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CONVERGENCE STAGE

23 MARCH 2026 (DAY 1)

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Opening Ceremony: India's Impact: Tech Today, Transformation Tomorrow**

- **Sergey Cheremin**, Minister of the Govt of Moscow, Head of the Department for External Economic and International Relations of Moscow
- **Anil Kumar Lahoti**, Chairman, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
- **Rajesh Agrawal**, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GoI*

TELECOM & CONNECTIVITY

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Inaugural Session**
6G, AI & Quantum: Shaping the Intelligent Future of Connectivity

- How AI and quantum tech are driving next-gen telecom innovation
- Strengthening public-private partnerships for telecom tech growth
- Key challenges in integrating AI and quantum tech with 6G infrastructure
- Funding and investment trends supporting India's deep-tech startups
- **Moderator: Pankaj Mohindroo**, Chairman, India Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA)
- **Lt. Gen. Dr. S.P. Kochhar**, Director General, Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI)
- **Dr. R. K. Upadhyay**, CEO, Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)
- **Bharat B Bhatia**, President, ITU-APT Foundation of India
- **Brig. Anil Tandan (Retd.)**, Director General, Broadband India Forum
- **Puneet Garg**, President and Group Wireline CTO, Reliance Jio

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM **Panel Discussion**
6G by 2030: India's Leap into the Next-Gen Connectivity

- India's position in the global 6G race
- Key shifts from 5G to 6G – and why they matter
- Tackling challenges: infrastructure, talent, and policy gaps
- Can India achieve 10% of global 6G IP? What will it take?
- Driving collaboration across the ecosystem – Industry, academia, startups, and government synergy
- **Moderator: Ashutosh Rai**, Director, EY
- **AK Mittal, DG**, Telecom Standards Development Society of India (TSDSI)
- **Ambika Khurana**, Chief Regulatory and Corporate Affairs Officer, Vodafone Idea Limited

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TELECOM & CONNECTIVITY

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

- Rakesh Kumar, Executive Director, Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd. (TCIL)
- Manoj Gurnani, CTO & Head of Strategy, Nokia India
- TV Sriram, APAC Lead – Accenture LearnVantage, Accenture
- Radhika Gupta, Senior Director and Head of Data Acquisition, GSMA Intelligence

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM

Panel Discussion

Beyond Assembly: Building India's Deep Electronics Value Chain (Curated by ICEA)

- Translating ECMS into Measurable Domestic Value Addition – Driving tangible outcomes through localized component manufacturing and deeper supply chain integration.
 - Scaling Indigenous Component Manufacturing – Expanding domestic capabilities across critical components, sub-assemblies, and capital goods for electronics.
 - Enhancing Global Competitiveness with Long-Term Policy Certainty – Strengthening India's positioning in global value chains through stable, forward looking policy frameworks.
 - Demonstrating Seamless Government-Industry Coordination – Showcasing collaborative efforts to accelerate investments, technology partnerships, and ecosystem development
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- **Moderator:** Pankaj Mohindroo, Chairman, India Cellular & Electronics Association
 - Atul Lall, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Dixon Technologies
 - Vinod Sharma, Managing Director, Deki Electronics Ltd.
 - Pankaj Aggarwal, Chief Operating Officer, Unibuild.AI, Motherson Group
 - Bhaskaran Ravi, Country Manager & Senior Director of Operations, AT&S India Pvt. Ltd.

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INTERNET OF THINGS (IOT)

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Panel Discussion

The Future is Connected: IoT Across Industries

- How IoT is transforming sectors like manufacturing, healthcare, logistics, agriculture, and retail
 - Scaling IoT: Lessons and success stories from early adopters
 - Making IoT accessible for SMEs with affordable solutions
 - Measuring ROI: How to track the value of IoT investments
 - India's opportunity to lead in the global IoT space
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- **Moderator:** Sudhanshu Mittal, Head & Director Technical Solutions, NASSCOM
 - Praveen Bist, CIO, Amrita Hospitals
 - Mohan Raju, Vice President & Vertical Head IoT, Jio Platforms Limited
 - Praveen Arora, Vice President – Internet of Things (Business Unit), Tata Communications
 - Kapil Mahajan, Group Chief Information & Technology Officer, Allcargo Logistics
 - Karan Agarwal, Chief Product & Technology Officer, DeHaat
 - Prof. Brijesh Lall, Professor, Electrical Engineering Department & Head IoT Lab, IIT Delhi
 - Omar Farooq, DGM, Technical, CP PLUS

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INTERNET OF THINGS (IOT)

