

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

