



# AI-Enabled Assistive Technologies for Inclusive Education

Virtual Labs/OLabs Training on Inclusive Education



12-13 January 2026



## PROGRAM SCHEDULE



# Program SCHEDULE DAY 1

January 12,2026

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	FORMAT
7:30 to 9:30 am	Registration		
9:30 am 9:40 am	Lamp Lighting Welcome Address	<b>Dr. Prema Nedungadi,</b> Associate Dean, School of Computing, UNESCO Chair on Assistive Technologies in Education <b>Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham</b>	Inaugral
9:40 am 9:50 am	Provost Address	<b>Dr. Maneesha Vinodini Ramesh,</b> Pro-Vice Chancellor, UNESCO Chair on Experiential Learning for Sustainable Innovation & Development <b>Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham</b>	Inaugral
9:50 am 10:00 am	Special Guest Address	<b>Dr. Sai Kaustuv Dashgupta</b> , National Awardee   Global Motivational TEDx Speaker India's First Disabled Certified Happiness Coach   UN D-30 Changemaker <b>Happiness Unlimited</b>	Inaugral
10:00 am 10:10 am	Address by MA Math representative	<b>Bri. Amrita Chaitanya,</b> <b>Mata Amritanandamayi Math</b>	Inaugral
10:10 am 10:20 am	Chancellor AMMA's message	<b>AMMA, Sri Mātā Amritānandamayī Devi</b>	
10:20 am 10:35 am	Chief Guest Address	<b>Smt. Manmeet Kaur Nanda</b> , Additional Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, <b>Govt. of India</b>	Inaugral
10:35 am 10:40 am	MoU signing with ISLRTC	<b>Shri. Kumar Raju</b> , Director, <b>Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)</b>	
10:40 am 10:50 am	Guest of Honour Address	<b>Smt. Tulika Pandey</b> , Scientist-G, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, <b>Govt. of India</b>	Inaugral
10:50 am 10:55 am	Launch of OLabs AI – Virtual Labs	<b>Dr. Amarendra Behera (Online)</b>	Inaugral
10:55 am 11:00 am	Closing	<b>Dr. Raghu Raman</b> , Dean, School of Business <b>Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham</b>	

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11:00 am 11:15 am	Photo with all speakers		
11:15 am 11:30 am	Tea break and networking	<b>VIPs visit exhibition</b>	Keynote
11:30 am 11:45 am	Keynote (yet to finalize)	<b>Dr. Noopur Jhunjhunwala, Founder and Trustee, ChangeInkk Foundation</b>	
11:45 am 12:05 pm		<b>Dr. Divya Udayan J</b> -Cognitive Robotics in Interactive Assistive Technology <b>Ms. Dhanya Sujatha and Student</b> - Writing Support System <b>Dr. Geetha M.</b> - UMANG ISL App <b>Mr. Gautham Dileep and Signers</b> - ISL Avatar	Demo
12:05 pm 12:20 pm	Deaf Entrepreneur Address	<b>Shraddha Agarwal</b> , Oral Deaf Founder and CEO, <b>Signsetu</b>	
12:20 pm 12:35 pm		<b>Massarat Khan</b> , CEO, <b>Maharastra Dyslexia</b> Association	Keynote
12:35 pm 12:50 pm		<b>Shri Kumar Raju</b> , Director, <b>Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)</b>	Keynote
12:50 pm 01:05 pm	Digital Education Initiatives	<b>Dr. Behera and Dr. Praveen, CIET NCERT</b>	
01:05 pm 01:50 pm	Lunch break		
01:50 pm 02:05 pm		<b>Huma Masood</b> , Senior Programme Officer, <b>UNESCO</b>	Keynote
02:05 pm 03:20 pm	From research innovation in Assistive Tech to scalable national impact	<b>"Dr. Priyanka Jain</b> , Associate Director & Head Department, <b>Neuro-Cognitive AI &amp; XR Group; Prof. Vinod Namboodiri</b> , Forlenza '75 Endowed Chair in Health Innovation and Technology and Professor; Center Director, Center for Community-Driven Assistive Technologies (CDAT), <b>Lehigh University, USA</b> ; <b>Bri. Amritasmitha Chaitanya</b> , Principal, <b>Kochi Amrita School (AIDA)</b> ; <b>Dr. Bhavani Rao R</b> , Dean, School of Social & Behavioral Sciences UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, <b>Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham</b>   Program Director, Women's Empowerment Initiatives, <b>Mata Amritanandamayi Math</b>	Panel discussion

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03:20 pm 04:35 pm	Indian Sign Language, multimodal AI, and deaf-led accessibility solutions	<b>Prof. Ulrike Zeshan, Emeritus Professor, University of Lancashire   Academic Advisor, Happy Hands School for the Deaf; Dr. Varsha Gathoo, Former HoD Education, AYJNISHD; Shri Kumar Raju, Director, Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC); Dr. Geetha M, CSE(AI), Amrita School of Computing, Jayasudan Munsamy, Founder &amp; CEO, DeepVisionTech Pvt. Ltd, Prof. Vaishali Kolhe, Associate Professor, Centre for Disability Studies and Action, Tata Institute of Social Sciences</b>	Panel discussion
04:35 pm 04:50 pm	Tea		
04:50 pm 05:40 pm	Thanks, next day events	<b>Prof. Amarendra P. Behera (online), Joint Director, Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET), NCERT Shri. Kumar Raju, Director, Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)</b>	Closing Day 1