

## PANEL DISCUSSION SCHEDULE

### PANEL DISCUSSION 1 (15/01/2026)

VENUE: AUDITORIUM

Time: 3:35 PM - 4:05 PM

**Title: Beyond Bench-How AI and Digital are Redefining the Future of Chemistry**

#### Moderator



**Dr Markus Obkircher**

Director, Biochemistry R&D  
Merck Life Science, Bengaluru

#### Panelists



**1) Mr Prasad Bidwe**

*Senior Sales and Product  
Specialist – Asia Pacific Region  
Merck Life Sciences, India*



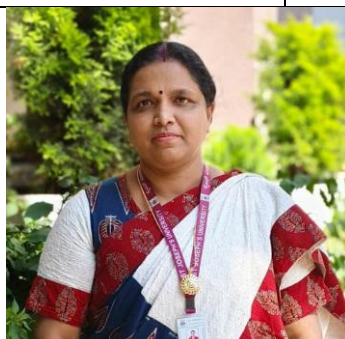
**2) Dr Sandeep Baluni**

*Director of Business  
Development, South Asia at  
Mestrelab Research*



**3) Dr Atanu Sengupta**

*Senior Director,  
New Technology and  
collaborations at Dr Reddy's  
Laboratories*



**4) Dr Mrinmoyee Bhattacharya**

*Associate Professor, Department of Computer  
Science, St Joseph's University*



**5) Mr Deemanth Sridhar**

*Postgraduate student in Computer Science,  
St Joseph's University*

# PANEL DISCUSSION 2 (16/01/2026)

VENUE: AUDITORIUM

Time: 12:25 PM -1:00 PM

**Title: The Industry and Academia Collaboration Potential in Fast-tracking Future Innovations**

## Moderator



**Dr Nikhil Tambe**

Founding CEO, The Energy Consortium, IIT Madras  
Adjunct Faculty, Department of Applied Mechanics, IIT Madras

## Panellists



**1) Mr Rahul Wagh**

Senior Manager, Emerging Technologies, Baker Hughes



**2) Mr Jayesh Jain**

Managing Director, Energy ETA



**3) Dr M. Vijay**

Biodiversity Specialist at Toyota Kirloskar Motor



**4) Dr Nalini G Sundaram**

Professor, Associate Dean and HOD,  
Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University



**5) Ms Aparna A**

Postgraduate student in Organic Chemistry, St Joseph's University

# PANEL DISCUSSION 3 (17/01/2026)

VENUE: AUDITORIUM

Time: 12:20 PM - 1:10 PM

**Title: Catalyzing Change: From AI-Driven Drug Discovery and Diagnostics to Differentiated Designs**

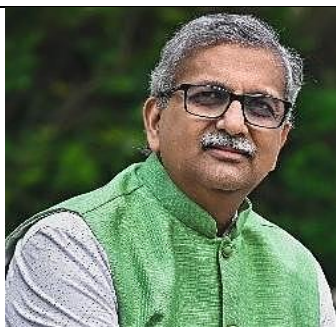
## Moderator



**Dr Jonathan Pillai**

Managing Director, Premom Health India Pvt. Ltd. (PMHI)

## Panelists



**1) Dr Shridhar Narayanan**

*Founder Director, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Foundation for Neglected Disease Research (FNDR)*



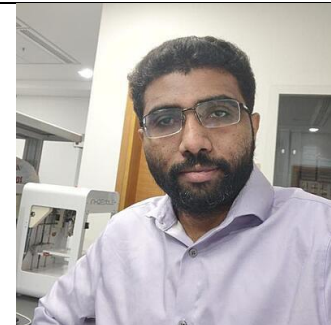
**2) Dr Swetavalli Raghavan**

*Head-Innovation, Strategy & Government Affairs, Royal Society of Chemistry*



**3) Dr Atanu Sengupta**

*Senior Director, New Technology and collaborations at Dr Reddy's Laboratories*



**4) Dr Robin Augustine**

*Research Associate, Qatar University, Doha*

