

Celebrating World WiFi Day 2026

Unlocking 6 GHz: Powering India's Next Wireless Leap

Shangrila Hotel, Thursday, 18th June, 2026

PPROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (0930-1700 Hrs)

Time	Topic(s)	Speaker(s)
0930 – 1000	Registration	
1000 – 1125	Inaugural Session	
1000 – 1005	Welcome Address	Brig Anil Tandan , DG , Broadband India Forum
1005 - 1015	Theme & Context Setting Address	Shri Manoj Tandon , Director-Project & Operations, Railtel and Chair, BIF Wi-Fi Committee
1015 - 1025	Global Industry Perspective (WFA)	Mr. Paramjit Singh Puri , Global Director of Membership Wi-Fi Alliance
1025 – 1035	Global Ecosystem Perspective (WBA)	Mr. Steve Namaseevayum , Vice President - Memberships & Industry Engagement , Wireless Broadband Alliance (WBA)
1035 - 1045	Release of White Paper	Presentation on the White Paper and its Release by the respected Chief Guest and Speakers on the dais
1045 – 1055	Special Guest of Honour	Shri Rudra Narayan Palai , Member Technology, Digital Communications Commission, Department of Telecommunications
1055 - 1105	Special Guest of Honour	Dr R S Sharma , IAS (Retd), Distinguished Visiting Professor, IIT Kanpur, Former Chairman, TRAI, Former CEO-NHA & Former Non-executive Chairperson, ONDC
1105-1120	Chief Guest - Inaugural Address	Dr Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar , Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development.
1120-1125	Vote of Thanks	Mr Debashish Bhattacharya , Addl. DG, BIF
1125-1145		Tea Break
1145 – 1305	Panel Discussion 1: Redefining Connectivity with 6 GHz	
1145 – 1155	Session Chair Keynote Address – Shri Kishore Bhagtani , ITS, DDG DS – Department of Telecommunications	
1155 – 1205	Moderator – Mr. Priyabrata Das , Managing Director, TMT Consulting, PwC India	
	Panelists:	
1205 – 1215	• Dr. Punit Rathod , Technical Standards & Spectrum Engineering, Qualcomm	
1215 – 1225	• Mr. Paramjit Singh Puri , Global Director of Membership Wi-Fi Alliance	
1225 – 1235	• Mr. Praveen Rao , CEO, C-Prav	
1235 – 1245	• Mr. Bhuvnesh Sachdeva , Sr Vice President, HFCL	
1245 – 1255	• Mr. Seemab Kadri , Board Advisor WBA and Co-Founder, President and CBO, CacheWave	
1255 - 1300	• Q&A	
1300 - 1305	• Concluding remarks – Session Chair	
1305 -1345	Lunch Break	

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1345- 1525	Technical Session: PM-WANI & Open Roaming - the catalyst for ubiquitous connectivity
1345-1355	Session Chair Keynote Address – Dr. Pankaj Dalela , Director, C-DoT
1355-1405	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Vivek Dua, ITS, Principal General Manager, Corporate Office, BSNL
1405-1415	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nikhil Sharma, Director, New Technologies, Wiom
1415-1425	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Steve Namaseevayum, Vice President - Memberships & Industry Engagement , Wireless Broadband Alliance (WBA)
1425-1435	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Arpita Kanjilal, Head of Research and Communications Division, Digital Empowerment Foundation
1435-1445	Q&A
1445-1455	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concluding remarks by Session Chair
1455-1515 Coffee/Tea break	
1515-1700	Panel Discussion 2: Public Wi-Fi Infrastructure for Inclusion
1515-1525	Session Chair & Keynote Address: Dr Mukesh Kumar Gupta , ITS, DDG (Spl. Projects), Digital Bharat Nidhi, DoT
1525-1535	Moderator - Mr Debashish Bhattacharya , Addl. DG, BIF
	Panelists:
1535 – 1545	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Harmeet Singh Hora, Head of Product, Wiom
1545 – 1555	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Rishi Ghare, Founder & CEO, Indio Networks
1555 - 1605	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Srinivas Gudipudi, Founder and CEO, Matrecomm
1605 - 1615	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. SN Gupta, Executive Chairman, Bluetown India and BIMSTEC, South Asia
1615 - 1625	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Vivek Narayan, Retired DDG DoT and Presently Professor of Practice.
1625 - 1635	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A
1635 - 1645	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks by Session Chair
1645 - 1655	Wrap up and vote of thanks – Mr Arun Mukarji – Sr Director Operations and Convenor, WiFi Committee
	Close of Session