Welcome to Workshops @ COMSNETS 2026! The 18th International Conference on COMmunication Systems and NETworkS (COMSNETS) will be held in Bengaluru, India, from **January 6 – 10, 2025**, with dedicated days for workshops on January 6th and 10th. The COMSNETS workshop aims to discuss ground-breaking research in finely granulated areas of communications, computing, and networking, including advances in vehicular technologies, systems for edge devices, cyber security and privacy, AI/ML systems for communications and networking, standard-driven research, and Internet Intelligence and governance. Each workshop is chaired by experts in their respective fields, bringing an array of discussions in different areas of networking, communication, AI/ML for IoT and Systems, Cyber Security, technologies for autonomous driving and transportation, and Internet Governance.

Jan 6th Workshops	Workshop Chairs
1. Machine Intelligence in Networked Data and Systems (MINDS)	Marios Avgeris (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands), Balakrishnan Chandrasekaran (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands), Shashikant Ilager (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)
2. India Intelligence Governance Workshop (IIGW)	Anand Baswade (Indian Institute of Technology Bhilai, India), Chitradeep Majumdar (Nokia Standards Division, India)
3. Systems for the Future of AI/ML (SysAI)	Alok Ranjan (Bosch India), Rohit Verma (Intel Labs India)
4. Cyber Security and Privacy Workshop (CSP)	Shantanu Pal (Deakin University Australia), Robin Ram Mohan Doss (Deakin University Australia), Sandeep Shukla (International Institute of Information Technology, India)
Jan 10th Workshops	**Workshop Chairs**
1. Advances in Autonomous Driving and Vehicular Networks (ADVnet)	Nipjyoti Bharadwaj (Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India), Sanhita Das (Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India)
2. Standards-driven Research (SDR)	Pamela Kumar (Telecom STDs Development Society of India), Ashwin Rao (University of Helsinki, Finland)
3. Workshop on Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT)	Punit Rathore (Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru India), Asterios Stroumpoulis (National Technical University of Athens, Greece), Ajay Kattepur (Ericsson Research, India)
4. DecarbX Workshop	Gaurav Vaid (InnoEnergy), Kundan Das, Madanmohan Rao (YourStory Media, India), Vinay Dora (Crowd Product, India)

This year we issued a "Call for Proposals" to receive workshop proposals from around the Globe. We received proposals for new workshops, among which we inducted two, namely Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT) and DecarbX Workshop. We are truly grateful to all the chairs of the workshops for their untiring efforts in organizing an innovative technical program and successfully organizing amazing keynotes, invited talks, and panel discussions. All the workshops had an overwhelming response with various national and international submissions. Across all the workshops, a total of 97 papers are accepted after a rigorous review process, and these will be included in the proceedings of COMSNETS to be published in the IEEE Xplore. Overall, the review process was conducted by a highly competent and diverse Technical Program Committee comprising 130 members spanning academia and industry worldwide.

We thank the COMSNETS Steering Committee for allowing us to serve as the Overall Workshop Co-Chairs for COMSNETS 2026. We wish you good luck with all the workshops and hope to have a successful event. We look forward to meeting you all during the conference.

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