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Dear Researchers,

You may submit your research work under the following sub-themes for the Student Research Session 2025.

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3. Emerging Trends in Artificial Intelligence and Digital Technologies in ICT

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