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दिनांक/Dated 17th February 2026

Dear Faculty Members,

I am pleased to share with you that His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic will be visiting at the AIIMS, New Delhi on 18 February 2026 for the RUSH (Rencontres Universitaires et Scientifiques de Haut Niveau) programme on 18th and 19th February 2026. You are cordially invited to attend the scientific sessions and academic deliberations.

The programme will feature high-level discussions on advancing Indo-French collaboration in healthcare, research, and innovation, including interactions with distinguished national and international experts.

You are requested to kindly be seated in the Jawaharlal Auditorium by 2:00 PM sharp on 18th February 2026.

Please ensure that you carry your **AIIMS Identity Card**, which will be mandatory for entry. Kindly note that security checks, including frisking by **Delhi Police**, will be conducted prior to entry into the auditorium. Your cooperation in this regard is sincerely appreciated.

We look forward to your active participation in this important academic engagement.

With best regards,

(Prof. M. Srinivas)

Director

**Visit of His Excellency, Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of French Republic
to AIIMS New Delhi**

(18 February 2026)

*(Minute to Minute program for participation in
Rencontres Universitaires et Scientifiques de Haut niveau (RUSH) /
High-Level Academic and Scientific Symposium of India and France
18th and 19th of February, 2026 in AIIMS, New Delhi
and inauguration)*

Time	Activity	Venue
3.00 PM	Arrival of His Excellency, Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic.	Central Lawn In front of the Jawaharlal Auditorium
3:00-3:05 PM	Welcome by Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India & President, AIIMS and photo session.	Central Lawn In front of the Jawaharlal Auditorium
3:05 PM	To Proceed towards AIIMS Office Complex	AIIMS Office Complex
3:10 PM	To Proceed towards Jawaharlal Auditorium	Jawaharlal Auditorium
3:12 PM	Lighting the Lamp by His Excellency, Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of French Republic & the Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India & President, AIIMS.	Jawaharlal Auditorium
3:12 PM	His Excellency, Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of French Republic will sit on the dais.	Jawaharlal Auditorium
3:15 – 3:45 PM	“RUSH”- Conversation on Artificial Intelligence between the President and two young Indian talents: Priyanka Das Rajkakati and Manan Suri Moderation: Clara Chappaz, French Ambassador to AI and Digital	Jawaharlal Auditorium
3:45 – 3.55 PM	Major scientific and academic cooperation highlights between France and India Moderation: Prof. Vijay Raghavan and Dr. Thierry Coulhon (RUSH Chairmen)	Jawaharlal Auditorium
3:55 – 4:25 PM	His Excellency, Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of French Republic proceeds to inaugurate the Centre by Walk. Interaction with Students en route	Walk from Jawaharlal Auditorium to the Indo-French Centre
4:25 – 4:30 PM	Inauguration of the Indo-French Centre for AI in Health	New Indo-French Centre (Near R.A.K OPD)
4:30 – 4:35 PM	Unveiling of the plaque & photo session.	1 st Floor, New Indo-French Centre (Near R.A.K OPD)
4:35 – 4:50 PM	Interaction with AIIMS, Sorbonne and Paris Brain Institute on the cooperation and the perspectives.	New Indo-French Centre (Near R.A.K OPD)
4:50 PM	Departure	Exit of the Centre (Near R.A.K OPD Gate 6A)

Rencontres Universitaires et Scientifiques de Haut niveau (RUSH) sur l'avenir de la coopération Franco-Indienne

High Level Academic and Scientific Meetings on the Future of Indo-French Cooperation

18th and 19th of February 2026

AIIMS, 29, Ansari Nagar, Ansari Nagar East, New Delhi, Delhi 110029



Program

A/ BILATERAL COOPERATION TOOLS

10 :45 AM

- Grégor TRUMEL (Counselor for Education, Science and Culture, Embassy of France– Director IFI) / Shri Dilip Kumar, IAS (Director General, DGT/MSDE)
Cooperation in Skill Development Vocational Training: The case of the Franco Indian Campus for Training in Aeronautics in the frame of the Skills India Mission (10')

