

## **PhD Katta – Conversations that Matter**

At **AIIC**, we have launched an initiative called **PhD Katta** — an informal discussion platform where students, researchers, and faculty engage directly with PhD scholars about the real-world relevance of their research.

The format is simple but powerful: Instead of a formal lecture, the scholar is seated informally with a gathering of interested students and faculty members. The audience is free to ask *any* questions — about how the research connects to practical life, its societal impact, commercial possibilities, technical challenges, and future directions.

Our latest sessions hosted:

- **Dr. Shilpa Nandedkar** — (6th Feb, 2025) who demystified complex communication technologies, from mobile towers to the evolution of wireless generations (2G through 5G and beyond), antenna design, materials, and productization challenges.
- **Dr. Smita Kasar** — (11th Feb, 2025) who brought clarity to the increasingly important subject of **data privacy**, explaining both technical and societal dimensions, and answering audience concerns about personal data security in a digital world.

**PhD Katta is planned as a weekly activity** during the active semester, aiming to cover a wide range of research domains.

Students can participate as audience members, ask questions during the sessions, and even join the querying team to steer discussions towards areas of personal interest.

**The spirit of PhD Katta is simple:**

Creating a campus where thoughtful, real-world conversations flourish beyond the boundaries of the formal curriculum.