



# KANCIPS 2026 KARWAR

**36th Annual Conference of Indian Psychiatric  
Society-Karnataka Chapter  
4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, September -2026**

**Theme**  
“AI and Digital Psychiatry:  
Current and Future”

**Venue**  
Ajvi Ocean, Karwar

**Organized by Uttara Kannada  
Psychiatric Society under the aegis of  
Indian psychiatric Society - Karnataka Chapter**

# KARWAR



Nestled between the emerald Western Ghats and the sapphire Arabian Sea, Karwar is a serene port town in Karnataka's Uttara Kannada. Often called the "Kashmir of Karnataka" for its breathtaking natural beauty which captivated Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore to pen his first poems – it offers a tranquil alternative to its more commercialized neighbours.

The region of Uttara Kannada was historically ruled by the Kadamba Dynasty of Banavasi, followed by the Vijayanagara empire, the Marathas, and later the British. Karwar has long been an important coastal settlement and strategic location along maritime trade routes. Today it houses one of Asia's largest naval bases in INS Kadamba.

Uttara Kannada is culturally diverse where Kannada, Konkani, Marathi traditions converge. The district preserves rich cultural traditions through Yakshagana, Suggi Kunita, Bedara Vesha and other folk arts and festival celebrations.

The district is also home to several revered temples of Gokarna Mahabaleshwara temple, Murudeshwara Shiva temple, Idagunji Ganapati temple, Sirsi Marikamba temple, Buddhist monasteries and temples at Mundgod.

Visitors are drawn to golden sands and breathtaking sunsets of Rabindranath Tagore Beach, 'black sand' Tilmati Beach, Om Beach, Eco Beach etc. Nature lovers are drawn to the spectacular waterfalls including Magod Falls, Unchalli Falls, Sathodi Falls, Vibhuti Falls; scenic viewpoints like Jenukallu Gudda, Bheemana Gudda surrounded by lush forests and picturesque backwaters of Sharavati river. Adventure enthusiasts can have adrenaline pumping experiences of Kali river rafting and Jungle Safari at Dandeli, scuba diving at Netrani Island.

Karwari cuisine reflects the rich coastal bounty of fish, prawns, crab preparations along with traditional vegetarian dishes and rice based meals.

With its harmonious combination of nature, divinity, heritage and cuisine, Karwar and Uttara Kannada district offers visitors an unforgettable glimpse into the natural and cultural beauty of coastal Karnataka.

## Message from The President IPS-KC



### Dear Members and Friends

The coastal town of Karwar, the headquarters of 'Uttara Kannada district' popularly known as 'Kashmir of Karnataka' is renowned for its pristine beaches, the Dandeli forest, water sports like snorkelling, kayaking, and dolphin spotting, the rock garden, the Sadashivgad fort, and seafood and so on. Konkani, kannada and marathi traditions converge here. It is also a major, strategically crucial naval base of the Indian navy, officially named INS Kadamba.

I take immense pleasure and heartfelt warmth to welcome each one of you to the 36th Annual Conference of the Indian Psychiatric Society – Karnataka Chapter (KANCIPS 2026), to be held from 4th to 6th September 2026 at Karwar, the land of unique scenic beaches.

KANCIPS is the biggest academic event for the mental health professionals of the state of Karnataka. It is the signature event of the Indian Psychiatric Society Karnataka Chapter (IPSKC). IPSKC is one of the oldest state branches, established in 1968. We are a growing family of nearly 850 mental health professionals. IPSKC stands out as a state branch with the highest number of best state branch award in the country. KANCIPS is a platform to reflect, rethink, and reimagine the evolving frontiers of psychiatric practice. KANCIPS recognizes both psychiatrists and postgraduate students through several award sessions under different categories, as well as paper and poster presentations, not only for psychiatry but also for allied mental health professionals. The event also comprises pre-conference workshops for specific groups of people, and awareness programs for the general public. This year's theme will be “ AI and Digital Psychiatry: Current and Future”, which is very contemporary and relevant. This is the high time for us to master the knowledge of how to use and how not to use AI in mental health. We will plan several exciting and thought-provoking sessions on the theme. All in all, this conference promises to be a confluence of ideas, innovation, and insightful dialogue and of course, social networking.

Once again, on behalf of the Indian Psychiatric Society – Karnataka Chapter, I extend a warm and cordial invitation to all delegates—senior members, faculty, postgraduates, and mental health professionals—to join us in Karwar, the hidden gem of coastal India. Let this conference be a feast of learning and fellowship.