03:00 PM – 04:00 PM

Panel Discussion

Building Scalable & Resilient IoT Infrastructure

- The main building blocks of a safe, strong, and scalable IoT setup
- How to design IoT systems that are fast, reliable, and work in real time
- Cloud vs. Edge? Which one is better for your IoT needs
- How to make different IoT devices talk to each other seamlessly
- Preparing for the future with big data and millions of connected devices
- **Moderator: Dr Dheeraj Mehrotra**, President, IoT Society of India & Vice President, GEMS Education, India.
- **Arvind Bali**, Board Advisor, Globe Teleservices; Vice Chairman, GTS TechLabs
- **Sushil Kumar**, Chair of BIS, National Committee on IoT & Digital Twin & Chair of ITU-T Study Group 20 Regional Group for Asia Pacific
- **Vishal Sirohi**, Co-founder and CEO, Island Computing Services
- **Rajesh Palkar**, Vice President, Government & Consultant Business, Prama India Private Limited
- **Raghavendra S**, Chief Operating Office, JK Maini Precision Technology Limited

04:00 PM – 05:00 PM

Panel Discussion

AI, Edge & Automation: Transforming IoT System Intelligence

- **Smarter Together:** How AI, edge computing, and automation are reshaping real-time IoT operations.
- **Edge Computing at the Forefront:** Edge computing cuts delays and speeds up decisions.
- **Automation in Action:** Automation enables monitoring, self-fixing, and smart IoT systems.
- **AI for Predictive Maintenance:** Using AI for early problem detection and less downtime.
- AI for Predictive Maintenance for DISCOMs
- **Moderator: Anurag Dua**, Partner, EY
- **Abhishek Ranjan**, CEO, BSES Rajdhani Power Limited
- **Anurag Jain**, Vice President and Global Head of AI Engineering, HCLTech
- **Dr. Marco Marechal**, CEO, Connected Strategische Veranderingsprocessen BV, Netherlands
- **Ashutosh Gupta**, Director, Cloud Transformation, Global Service Delivery, Google Cloud
- **Vivek Rajagopal**, Group CAIO, Narayana Health

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24 MARCH 2026 (DAY 2)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Keynote

- Devesh Tyagi, CEO, National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Panel Discussion

AI: India's Next Trillion-Dollar Digital Bet

- AI more than a digital enabler
- Positioning India in the Global AI landscape
- Growing AI adoption in smaller cities
- Need for Bharat-specific models like BharatGPT and localized AI datasets
- Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) as a key to scaling AI solutions
- **Keynote:** Shri Abhishek Singh, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & IT, & CEO, India AI Mission, GoI (11:00 - 11:15 am)
- **Moderator:** Rahul Agarwal, Associate Director, ICT Growth Advisory, Frost & Sullivan
- A Dhanalakshmi, Jt Secretary, Minister of Science & Technology
- Dr Ajay Singh, Global Director and Head of AI, HCLTech
- Sudhakar Singh, VP, Head of Responsible AI, Chief AI Security Officer, SAP

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

Workshop

AI in Marketing

- Shweta Bajpai, Group Director India, FS, Media, Travel, RE and Services, Meta
- Raghav Bir Singh, Client Partner, Meta

01:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Panel Discussion

Data Centres: Powering India's AI & Digital Future

- Bridging India's data centre capacity gap for AI-era demand by 2030
- Hyperscale vs. Edge: Balancing cloud and real-time computing needs
- AI-ready infrastructure: GPUs, liquid cooling, and high-density computing
- Policy, investment, and public-private partnerships driving growth
- Data sovereignty and compliance with localization requirements
- **Moderator:** Rishi Khanna, Partner, EY
- Manoj Kumar Singh, DG, Digital Infrastructure Providers Association
- Kunal A Bhat, Head, Global GenAI Centre of Excellence, NTT DATA
- Shivendra Yadav, CTO for the NVIDIA ecosystem at HCLTech
- Anthony Moillic, Field CISO EMEA and APJ, Netwrix
- Praval Singh, VP, Marketing & Customer Experience, Zoho Corporation
- Sounak Kumar Ray, Director, Phison
- Rajeev Mecheri, Director, Gallagher Security

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24 MARCH 2026 (DAY 2)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

02:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Building Trust in the Digital Enterprise: Security, Privacy, DPDP Compliance & Governance in a Connected World

- Security-by-design across endpoints, networks, cloud, and data infrastructure
- DPDP Act compliance and its implications for enterprise IT, data management, and digital platforms
- Privacy and data protection as core drivers of customer confidence and stakeholder trust
- Governance frameworks for AI systems, digital platforms, and cross-border data flows
- Actionable strategies for building resilient, compliant, and future-ready digital enterprises
- **Moderator:** Navin Kaul, Partner, EY
- **Satya Narayan Meena**, ACEO, Government e Marketplace (GeM), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
- **Abhisar Sharma**, MD & CEO, NESL Asset Data Ltd
- **Dr. Inder Gopal**, Chairman, Centre of Data for Public Good, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Research Professor, IISc
- **Sriram Kakarala**, Chief Product Officer, Scalefusion

2:30 PM - 03:15 PM

Panel Discussion

AI Rx: Reimagining India's Healthcare & Pharma Future

- AI for diagnostics & clinical decision support in high-volume Indian hospitals
- Accelerating drug discovery & clinical trials with generative AI
- Pharma 4.0: AI for quality, compliance & smart manufacturing
- Genomics + AI for precision medicine tailored to India
- Responsible AI, regulation & trust in healthcare and pharma
- **Moderator:** Suresh Subramanian, Partner, EY Parthenon
- **Dr. K Madan Gopal**, Advisor, Public Health Administration, National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), MoHFW, GOI
- **Brig (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar Gupta**, Director, Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS)
- **Dr. Susil Kumar Meher**, Head Health IT & CISO, AIIMS, New Delhi
- **Avinash Pandey**, Group Leader, Digital Health, National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH)
- **Dr. Sudhir Srivastava**, Founder, Chairman, and CEO, SS Innovations International Inc.

