

5th International Conference Women in Optics and Photonics in India



Theme : Sensing the future with Light

WOPI 2026 (Women in Optics and Photonics in India 2026) is a national initiative focused on supporting and advancing women in the dynamic and rapidly expanding field of optics and photonics. Despite the increasing number of talented female students and researchers entering this area, women continue to be underrepresented in leadership positions within academia and industry. WOPI 2026 will feature talks by distinguished women scientists and professionals, along with sessions on leadership, career development, and professional networking. The event aims to connect early-career women researchers and professionals with experienced experts in optics and photonics, fostering mentorship, collaboration, and a strong professional community. By encouraging dialogue and shared experiences, WOPI 2026 seeks to create a supportive environment that promotes personal growth, professional success, and greater participation of women in shaping the future of optics and photonics in India.



Poster Presentation



**Professional Development
Workshop**



Technical Talks



3-in-1 Thesis Presentation



Networking Sessions



Panel Discussions



December 04-06, 2026



**International School of Photonics,
CUSAT**



**Accommodation will be provided on a first-come,
first-served basis.**

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Past Events

The first four editions of WOPI were successfully hosted at RRI Bangalore, IIT Madras, IIT Bombay, and PEC Chandigarh, respectively.

Since its inception, WOPI has played a pivotal role in:

- * Uniting distinguished academic institutions, accomplished women in STEM, and prominent optics and photonics industry partners.
- * Creating opportunities for networking, collaboration, and knowledge exchange among researchers and professionals.
- * Strengthening industry-academia partnerships and advancing a collaborative ecosystem for innovation in optics and photonics.



WOPI brings together aspiring researchers, accomplished scientists, and industry professionals to promote collaboration, mentorship, and professional growth while strengthening the optics and photonics community.

