

We are pleased to announce that the **2026 AUA Academic Conference on Advancing Health, Technology, and Community through Inclusive Sports** is now calling for abstracts. The conference will be hosted by the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, and will be held on 4–5 December 2026 at IITB, Mumbai, India.

The conference will bring together scholars, researchers, practitioners, and participants from AUA member universities and beyond to explore how inclusive sports can promote physical health, psychological wellbeing, rehabilitation, social participation, and community inclusion.

Kindly find more details below and in the attached materials.

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Academic Conference Name	2026 AUA Academic Conference on Public Health: Advancing Health, Technology, and Community through Inclusive Sports
Host University	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai, India
Mode	Offline
Date and Time	December 4-5, 2026
Expected Outcomes	The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, under the framework of the Asian Universities Alliance, will host the academic conference “Advancing Health, Technology, and Community through Inclusive Sports” on 4-5 December 2026 at IIT Bombay, Mumbai, India. The conference will examine how inclusive sports can promote physical health, psychological well-being, rehabilitation, social participation, and community inclusion. With Public Health as its primary theme, the programme will also explore connections with Future Habitat and Artificial Intelligence and Data Science. It will also provide opportunities for researchers and practitioners to establish cross-institutional collaborations and develop joint research proposals and evidence-based policy recommendations.
Schedule	Day 1 • 08:00 – 09:00 Registration • 09:00 – 09:30 Opening Ceremony • 09:30 – 10:30 Opening Keynote Address ◦ <i>Topic:</i> Inclusive Sports as a Public Health Strategy • 10:30 – 11:00 Tea break • 11:00 – 12:30 Parallel Sessions

	○ Room 1: <i>Public Health</i> – Paper presentations on the physical and psychological benefits of inclusive sports ○ Room 2: <i>Technology & AI</i> – Paper presentations on biomechanics, smart assistive devices, and accessible performance tracking • 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch • 14:00 – 15:30 Parallel Sessions ○ Room 1: <i>Future Habitat</i> – Paper presentations. ○ Room 2: <i>Socio-Cultural Factors</i> – Paper presentations on social norms and breaking cultural stigmas. • 15:30 – 16:00 Tea break • 16:00 – 17:15 Plenary Panel: The Lived Experience ○ A roundtable discussion featuring para-athletes and para sports organisations discussing real-world barriers and successes. • 18:30 – 20:30 Gala Dinner Day 2 • 09:00 – 10:00 Keynote Address ○ <i>Topic:</i> Engineering Barrier-Free Sports Facilities • 10:00 – 12:00 Research Incubation Workshops ○ Guided, interactive breakout sessions to brainstorm joint grant applications • 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch • 13:30 – 16:00 Interdisciplinary Problem-Solving Panel ○ <i>Topic:</i> "Bridging the Gap: Connecting Technology, Policy, and Infrastructure." An interactive session exploring how to practically fund and launch inclusive sports • 16:00 – 17:00 Closing Ceremony & Awards
Eligible Participants	Faculty / Professor, Research Scholar / PhD Student, Postdoctoral Researcher, Master's Student, Research / Project Staff, Industry Professional, Healthcare Professional, Sports Professional / Coach
Research Scopes	Keynote addresses will be from leading Asian public health scholars and representatives from the Asian Paralympic Movement or Special Olympics Asia Pacific. They would explore the role of inclusive sports in preventive healthcare, physical rehabilitation, and mental well-being.

	There would also be networking sessions designed to match AUA scholars with shared research interests. The primary aim is to brainstorm and draft joint, cross-institutional research proposal. This academic conference will generate localized knowledge and policy recommendations for inclusive health and universal accessibility.
Abstract Submission Requirement	Yes
Important Dates	October 30, 2026
Program Fees	AUA members: None Accommodation, meals and local transportation will be covered, specific arrangement will be extended to the participants in future.
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