10 :55 AM

- Dr Jean-François MARCHI (Vice-President, Aix-Marseille University) / Himanshu Gupta (Secretary CBSE)
International classes: Building long-term academic, scientific and cultural bridges between India and Europe (Joint CBSE–amU perspective) (15')

11 :10 AM

- Prof. Nitin SETH (Director CEFIPRA)
40 years of Franco-Indian Excellence (10')

11 :20 AM

- Franco-Indian Campus on Life Sciences for Health (FIC) Prof. Annapurna Devi Allu (IISER Tirupati), Prof. Krishnan Venkataraman (VIT), Prof. Manidipa Banerjee (IIT Delhi), Prof. Laurent Counillon (UNICA)

Transnational Research & Training: The Franco-Indian Health Campus (15')

The Franco-Indian Campus in Life Sciences for Health (FIC) is a high-impact bilateral initiative created between France and India, launched by the French government in the fall of 2022. A flagship of scientific and academic collaboration, the Campus brings together 4 programs (**Biosantexc**, **Illiade**, **InHealth**, **Shield**) comprising more than 20 leading higher-education and research institutions from both countries as well as more than 60 internationally renowned research laboratories and hospitals. The Campus is designed to strengthen academic and scientific cooperation between France and India, to jointly develop and deliver higher-education and research programs in the field of life sciences for health. The four programs pool their expertise in fundamental sciences, humanities, biotechnology, bioinformatics, and artificial intelligence, fostering the emergence of multidisciplinary cutting-edge research and education projects aimed at improving human well-being and favoring medical progress.

Objectives:

- Presenting the FIC as a structuring body for Franco-Indian cooperation in life and health sciences
- Highlighting both outcomes future perspectives
- Giving voice to researchers and students

Consortia of the FIC

Biosantexc: ENS de Lyon / IISER Pune / ENS-PSL, ENS Paris-Saclay, ENS Rennes, IISER Bhopal, IISER Kolkata, IISER Mohali, IISER Thiruvananthapuram, IISER Tirupati, National Center for Cell Sciences / National Center for Biological Sciences, National Institute of BioMedical Genomics, Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

Illiade : Université de La Réunion / VIT / Université de Poitiers, Université Lyon 1, Université Lyon 2, CSIR-CIMAP, NCBS, JIPMER.

InHealth (Integrated Health): Sorbonne University / Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.

Shield: Université Côte d'Azur / Ashoka University / IISc / IIIT-Delhi

B/ INTERNATIONALISATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

11 :35 AM

- Christopher CRIPPS (VP International Affairs, Institut Polytechnique de Paris) / Prof. Rangopal RAO (VC BITS PILANI)
Internationalisation in a World in Transition (15')

11 :50 AM

- Prof. Vincenzo VINZI (Dean and President ESSEC Business School) / Dr Archana THAKUR (Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission)
ESSEC Toward future-fit business education / UGC Setting up and Operations of Foreign Higher ed Institutions in India - UGC Regulations and Initiatives (15')

12 :05 PM

- Prof. Antoine PETIT (CEO CNRS)
The CNRS-India cooperation: a partnership in the service of excellence (10')

12 : 15PM – 1:00PM

SPECIAL SESSION

Child protection & AI

- Guest of Honor: HE Anne Le HÉNANFF (French Minister for Digital and AI)
- Óscar López Águeda (Minister for Digital Transformation and Civil Service, Government of Spain) (TBC)
- Prof. Frédéric WORMS (Director ENS-PSL)
- Gaurav AGRAWAL (Chief AI Scientist at Reliance Jio)
- Adrien ABECASSIS (Political Affairs Director, Paris Peace Forum)
- Amit A. SHUKLA (Deputy Secretary; MEA)
- Anne Bertucio, (Chief Operating Officer of ROOST)

Moderator

HE Clara CHAPPAZ (French Ambassador for AI, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, former Minister)

1 :00 PM – 2PM

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SESSION 1 (Continued)

2 :00 PM

- Prof. Didier SAMUEL (PDG, INSERM)
INSERM and India – Showcasing a Decade of Successful Cooperation in Biomedical Research (10')

