

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## SAIARD- National Symposium on FinTech (#NSF2026)

31 January, 2026 | Hotel Hindustan International, Kolkata

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Welcome to #NSF2026	
TIME	CONTENTS
9.30 am-10.30 am	<b>Registration &amp; Morning Tea</b>
10.30 am -12.00 pm <b>Inaugural Session</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Context Set by <b>Ms. Antara Kundu</b>, Program Director, SAIARD</li><li>Executive Summary Video of <b>NSF2026</b> by the team SAIARD</li><li>Welcome Address by <b>Dr. Biswajit Roy Chowdhury</b>, the Founder Chairman, SAIARD Group</li><li>Lighting the Lamp and Felicitation</li><li>Address by the Guest of Honour, <b>Mr. Shubhanjan Das, IAS</b>, Secretary, Department of Information Technology and Electronics, Govt. of West Bengal</li><li>Address by the Guest of Honour <b>Mr. Rajendra Sharma</b>, Secretary (Revenue), Dept. of Finance, Govt. of Sikkim</li><li>Address by the Guest of Honour <b>Mr. P. Vasudevan</b>, Executive Director, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Govt of India</li><li>Address by the Special Guest <b>Mr. Maotoshi Longkumer</b>, MLA &amp; Advisor, Labour &amp; Employment, Skill Development &amp; Entrepreneurship and Excise, Government of Nagaland</li><li>Keynote Address by <b>Mr. Avinash Shukla</b>, General Manager, DIT Projects and Head, Digital Banking, UCO Bank</li><li>Address by the Chief Guest, <b>Mr. Dushyant Nariala, IAS</b>, Addl. Chief Secretary, Department of North Bengal Development, Govt. of West Bengal</li></ul> <p><b>Signing MOU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>National Payments Corporation of India</li><li>UCO Bank</li></ul> <p><b>Official Video from NPCI, Govt of India on</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>CREDIT LINE ON UPI</b></li></ul>

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	<p><b>Official Launch of the Portals</b> <i>Developed by Pentile Global Tech, the IT secretariat of SAIARD Group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>SANYOG, Connecting Nations</b></li><li>• <b>One Health, Your Health Care Partner</b></li></ul> <p><b>Official Launch of the RSDRONE, an unit of SAIARD Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Vote of Thanks by Ms. Antara Kundu, Program Director, SAIARD</b></li></ul>
<b>12.00 pm-1.00 pm</b>	<p><b>Action Track-I: Digital Payment Infrastructure: A Resilient, Inclusive, and Future-Ready Bharat</b></p> <p><i>Digital Payments Infrastructure forms the backbone of a resilient, inclusive, and future-ready financial ecosystem, enabling seamless, secure, and real-time transactions across individuals, businesses, and governments. In the Indian and global FinTech context, platforms such as interoperable payment rails, instant payment systems, digital wallets, Aadhaar- and identity-linked services, APIs, and cloud-based banking architectures have transformed the way value is exchanged. A robust digital payments infrastructure not only drives financial inclusion by reaching unbanked and under banked populations, but also enhances transparency, efficiency, and trust in the economy. For a National FinTech Summit, this domain represents a critical convergence point of policy, technology, cyber-security, and innovation, highlighting the need for scalable systems, strong regulatory frameworks, cross-border interoperability, and continuous innovation to support the next phase of digital economic growth.</i></p> <p><b>Chair &amp; Context set</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Ratan Kesh</b>, Executive Director and COO of Bandhan Bank</li></ul> <p><b>Key Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Niraj Kumar Panda</b>, Chief General Manager (CGM) of the State Bank of India (SBI) Kolkata Circle</li><li>• <b>Mr. Debasish Gangopadhyay</b>, Chairman, Assam Garmin Bank, Assam</li><li>• <b>Mr. Chaitanya Bal</b>, In Charge &amp; Head, State Govt. Relations, National Payments Corporation of India, Govt of India</li><li>• <b>Mr. Sanjay Kumar Das</b>, WBCS, Addl. Secretary, Dept. of Science and Technology and Bio-Technology &amp; State Information Security Officer, Govt of West Bengal</li><li>• <b>Mr. Amitava Dutta</b>, Regional Head - Transaction Banking, Yes Bank</li><li>• <b>Prof. Surajit Chakraborty</b>, Assistant Professor, IISWBM, University of Calcutta</li></ul>
<b>1.00 pm - 2.00 pm</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>

