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**MARCH 2026**

BHARAT MANDAPAM, NEW DELHI

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# CONVERGENCE STAGE

23 MARCH 2026 (DAY 1)

## 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
- **Keynote:** Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India\*
- **Moderator:** Pankaj Mohindroo, Chairman, ICEA
- Lt. Gen. Dr. S.P. Kochhar, Director General, COAI
- Dr. R. K. Upadhyay, CEO, C-DoT
- Bharat B Bhatia, President, ITU-APT Foundation of India
- Brig. Anil Tandan, 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
- Lt Gen Kulbhushan H Gawas PVSM, VSM (Retd), Chief Executive Officer, Telecom Sector Skill Council
- AK Mittal, DG, Telecom Standards Development Society of India (TSDSI)
- 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

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01:00 PM - 02:00 PM

Panel Discussion

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

## 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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- **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
  - **Sudhanshu Mittal**, Head & Director Technical Solutions, NASSCOM
  - **Karan Agarwal**, Chief Product & Technology Officer, DeHaat
  - **Prof. Brejesh Lall**, Professor, Electrical Engineering Department & Head IoT Lab, IIT Delhi
  - **M.A. Johar**, President, Project Business at CP PLUS

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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:** Harsh Gupta, Partner, EY
  - **Dr Rishi Mohan Bhatnagar**, Chairman, Futred Innovations Studios
  - **Sushil Kumar**, Chair of BIS, National Committee on IoT & Digital Twin & Chair of ITU
  - **Dr Dheeraj Mehrotra**, President, IoT Society of India & Vice President, GEMS Education, India.
  - **Vishal Sirohi**, Co-founder and CEO, Island Computing Services
  - **Sujay Kumar Saha**, Head IoT, Tata Power Company\*

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.
- **Moderator:** Anurag Dua, Partner, EY
  - **Anurag Jain**, Vice President and Global Head of AI Engineering, HCLTech
  - **Dr. Marco Marechal**, CEO, Connected
  - **Ashutosh Gupta**, Director, Cloud Transformation, Global Service Delivery, Google Cloud
  - **Vivek Rajagopal**, Group CAIO, Narayana Health
  - **Rohit Jain**, VP & Head of Technology, Airtel IQ & IoT, Airtel Digital\*

# CONVERGENCE STAGE

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## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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
- Ashish Tewari, Head of Responsible AI Office, India, Infosys
- Ajay Tikare, Director, Custom Innovation Services, Head of Custom AI Solution Incubation, SAP Labs India
- Dr Ajay Singh, Global Director and Head of AI, HCLTech

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

### Workshop

#### AI in Marketing

- Shweta Bajpai, Group Director India, FS, Media, Travel, RE and Services, Meta

01:00 PM - 1:45 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
- Green data centres: Sustainable energy and cooling innovations
- 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
- Arvind Bali, Board Advisor, Globe Teleservices; Vice Chairman, GTS TechLabs
- 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
- Rajeev Mecheri, Director, Gallagher Security

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24 MARCH 2026 (DAY 2)

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

01:45 PM - 2:15 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
- Operationalising compliance through automation, policy enforcement, and zero-trust architectures
- Actionable strategies for building resilient, compliant, and future-ready digital enterprises
- **Moderator:** Navin Kaul, Partner, EY
- **Satya Narayan Meena**, ACEO, GeM
- **Anupam Singh**, CIO and Director - Tech, Data & Digital Innovation, Sodexo India
- **Sriram Kakarala**, Chief Product Officer, Scalefusion

02:15 PM - 03:00 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:** Rakesh Kaul, Partner, EY
- **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)
- **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.
- **Kiran Gopal Vaska**, Joint Secretary, National Health Authority and Mission Director, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission Government of India\*

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03:00 PM - 03:45 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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## 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, National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC)\*
  - Sanket Bhondve, IAS, Commissioner Urban Administration & Development and MD, MP Urban Development Company Ltd, Government of Madhya Pradesh\*
  - Rahul Kapoor, ED Finance, Ministry of Railways, GoI
  - Susanth Kurunthil, CEO, Infoparks Kerala
  - Jigar Patel, City Data Officer, Surat Smart City
  - Sovan Mandal, CEO, Valocity India and the Middle East
  - Dikshu C. Kukreja, Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Albania