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24 MARCH 2026 (DAY 2)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

03:15 PM - 04:00 PM

Panel Discussion

New Zealand: Trusted Nation. Global Tech. Real Impact for India

- New Zealand as a high-trust, innovation-led nation delivering globally proven technology
- Solutions built for demanding international markets and scalable across geographies
- Strong track record of global partnerships, including growing collaboration with India
- Proven use cases addressing real-world challenges with measurable impact
- Reliable, long-term technology partnerships aligned with India's digital ambitions
- Tangible contributions to India's growth, innovation ecosystem, and digital transformation

04:30 PM - 06:00 PM

Awards

- Convergence Awards
- Fintech India Innovation Awards
- Smart Cities India Awards

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25 MARCH 2026 (DAY 3)

FUTURE CITIES

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Panel Discussion**

Viksit Bharat 2047: How AI-Powered Cities Will Drive India's Next Growth Story

- AI as the backbone of future-ready urban governance
 - Smart Cities → Intelligent Cities → Inclusive Cities
 - India's AI Mission: scaling solutions from pilots to national platforms
 - Global partnerships enabling India's urban transformation
 - AI-Native Urban Districts like Infopark Phase 3 as living labs for City Brain & Digital Twin innovation
 - Building deep-tech ecosystems within cities: integrating startups, academia, venture capital, and real-time urban data to accelerate IP creation and global competitiveness
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- **Moderator:** Amit Singh, Partner, EY
 - **Session Chair:** Durga Shanker Mishra, IAS (Retd.), Former Chief Secretary, Govt of Uttar Pradesh
 - **Rajat Kumar Saini**, IAS, CEO & MD, National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC)
 - **Rahul Kapoor**, ED Finance, Ministry of Railways, GoI
 - **Susanth Kurunthil**, CEO, Infoparks Kerala
 - **Sovan Mandal**, CEO, Valocity India and the Middle East

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FUTURE CITIES

12:00 PM – 12:10 PM

Keynote

- Sunil Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary cum CMD, Ranchi Smart City Corporation Ltd.

12:10 PM – 01:10 PM

Panel Discussion

AI & IoT: Powering the Future City Revolution

- How AI and IoT can help build more responsive, people-friendly cities
- Leveraging real-time data from DISCOMs and other critical city infrastructure to enhance urban services
- Using real-time data to improve everyday services
- How tech is helping cities become safer, greener, and easier to move around
- Creating future-ready, modern and connected cities
- **Moderator:** Abhishek Vashisth, Director, EY
- Dr. Marco Marechal, CEO, Connected
- Hasit Trivedi, President and Chief Digital & AI Officer, Firstsource
- Udayan Kanade, CEO, Oneirix Labs
- Venkata Subba Roa Chunduru, Director and Head, India Operations, Arcadis
- Vishnu Shankar Srivastava, Head, Strategic Projects, BSES Rajdhani Power Limited

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FUTURE CITIES

01:10 PM – 02:10 PM

Panel Discussion

Climate-Ready, Clean-Air Cities: Tackling Pollution, Heat & Urban Stress in Future India

- Air Quality & Pollution Management at Urban Scale
- Designing Cities for Heat, Floods & Climate Resilience
- Urbanisation Constraints & Practical Solutions for India
- Technology & Data as Enablers of Urban Resilience
- Governance, Capacity & Citizen Co-Action
- **Moderator:** Gaurav Gupta, AD, EY
- Shruti Narayan, Managing Director, Regions and Mayoral Engagement, C40 Cities
- Raghav Bhardwaj, CEO at Bolt.Earth
- Prof. Charru Malhotra, Professor (e-Governance and ICT), Indian Institute of Public Administration
- Ishan Jasuja, Founder & Director, Goeconomic Strategy Unit

02:10 PM – 03:00 PM

Networking Lunch



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QUANTUM COMPUTING

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Keynote Address

From Vision to Mission: National Quantum Mission Shaping India's Tech Destiny

- **Dr. J. B. V. Reddy**, Head - Quantum Technology Cell (QTC), Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

