



Date: 2nd September, 2026

Venue: Auditorium, 9th floor, ASPIRE, IIT Bombay Research Park Foundation

Session Overview

A focused industry working session bringing together the BharatGen leadership team, ASPIRE members and the broader IIT Bombay ecosystem to discuss sovereign AI strategy, digital transformation pathways, AI security, governance and industry collaboration opportunities. The program will run from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Key speakers include Prof. Ganesh Ramakrishnan, Rishi Bal and Prof. Balaji V. The industry discussion segment is intended to surface collaboration priorities, constraints and opportunities for the next phase of BharatGen engagement.

Objectives

- Align participants on the strategic rationale for a sovereign AI stack and BharatGen's role within it.
- Showcase products delivered to date and preview work in progress.
- Debrief on AI security, cyber resilience, governance and ISO 42001 alignment.
- Capture collaboration interests, domain requirements and next-phase opportunities.



Who can participate?

- ASPIRE member companies and invited industry leaders.
- ASPIRE member companies, external participants (industries) IIT Bombay faculty, and ecosystem members from any domain working in AI, cybersecurity or digital transformation.
- External participants may attend through prior registration only.
- Seats are limited for external participants.
- Maximum participants (CXO's) – industries (internal + external): 50.

Detailed Agenda:

Time	Duration	Session	Lead / Notes
09:00 – 09:30	30 min	Registration and Breakfast	Participant arrival, and check-in
09:30 – 09:45	15 min	Welcome Address	Leadership of ASPIRE IIT Bombay Research Park Foundation: Prof. Vikram Vishal (Professor-in-charge), and Dr. Rajappa Tadepalli (CEO)
09:45 – 10:15	30 min	Inauguration and Opening Session	Welcome address and context-setting by Prof. Ganesh Ramakrishnan
10:15 – 11:15	60 min	The BharatGen Journey	Rishi Bal: sovereign AI rationale, products delivered and work in progress
11:15 – 11:30	15 min	Networking Break	Tea / coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	60 min	Securing Sovereign AI: The Cyber-LLM Journey	Prof. Balaji: AI security, cyber threats, model security, ISO 42001, governance and Cyber-LLM journey
12:30 – 13:00	30 min	Interactive session: Decoding Industry Needs	Open participative discussion with the industry leadership team
13:00 – 13:15	15 min	Way forward, Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks	Dr. Rajappa Tadepalli (CEO), ASPIRE, IIT Bombay Research Park Foundation