350 beds for all medical and surgical departments including super-specialty departments.
- A top-class College of Nursing.
- A Research Institute the first in a medical school - with the most modern facilities including a Biorepository and An Institute of Health Care Management and Paramedical Studies.

Spread over 132 acres of verdant campus in the salubrious climate of the Garden City of Bengaluru, this institution stands testimony to the purpose for which it was established.













# ABOUT ST. JOHN'S AUDITORIUM THE VENUE











St. John's Auditorium is located within the prestigious St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences campus in Koramangala, Bengaluru. With a seating capacity of 900, a floating capacity of 1,000-1,500, and dining facilities for up to 400 guests, the auditorium is well-suited for large-scale events such as conferences, performances, and formal gatherings. Known for its excellent acoustics, modern AV setup, and comfortable ambience, it offers a professional yet welcoming environment. Its central location and ample parking make it easily accessible for attendees from across the city. Workshops will be held in multiple halls/ auditoriums across the campus.



# ACCOMMODATION



Limited accommodation will be available at St. John's Annexe on a first-come, first-serve basis for registered delegates of GAC 2026.

For details, contact: gacregister2026@gmail.com

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOTELS NEARBY**

(For participants who are unable to secure rooms at the Annexe)



The hotels listed are suggested options for delegates' convenience and are located in proximity to the conference venue. Participants are welcome to make independent accommodation arrangements as per their preference. The GAC Organising Committee will not be responsible for reservations, availability, pricing, or services provided by these establishments.

### OCTAVE STUDIO HOTEL



69, 1st Main Rd, KHB Colony, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560095



https://www.octavehotels.com/



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## **P** BLUPETAL HOTEL



60, Jyoti Nivas College Rd, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560095



http://www.blupetalhotel.com/





# ACCOMMODATION



## **PREGENTS INN GRAND**



No:3, 80 Feet Rd, near 91 Spring Board, opposite Indoor stadium, Koramangala 8th Block, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560095



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## **† HOTEL PEARLINN**



No.10, 2nd Cross, 100 Ft, Intermediate Ring Rd, near Sony World, near Ejipura Signal, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560047



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## **LA SARA REGENT**



11, 16th B Main Rd, KHB Block Koramangala, Koramangala 4-B Block, 4th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560034



http://www.lasarahotels.com/



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### **† HOTEL CENTURY INN**



79, Hosur Rd, Old Madiwala, Madiwala, 1st Stage, BTM Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560068



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46/B, 18th Main Rd, near St. Johns hospital, Santhosapuram, Koramangala 2nd Block, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560034



www.astrahotels.in



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## **† SEASONS SUITES**



95, 60 Feet Rd, KHB Colony, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560095



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# PLACES TO VISIT IN BENGALURU GARDEN CITY OF INDIA





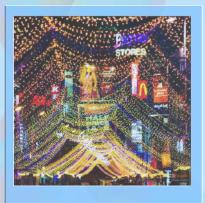
Lal Bagh Botanical Garden



Vidhana Soudha



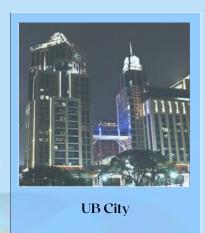
Bannerghatta National Park



**Commercial Street** 



**Wonderla Amusement Park** 

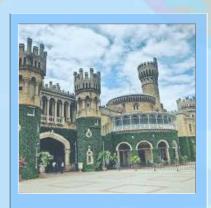




**Cubbon Park** 



National Gallery of Modern Art



Bengaluru Palace





## **IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES**



**01** DEC, 2025

**Early Bird Registration Ends** 

**01** DEC, 2025

**Travel Grant Application Deadline** 

**15** DEC, 2025

**Abstract Submission Deadline** 

**15** DEC, 2025

**Symposium Proposal Deadline** 

**15** DEC, 2025

**Digital Souvenir Deadline** 

**15** DEC, 2025

**Mascot Design Deadline** 

**15** JAN, 2026

Community Impact Award Deadline

**15** JAN, 2026

**Essay Competition Registration Deadline** 

21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2026
Conference Dates



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