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

## AI & IoT: Powering the Future City Revolution

- How AI and IoT can help build more responsive, people-friendly cities
  - 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
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- **Moderator:** Abhishek Vashisth, Partner, EY
  - Dr. Marco Marechal, CEO, Connected
  - Hasit Trivedi, President and Chief Digital & AI Officer, Firstsource
  - Udayan Kanade, CEO, Oneirix Labs
  - ARCADIS speaker
  - Avik Sarkar, Senior Research Fellow & Visiting Faculty, Indian Business School\*
  - Manpreet Singh, Head National Urban Digital Mission, National Institute of Urban Affairs\*
  - Dr. Sanjay Bhel, DG, CERT-In (Indian Computer Emergency Response Team)\*
  - Maya R Nayar, Senior Director & CISO, Crisil\*
  - Jaydeep Singh, Kaspersky's Head for India\*

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01:00 PM - 02:00 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, Geoeconomic Strategy Unit

02:00 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**, Mission Director, National Quantum Mission, Scientist - F & Head, 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
  
- **Ravindra Barlingay**, CEO, IITM CDOT Samgnya Technologies Foundation, National Hub for Quantum Communication
- **Ashwin Raguraman**, Co-Founder and Partner, Bharat Innovation Fund
- **Prof. Shankar Selvaraja**, Associate Chairperson, Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE), Project Director, Foundation for QC Innovation & Associate professor, IISc
- **Umakant Rapol**, Professor, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune
- **Dr Atul Tripathi**, Director Quantum Computing, PwC
- **SheshaShayee Raghunathan**, Strategy Lead - India, IBM Quantum
- **Ashwin Saxena**, Founder CEO, CybraneX

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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
- **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
- **Sudhin Mathur**, COO, Xiaomi India\*

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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
- **Tasleem Arif**, MD, OPPO India R&D
  - **Manas J**, VP Product, Noise
  - **Sameer Seth**, Director Marketing, Dolby Laboratories
  - **Gautam Batra**, Associate Director, Marketing, Xiaomi India
  - **Tanmay Shah**, Category Leader - Smartphones, Accessories & Post Purchase Services, Amazon

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
- **Desh Raj Bhadana**, Director, Mobile and Electronic Devices Export Promotion Council
  - **Gulshan Kumar**, Senior Director, Smart Factory, Samsung Electronics
  - **Aayushmaan Wassan**, MD, Callmate
  - **Sudhir Pillai**, MD, Corning India\*
  - **Rahul Sharma**, Co-founder, Bhagwati Products (BPL)\*

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## BROADCAST & OTT

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### Panel Discussion

#### AI in Broadcasting: Revolution or Evolution?

- **Smarter Storytelling:** How AI is changing the way stories are created & told
- **Disrupting the Norm:** Innovations in how media is produced, distributed, and consumed
- **Audience First:** Using AI to better understand, connect with, & engage viewers
- **Behind the Scenes:** Streamlining production with AI to boost speed, quality, and efficiency

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

### Panel Discussion

#### Maximising Revenue Streams in a Competitive Industry

- **More Than One Source:** Exploring new and diverse ways to generate revenue
- **Smart Monetization:** Using data and insights to drive better business decisions
- **Customer First:** Enhancing user experience to build long-term profitability
- **Power of Partnerships:** Tapping into new opportunities through strategic collaborations

01:00 PM - 01:30 PM

### Fireside Chat

#### Satcom and OTT

- **Scaling with Satcom:** Can satellite communication help expand the reach of the video industry?
- **Better Delivery, Everywhere:** How Satcom can enhance streaming quality and reliability
- **Reaching the Unreachable:** Using satellite tech to serve remote and underserved regions with limited connectivity
- **New revenue models** for Satcom providers partnering with OTT platforms

01:30 PM - 02:30 PM

### Networking Lunch

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## SMART MOBILITY

02:30 PM – 03:15 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
- **Uday Narang**, Founder, Omega Seiki Mobility
- **Mahua Acharya**, Co-Founder, Intent Platform
- **Naveen Chopra**, CTO – 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
- **Tarun Aggarwal**, Senior Executive Officer & Head – Engineering, Maruti Suzuki India
- **Sumit Roy**, Founder, Six Sense Mobility

