

Indian Association for Science Fiction Studies[®]

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In collaboration with the host

Department of Humanities, Krishnasamy College of Engineering & Technology, Cuddalore Tamil Nadu,

(Affiliated Anna University, TN & Approved by AICTE)

Is Organizing

26th Annual/ 11th International Science Fiction/Techno-Fiction Conference on
Blended mode (Offline & Online)

Venue:

Department of Humanities, Krishnasamy College of Engineering & Technology,
Anand Nagar, Nellikuppam Main Road, S. Kumara Puram, Cuddalore - 607 109.
Tamil Nadu.

On Friday 10th & 11th July 2026

(May be extended to the next day if the entries for paper presentations/narration of self-authored stories exceeds the limit)

Brochure Version: **A series: 1.00**

Offline parallel sessions: At the venue at various locations within the campus

Online Platform: Zoom Cloud Recurring Meeting

Daily Timings: 09.30 Hours to – 17.30 Hours (IST)

Theme of the Conference:

Indian Science Fiction: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow and allied topics like Aliens, Artificial Intelligence, Humanities and Science Fiction, Humorous SF, Languages and SF: SF in Bengali, Hindi, and other constitutionally recognized Indian languages; Science and Science Fiction; Science Fiction in Print; Technology and Science Fiction; Visual Science Fiction; My Experiments with Writing; Climate Fiction (Cli-Fi); SF/TF in English language and other allied topics.

Modes of Expression:

1. Offline participation: Presentation of critical scholarly papers either by reading/ speech/ lecture/PPT/combination of PPT and audio commentary/ Narration of Self -authored Science Fiction Short stories/plenary session/special invited guest speech.
2. Online participation on Zoom cloud meeting time slots as per the program schedule: Presentation of critical scholarly papers either by reading/ speech/ lecture/PPT/combination of PPT and audio commentary/

Narration of Self -authored Science Fiction Short stories/plenary session/special invited guest speech.

3. Online participation by sharing the prerecorded video google.doc link with the organizers in advance to arrange to beam them on online mode during the timeslot as per the proposed program list: Presentation of critical scholarly papers either by reading/ speech/ lecture/PPT/combo of PPT and audio commentary/ Narration of Self -authored Science Fiction Short stories/plenary session/special invited guest speech.

Duration for each presentation/narration of stories (Offline/Online/Pre-recorded video) is limited to **15** minutes only.

Time Management: For offline presentation: It is mandatory for every paper presenter/s/ narrator to report 15 minutes before the scheduled time allotted as per the program list at the dais and wait there itself for their respective turn to present. If they are not present at that time their program stands cancelled without any notice.

4. Art competitions*: Art session for students: Students aged above 12+ years (as on 1.1.2026) studying in any class, course and in any institution can take part on the spot drawing, sketching, caricatures, animation, short film making, collaging images and others within a duration of two hours. The winners will be rewarded with suitable

prize and every participant will get a certification of participation.

* Details will be notified in the next version of the brochure.

5. Self-Nomination** for Best innovative work for authors, scholars and short film makers in the area of science, science fiction, technology, humanities, languages and social services. The selected best writers, groups, contributors, institutions will be given prizes with certificates during the valedictory function.

(Conditions apply: prescribed fees to be remitted for each self-nomination. It will be refunded in case the nomination does not fit into the prescribed frame work of the rules and regulations).

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5. Science Exhibition*** will be organized within the campus.
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Highlights of the conference:

Guest of Honour: Mrs. Ujjwala and Mr. Ananth Panduranga Deshpande, Honorary Secretary, Marathi Vidnyan Parishad, Mumbai. Maharashtra State.

Keynote Address: Dr. Balaji A Navle, Professor, Dept of English, Devagiri College, Aurangabad, Maharashtra State.

Special invited Guest lectures:

Topic I : My Experiments with Writing:

1. Dr. Ravi Kopparapu, Planetary Scientist, NASA, USA.
2. Dr. Ashish Mahabal, Astronomer, Data Scientist and SF writer, Caltech, Pasadena, USA.
3. Dr. Suparno Banerjee, Professor at English, College of Liberal Arts, Texas State University, USA.
4. Mr. Nilesh Malvankar, SF author in Marathi, Maryland, USA.

Topic II “Contemporary Indian Anglophone Science Fiction: Trends and Issues”

1. Sami Ahmad Khan Ph.D., Sami Ahmad Khan Ph.D. Assistant Professor (Science Fiction Studies), Centre for English Studies, School of Language, Literature, and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi - 110067

Topic III “Futuristic Vision: Trends and Transformation in Contemporary English SF”

2. Dr. Bandana Devi, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Government Degree College, Drang at Narla Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, India-175060.

Topic IV “Science Fiction on Indian Screen: Prospectus and Limitations”

3. Ms. Neha Jain, Executive Secretary, IASFS, Research Scholar, National Institute of Technology, Silchar, Assam

Topic V “Data Analytics and Science Fiction”

4. Dr. Sahana Prasad, Professor, statistics, Mathematics, Data Science and a prolific writer; 710, 12 Cross, 7th Block West, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560070.

Topic VI “Indian Science Fiction during the Pandemic Era”

5. Dr. Purushothaman KS, Former Principal of Government College, Krishnagiri; Vellore, Tamil Nadu. Founder- President, IASFS.

Main theme:

Indian Science Fiction: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: History and Contemporary Trend in each Indian constitutionally recognized language.