Panel Discussion

From Bits to Qubits: Shaping India's Tech Destiny

- Quantum computing as the next digital revolution – and India's chance to lead.
- Is quantum tech a threat to employment—or a trigger for a new wave of high-skill jobs?
- How can India boost private funding to drive quantum innovation?
- When will quantum computing move from lab to real-world use cases in India?
- Attracting foreign investment into India's quantum ecosystem
- **Moderator: Dr Atul Tripathi**, Director Quantum Computing, PwC
- **Vijay A. Ramanujan**, CEO, Foundation for Quantum Computing Innovation (FQCI)
- **SheshaShayee Raghunathan**, Strategy Lead - India, IBM Quantum
- **Umakant Rapol**, Professor, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune
- **Ashwin Saxena**, Founder CEO, CybraneX
- **Satyam Kushwaha**, Founder, Scytale Alpha

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QUANTUM COMPUTING

01:00 PM – 02:00 PM

Panel Discussion

Quantum-Safe India: Securing Cyber & Space

- Getting ready for quantum threats to key digital systems
- Collaborating with DRDO, ISRO, and Defence Ministry
- How Quantum tech could change data security
- Quantum communication: Moving from sci-fi (science fiction) to reality
- What's next on India's quantum technology roadmap
- **Moderator: Manoj Gupta**, Director, EY
- **Col Anurag Awasthi (R)**, Executive Director & Principal Advisor, MEDEPC
- **Vijayant Gaur**, Director General, Cyber Security Association of India
- **Kapil Jaiswal**, CTO, Quantum AI Global
- **Anurag Agrawal**, Founder & Director, DataBloc Technologies
- **Prof. Bhaskar Kanseri**, IHFC Chair Professor, Department of Physics, IIT, Delhi

MOBILE & SMART LIVING

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM

Panel Discussion

AI-First Mobile: Powering India's Smart Living Era

- India's AI-first smartphone moment → now powering entire lifestyle ecosystems
- On-device AI for home control, health tracking, payments, and personal productivity
- 5G/6G + edge ecosystems powering smart mobility, smart health & smart entertainment
- New AI agents on phones: assistant, coach, companion, creator
- AI + IoT interoperability: turning phones into the remote control of India's smart life
- Responsible AI: privacy, secure home networks, child safety, digital well-being
- India as the global testbed for AI-first affordable devices under ₹15,000
- **Moderator: Amitoj Arya**, Partner, EY
- **Col Suhail Zaidi (Retd)**, Director General, MAIT
- **Ravi Kunwar**, CEO & Vice president - India and APAC, HMD Global
- **Madhav Sheth**, CEO, Ai+ Smartphone and Founder, NxtQuantum Shift Technologies
- **Sumit Singh**, Head of Product, LAVA
- **Aayush Ailawadi**, TV Personality & Tech Creator

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MOBILE & SMART LIVING

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Panel Discussion

Smart Accessories: The New Drivers of Smart Living

- AI-powered lifestyle devices: hearables, wearables, rings, glasses, personal AI gadgets
- India's ascent as global manufacturing hub for fitness tech, hearables, smart bands
- XR + immersive computing: entertainment, education, enterprise
- Sustainability + design-for-value → what Indian consumers are demanding
- Smart personal health: sleep, stress, women's wellness, preventive care
- Omnichannel revolution: D2C + retail + marketplaces powering accessories growth
- The rise of AI-powered micro-devices (pens, cameras, trackers, mini-wearables)
- Premium immersive audio-visual experiences across devices
- Ecosystem collaboration powering immersive smart living
- **Moderator: Prabhu Ram**, VP - Industry Research Group, CyberMedia Research
- **Tasleem Arif**, MD, OPPO India R&D
- **Manas Jaiswal**, Former VP & Head of Product, Noise
- **Sameer Seth**, Director Marketing, Dolby Laboratories
- **Gautam Batra**, Associate Director, Marketing, Xiaomi India

04:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Panel Discussion

Make in India: Building the Smart Living Mobile Ecosystem

- India's transition from assembly → full-value manufacturing + components
- Localisation for: batteries, displays, chip packaging, camera modules, sensors
- AI-driven smart factories: automation, robotics, predictive quality
- EMS evolution: smartphones → smartwatches → hearables → IoT home devices
- Export momentum: smartphones, tablets, wearables, chargers, smart cameras
- PLI 2.0 & 3.0: What will unlock next-stage global competitiveness
- Navigating global supply chains + India-China+1 opportunities
- India's potential to become the world's smart living device capital
- **Moderator: Rajjat Kharbanda**, Research Director, 6W Research
- **Desh Raj Bhadana**, Director, Mobile and Electronic Devices Export Promotion Council
- **Gulshan Kumar**, Senior Director, Smart Factory, Samsung Electronics
- **Divyanshu Gautam**, Senior Commercial Director, Gorilla Glass & Emerging Opportunities, Corning India
- **Aayushmaan Wassan**, MD, Callmate
- **Milan R Agarwal**, Founder and CEO, Nextech by Amson Interconnect
- **Ashish Sachdeva**, Managing Director, DDS International

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24 MARCH 2026 (DAY 2)

SATCAB SYMPOSIUM (CURATED BY AVISHKAR MEDIA)

10:30 AM -11:20 AM

Inaugural Session

AI in Broadcasting: Revolution or Evolution?

