

# ■ Event Report

Event Report: Developments in Artificial Intelligence & Humanoid Technology and their Impact on Contemporary India: Promises & Perils\*\*

## 1. Executive Summary

The international symposium, "Developments in Artificial Intelligence & Humanoid Technology and their Impact on Contemporary India: Promises & Perils," held at St. Joseph's College of Engineering and Technology (SJCET), Palai, Kerala, India, from January 2nd to 4th, 2025, successfully brought together leading AI researchers, theologians, ethicists, policymakers, technologists, and students to explore the ethical and societal implications of rapidly advancing AI and humanoid technologies. The event fostered interdisciplinary dialogue, resulting in increased awareness of responsible technological development and strengthened partnerships between technology experts and faith leaders. Approximately 180 participants attended, exceeding expectations.

## 2. Event Overview

\* \*\*Event Title:\*\* Developments in Artificial Intelligence & Humanoid Technology and their Impact on Contemporary India: Promises & Perils \* \*\*Dates:\*\* January 2nd – 4th, 2025 \* \*\*Venue:\*\* St. Joseph's College of Engineering and Technology (SJCET), Palai, Kerala, India \* \*\*Organizers:\*\* St. Joseph's College of Engineering and Technology (SJCET) (Autonomous), Palai & Indian Institute of Science and Religion, New Delhi \* \*\*Contact Information:\*\* riya@gmail.com, +91-8281539018

## 3. Speakers & Participants

The symposium featured a distinguished panel of speakers: \* Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ (Director, Vatican Observatory) \* Dr. Roy Pereira, SJ (Loyola Marymount University) \* Prof. Dr. Job Kozhamthadam, SJ (Director, Indian Institute of Science & Religion, Delhi) \* Prof. Dr. Sonajharia Minz (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi) \* Dr. Victor Ferrao (Rachol Seminary, Goa) \* Dr. Binoy Jacob, SJ (Director, Loyola Institute of Peace and International Studies, Kochi) \* Dr. Dolichan Kollareth, SJ (Jnana Deepa, Pontifical Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Pune) \* Dr. Jose K. K. (Director, School of Mathematics & Statistics & Data Analytics, Mahatma Gandhi University) \* Dr. Sangeetha Jose (Associate Professor, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology) \* Prof. Sabarinath G. (Assistant Professor, SJCET Palai) Participants included technologists, faculty members, religious leaders, theologians, policymakers, researchers, and students. The approximate attendance was 180.

## 4. Program & Activities

The symposium followed a structured program: \* \*\*Keynote Sessions:\*\* 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (daily) \* \*\*Panel Discussions:\*\* 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (daily) \* \*\*Workshops:\*\* 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (daily) \* \*\*Networking Sessions:\*\* 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (daily) The program facilitated networking and collaboration across disciplines.

## 5. Registration & Finances

\* \*\*Registration Fees:\*\* \* Students: ■4,000 (early), ■5,600 (regular) \* Faculty: ■8,000 (early), ■9,600 (regular) \* Professionals: ■12,000 (early), ■14,400 (regular) \* Virtual: ■3,200 \* Discounts available for

groups and IEEE members. \* \*\*Sponsorship:\*\* The symposium received significant funding from corporate sponsors (XYZ Robotics, Tech Innovations Ltd.), academic institutions (ABC University), and industry partners (IEEE), supporting venue costs, speaker fees, student grants, and networking events.

## 6. Logistics & Accommodation

On-campus accommodation and discounted rates at partner hotels (Hotel Grand Stay, City Inn, and Elite Residency) were provided. Shuttle services were available.

## 7. Key Outcomes & Takeaways

\* \*\*Increased Awareness:\*\* The symposium significantly raised awareness of the ethical and theological implications of AI and humanoid technology. \* \*\*Actionable Guidance:\*\* Participants gained actionable guidance for responsible technological engagement within their communities. \*  
\*\*Strengthened Partnerships:\*\* The event fostered strong partnerships between technology experts and faith leaders. \* \*\*Interdisciplinary Dialogue:\*\* A successful platform for meaningful interdisciplinary conversation and collaboration was established.

## 8. Conclusion

The "Developments in Artificial Intelligence & Humanoid Technology and their Impact on Contemporary India: Promises & Perils" symposium was a highly successful event, achieving its objectives and exceeding expectations. The event's impact will continue through the strengthened collaborations and increased awareness generated among participants. Future events could build upon this foundation to further explore the evolving landscape of AI and its impact on society.