Punjabi: 1. Professor Devinder Pal Singh, Director of Canbridge Learning, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

Topic: Imagining the Cosmos in Punjabi: The Evolution of Science Fiction.

2. Professor Gurupreet Kaur, Head, Post Graduate Department of English Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, Sri Anandpur Sahib, Punjab.

Topic: Punjabi SF.

Assamese: Mr. Rothindra Nath Goswami- Renowned Assamese writer/recipient of Kedriya Sahithya Academy -Bal Sahitya award; Chief General Manager, Exploration and Development Directorate, ONGC, Kaulagarh Road, Dehradun-248001, Uttarakhand.

Hindi: Mrs. Swasti Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Satyawati College, University of Delhi, Delhi.

Bengali: History and contemporary Trend in Bengali SF
Ms. Sohini Chakraborty, Ph. D Scholar, Norwich, Norfolk, U.K.

“Climate Fiction in Bengali Language”:
Ms. Anjali Roongta, Student and freelance writer-journalist, Kolkata-700 009

Oriya: Ms. Rashmita Panigrahi, Research Scholar, Department of English, MATS University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India.

Kannada: "Kannada Science Fiction - A Recap of the Past"

Mrs. Savitha Srinivas, IPS, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Bengaluru-560001

“Tracks and Trends of Kannada Science Fiction (2008 - 2026)

Mrs. Seema Kulkarni, Co-Ordinator, Refugee Learning Center, Kaula Lumpur, Malaysia

Tamil: 1. Dr. Ayesha Era Natarasan, Convener of the Conference, Principal, Krishnasamy group pf Institution, Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu

2. Dr. Anand Arul Das Solomon, Assistant Professor of English, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli 620017.

Marathi: Dr. Ingole Nilam Amol, Department of English, Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Pune

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Contact and Registration:

All correspondences should be addressed to the convener of the conference using the

Conference email id: iasfsconf26@gmail.com;

(LINK for registration for the recipients of this mail: The esteemed members are exempted from the payment of Registration fees if they intend to partake as participants or observers for online/offline. The spouse of the participants and single escort are also exempted from the payment of registration fees.)

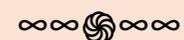
It is obligatory for everyone to register using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/wMPQSWDhzorKJdoi9>

This link is for the Prescribed Registration form for (Online/Offline/Online: for those who wish to submit the prerecorded video) it is applicable for – observers, the guest speakers, guest of honour, distinguished guests, chairpersons, moderators, panellists, invited guests for keynote address or for special lecture, anchor persons, master of the ceremony, executive committee members, organizing committee members, advisory committee members, management team members, founding members (spouse or single escort of the above each mentioned category of people); sponsors, donors, philanthropists, fiscal section staff, host college staff, sub-staff, house keeping force, volunteers, media persons, any other category of people to whom the organizers provide specify in the days to come.

Please note:

1. It is reiterated that it is obligatory for everyone to fill the prescribed proforma and submit individually.
2. They will all be exempted from the payment of prescribed registration fees.
3. Exempted for online/offline participation as observers or otherwise.
4. Last date for registration: Wednesday June 17, 2026: 23:59 hours.
5. However, it is desirable and humble request to each one of the above listed categories of people to register within a week from the date of communication to enable the organizers to make further preparations well in advance.



Further, it is to be noted that there is no need to attach, upload, produce, submit the original/xerox copies of proof of age, address proof, bank pass book, cheque leaf, identity cards. Our executive committee members will never ask you to share them over phone call/what's app call/ SMS/email.

The registered participants who are attending offline conference should carry proof of identity with them and should ONLY SHOW them to the concerned authorities on demand.

Children aged below 12 are allowed inside the campus but not allowed inside the conference venue/s. They

should be strictly guarded by the spouse or escort of the participants throughout the event.

The organizers are not responsible for any theft or loss of the participant/spouse/escort's belongings.

The organizers have the right to remove the registered participants/spouse/escort if they misbehave any time without giving any reason.

Calendar of events:

1. Register as soon as possible.
2. On or before 17.06.2026 Please submit the link of the pre-recorded video + Brief profile with permissible personal contact information for Who is Who section in the proposed anthology of *Indian Science Fiction: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow* – for an e-book form + Full-length papers/self-authored science fiction short story for publication following the MLA style of writing research papers+ abstract/synopsis and photo (Optional)
3. Each one can submit one scholarly paper and a self – authored short story for publication in the proposed anthology.

Disclaimer:

1.Note that the organizers are still negotiating with the established publisher and it is not finalized yet.

2.On or before 09.07.2026: The final program list and the for-Conference Zoom Cloud Meeting login credentials will be sent to the registered email only.

3.Dates of the conference: 10.07.2026 and 11.07.2026

4.May be extended by a day if the registration of participants exceeds our expected limit.

5.The conference could be postponed in case of unavoidable circumstances.

6. The registration fee payment made by any one will be reimbursed if there is “No Show”- This clause does not apply to you as you are already exempted from payment of Registration fees.

7. The convener of the conference is Dr. Ayesha Era Natarajan, Senior Principal, Cuddalore.

If it is absolute , please mail him to get the clarification: eranatarasan@yahoo.com;

8. For any update kindly visit frequently the menu “News” section in our official website: <https://iasfs.in>;

We find pleasure in serving you,

Dr.Srinarahari Secretary – General,

For IASFS executive committee.

Thank You