

## ICETAO 2026 Conference

ICETAO 2026, the International Conference on Emerging Technologies, Analytics, and Operations, was organized by the Operations & IT Department of IBS Hyderabad in collaboration with IFHE Hyderabad and the TERI School of Advanced Studies. Held on February 27–28, 2026, the conference focused on the theme “Digital Innovation and Sustainable Social Change.” It brought together academicians, researchers, industry experts, and students to discuss sustainability and digital transformation.

Convened by Dr. Manish Kumar, the event featured keynote lectures, technical sessions, workshops, and panel discussions. A total of 105 research papers were submitted, of which 85 were accepted after peer review and presented across 18 thematic tracks. These tracks covered areas such as AI/ML for sustainability, smart grids, and analytics-driven decision-making.

Prominent speakers included Prof. Ram Nidumolu, Prof. Suman Kumar Dhar, Prof. Dinesh K. Vishwakarma, and Prof. Vinaytosh Mishra, who shared insights on sustainability, AI, and leadership. A panel discussion with experts from Google, ThinkMates Edutech, and Micron Technology highlighted practical industry perspectives.

The conference saw participation from both national and international delegates, fostering diverse academic exchange. Proceedings were published in a compiled volume, and three Best Paper Awards were presented.

Overall, ICETAO 2026 successfully provided a platform for interdisciplinary collaboration, strengthened academic-industry partnerships, and contributed to discussions on sustainable technological advancement.

