

Report on 1st Xavier AI Summit, organized by XCOMP, XUB on 23rd February 2019.

The Xavier School of Computer science & Engineering ([XCOMP](#)) had organised the first of its kind, Xavier Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit, at the Xavier University Bhubaneswar campus which covered many scientific, industrial and societal facets of the new AI revolution. The opening ceremony featured the chief guest Dr. B. K. Murthy, vice-chancellor Fr. Paul Fernandes, guest Dr. Sanghamitra Mohanty and convenor Prof. Priyadarsan Patra.



The primary keynote speaker was Dr. B. Krishna Murthy, a Senior Director in the Ministry of Electronics and IT, Govt of India, who spoke about many AI initiatives and opportunities in India. There were 4 plenary speakers: Prof. Priyadarsan Patra, a former chief architect at Intel corp., USA who is currently the dean of XCOMP, Dr. Karthik Sankaranarayanan, a senior research scientist at IBM, Prof Sanghamitra Mohanty, former VC at North Orissa University and Prof. Mrinal Pandey of Manav Rachna University. These speakers covered the science and technology behind AI, its importance, its many real applications and several open research areas in the field.



Speeches by the speakers were followed by a panel session which included all the invited speakers and Prof. B. Basu of XIMB. The discussion, moderated by Prof. P. Patra and Prof. R. Tripathy of XCOMP, was on the topic entitled “What does AI mean to you?” which generated wonderful audience and student interactions.

It was one enlightening, well-organized day-long event where the audience got a lot of insights into the AI technology and its broad impact as well as what careers to pursue in the field.