Welcome Address:

Dr. A.K. Rastogi, President, All India Avishkar Dish Antenna Sangh

Keynote Address 1: MIB

Keynote Address 2: TRAI Industry Address:

11:20 AM -12:20 PM

Panel Discussion

The Evolving Edge: Maximizing Broadcasters, DPOs and LCO Potential in the current media landscape

- Ongoing relevance of DPOs and in 2026, considering the coexistence of traditional TV with OTT platforms specially user-generated platforms and growing appetite for shortform content.
- How these intermediaries can redeploy their unique last-mile advantages and local presence to serve as essential digital service partners, tapping into the vast opportunities for expansion and millions of unreached households to secure their future and enhance their true potential.

12:20 PM -01:15 PM

Panel Discussion

Reinventing News: Sustainable Models for Broadcast and Digital

- This panel will examine the critical challenges facing the news channel business model, acknowledging that News is often in the news for all the wrong reasons and that Indians are reluctant to pay for content. Panelists will discuss the over-reliance on advertising, which has led to commoditization, and the significant revenue diversion by big-tech. The session will also explore the structural changes required for a robust and profitable news ecosystem.

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SATCAB SYMPOSIUM (CURATED BY AVISHKAR MEDIA)

01:15 PM -02:00 PM

Panel Discussion

Measuring the Various Screens : How Robust & Reliable?

- With audiences consuming content across multiple devices like TV, mobile, tablets, and Connected TV, accurate measurement of viewership has become more complex. Traditional ratings systems often struggle to capture fragmented viewing across OTT platforms and IPTV. The key challenge is ensuring that cross-platform measurement remains robust, transparent, and reliable so broadcasters and advertisers can accurately evaluate audience reach, engagement, and advertising effectiveness across all screens.
- **Moderator: Ajay Singh**, Head Legal & CCO, Hathway DataCom
- **Pankaj Krishna**, Founder & CEO, Chrome DM*
- LV-Tam*
- **Imran Khan**, Director Sales – South & South East Asia, Amagi*

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24 MARCH 2026 (DAY 2)

SMART MOBILITY

02:00 PM – 02:45 PM

Panel Discussion

From Wheels to Deals: Business in a Connected Vehicle World

- How connected vehicle data is unlocking cross-industry collaboration (e.g., insurance, retail, urban mobility)
- The role of AI and real-time analytics in enabling predictive services and in-vehicle intelligence
- Key question: Who owns and controls vehicle data?
- Monetization vs. user experience: How much connectivity is too much?
- Need for new policies and infrastructure to support vehicle-to-everything (V2X) systems

- **Moderator:** Shilpa Kaul, Director, EY
- Uday Narang, Founder, Omega Seiki Mobility
- Mahua Acharya, Co-Founder, Intent Platform
- Naveen Chopra, CTO & COO (Manufacturing Operations) HEV, SUN Mobility
- Meenu Sarawgi, Chief of Strategy and Operations, Automotive Skills Development Council
- Prakash Nagarajan, Vice President, Collaboration and Connected Solutions, Tata Communications
- Abhijeet Sinha, Program Director – National Highways for Electric Vehicles (NHEV) & National Program Director – Ease of Doing Business
- Sumit Roy, Founder, Six Sense Mobility

02:45 PM – 03:00 PM

Keynote:

Innov8 to Integr8

- Sudeep Ambare, CEO - ARAI -AMTIF

03:00 PM – 04:00 PM

Panel Discussion

Elev8 - 'Building Innovation for the Nation

- **Moderator:** Sudeep Ambare, CEO - ARAI -AMTIF
- Dr. Reji Mathai, Director - ARAI & ARAI-AMTIF
- Vikas Dogra, Director - MHI (Govt. of India)
- Tarun Aggarwal, Sr. Executive Office, Engineering, Maruti Suzuki India Limited.
- Suresh Babu Muttana, Scientist - E, DST (Govt. of India)
- Gerald Wilson, Chief Digital Officer, Adani Total Gas City Gas Distribution & Director, Adani TotalEnergies E-mobility

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SMART MOBILITY

04:00 PM – 04:45 PM **Panel Discussion**

Creating an Interconnected, Interoperable & Intelligent Transport Network

- V2V communication for safer roads and real-time traffic management
- ADAS built for India's unique road conditions and diverse traffic scenarios
- Building both physical & digital highways with smart infrastructure integration
- Connecting charging infrastructure with energy grid and renewable sources
- Engineering SDVs for the new-age with software-first architecture

- **Moderator:** Dhruv Behl, Editor, autoX & Director, EIG
- PK Banerjee, Chief Executive Director, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM)*
- Anuraag Bharadwaj, VP & Head Automotive Industry Platform, Capgemini