2 :10 PM

- Prof. Rangan BANERJEE (Director, IIT Delhi)
India-France: Synergies in Academia-Research: A Perspective From IIT Delhi (10')

UPSaclay Strategy of Cooperation with India in Education, Research and Innovation: Opportunities and Perspectives (15')

Franco Indian Research in Digital Science and Technology (10')

Highlights on Franco-Indian Cooperation

Clara CHAPPAZ (French Ambassador for AI, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, former Minister), *Master of Ceremony*

The timing of this Session will be adjusted to the actual arrival of the President E. Macron.

C/ CURRENT INITIATIVES

ANR's AI Strategy and Franco-Indian Partnership (10')

Funding Research in India, New Schemes and New Opportunities (10')

Université Côte d'Azur strategy to create an ecosystem in Digital Health (10')

AIIMS Research program and India's National Health Program (10')

Building a Cross-Border Research Network for Responsible and Secure AI (20')

Overviews of the evolutions of the French and Indian Higher Education Systems (15')

Building the AI Bridge: Strengthening Academia–Industry Collaboration (15')

Indian Perspective on Implementing Research on AI (10')

RECEPTION AND NETWORKING

Alliance française de New Delhi

72, KK Birla Marg, Lodi Estate, New Delhi – 110003

By invitation



February 19th

PLENARY SESSION 2

"AI as a Catalyst for Global Science"

“Artificial Intelligence and the University of the Future: Opportunities, Innovation and Responsibility”

"EU Perspectives on AI in Science: how to move forward on International Cooperation."

Pascal Weil (IRL ReLaX, CNRS)
 AISSAI (AI Centre for Science and Science for AI)
 (15') *A New French Initiative in the World of IA*

SESSION 2

Parallel session

Parallel sessions on AI

10 :00 AM

A/ Consortia of the Franco-Indian Campus on Life Sciences for Health

*"Artificial Intelligence, Life Sciences & Health
Consortia of the Franco-Indian Campus on Life Sciences for Health"*
(Auditorium)
(2h45)

Presentation:

The Franco-Indian Campus in Life Sciences for Health (FIC) focuses on applying life sciences for health through a holistic and interdisciplinary approach to offer tailored responses with transversal domains in science, health and humanities. Today, such approaches are necessary because novel technologies (omics, imaging, biotechnologies, and biomedical engineering) combined with Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML) are expected to revolutionize healthcare applications worldwide. However, AI must be designed to be resilient, sustainable, inclusive, safe and trusty, serving people and prosperity.

Objective:

The focus of this session will be towards addressing the healthcare challenges prevalent in the use of AI as the major innovative tool for developing new preventive and therapeutic solutions. Through the initial prism of biomedical imaging and multiomics, we will discuss how Healthcare technology will transform access to care and enable better patient outcomes. By approaching these aspects from a global perspective, we will discuss how to enhance the innovative potential of this research while ensuring a maximized and equitable impact of scientific and medical discoveries for human and planetary health, in concordance with the UN's sustainable development goals.

To this end, we are convening a series of three roundtables led under the banner of the Franco-Indian Campus in Life Sciences for Health. This dialogue will examine the opportunities as well as the ethical and policy challenges of applying AI in healthcare, with particular focus on imaging, data sharing, privacy, inclusivity and sustainability. The discussions will aim to promote not only better healthcare in India and France but also the development of more responsible and explainable AI for the benefit of humankind.