Looking forward to meeting you in the town of unique beaches.

**Dr Anil Kumar M N**  
**President,**  
**Indian Psychiatric Society - Karnataka Chapter**

## Message from Organizing Committee



Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

It is our privilege to welcome you to Karwar, often referred to as the “Kashmir of Karnataka.” This serene coastal town is graced by tranquil beaches, bordered by the River Kali on one side and the lush Western Ghats (Sahyadri Hills)—recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the world’s eight biodiversity hotspots, on the other. Karwar is also home to INS Kadamba, a key strategic naval base developed under Project Seabird, as well as the Kaiga Atomic Power Station, one of the world’s largest nuclear power facilities utilizing India’s indigenous Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor technology, supplying energy across South India.

It is with great pleasure and honor that we host the 36th Annual Conference of the Indian Psychiatric Society – Karnataka Chapter (KANCIPS 2026), to be held from 4th to 6th September 2026 at Ajvi Ocean, Karwar. The conference theme, “ AI and Digital Psychiatry: Current and Future” will bring together distinguished professionals, researchers, and leaders in Psychiatry to exchange insights, foster collaboration, and explore the evolving future of the field. This event promises not only a stimulating academic experience but also a valuable opportunity to network and engage with peers in a vibrant and inspiring environment. We cordially invite you to join us as we strive toward excellence in psychiatric care in the emerging digital era. Your presence will greatly enrich the discourse and contribute to the success of KANCIPS 2026.

We look forward to welcoming you to Karwar.

Warm regards,  
Organizing Committee

**Dr. Vijayraj N**  
Organizing Chairperson

**Dr. Vishal V**  
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**Dr. Akshay S Phatak**  
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## Message from Scientific Committee



**Dear Colleagues and Friends,**

It is with great pleasure that we present this conference on AI and Digital Psychiatry: Current and Future. The integration of artificial intelligence into mental healthcare is rapidly transforming the way we understand, diagnose, and treat psychiatric disorders. From predictive analytics to digital therapeutics, these innovations promise to enhance clinical precision while improving accessibility and patient outcomes. This conference brings together clinicians, researchers, and technologists to explore emerging evidence, ethical considerations, and future directions. We hope this platform fosters meaningful dialogue, collaboration, and innovation as we navigate the evolving landscape of digital psychiatry. A humble appeal to the Head of the Departments in various Medical Colleges and Institutions to motivate the Postgraduate students to start preparing their research papers for consideration for presentation at the KANCIPS-2026.

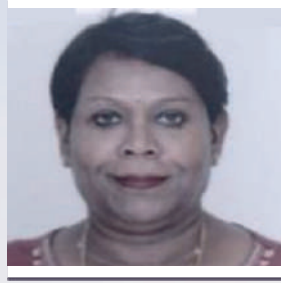
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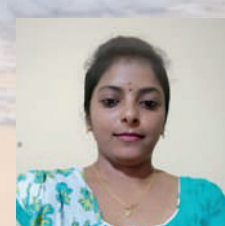
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Category	Early Bird Registration (11/04/2026 to 31/05/2026)	Regular Registration (01/06/2026 to 15/07/2026)	Late Registration (16/07/2026 to 15/08/2026)	Spot Registration (16/08/2026 onwards till conference day)
Senior IPS-KC Members (> 65 Years )	Complimentary	2500	3300	5500
IPS-KC Members	7250	8250	9250	10250
IPS-KC Non-Members	8250	9250	10450	12200
PG Students IPS-KC Members	2400	3400	4400	5400
PG Students IPS Members	3500	4500	5500	6500
PG Students Non IPS Members	6500	7600	8700	9800
OTHER MH PROFESSIONALS (CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY/PSW/PSY NURSING)	5000	5500	6000	6500
OTHER MHP STUDENTS (CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY/PSW/PSY NURSING)	3900	4400	4900	5400
Accompanying Members	4000	5000	6000	7000
Corporate Delegates	14000	16000	18000	20000

**1.Registration fee includes 18 % of GST.**

**2.Registration fee covers delegate kit, access and participation to academic sessions (excluding pre conference workshops) and hospitality.**

