

Annual Research Meet 2026

"Somaiya Research Conclave: Where Ideas Meet Innovation"

February 26 – 27, 2026

Sakarben Auditorium, Somaiya Vidyavihar University

Celebrating Research Accomplishments across varied faculties of Somaiya Vidyavihar University including but not limited to Basic & Applied Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Music & Performing Arts, Dharma Studies, Management, Education, Languages & Literature, Sports, Commerce & Business Studies, Humanities & Social Sciences, Yoga & Medicine, Library & Information Science.



Organized by Somaiya Vidyavihar University

About:

Annual Research Meet 2026 (ARM 2026) is a premier interdisciplinary academic platform that brings together researchers, academicians, scholars, industry professionals, and students from diverse domains. The event provides a vibrant forum for sharing knowledge, exchanging ideas, and showcasing innovative research outcomes, while promoting collaboration across disciplines.

ARM 2026 aims to foster research excellence by offering participants opportunities to present their work through full-length research papers, oral presentations, and poster presentations. The meeting serves as a dynamic space for discussing emerging trends, recent advancements, and future directions in multiple areas of research. By encouraging cross-disciplinary dialogue, critical thinking, and meaningful networking, ARM 2026 creates an environment that supports innovation, academic growth, and impactful research. In addition to technical sessions, ARM 2026 will serve as a platform for technology exhibitions, bringing together industry partners, startups, and innovators to showcase their products and technologies. The event aims to create a conducive environment for industry collaborations, technology transfer, intellectual property generation, innovation-driven partnerships and publications in high-impact journals. PhD scholars, especially those early in their research careers, will have the opportunity to share their work through poster presentations. The meeting will also feature plenary lectures by distinguished experts from various fields, providing valuable insights to research students and faculty members.

We welcome contributions from all research domains and invite participants to be part of this vibrant academic gathering that celebrates creativity, knowledge sharing, and scholarly excellence.

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Schedule (may change)

Day 1: 26th February 2026, Sakarben Auditorium, Aryabhata

08:30 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 09:35	Welcome Speech (Convener)
09:35 – 09:45	Lamp lighting and Prayer
09:45 – 09:55	Opening remarks by the Honourable Vice Chancellor
09:55 – 10:10	Foreword by Dean Research & Introduction of Chief Guest
10:10 – 10:15	Launch of Research Publications Bulletin
10:10 – 11:00	Address by Chief Guest
11:00 – 11:05	Posters & Exhibit inauguration
11:05 – 11:30	Tea-break
11:30 – 13:00	Parallel track sessions – I (Oral presentations by PhD Students)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch-break (Gargi Plaza)
14:00 – 15:30	Parallel track sessions – II (Oral Presentations by PhD Students)
15:30 – 16:00	Tea-break
16:00 – 17:00	Performance by Maya School of Music & Performing Arts (Sakarben Auditorium)
17:00 – 18:00	Posters and Exhibit (Gargi Plaza)

Schedule (may change)

Day 2: 27th February 2026, Sakarben Auditorium, Aryabhata

09:30 – 10:00	Industry partner interaction
10:00 – 11:00	Posters and Exhibit (Gargi Plaza)
11:00 – 11:30	Plenary (Engineering & Technology)
11:30 – 12:00	Plenary (Science)
12:00 – 12:30	Plenary (Dharma Studies)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch-break (Gargi Plaza)
13:30 – 14:00	Plenary (Medicine)
14:00 – 14:30	Plenary (Humanities & Social Sciences)
14:30 – 15:00	Plenary (Commerce & Business Studies)
15:00 – 15:30	Tea-break
15:30 – 16:30	Panel Discussion (Sustainability)
16:30 – 17:30	Awards & Valedictory
17:30 – 17:45	Concluding remarks

General note for submission of oral/ poster presentations and journal articles

- An abstract is mandatory for either oral or poster presentation
- Oral presentation is limited only to senior PhD scholars and those about to submit their theses. All other PhD research scholars (except first year) to present their research through posters. Posters to be displayed on both days of the conference.
- Each school may choose its own contents/ template for the posters, however adhering to the poster size:
- The meeting will have exhibits from industries, collaborators, start-ups, IPR cell, and department of Library & Information Science.
- A panel discussion on Sustainability to be conducted in conjunction with the current research eco-system.
- Awards will be presented to three best poster presentations.

Submission deadlines:

- Submission of abstract to **arm.svu@somaiya.edu** by all PhD students: 25th January 2026
- Submission of full-length paper to **arm.svu@somaiya.edu** (format and journal to be decided by the respective PhD Guide in concurrence with HOI: 25th January 2026
- Blind review of the submitted papers by Dean Research Office: 10th February 2026.
- Submission of final article to journal by the PhD student in concurrence with his PhD Guide: 20th February 2026.
- Attendance for ARM 2026 is **mandatory** for all PhD students (pursuing PhD through either full time or part time mode).

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