Time	Topic	Speakers Moderators
10:00 to 10:05	Welcome Remarks	Prof. LS
10:05 to 10:10	<i>Introducing AI, innovation and challenges in the field of Life Sciences and Health</i>	Shashidhara (NCBS)
10:05 to 10:10	Introduction and Goal of this session	Prof. Alexandre Escargueil (SU)
10:10 to 11:05	<i>Presenting the continuum and the philosophy of the session reflecting the general approach developed by the FIC</i> <i>Presenting the chairpersons of the 3 thematic sessions</i>	
10:10 to 11:05	Thematic session 1: From Cell to Medical Imaging and 6P Medicine	
10:10 to 10:20	1.1 Contextualization & challenges	
10:20 to 11:00	1.2 Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single cell to organ imaging Neuroimaging, advanced clinical imaging,... AI-assisted diagnostics, 6P's Medicine Panelists: Pascal Barbry (UniCA), Kiran Padmanabhan (ENS de Lyon), Kasturi Mitra (Ashoka U.), Anup Singh (IIT Delhi), Laurent Shaeffer (U. Lyon I), Santanu Battacharya (IISER Tirupati), Guillaume Herpe (U. Poitiers), Franck Verdonk (SU)	Prof. Christine Fernandez (U. Poitiers)
11:00 to 11:05	1.3 Conclusion & Transition to Thematic session 2	Prof. Arjun Ray (IIITD)
11:05 to 11:45	Thematic session 2: AI, global and planetary health: stakes for India and France	Prof. Anurag Agrawal (Ashoka U.)
11:05 to 11:15	2.1 Contextualization & challenges	
11:40 to 11:45	2.3 Conclusion & Transition to Thematic session 3	Prof. Eléonore Bayen (SU)
11:45 to 12:25	Thematic session 3: From Bioethics to responsible and inclusive AI	
11:45 to 11:55	3.1 Contextualization & challenges	Prof. Stéphane Parola (ENS de Lyon)
11:55 to 12:20	3.2 Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data governance, regulatory framework, and AI data regulation Ethical issues and acceptability Training and education on AI 	Prof. Reena Gulati (JIPMER)

Dr. Anoop Krishnan (Associate Professor in civil engineering and school of artificial intelligence/IIT Delhi)

11 :00 AM

Sequence 2: AI for Society: Trust, Skills & Societal Impacts

The impact of AI on society is systemic and raises fundamental challenges related to trust, adoption, skills and long-term societal effects. Research plays a key role in anticipating these challenges and shaping responsible AI deployment, at the intersection of technology, policy and social sciences.

Speakers:

Dr. Vincent Rapp (Executive Director, Hi! PARIS/IP Paris)

Prof. Isabelle Ryl (Director, PR[AI]RIE, Counsellor for AI to the President of PSL)

Pr. Chetan Arora (Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering/IIT Delhi)

12 :00 PM

Sequence 3: *Shaping AI Through Research and Higher Education: Talent, Attractiveness and International Collaboration*

Global leadership in AI depends on the ability to attract, train and retain top talent. Based on international analyses, this session will address AI skills as strategic human capital, retention dynamics, and the role of international academic collaborations, particularly in the context of Franco–Indian cooperation in higher education and research.

Speakers :

Prof. Thierry Coulhon (President, Institut Polytechnique de Paris)

Prof. El-Mouhoub Mouhoud (President, PSL University)

Prof. Rangan Banerjee (Director, IIT Delhi)

Parallel session

10 :00 AM

C/ French Research Organisations in India

"Indo-French Cooperations in the field of AI"

(1st Floor, JL Auditorium block)

(2h45)

Franco-Indian cooperation in artificial intelligence is built on a strong strategic complementarity between French expertise in AI ethics, cybersecurity, and governance, and India's strengths in talent, digital infrastructures, and the large-scale deployment of use cases. This dynamic is embedded in a structured framework, supported in particular by CEFIPRA, the DST, and French research organizations, through key instruments such as the INRIA–DST program launched in 2013, Franco-Indian joint research laboratories, and flagship projects bringing together academic research and industrial partners. The year 2026 will mark a major turning point with the announced creation of the INRIA–DST Centre for Digital Sciences and Technologies, designed to renew and expand the Franco-Indian AI research ecosystem. This workshop aims to highlight the richness and diversity of this cooperation through selected emblematic examples, ranging from theoretical AI and applied mathematics to concrete AI applications in key sectors.

10 :00 AM

Opening session

10 :00 to 10:05 Welcome Remarks — Sylviane Pied, Attaché for Academic & Scientific Cooperation

10:05 -10:10: Grégor Trumel, Counselor for Cultural, Scientific and Academic cooperations, Director of French Institute India.