**3.With the above registration fee, if there are uncertainties during the event, some cost cutting may be applied.**

**4.Cancellation policy: The registered delegates can cancel their registration subject to the following conditions.**

- 18 % GST will be deducted for the total registration fees and which will not be reimbursed.**
- Up to 30/06/2026, excluding GST, 75% of the registration amount will be returned.**
- Up to 31/07/2026, excluding GST, 50% of the registration amount will be returned.**
- After 1<sup>st</sup> August 2026 cancellation will not be entertained.**

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Registration mandatory for all

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# Award



## **Dr. H.S. Subrahmanyam Memorial (Best PG Paper) Award Paper Presentation**

### **Rules**

- 1. Prior registration is mandatory for scientific presentations.**
- 2. Membership in the Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS - Central Body) is mandatory.**
- 3. At least one of the authors must be a member of the Indian Psychiatric Society – Karnataka Chapter (IPSKC).**
- 4. Those who have applied for membership but have not yet received confirmation must produce valid documents pertaining to membership in the above societies.**
- 5. If you are not a member, assistance will be provided for applying for membership in the societies. For this, kindly contact Dr. Guru S. Gowda: +91 9901758577 before 31/05/2026.**
- 6. Along with the paper, the student must enclose a PDF copy of the bona fide certificate from the Head of the Department/Institute.**
- 7. Original research work carried out during the last 2 years by the postgraduate student will be considered for award paper presentations. The abstract should be in the following format: Title, Background/Introduction, Methodology, Results, and Conclusions.**
- 8. Abstracts that have been previously presented or published in any form at state, zonal, national, or international CMEs/conferences/journals are not permitted.**
- 9. Submission of award papers shall be made entirely through soft copies, replacing the existing requirement of multiple printed copies.**
- 10. Manuscripts must be fully anonymized, without mention of authors, guides, institutions, or research centres, to ensure unbiased evaluation.**
- 11. The Hon. Secretary of IPSKC will review the abstracts in consultation with the Scientific Committee of KANCIPS 2026 and those found suitable for awards will be with the IPSKC Executive Committee and later forwarded to the IPSKC Award Committee for consideration. The best eight papers accepted by the Award Committee will be selected for podium presentations.**
- 12. There will be independent assessment of the manuscript by three judges and assessment of theoral presentation during KANCIPS by three other anonymous judges. The protocol to be followed for this assessment will be communicated by the Hon. Secretary of IPSKC to the judges.**
- 13. The manuscript will be evaluated before presentation for 60 marks (design, methodology, analysis, discussion, references, and clarity of the paper) by three jurors, and during presentation at KANCIPS for 40 marks (clarity, use of audio-visual aids, response to audience questions, overall presentation, and time management) by three other jurors.**

# Award



14. The right of selection of abstracts lies with the Scientific Committee, which reserves the right to reject any submission without prior intimation or explanation.
15. Acceptance will be communicated 20 days prior to the conference only to those who have registered for KANCIPS.
16. Accepted papers must be sent by email in PPT and PDF formats (maximum 10 slides) at least 7 days before the conference. The file should be saved in PPT format with the title, presenter's name, and "KANCIPS 2026" without any special characters, and the file size should be less than 5 MB.
17. The student must also carry the same presentation on a pen drive on the day of presentation.
18. The PPT should have a light background with dark, readable fonts (font size greater than 20; Arial, Calibri, or Times New Roman preferred) and minimal animations.
19. Avoid animated images, videos, or hyperlinks in the slides.
20. Use good-quality images with a resolution greater than 200 dpi.
21. Tables should be created directly in the presentation rather than pasted as images.
22. The time allotted for the oral presentation is 7 minutes, followed by 3 minutes for discussion.
23. All presenters will receive participation certificates.
24. The best paper will be awarded a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 5,000/-. The winner will also be nominated to represent at the IPSSZB Annual Conference IPSOCON 2026 under the Dr. D.S. Raju Memorial Award Paper category. Second-class non-AC train fare from the candidate's college/institute to the venue of IPSOCON will be reimbursed after participation in IPSOCON 2026 towards travel expenses. Expenses towards registration and accommodation for IPSOCON must be borne by the candidate.
25. For more details, kindly contact Dr. Narayan R Mutalik, Hon. Secretary, IPSKC: +91 9901621771.
26. The abstract of the scientific paper (250 words), along with the full paper, proof of registration for KANCIPS 2026, bonafide certificate, and a brief biodata of the presenter, must be submitted on or before 4:00 PM on 15 July 2026 to the Hon. Secretary, IPSKC.