04:45 PM – 05:30 PM **Panel Discussion**

Connected, Intelligent, Efficient: The Next Era of Telematics Innovation

- Convergence of IoT, AI, and cloud for real-time telematics intelligence
- Data-driven decision-making in fleet and logistics management
- Telematics for electric and autonomous vehicle ecosystems
- Standardization, interoperability, and cybersecurity in telematics networks
- Integrating telematics into smart city and mobility infrastructure
- Future business models: subscription services, data monetization, and partnerships

- **Moderator:** Harshvardhan Sharma, Group Head, Automotive Tech & Innovation, NRI Group
- Puneet Aggarwal, Head Smart Mobility & Sustainable IoT, Jio Platforms Limited
- Sudhir Kataria, Head IT, JSW MG Motor India
- Boris Pankov, Founder, Omnicomm
- Pranshu Gupta, Founder & CEO, Trak N Tell
- Siji Sunny, Chief Technology Officer, Varroc Connect
- Rishin Kalra, Chief Product Officer, MapmyIndia

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25 MARCH 2026 (DAY 3)

FINTECH INNOVATIONS

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Panel Discussion

FinTech for Viksit Bharat: Driving Inclusive Growth

- How FinTech is helping India become a developed nation by making financial services more accessible and affordable
- Future of FinTech in India: Opportunities and Challenges
- FinTech's role in fighting fraud, especially in rural areas
- How digital systems like UPI and Aadhaar help FinTech grow and build trust
- Challenges in digital financial literacy and how FinTech can help fix them
- **Moderator:** Jatinder Handoo, CEO, Unified Fintech Forum
- Sanjiv Bajaj, Jt. Chairman & MD, Bajaj Capital
- Prabhat Chaturvedi, CEO, National Urban Cooperative Finance & Development Corporation (NUCFDC)
- Ashish Mehrotra, CEO & MD, Northern Arc Capital
- Pawan Bakshi, India Lead, Inclusive Financial Systems, Gates Foundation
- Joseph Joshy, Chief General Manager & Chief Technology Officer, Head - Department of Technology, International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)
- Anand Kumar Bajaj, MD & CEO, PayNearby
- Jinand Shah, Chief Innovation Officer & MD, OPL
- Raman Aggarwal, CEO, FIDC (Finance Industry Development Council)

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Panel Discussion

The Leaders' Perspective: What role will AI play in the next decade?

- What should leaders focus on with AI?
- What's stopping wider AI use in finance?
- How can financial firms find the best places to use AI?
- What are the new roles that AI augmentation can help create?
- Rajiv Gupta, Group President, PB FinTech Ltd and Director PB Pay and PB AA
- Dipu K V, Senior President, Bajaj General Insurance
- Dr. Sheela Siddappa, Senior Vice President AI, Commonwealth Bank
- Markandey Upadhyay, Chief Data & Analytics Officer, Piramal Finance
- Dharmvir Kumar Singh, Chief Technology Officer, Samman Capital
- Rahil Rangwala, Managing Partner, Accion Ventures

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FINTECH INNOVATIONS

12:30 PM – 01:00 PM **Fireside Chat**
Regulating Innovation: AI, Trust & the Future of FinTech in India

- **Suwendu Pati**, Chief General Manager – FinTech, Reserve Bank of India

01:00 PM – 02:00 PM **Panel Discussion**
The New Payment Stack: Fast, Secure & Always-On

- Real-time payments, UPI evolution & high-volume scaling
- Fraud prevention, risk scoring & tokenization
- Cross-border capabilities & global interoperability
- How solution providers can co-build with banks and PSPs
- **Moderator: Pallvi Goyal, Director & Advisory**, Payments Transformation, Pwc
- **Sujay Kumar Yadav**, MD & CEO, SBI Payments
- **Vijay Rajagopal**, Country Head, Amazon Web Services (AWS), BFSI & FinTech, Go-to-Market, AWS
- **Harsh Vardhan Masta**, Head of Payments, Policybazaar.com
- **Gagandeep Arora**, Product Leader- Payments, Tata Digital
- **Praveen Kumar**, SVP & Head – Innovation, Regulatory Strategy & Partnerships, Spice Money
- **Prajay Bangur**, Head of Business Strategy and Alliance, EbixCash Payment Solutions

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM **Networking Lunch**

TRANSFORMATION STAGE

25 MARCH 2026 (DAY 3)

FINTECH INNOVATIONS

03:00 PM – 03:45 PM

Panel Discussion

Smart Lending 2.0: From Onboarding to Collections- A Unified Digital Journey

- AI/ML-driven underwriting using alternative & behavioural data
 - Central KYC, video KYC & frictionless onboarding flows
 - Embedded lending for apps, merchants & digital platforms
 - Predictive & consent-based collections tech
 - Full-stack digital loan lifecycle management
- **Moderator: Bhavin Patel**, CEO & Co-Founder, LenDenClub
 - **Vinod Kumar**, Chief Digital Officer, Shriram Finance Limited
 - **Ashok Mittal**, Managing Director & CEO, Billmart FinTech
 - **Anil Pinapala**, Founder & CEO, Vivifi
 - **Ranjit Singh**, Chief Credit Risk Officer, CredAble
 - **Brajesh Pranami**, Founder & CEO, Flyhi Finance
 - **Raveesh Bhatnagar**, Industry Manager - Financial Services, Real Estate and Travel, Meta