10:10-10:35: Key note Talk: T-HUB and PSC, two comparable innovation models:

- Transforming Healthcare with AI, Prof Antoine Tesniere, Head of PariSanté Campus (10 min)
- Anchoring Global Startup Mobility: The India–France Innovation Bridge, Mr. Kavikrut, CEO of T-Hub (10 min)

10 :35 AM

Session 1: Theoretical AI and mathematics:

Moderator: Yann BUSNEL

10:35-10:45 Indo-French scientific cooperation in AI under the auspices of CEFIPRA, *Prof. Yann Busnel, Institut Mines-Télécom*

10:45-10:55 Graph Representation Learning for Modelling Drug Actions and Adverse Events in Polypharmacy, *Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay - Indian Statistical Institute x CHU Rennes*

10:55-11:05 _Developing/Building responsible and trustworthy AI, Robotics and Digital Twins for a secure future, *Dr Rajeev NAIR (CEA/List) x TDC (Tata Consultancy Services)*

11:05-11:15 From Research to Impact: Inria collaborations in IA with India: current and future opportunities, *Dr Cécile Vigouroux, Inria France*

11:15-11:25 From Quantum Neural Networks to AgriTech Innovation: IIT Indore's Collaborations with France, *Prof. Aruna Tiwari, IIT Indore x UPEC*

11 :30 AM

Session 2: Applied AI

Moderator: Priyanka Das Rajkakati, Head of Business Export, vorteX-io

11:30-11:40: AI in cross-disciplinary applications, from art to flood management, *Dr. Priyanka Das Rajkakati, vorteX-io*

11:40-11:50 Building bespoke AI applications across diverse domains: education, ecology and environment, industry, *Dr Madhavan Mukund, Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI) and IRL CNRS ReLaX*

11:50-12:05 Monitoring vegetation dynamics and flowering phenologies with AI-based automated analysis of pollen ains & Isolated tree detection using Active Learning and YOLOv11 from Tri-Stereo Pléiades satellite data in an agroecosystem in South India, *Dr. Betty Gimenez, Institut Français de Pondichéry*

12:05 – 12:20 AI for smart and resilient agriculture: from research to solutions, *Dr Carole Caranta, INRAE & Dr Cécile Vigouroux, INRIA, France*

12:20-12:30 Digital Twins and Geospatial AI, *Dr Manabendra Saharia, Associate Professor, Center of Excellence on Water, IIT Delhi*

Session 3: Round table

12 :30 PM

12:30-13:00: Enabling AI Innovation Through Public and Private Partnerships

Moderator : *Antoine Guillemet, Attaché for Academic & Scientific Cooperation*

Panel list :

- Henri Verdier, Directeur Général, Fondation INRIA (former French Ambassador for Digital Affairs, de 2018 à 2025)
- Gaurav Aggarwal, Chief AI Scientist, Reliance JIO
- Francis Rousseaux, International Technical Expert, iSPIRT
- Urvashi Aneja, Founder & Director, Digital Future Labs
- Astha Kapoor, Co-founder, Aapti Institute
- Rohit Satish, Director – Health & Climate / Data Initiatives, Artpark (IISc)
- Christophe Fouquere, Head of the Mathematics and Digital Sciences Department ANR

SESSION 3

In parallel

Parallel session

10:00 AM – 12:00PM

BtoB meetings or Speed Dating (Session I)

FR and IN Higher ed. institutions have short meetings to explore areas of cooperation.

Invitation only

1 :00 PM – 2PM

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SESSION 3 *In parallel*

Parallel session

2 :00 PM

Indo-French Forum: AI in Brain Health and Global Healthcare (in partnership with AIIMS)

Sorbonne University, the Paris Brain Institute (PBI), and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) have developed a sustained collaboration in the areas of AI, brain health, global healthcare, and Indo-French scientific cooperation. This partnership aims to support research, clinical exchange, and capacity building with the intention of contributing not only to progress within their respective countries but also to the broader benefit of humankind.

