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## National Conclave

# Authorless Horizons: AI, Authorship, and the Emerging Creative Ecosystem

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Seminar Halls, Kamaladevi Complex  
India International Centre  
40, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi-110003

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### Programme Schedule

**DAY – 1**  
**Tuesday, 2 June 2026**

<b>Inaugural Session</b> 10.00 am - 11.15 am	<b>Introductory remarks: Dr. Usha Mujoo Munshi (IIC)</b> <b>Welcome Address: Dr. Varun Gulati, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi</b> <b>Opening Remarks: Shri Shyam Saran (President, IIC)</b> <b>Creative &amp; Literary Reflections – Prof. Malashri Lal, Convener, English Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi</b> <b>Chief Guest: Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon’ble Minister of Culture and Tourism, Govt. of India</b> <b>Keynote Address: Prof. Girish Nath Jha, Eminent Scholar</b> <b>Concluding Remarks: Shri K. N. Shrivastava (Director, IIC)</b>
11.15 am	Tea
<b>Session I:</b> 11.30 am – 12.45 pm	<b>Writing in the Age of AI: Redefining Creativity and Human Expression</b>
	<b>Chair:</b> Shri Ashok Chakradhar <b>Speakers:</b> Prof. Rekha Sethi Shri Samit Basu
12:45pm	Lunch
<b>Session II:</b> 1.45 pm – 3.00 pm	<b>Co-Creation or Automation? AI’s Role in Shaping Literary Works</b>
	<b>Chair :</b> Prof. Sukrita Paul Kumar <b>Speakers:</b> Prof. Ujjawal Jana Shri Manoj Kumar Pandey
3.00 pm	Coffee/Tea break
<b>Session III:</b> 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm	<b>Finding, Filtering, Creating: AI in Information Discovery for Writers and Researchers</b>
	<b>Chair :</b> Dr. Usha Mujoo Munshi <b>Speakers :</b> Dr Jagdish Arora Dr. N V Sathyanarayana
<b>Panel Discussion</b> 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm	<b>From Information to Insight: AI, Scholarship, and the Future of Knowledge Creation</b>
	<b>Dr. Apar Gupta</b> <b>Prof. Ramesh Chandra Gaur</b> <b>Dr. Nabi Hasan</b> <b>Research Insights :</b> Prof. M Krishnamurthy



**DAY – 2**  
**Wednesday, 3 June 2026**

<b>Session IV:</b> <b>10.00 am–11.15 pm</b>	<b>Reimagining Publishing: Literary Dissemination in the AI Ecosystem</b>
	<b>Chair :</b> Shri Bharat Bhushan <b>Speakers :</b> Shri Chandra Sekhar Shri Ravi Singh Shri Manish Khurana
<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea break</b>
<b>Session V:</b> <b>11.30 to 12.45 pm</b>	<b>The Writer’s Perspective: Engaging with AI in Creative Practice</b>
	<b>Chair :</b> Prof. Malashri Lal <b>Speakers :</b> Dr. Vivek Sachdeva Prof. Sutapa Dutta
<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Session VI:</b> <b>1.45 pm -3.00 pm</b>	<b>Authorship, Ownership, and Ethics: Legal Challenges in the Age of AI</b>
	<b>Chair :</b> Prof. Rohan Pal <b>Speaker :</b> Dr. Pavan Duggal Shri Jay Cheema
<b>Session VII:</b> <b>3.00 pm -4.15 pm</b>	<b>Language Technologies and Literary Expression: Tools Shaping the Written Word</b>
	<b>Chair :</b> Dr. Neeta Verma <b>Speakers :</b> Ms. Meru Gokhale Dr. Buddha Chandrasekhar
<b>Valedictory Session</b> <b>4.30 pm</b>	<b>Remarks: Shri K. N. Shrivastava (Director, IIC)</b> <b>Valedictory Address: Prof. Ajith Abraham, Vice Chancellor &amp; Dean,</b> School of AI at Sai University, Chennai <b>Prof. Malashri Lal</b> <b>Report by the Rapporteur</b> <b>Concluding remarks by Dr. Usha Mujoo Munshi</b>