Only a soft copy (PDF) should be emailed to: [ipskcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ipskcoffice@gmail.com), addressed to the Hon. Secretary, IPS-Karnataka Chapter, with the subject line: "Submission towards Dr. H.S. Subrahmanyam Award."

# Oral Scientific Paper Presentation



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6. Along with the paper, the student has to enclose the pdf copy of bona fide certificate from the department/institute head. Template of Bona fide Certificate is available on [www.kancips2026.com](http://www.kancips2026.com)
7. Abstract of the scientific paper (250 words) has to be submitted before 5 pm of 15/07/2026 to the [kancips2026karwar@gmail.com](mailto:kancips2026karwar@gmail.com) along with the details of the presenters like, name, mobile, e mail id, institute and registration details.
8. Original research work will be considered for oral presentations. The abstract shall be in the following format: Title, Background/Introduction, Methodology, Results & Conclusions.
9. Abstracts previously presented or published in any format either in any state/zonal/national/international CME/Conferences / journals are not permitted.
10. The scientific committee will review the abstract and acceptance will be communicated 10 days prior to the conference (Only to those who have registered for KANCIPS).
11. The right of selection of abstract lies with the scientific committee and it has right to reject without providing any intimations/reasons.
12. The accepted papers need to be sent by mail in PPT format (maximum 10 slides) 7 days before the conference, Save the file in PPT format named as: 'Title\_YourName\_KANCIPS2026 without any special characteristics with a size of less than 5mb.
13. The student needs to carry the same in a pen drive also on the day of presentation.
14. The PPT must be with light background with dark and readable fonts (more than 20 size either with Ariel, Calibri or Times New Roman) with minimum animations.
15. Avoid animated images, videos or hyperlinks in the slides.
16. Use good quality images with more than 200 dpi resolutions.
17. Tables need to be created rather than pasting them as images.
18. Time allotted for oral presentation is 6 minutes and 2 minutes for discussions.
19. All presentations will get participation certificates and the best 3 papers will be honored with certificates and prize.
20. For more details kindly contact Dr H N Pratibha : +91 8151905311.

# E-Poster Presentation



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7. Abstract of the e-poster (200 words) has to be submitted before 5 pm of 15/07/26 to the [kancips2026karwar@gmail.com](mailto:kancips2026karwar@gmail.com) along with the details of the presenters like, name, mobile, e mail id, institute and registration details.
8. Only case reports & case series will be considered for E-posters. The abstract shall be in the following format: Title, Background/Introduction, Methodology, Results & Conclusions.
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13. The PPT/image must be with readable font and contrast background (more than 12 size either with Ariel, Calibri or Times New Roman).
14. Orientation has to be landscape layout with size of 16\*9 for your slide in power point.
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16. Use good quality images with more than 200 dpi resolutions.
17. Tables /graphs need to be created rather than pasting them as images.
18. Use the e-poster template which has been provided on [www.kancips2026.com](http://www.kancips2026.com)
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**Vibhuti falls**



**Sahasralinga**



**Mirjan Fort**

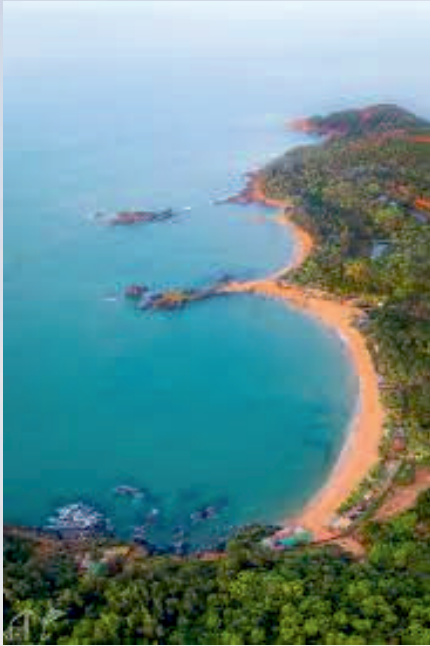


**Madhukeshwara temple,  
Banavasi**



**Yana Caves**

# KARWAR



**Om Beach, Gokarna**



**Tilmati Black Sand Beach, Karwar**



**Netrani Adventures**



**Mundgod Tibetan Camp**



**Marikamba Temple, Sirsi**



**River Rafting, Dandeli**



**Murdeshwar**