03:45 PM – 04:30 PM

Panel Discussion

The Battle Against Digital Fraud

- Tackling deepfakes, synthetic IDs & social-engineering fraud
 - Real-time fraud detection with AI & behaviour analytics
 - Strengthening KYC/AML with automated risk scoring
 - Building a unified fraud-intelligence network across banks
 - How solution providers can plug into fraud-prevention ecosystems
- **Moderator: Sumit Sharma**, Director-Digital Trust, KPMG
 - **Nishant Monga**, Chief Compliance Officer, Fusion Finance Limited
 - **Shalini Gupta**, Chief Policy and Advocacy Officer, Sahamati
 - **Vinay Shah**, Chief Information Security Officer & DPO, OPL
 - **Max Ferguson**, CEO & Founder – Lumin
 - **Sashikant Panda**, Chief Compliance Officer & Principal Officer, Sberbank India



INNOVATION STAGE

INNOVATION STAGE

23 MARCH 2026 (DAY 1)

STARTUP HUB

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Inaugural Session**

Startup Playbooks for Bharat: 10X Ideas for India's Next 500 Million Consumers

- Designing products for Tier 2, 3 & 4 India
- Voice-first, vernacular-first and UPI-native business models
- Frugal engineering for scale and affordability
- Distribution, trust, and adoption in mass India markets
- **Moderator: Sudhanshu Bohra**, Partner, EY
- **Prof. V Ramgopal Rao**, Group Vice Chancellor, BITS Pilani
- **Praveen Roy**, Head - Technology Translation and Innovation, Department of Science and Technology (DST), GoI
- **Rikant Pittie**, Co-founder & CEO, EaseMyTrip
- **Takahisa Ohira**, Head-Global Department, Deloitte Tohmatu Venture Support

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM **Panel Discussion**

Why Startups Fail? Insights from Founders, Investors & Operators

- Top reasons behind early-stage startup failures
- Problems with funding and money management
- Scaling too fast vs. scaling too slow
- Team dynamics and leadership challenges
- Learning from failures to build stronger startups
- **Moderator: Ashutosh Sahrma**, CEO, IHFC
- **Ashish Taneja**, Founding Partner & CEO, growX Ventures
- **Yamini Bhushan Pandey**, MD & CEO, IIML EIC
- **Himanshu Joshi**, Program Director, Niti Aayog & Program Lead, Atal Innovation Mission
- **Sachin Jain**, Co-founder & Chief Strategy Officer, ProcMart
- **Sanil Sachar**, Partner, Huddle ventures
- **Girish Shivani**, Executive Director and Fund Manager, Your Nest Venture Capital
- **Dr Saarthak Bakshi**, CEO, Risaa IVF & Venture Partner, Excluto
- **Karan Mittal**, Managing Partner, Caret Capital & Partner, Ev2 Ventures

INNOVATION STAGE

23 MARCH 2026 (DAY 1)

STARTUP HUB

01:00 PM – 01:15 PM

Keynote:

The Convergence of Device, Access & Security

- Sriram Kakarala, Chief Product Officer, Scalefusion
- Gaurav Mehta, Associate Director, Scalefusion

01:15 PM – 02:00 PM

Networking Lunch

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM

Panel Discussion

AI Startups: From Hackathons to Hyper-Scaling

- Building capital-efficient AI products with limited compute*
- India-specific LLM fine-tuning and contextual intelligence
- AI agents transforming operations, logistics, mobility and governance
- Go-to-market challenges and scaling AI startups sustainably
- **Moderator:** Roman Ermoshin, Global Business Executive and Independent Consultant
- Amit Singal, Founding Partner, Indicorn Angels
- Anuradha Chowdhary, Founder, ZeroTo3 Collective
- Tarun Gupta, Director, New Jersey India Centre
- Lakshmi Devi Prakash, VP – Applied AI/ML Lead, JPMorgan Chase
- Manjunatha G Kukkur, Associate Vice President and Principal Research Analyst, Infosys Center for Emerging Technology Solutions
- Mukesh Sinha, Director, OSEL Devices Limited

03:00 PM – 03:15 PM

Keynote:

- Ashok Kurian Panjikan, Senior Ecosystem Enabler & Strategic Growth Architect, Kerala Startup Mission

