DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR

WELCOMES YOU TO A SYMPOSIUM ON

AI and the *Human Condition*

Agency · Creativity · Meaning · Moral Standing

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date Thursday, 26 November 2026

Venue DoAA Conference Room, 4th Floor, FB Annexe, IIT Kanpur

Mode In-person (recordings will be made available later)

TIME	SESSION
9:30 – 9:45 am	**Inauguration**
9:45 – 10:00 am	**Introduction of the Theme of the Symposium** **Dr. Vineet Sahu** · Professor, IIT Kanpur
10:00 – 10:45 am	**The Ethical Challenges posed by the AI Industry** **Dr. Rahul De** · Founder & CEO, Memoric AI · Professor (Retd.), IIM Bangalore
10:45 – 11:30 am	**AI Trajectory: From ELIZA to Agentic AI** **Dr. Karamjit Gill** · Editor-in-Chief, *AI & SOCIETY* · Professor Emeritus, University of Brighton
11:30 – 11:45 am	*Tea Break*
11:45 am – 12:30 pm	**AI: Nemesis or Opportunity?** **Dr. TV Prabhakar** · Distinguished Visiting Professor, WSAIS, IIT Kanpur
12:30 – 1:15 pm	**Beyond Logic: AI, Human Agency, and the Responsibility to Judge** VIDEO CONFERENCE **Dr. Anirban Bandyopadhyay** · Principal Research Scientist, NIMS, Japan
1:15 – 2:30 pm	*Lunch Break*
2:30 – 3:15 pm	**Method Selection, Will, and General Intelligence** **Dr. Nikhil Mahant** · Senior Assistant Professor, University of Western Australia (India campus)
3:15 – 4:00 pm	**The Incommensurable Gap: Remaining Human in an Age of AI** **Dr. YN Mohapatra** · Professor (Retd.), IIT Kanpur
4:00 – 4:30 pm	*Tea Break*
4:30 – 6:00 pm	**Individual Positions followed by Panel Discussion on the Theme** Moderated by **Dr. Sushruth Ravish** · Assistant Professor, IIT Kanpur **Algorithmic Bias in Machine Learning: Societal and Healthcare Disruption Beyond Clinical Practice** **Ms. Jyoti Kishore** · PhD Candidate, IITK – La Trobe University **Jaḍa Prakṛti, Cetana Puruṣa: AI as Instrument, Humans as Agents** **Dr. Kshitish Sharma** · Independent Scholar, PhD, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad **Deciphering Meaningful Activities in the Post-Work AI Age** **Mr. Sanjeev Sikri** · Assistant Professor, Wilson College, Mumbai
6:00 – 6:15 pm	**Concluding Note and Vote of Thanks** **Dr. Sushruth Ravish** · Assistant Professor, IIT Kanpur
7:30 pm onwards	*Reflections and Bonhomie over Dinner · New Dining Hall, VH-1*

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