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<b>2.00 pm – 2.45 pm</b>	<p><b>Action Track-II: FinTech for Last Mile Connectivity</b></p> <p><i>FinTech for Last Mile Connectivity plays a transformative role in bridging the gap between formal financial systems and underserved communities by delivering affordable, accessible, and technology-driven financial services at the grassroots level. Through mobile banking, micro-payments, digital lending, biometric authentication, and agent-based models, FinTech solutions empower rural populations, small entrepreneurs, farmers, and informal sector workers to participate in the digital economy. In the context of a National FinTech Summit, last mile connectivity underscores the importance of inclusive innovation, where digital infrastructure, regulatory support, and localized solutions converge to ensure that financial services reach the remotest corners of the country, fostering economic resilience, social equity, and sustainable development.</i></p> <p><b>Chair &amp; Context set</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Brijesh Baisakhiyar</b>, DGM, Reserve Bank of India, Govt of India</li></ul> <p><b>Key Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Balbir Singh</b>, General Manager, SLBC West Bengal, Punjab National Bank</li><li>• <b>Mr. Ajeya Bandyopadhyay</b>, Asia (Advisory) Lead -IFC (World Bank Group)</li><li>• <b>Mr. Pranab Kumar Biswas</b>, DGM, Head-Agriculture &amp; FPO, UCO Bank</li><li>• <b>Mr. Mrinal Kanti De</b>, General Manager, NABARD West Bengal RO</li><li>• <b>Mr. Satyaki Nath</b>, PCOM, Commercial &amp; Operations, Kolkata Metro, Govt. of India</li></ul>
<b>2.45 pm - 3.45 pm</b>	<p><b>Round Table on Innovation in Action: FinTech &amp; Vikshit Bharat</b></p> <p><i>Innovation in Action: Industry Live Demo at NFS 2026 showcases the real-world application of cutting-edge FinTech innovations, offering a dynamic platform where industry leaders, startups, and technology providers demonstrate live solutions in digital payments, AI-driven finance, blockchain, cybersecurity, RegTech, and financial inclusion. This session bridges the gap between concept and execution by enabling policymakers, investors, banks, and enterprises to witness scalable technologies in action, interact directly with innovators, and assess their practical impact. In the context of the National FinTech Summit 2026, Industry Live Demos highlight India's growing FinTech maturity, foster collaboration between stakeholders, and accelerate adoption of future-ready financial technologies across sectors.</i></p> <p><b>Chair &amp; Context set</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. Keya Das Ghosh</b>, Director Institution's Innovation Council &amp; Professor, Dept of Business Management, Swami Vivekananda University Kolkata</li></ul>

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	<p><b>FinTech Leaders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Sampann Chaudhary</b>, Founder, MD &amp; CEO, DGLiger Consulting Private Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Sanjib Parida</b>, Co-Founder &amp; Chief Technology Officer, iServeU</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Sandesh Kunder</b>, Vice President - Sales, Tech Innovation Group, Aurionpro</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Subrata Chattopadhyay</b>, Professor &amp; Dean, Institute of Engineering and Management, University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Binay Kumar Mukhopadhyay</b>, Chief Functional &amp; Compliance Officer, ISSAC Technologies Pvt. Ltd.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3.45 pm - 4.30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Round Table on AI in Banking, Financial Services &amp; Governance</b></p> <p><i>AI in Banking and Financial Services stands at the forefront of financial transformation, enabling smarter decision-making, enhanced customer experiences, and resilient risk management across the sector. At NFS 2026, the focus on AI highlights its role in areas such as intelligent credit scoring, fraud detection, personalized financial products, automated compliance, and predictive analytics for lending and investments. By integrating AI with secure data ecosystems and ethical governance frameworks, banks and financial institutions can achieve greater efficiency, inclusion, and trust. In the context of the National FinTech Summit 2026, AI emerges as a critical enabler of next-generation banking, driving innovation while aligning technology with regulatory responsibility and sustainable financial growth.</i></p> <p><b>Chair &amp; Context set</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. H. K. Kusumakar, IPS</b>, ADG, Coastal Security, CISO &amp; Member Secretary, AI COE, WB Police, Govt. of West Bengal</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Ashutosh Kumar Sahu, IRS</b>, Deputy Commissioner (Admn. &amp; Vigilance), Income Tax Dept. Govt. of India, Kolkata</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Indranil Banerjee</b>, Addl.GM – HR &amp; Admin, WBSEDCL, Govt of West Bengal &amp; President, Calcutta Management Association</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Pronobesh Barua</b>, DGM, DoS , Reserve Bank of India, Kolkata</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Sudarshan Kumar</b>, Assistant Professor, Finance &amp; Control, IIM Calcutta</li> </ul>
<p><b>4.30 pm -5.30 pm</b></p> <p><b>Valedictory Session</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Address by <b>Ms. Antara Kundu</b>, Program Director, SAIARD</li> <li>➤ Address by <b>Dr. Biswajit Roy Chowdhury</b>, the Founder Chairman, SAIARD Group</li> <li>➤ Felicitation of the Hon. Guest</li> <li>➤ Address by the Guest of Honour <b>Mr. Amit Srivastava</b>, General Manager, Resources &amp; Corporate Communication, UCO Bank</li> <li>➤ Address by the Special Guest <b>Mr. H. R. Tripathy</b>, CAO, South Eastern Railway, Ministry of Railways, Govt of India</li> <li>➤ Address by the Guest of Honour <b>Mr. Shiraz Daneshyar, IAS</b>, Special Secretary, Dept of Transport and Project Director, WBIWTLSDP, Govt of West Bengal</li> <li>➤ Valedictory Keynote by the Chief Guest, <b>Mr. Babul Supriyo</b>, Hon'ble Minister in Charge, Dept. of Information Technology &amp; Electronics &amp; Department of Public</li> </ul>

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	<p>Enterprises and Industrial Reconstruction, Govt. of West Bengal.</p> <p><b>Award Ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SAIARD-National FinTech Award</li><li>• Award of Excellence in Digital Banking</li><li>• Award of Excellence in FinTech Stewardship.</li><li>• Award of Excellence in Last Mile Connectivity</li><li>• FinTech Breakthrough Award</li></ul> <p><b>Honoring the Knowledge Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ NPCI</li><li>➤ UCO bank</li><li>➤ SBI</li><li>➤ Assam Gramin Bank</li><li>➤ Yes Bank</li><li>➤ Airtel Payments Bank</li><li>➤ IserveU</li><li>➤ Aurionpro</li><li>➤ DGLiger Consulting Private Limited</li><li>➤ Calcutta Management Association</li><li>➤ 91.9 FM</li><li>➤ News Click</li><li>➤ ISSAC Technologies Pvt. Ltd.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Concluding Remarks by <b>Mr. Ankit Sengupta</b>, Rsearch Assistant, SAIARD</li></ul> <p>➤ <b>National Anthem</b></p>
5.30 pm -6.00 pm	Networking Hi-Tea