



STEM SUMMIT 2026

THEME: Accomplishing impact and sustainability through IP and Technology Transfer

08-09 January 2026 | Grand Ball Room, Level (-1), Holiday Inn - Aerocity, New Delhi

Day 1		
Time	Session Title and Brief	Speakers
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Registration	
9:30 AM - 10:10 AM	Welcome Remarks <i>Opening address outlining the summit objectives and setting the tone for two days of engaging discussions.</i> <i>Award of STEM Fellowships</i>	Kalpana Sastry, F-STEM, STEM
10:10 AM – 10:30 AM	Keynote Speech <i>Eminent leader sharing insights on innovation, policy, and the evolving global STEM ecosystem.</i> STEM – BIRAC MoU Signing	Jitendra Kumar, F-STEM, BIRAC
10:30 AM – 11:20 AM	Fireside chat: Emerging global trends in tech transfer	Alwin Wong, RTTP, ATTP Joy Goswami, RTTP, AUTM K. Vijayaraghavan, F-STEM, F-RTTP, STEM
11:20 AM – 12:50 PM	Plenary session - Strengthening India's Innovation Landscape: Policy Frameworks and the Way Forward <i>A high-level panel discussion on policy frameworks driving research, innovation, and technology transfer in India.</i>	Moderator: Shirshendu Mukherjee, F-STEM, RTTP, Wadhvani Foundation Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashutosh Pastor, IIT-Delhi • Banusri Velpandian, Niti Aayog • Indrani Gosh, CSIR • Kalpana Sastry, F-STEM, STEM • Pradeep Dhage, MoE Innovation Cell, AICTE • Alka Sharma, F-STEM, ICMR*
12:50 PM - 1:00 PM	Group Photo	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch	
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM Pluto Hall	Pathway to RTTP Certification (breakout session for aspiring tech transfer professionals) <i>Guidance on achieving RTTP accreditation and advancing professional development in technology transfer.</i>	Alwin Wong, RTTP, ATTP
2:05 PM – 2:15 PM	Tech Showcase: Innovation- Syed Mudasir Ahmad-SaloVac	Presentation by Innovators
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	IP perspectives in AI enabled technologies <i>Exploring how artificial intelligence is reshaping intellectual property strategy, protection, and commercialization.</i>	Moderator: Immanuel Selvaraj Iykkiam, F-STEM, RTTP, i-EL Technologies Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K. Subodh Kumar, TCS • Komal Talwar, XLSCOUT & TT Consultants • Manish Sharma, TechOps • Nishtha Sharma, Schrodinger • Stephen J. Susalka, F-RTTP, AUTM
3:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Tea/Coffee Break	
3:45 PM – 3:55 PM	Tech Showcase: Innovation- Arshad Sheryasiya-Prompt Innovations	Presentation by Innovators



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3:55 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>Investing in building IP assets for startups <i>Panel discussion on the value of IP in startups and strategies for attracting investment through innovation.</i></p>	<p>Moderator: Deepanwita Chattopadhyay, F-STEM, IKP Knowledge Park Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amandeep Panwar, Bharat Rohan • Hemendra Mathur, Bharat Innovation Fund • Rashmi Pimple, RICH • Venu Gopal Chintada, Sathguru Catalysers • Vikas Bhatt, NABVENTURES • Vipul Patel, IIMA Venture fund
5:00 PM – 5:10 PM	Tech Showcase: Innovation- Darshana Iyer (C-CAMP)	Presentation by Innovators / TT managers
<p>Break-out Sessions 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM Grand Ball Room</p>	<p>Advancing India's Bioeconomy: Technology development, technology transfer and collaborations <i>Discussion on biomanufacturing trends, challenges, and opportunities for India's bioeconomy.</i></p>	<p>Moderator: Pushpa Vijayaraghavan, F-STEM, RTTP, Sathguru Management Consultants Panellist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bhabatosh Das, THSTI • Kalaivani Ganesan, DBT • Neetu Singh, IIT-Delhi • Raj Shirumalla, NBM BIRAC • Shams Yazdani, ICGEB
<p>Break-out Sessions 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM Pluto Hall</p>	<p>Artificial Intelligence (AI) for the Agri Industry: From Vision to Execution" <i>Examining how AI technologies are transforming IP management, innovation, and competitiveness in agriculture and seed development.</i></p>	<p>Moderator: Seetharam Annadana, F-STEM, Nuziveedu Seeds Round Table:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kalpana Sastry, F-STEM, STEM • Malathi Lakshmikumaran, F-STEM, LKS Attorneys • Neha Sivaprakash, SeedWorks • Praveen Rao, Kaveri University • Raghavan Sampathkumar, FSII • Ravi Shankar, Grampathshala • Sanjiv Rangrass, Agri-Colloboratory
6:15 PM – 6:45 PM	Networking Break and Tech Showcase walkthrough	
6:45 PM to 9:00 PM	<p>Impact Awards, MoU Signing & Networking Reception <i>Celebrating excellence in innovation and technology transfer, followed by an evening of networking and collaboration.</i></p>	

* Awaiting confirmation



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9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Day 2 kick off <i>Brief snippets from Day-1</i>	Kalpana Sastry, F-STEM, STEM
9:45 AM - 10:55 AM	Standard Essential Patents & FRAND <i>Discussion on the role of Standard Essential Patents and FRAND terms in fostering innovation, licensing, and fair competition.</i>	Moderator: Nitin Sharma, F-STEM, Qualcomm Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aman Sinha, ICRIER Eashan Ghosh, National Law University Satyoki Koundinya, Nokia Y V S Lakshmi, Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)
10:55 AM - 11:15 AM	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:15 AM - 12:25 PM	Cross-country Tech Transfer Opportunities <i>Sharing real-world insights on funding mechanisms, incubation models, and the spinout journey from research to market.</i>	Moderator: Smitha Sirohi, ICAR-National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research Panellist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aadishree Jamkhedkar, German Centre for Research and Innovation- DWIH Deep Narayan, British High Commission Louise Boisen, Danish Patent and Trademark Office Nitin Seth, Director of CEFIPRA
12:25 PM - 1:00 PM	IP litigation - Case Study Discussions <i>Expert-led talks covering IP litigation across life sciences and physical sciences</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jyoti Ramani Choithani, K&S Partners Shikha Singh, LexOrbis
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch	
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Improving commercialization outcomes in Public Research <i>Exploring strategies to enhance technology transfer, industry collaboration, and the commercialization of publicly funded research.</i>	Moderator: Sanjay Bharadwaj, F-STEM, ARCI Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Munish Sudan, Tata Steel Neeru Bhooshan, RTTP, ICAR Suchita Markan, F-STEM, RTTP, ICMR Vibha Malhotra, F-STEM, CSIR
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Equitable Access to Health Technologies in India and LMICs: Transitioning from Generic Manufacturing Hero to Global Originator <i>Equitable access in Indian public R&D — key access clauses</i> <i>Access-expanding mechanisms — how entities like the MPP support innovators through licensing and patent pooling.</i> <i>Global reference models — emerging access & licensing norms in the EU, UK, Africa & Latin America relevant for India.</i>	Moderator: Pushpa Vijayaraghavan, F-STEM, RTTP, Sathguru Management Consultants Speaker Slot: Andrew Goldman, MPP Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Goldman, MPP Leena Menghaney, Health Justice Initiative (HJI) Manisha Shridhar, Former WHO SEARO Srivalli Krishnan, Gates Foundation Sanjay Sarin, DNDi Vinita Jindal, F-STEM, RTTP, BIRAC
4:00 PM onwards	Tea / Coffee Break & Event Wrap	