03:15 PM – 06:00 PM

Investor Startup Meet

INNOVATION STAGE

24 MARCH 2026 (DAY 2)

STARTUP HUB

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Panel Discussion**

Women in India's Startup Ecosystem: Driving Innovation, Leadership & Funding

- Women as founders, investors & innovation leaders
 - Overcoming challenges & creating fair opportunities for women entrepreneurs
 - The rise of women-led startups in Tier 2/3 cities
 - The need for better support: policies, mentorship, and access to capital
- **Moderator: Sidharth Tewari**, Associate Partner, Startups & Innovation Advisory, KPMG
 - **Sarika Saxena**, Managing Partner, IAN Alpha Fund
 - **Priya Singh**, Co-founder, Chalo Mobility
 - **Tripti Shinghal Somani**, Founder, Womenovator; Senior Partner – K G Somani & Co LLP; Member – National Startup Advisory Council, DPIIT, Government of India.
 - **Rimjhim Agrawal**, Co-founder & CTO at BrainSightAI
 - **Payal Koul Mirakhur**, Co-founder & CBO, uExcelerate & Board of Director, Bharat FIH & Hinduja Tech
 - **Shailaja Priyadarshini**, Director, KPSR Solutions private Ltd & Joint Secretary - WTITC for Startups & Innovation Chapter

12:00 PM – 01:00 PM **Panel Discussion**

The Investor Lens: What VCs Want in 2026-2030

- Emerging high-conviction sectors: Climate, AI Infrastructure, Urbantech, Healthtech
 - Deal-breakers that instantly kill investor interest
 - Why Product-Market Fit alone no longer wins capital
 - New metrics, moats, and founder signals VCs prioritize
- **Kapel Malhotra**, MD & Founder, Total Solutions Group
 - **Dr. Ish Anand** - Board Member, iCapital Ventures & Global Vice President, EiC Corporation
 - **Divya Sampath**, Partner, AWE (Achieving Women Equity) Funds
 - **Shweta Raka**, Managing Partner, Delhi Angel Den
 - **Vittal Ramakrishna**, CEO, Nucleo

INNOVATION STAGE

24 MARCH 2026 (DAY 2)

STARTUP HUB

01:00 PM – 02:00 PM

Panel Discussion

From Idea to IP: Safeguarding Innovations & Startups

- Why IP is a strategic asset for startups, not just legal protection
- How founders can plan for intellectual property early on
- How IP helps attract investors and increase value
- Understanding India's changing IP and rules
- **Moderator:** Navdeep Shridhar, President, IPR Awareness and Innovation Promotion Forum
- **Prof. Unnat P Pandit**, Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks (CGPDTM), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- **Safir Anand**, Senior Partner & Head of Trademarks Contractual & Commercial IP, Anand and Anand
- **Bhawna Sharma**, Founder & IP Attorney, LEXRADAR

02:00 PM – 05:00 PM

Startup Pitch Competition

05:00 PM – 05:15 PM

Keynote:

- **Ashwin Rajmohan**, Sr Sales Manager, Dubai World Trade Centre

INNOVATION STAGE

25 MARCH 2026 (DAY 3)

STARTUP HUB

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Panel Discussion

UrbanTech: Building the Future of Indian Cities

- Startup-driven innovation for digital urban governance
- Technology solutions for pollution control and waste management
- Water recycling and sustainable urban infrastructure
- Smart mobility, traffic management, and livable cities
- **Moderator: Abhishek Vashisth**, Director, EY
- **Kalpna Viswanath**, Co-founder, Safetipin
- **Garima Bharadwaj**, Co-Founder and CTO, Enlite
- **Dr Divya Rajput**, Director Nexus Startup Hub, The American Center, ND University of Connecticut
- **Lalit Bansal**, CEO & Founder, Revolutions.ai

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

Workshop

Live Ethical Smart Phone Hacking & Cyber Hygiene

- **Nikhil Mahadeshwar**, Founder, Cyber Secured India

01:00 PM - 01:20 PM

Keynote:

The Next Destination for Global Tech Companies: Why Kerala Matters

- **Seeram Sambasiva Rao**, IAS, Special Secretary (Electronics & IT Department), Government of Kerala

01:20 PM - 02:00 PM

Networking Lunch

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Workshop

Securing the Future: AI Driven Cybersecurity in an Era of Emerging Threats

- **Kanishk Gaur**, Founder, India Future Foundation & CEO, Athenian Tech Ltd.

INNOVATION STAGE

25 MARCH 2026 (DAY 3)

STARTUP HUB

03:00 PM -04:00 PM

Panel Discussion

Quantum, Space & Deep Tech: Building Startups for the Next Frontier

- Turning cutting-edge research into scalable businesses
- Early-stage funding strategies for deep-tech startups
- India's emerging deep-tech corridors and ecosystems
- Collaboration between academia, industry, and government
- **Moderator:** Amarjeet Singh Makhija, Partner, PwC
- Suryakant, CEO, AIC-BIMTECH
- Anurag Seth, Principal AI/ML Advisor, AWS Startups
- Ajay Singh, Head - Technology and Innovation, Austrian Embassy - Commercial Section, New Delhi
- Ajay Jain, Founder & Managing Partner, SilverXfund
- Ritesh Mohan Srivastava, Founder & CTO, Tavastra
- Ankit Kumar, CEO & Founder, Skye Air Mobility