03:15 PM - 04:15 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

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04:15 PM - 05:00 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
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- **Rishin Kalra**, Chief Product Officer, MapmyIndia
  - **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

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## 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
  - **Prabhat Chaturvedi**, CEO, National Urban Cooperative Finance & Development Corporation (NUCFDC)
  - **Ashish Mehrotra**, CEO & MD, Northern Arc Capital
  - **Nikhil Sinha**, Director, UIDAI
  - **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

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
  - **Dominic Vijay Kumar**, President and Head of Technology, Namdev Finvest
  - **Rahil Rangwala**, Managing Partner, Accion Ventures

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**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

- **Sujay Kumar Yadav**, MD & CEO, SBI Payments
- **Vijay Rajagopal**, Country Head, Amazon Web Services (AWS), BFSI & FinTech, Go-to-Market, AWS
- **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**

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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
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- **Bhavin Patel**, CEO & Co-Founder, LenDenClub (Moderator)
  - **Tarun Singh**, Chief Operating Officer (COO), SBI Payments
  - **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
  - **Deepak Jain**, Co-founder, Flexiloans
  - **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
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- **Moderator: Sumit Sharma**, Director-Digital Trust, KPMG
  - **Sashikant Panda**, Chief Compliance Officer & Principal Officer, Sberbank India
  - **Nishant Monga**, Chief Compliance Officer, Fusion Finance Limited
  - **Shalini Gupta**, Chief Policy and Advocacy Officer, Sahamati
  - **Vinay Shah**, Chief Information Security Officer, OPL
  - **Max Ferguson**, CEO / Founder – Lumin\*



# INNOVATION STAGE

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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 of Asia Region, Deloitte Tohmatsumu 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
- **Ashish Taneja**, Founding Partner & CEO, growX Ventures
- **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, Riasa IVF & Venture Partner, Excluto
- **Karan Mittal**, Managing Partner, Caret Capital & Partner, Ev2 Ventures

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM

## Networking Lunch

# INNOVATION STAGE

23 MARCH 2026 (DAY 1)

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
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- **Amit Singal**, Founding Partner, Indicorn Angels
  - **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 - 06:00 PM **Investor Startup Meet**

# INNOVATION STAGE

24 MARCH 2026 (DAY 2)

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
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- **Padmaja Ruparel**, Co-founder, IAN Group
  - **Priya Singh**, Co-founder, Chalo Mobility
  - **Tripti Shinghal Somani**, Founder, Womennovator, CEO- KSG Advisors & Member, National Startup Advisory Council, DPIIT, GoI
  - **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
  - **Ragini Das**, Head of Google for Startups, Google\*
  - **Dr. Panneerselvam (PS) Madanagopal**, CEO, Meity Startup Hub - Govt of India\*

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
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- **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
  - **Saurabh Jain**, Senior Vice President, StrideOne Capital\*
  - **Ishpreet Singh Gandhi**, Founder, Strides Ventures\*

# INNOVATION STAGE

24 MARCH 2026 (DAY 2)

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
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- **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
  - **Navdeep Shridhar**, President, IPR Awareness and Innovation Promotion Forum
  - **Bhawna Sharma**, Founder & IP Attorney, LEXRADAR
  - **Tarvinder Singh**, Senior Partner - IP, Kochhar & Co.\*
  - **Sohil Bhagat**, Managing Director, pi Ventures\*

03:00 PM – 05:00 PM **Startup Pitch Competition**

# INNOVATION STAGE

25 MARCH 2026 (DAY 3)

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
- Kalpana 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

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Workshop

## Live Ethical Smart Phone Hacking & Cyber Hygiene

- Nikhil Mahadeshwar, Founder, Cyber Secured India

01:00 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)

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## 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
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- **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
  - **Vijay Singh Rathore**, Managing Partner, Soonicorn Ventures\*

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

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**20 MARCH 2025 (DAY 2)**

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**TRANSFORMATION STAGE (HALL 2)**  
SMART CITIES & FINTECH INNOVATION AWARDS