The Indo-French Forum will benefit from the support of the Integrated Health Programme, a joint initiative involving Sorbonne University, Paris and the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. This programme is part of the Franco-Indian Campus funded by the French Ministry.

This Forum will consolidate progress to date through scientific presentations and expert discussions, address ethical and policy challenges, and support the next steps in bilateral cooperation. This forum brings together a broad network of institutions.

Venue: JL Auditorium/ Ramalingaswami Board Room, AIIMS, New Delhi (2:00pm - 06:00pm; in parallel)

- 14:00 to 14:05 *Welcome Remarks*
Prof. S Senthil Kumaran
- 14:05 to 14:10 *Introduction and Goal of this workshop*
Dr. Rahul Gaurav

Keynotes

- 14:10 to 14:25 *AI in Mental Health and Neurosciences: Opportunities and Challenges*
Prof. Pratima Murthy
- 14:25 to 14:40 *Brain Health in France*
Prof. Stephanie Debetto
- 14:40 to 14:50 *Brain health: An Indian perspective*
Prof. Rajinder K. Dhamija
- 14:50 to 15:00 *Leveraging AI in Building Emotional Health*
Prof. Nand Kumar

2 :10 PM

15:00 to 15:10 *Indo-French Synergy: Adapting Biomedical Humanities for AI, Neuroscience, and Global Brain Health in India*
Prof. Alexandre Escargueil

Panel Discussions

JL Auditorium

Board Room

3 :20 PM

15:20 to 15:50 *Way Forward for India and France in Neuroscience and Brain Health*

Panelists: Prof. Rajesh Sagar, Prof. Sarat Chandra, Dr. Pierre Pouget, Prof. Supratim Ray, Prof. Manidipa Banerjee, Prof. Nicolas Weiss
Moderator: Prof. Achal Srivastava

From Biomarkers to Brain Health: Translating Research into Care

Panelists: Prof. Manjari Tripathi, Prof. Ajay Garg, Prof. Eléonore Bayen, Prof. James Gomes, Prof. Amit Mehndiratta, Prof. Sridhar Devarajan

Moderator: Dr. Rahul Gaurav
Integrative Medicine, Cardiac Health and Mental Health

15:50 to 16:20 *AI in imaging, radiomics and metabolomics*

Panelists: Prof. Raju Sharma, Prof. Uma Sharma, Prof. Ramesh K Agrawal, Prof. Tapan Gandhi, Prof. Shailesh Gaikwad
Moderator: Prof. Virendra Kumar

Panelists: Prof. Shirley Telles, Prof. Gautam Sharma, Prof. Sai Krishna Tikka, Prof. Rahul Mehrotra, Prof. Anju Dhawan
Moderator: Prof. Rajkumar Yadav

16:20 to 16:50 *Building Strategic Indo-French Partnerships for Global Health*

Panelists: Prof. Juan-Fernando Ramirez, Dr. Marc Rousset, Dr. Ferdinand Dhombres, Dr. Franck Verdonk, Dr. Thomas Malhaupt, Prof. Rohit Saxena.
Moderator: Prof. Simran Kaur

Imaging in Neuromodulation and capacity building across institutes

Panelists: Prof. Abhishek J Arora, Prof. Suman Jain, Prof. Shefali Gulati, Prof. Roopa Rajan, Prof. Pierre Pouget.

Moderator: Prof. Gagan Hans
Ethics and Challenges of AI in Health: Toward Policy Recommendations

16:50 to 17:20 *Enabling Innovation Through Public and Private Partnerships*

Panelists: Dr. Harish Kumar, Dr. Pierre Daye, Dr. Sylviane Pied, Prof. Priya Jagia, Dr. Krithika Rangarajan
Moderator: Miss Agathe Gravière

Panelists: Prof. Raphael Vialle, Dr. Pierre Pouget, Prof. Rama Jayasundar, Prof. Ekta Dhamija, Prof. James Gomes, Dr. Rahul Gaurav, Prof. Dominique Thabut
Moderator: Dr. Divya M Radhakrishnan

