South Asian Artificial Intelligence Conclave, 2026
(SAAI Conclave 2026)

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About the Conclave

The *South Asian Artificial Intelligence Conclave, 2026 (SAAI Conclave 2026)* is a premier international academic and policy-focused conclave organised by the *Centre for Development of Intellectual Property and Research (CDIPR), Naovina Development of Intellectual Property and Research Foundation*, in collaboration with the *Google for Education* and the *Data & Society Research Institute*, and powered by the *Community*

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for Academic Research and Development Foundation. Building on the resounding success of the *India AI Summit, 2026*, the SAAI Conclave 2026 is set to expand its global footprint by hosting *participants, scholars, policymakers, and institutions* from *88 nations across the world*, making it one of the most globally representative AI-focused academic and policy conclaves emerging from the Global South. The Conclave is conceived as a high-impact interdisciplinary forum dedicated to examining the rapid evolution of *Artificial Intelligence (AI)* and its profound implications for *society, governance, law, economy, innovation, and human values* across South Asia and the Global South. As AI systems increasingly shape *decision-making, public services,*

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markets, and *everyday life*, the SAAI Conclave 2026 recognises the urgent need for informed dialogue that bridges technology with ethics, regulation, intellectual property, data governance, and inclusive development. Bringing together *AI researchers, data scientists, engineers, legal scholars, policymakers, educators, industry leaders, social scientists,* and *students*, the Conclave aims to foster responsible AI ecosystems that are transparent, accountable, human-centric, and development-oriented. Special emphasis is placed on contextualising AI for South Asian realities addressing issues of inequality, access, cultural diversity, democratic governance, and sustainable growth.

Conclave Objectives

- *Promote interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral dialogue on artificial intelligence and data-driven technologies.*

- *Examine legal, ethical, and policy challenges posed by AI systems and algorithmic governance.*

- *Encourage responsible, explainable, and human-centric AI innovation.*

- *Strengthen regional and global research collaboration in AI and allied fields.*

- *Provide a platform for students and early-career researchers to engage with global experts.*

- *Explore AI's role in sustainable development, social inclusion, and public interest governance in South Asia.*

Conclave Date & Format

- **Dates:** 20th March, 2026
- **Format:** Virtual Mode

Key Themes and Sub-Themes

Participants are invited to submit papers engaging with the following thematic tracks:

1. **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning**

   - *Machine learning, deep learning, and generative AI*

   - *Natural language processing and computer vision*

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- *Responsible, explainable, and trustworthy AI*
- *Human–AI interaction and collaborative intelligence*
- *AI safety and risk mitigation*

2. **AI, Law, Ethics, and Governance**

- *Regulation of AI and algorithmic decision-making*
- *Data protection, privacy, and surveillance concerns*
- *Bias, discrimination, and fairness in AI systems*
- *AI liability, accountability, and legal personhood debates*
- *Global and regional AI governance frameworks*

3. **AI for Social Good and Sustainable Development**

- *AI in healthcare, education, and public welfare*
- *AI-driven solutions for climate change and sustainability*
- *Smart agriculture and food security*
- *Inclusive and accessible AI technologies*
- *AI in disaster management and resilience*

4. **Data, Digital Infrastructure, and Platform Governance**

- *Data governance, ownership, and sharing models*
- *Platform economies and algorithmic power*
- *Digital public infrastructure and AI*
- *Cybersecurity and AI-enabled threats*
- *Cross-border data flows and digital sovereignty*

5. **Innovation, Intellectual Property, and AI Economy**

- *AI and intellectual property rights*
- *Patents, copyright, and ownership of AI-generated works*
- *Open-source AI and collaborative innovation*
- *AI startups, entrepreneurship, and scaling*

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- *Technology transfer and commercialization*

6. AI, Society, and the Future of Work

- *Automation and labour markets*
- *Skills, education, and AI literacy*
- *AI and workplace surveillance*
- *Gender, diversity, and inclusion in AI ecosystems*
- *Socio-economic impacts of intelligent automation*

7. AI, Democracy, and Digital Constitutionalism

- *AI and electoral integrity*
- *Algorithmic influence on public opinion and speech*
- *AI, misinformation, and deepfakes*
- *Constitutional limits on automated governance*
- *Protecting democratic institutions in the age of AI*

8. AI in Education, Research, and Knowledge Systems

- *AI-enabled learning platforms and digital classrooms*
- *Academic integrity, AI tools, and assessment ethics*
- *AI in legal, scientific, and interdisciplinary research*
- *Open knowledge, digital libraries, and AI curation*
- *Capacity-building and AI literacy in the Global South*

