

National Research Conference & Kerala Higher Education Expo 2026

“Research to Impact: Innovation and Translation for Societal Advancement”

Organised by

Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC)

Venue: Government Women’s College, Thiruvananthapuram

Dates: 9–11 February 2026

About the Event

The Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC), of the Government of Kerala, is organising the National Research Conference and Kerala Higher Education Expo 2026 as a major initiative to strengthen the State’s research and innovation ecosystem. The Department of Higher Education Government of Kerala and KSHEC have taken significant steps such as the Chief Minister’s Navakerala Post-Doctoral Fellowship (CMNPF), Chief Minister’s Research Scholarships, Kairali Research Awards, and the establishment of multiple Centres of Excellence across universities and colleges to enhance research quality, infrastructure, and funding in the state.

This Conference and Expo will serve as a platform for showcasing and disseminating knowledge outcomes emerging from these flagship initiatives, while facilitating scholarly presentations, exhibitions, and capacity-building workshops. The event will also deliberate on a Draft Vision Document on Research and Innovation in Kerala, contributing to a long-term roadmap for globally relevant and socially impactful research.

Key Highlights

1: Higher Education Research & Innovation Expo

- Exhibitions by universities, colleges, CoEs, and research institutions showcasing:
- Research facilities & laboratories
- Major research projects & outputs
- Innovations, technologies, patents & societal interventions

2: Researcher’s Presentations

Selected Oral & Poster Presentations in the following thematic areas:

- Chemical Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Biological Sciences
- Engineering, Science & Technology
- Health and Allied Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Arts and Humanities

3: Invited Research Presentations

- CMNPF Fellows
- Kairali Research Awardees
- Distinguished scientists and scholars from leading national and international institutions

4: Diaspora Talent Attraction Programme

- Launching of Scholar Connect Digital Platform
- Seminar led by Diaspora Scholars
- Global Institutional Shift and Lessons for Kerala's Higher Education System

5: Capacity-**Strengthening** Workshops

- Faculty & Researcher Capacity Building
- FYUGP **Honours with Research** – Standards & Uniformity
- Research Funding Models, Sustainability & Incentives
- Research Culture, Ethics & Global Positioning
- Grant Writing, Fellowships & Sponsored Research
- Academic Writing & Research Communication
- IPR, Patent Filing & Technology Transfer

6: Kerala Research & Innovation Vision Document

Presentation and deliberation on a **Draft Vision Document on Research and Innovation in Kerala**, to be refined through expert discussions and workshop outcomes.

Call for Abstracts

Research scholars from higher education institutions in Kerala who wish to present their research work either as Oral or Poster presentations in the above thematic areas are invited to submit an extended abstract (approximately 500 words).

Last date for submission: 31 January 2026

Submission details:

Extended abstracts may be submitted by email to: research2026conference@gmail.com

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