

Conference Report

The International Conference on **Generative AI for Education and Research: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Applications, Ethics and Future Directions** was organized by Mithra Dev Publications, Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu, India. The event was held in blended mode at Paavaiyar Arangam, Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, in collaboration with the Department of Education, Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal; Faculty of Liberal Arts, Shinawatra University, Thailand; Centre for Educational Research, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai; Department of Education, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli; Thiagarajar College of Preceptors (Aided), Madurai; and Vellalar College of Education, Erode. The conference aims to foster multidisciplinary discussions on integrating generative artificial intelligence in academic research and instructional design while exploring its ethical dimensions. Across the three days, a total of 115 research papers are being presented in both online and offline technical sessions.

The Inaugural Session of Day 1 commenced at 10.00 a.m. with the traditional Lighting of the Lamp, Tamil Thai Vaalthu and the University Song. The Welcome Address was delivered by **Dr. A. Vences Cyril**, Organising Secretary, Mithra Dev Publications, Sivakasi. Following an introduction to the scope of the conference was given by **Dr. Reena Ruby**, Associate Professor, MTU, Kodaikanal and then the official launching of the Conference Souvenir and the Inaugural Address were delivered by **Dr. P. Jeyappriya**, Registrar i/c, Mother Teresa Women's University. The Presidential Address was delivered by **Dr. K. Kala**, Vice Chancellor, Mother Teresa Women's University. Felicitations were rendered by **Dr. D. Ramani**, Coordinator, Department of Education, Mother Teresa Women's University, and the Vote of Thanks for the inaugural session was proposed by **Dr. A. Blessing Mary**, Associate Professor in Education, Mother Teresa Women's University (Chennai Campus).

In the morning academic session, **Dr. K. Thiyagu**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, Central University of Karnataka, delivered an insightful Resource Person Address on the topic "*Think Human, Create with AI: Reimagining Research and Innovation*".

Following the tea break, an engaging Panel Discussion titled "*Human Intelligence Meets Artificial Intelligence*" was conducted under the moderation of **Dr. S. Prakash**, Principal, Thiagarajar College of Preceptors (Aided), Madurai. The panel featured distinguished speakers who addressed key dimensions of AI:

- **Mr. B. Shanmugapriyan** (Loyola College, Chennai) on *Emotional Intelligence and AI*
- **Dr. A. Veliappan** (Manonmaniam Sundaranar University) on *Human-AI Collaboration in Education*
- **Dr. P. Suresh Prabu** (K.S.R. College of Education) on *AI Skills for Students*

- **Dr. C. Renuga Devi** (Mother Teresa Women's University) on *Future Careers with AI*
- **Dr. T. S. Reena Ruby** (Mother Teresa Women's University) on *Research Integrity and Responsible AI*
- **Dr. K. Thangavel** (Thiagarajar College of Preceptors) on *Digital Inclusion and Accessibility*

After lunch, the post-noon academic session featured a Resource Person Address by **Dr. Mayur Pujari**, Assistant Professor, Central University of Karnataka, who spoke on "*AI as a Pedagogical Partner: Designing, Assessing and Reflecting on Learning*".

This was followed by three parallel offline technical sessions (Technical Sessions 1, 2, and 3), chaired by eminent academicians including Dr. S. V. A. Prakash, Dr. T. Malliga, Dr. P. B. Beulahbel Bency, Dr. B. Kannan, Dr. B. Ranjanie, Dr. A. Blessing Mary, Dr. S. Lenin, Dr. I. Ambeth, and Dr. T. Sarala.

The conference will continue over the next two days in online mode, featuring keynote addresses from international and national experts—including Dr. H. P. K. N. Hewawasam (Sri Lanka), Dr. Karthikeyan P (CHRIST University), and Dr. Deivam M. (H.N.B. Garhwal University)—alongside six parallel online technical sessions (Sessions 4 through 9).

We are currently gathered for the Day 1 Valedictory Session. The session began with a Welcome Address by Dr. S. Venkatesh, Organising Secretary, Mithra Dev Publications. The Valedictory Address was delivered by Dr. R. Annadurai, Director, Centre for Educational Research, Madurai Kamaraj University. I, Dr. A. Vences Cyril, Organising Secretary, Mithra Dev Publications, have had the privilege of presenting this Conference Report. The session proceeds with the honoring of session chairs, distribution of certificates and the award ceremony. The Vote of Thanks will be delivered by Dr. T. S. Reena Ruby, Associate Professor, Department of Education, Mother Teresa Women's University. The entire event is being anchored by Dr. Parthiban G., Joint Organising Secretary, Mithra Dev Publications.