9. Defence, Security, and Strategic AI

- *Autonomous weapons and international humanitarian law*
- *AI in national security and intelligence analysis*
- *Cyber warfare, AI-driven threats, and resilience*
- *Dual-use AI technologies and export controls*
- *Global norms and treaties on military AI*

10. Indigenous Knowledge, Culture, and AI Futures

- *AI and protection of traditional knowledge systems*

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- *Cultural bias, language models, and regional identities*
- *AI for preservation of heritage, languages, and folklore*
- *Community-centric and participatory AI design*
- *Decolonising AI and Global South epistemologies*

Format and Presentation

The conference will be conducted *virtually* to allow accessible participation across geographies. Selected authors will present their papers in live sessions before an international audience comprising scholars, professionals, industry leaders and policy experts.

Recognition & Awards

Selected contributors will receive:

- *Publication in the International Edited Volume titled,* **"AI in South Asia: Shaping Intelligence for Inclusive Futures"** with **ISBN 978-81-998939-1-7**.
  (*To be published and distributed across 15 nations, with DoI, international editorial and institutional collaboration.*)
- **International Certificate of Presentation**
- **Global AI Scholar Award** *for outstanding research contributions demonstrating originality, impact, and policy relevance.*
- **Policy Innovation Award in AI Governance** *for papers offering actionable legal, regulatory, or governance frameworks.*
- **Emerging AI Researcher Award** *for students, doctoral scholars, and early-career academics.*
- **Top 15 Students & Researchers** *will be selected for the* **AI Policy Research Fellowship**, *with mentorship, certification, and opportunities for policy research, publications, and global collaboration.*
- **Awardees and selected contributors** *may receive invitations to contribute to future international conferences, edited volumes, expert panels, and policy consultations.*

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Call for Papers Timeline

- **Abstract Submission Deadline: 10th March, 2026**

  (Abstracts should be between 250–300 words, clearly indicating the research question, methodology and relevance to the Conference themes.)

- **Notification of Abstract Selection: 12th March, 2026**

  (Selected authors will be notified via email and invited to submit full papers.)

- **Full Paper Submission Deadline: 18th March, 2026**

  (Full-length papers should be 3,000–4,000 words and follow the Conference's *Submission Guidelines*.)

- **Presentation Confirmation by Authors: 18th March, 2026**

  (Selected participants must confirm attendance and complete registration.)

- **Date of Conference: 20th March, 2026**

Abstract Submission Form: https://forms.gle/uqnrnSkbfoha7Dmr8

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Submission Guidelines

Categories:

- Research Article: 3,000 to 6,000 words
- Policy Paper / Legislative Analysis: 3,000 to 5,000 words
- Case Studies / Legal Commentaries: 2,000 to 4,000 words

Format and Structure:

- **Font:** Times New Roman
- **Body Text:** 12pt, Justified Alignment
- **Headings:** 14pt, Centre Alignment
- **Subheadings:** 13pt
- **Footnotes:** 10pt, Left Alignment
- **Citation Style:** Bluebook 21st Edition
- **Spacing:** 1.5
- **Language:** English only

Abstract: Each submission must include a concise abstract not exceeding **300 words** summarising the core ideas of the paper with 5 keywords.

Originality:

- Submissions must be entirely original and unpublished.
- Plagiarism should not exceed **10%**, and **AI-generated content is not allowed**. Submissions violating these guidelines will be rejected.

Co-Authorship: Papers may have up to **two authors**.

Review Process:

- A **two-stage internal review** will assess submissions.
- Authors may be required to revise their papers based on feedback regarding content, structure, or formatting.

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Why Participate?

- Engage in one of South Asia's most forward-looking AI forums where *artificial intelligence, policy, ethics, law, and society* converge to shape the future of innovation and governance in the Global South.

- Present your research and ideas before a *global audience representing 88 nations*, including international scholars, industry leaders, policymakers, technologists, and civil society experts.

- Be published in an International Edited Volume titled, ***"AI in South Asia: Shaping Intelligence for Inclusive Futures"*,** Co-curated with **Google for Education** and the **Data & Society Research Institute**.

- Build meaningful connections with *global organisations, research institutes, technology platforms, innovation hubs, and advocacy networks*, unlocking pathways for joint research, policy engagement, and future funding opportunities.

- Strengthen your academic profile through international certification, indexed publication, and expert mentorship, positioning yourself for future leadership in research and policy.

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