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Annual Research Symposium 2026

January 9 – 10, 2026

Keynote Talks

Industry Talks

Academia Talks

Faculty Talks

Panel Discussion

Venue: A01-007, Saraswati, IIT Palakkad

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TIME & DATE	EVENTS/SPEAKERS

Friday, January 9

6:15 PM – 6:20 PM :	Welcome Address
6:20 PM – 6:30 PM :	Address: **Dr. Swapnil Hingmire (IIT Palakkad)**
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM :	Keynote Talk: **Prof. Ananth Grama (Purdue University)** [Online] - Fundamental Limits of Learning Non-Hallucinating Generative Models

Saturday, January 10

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM :	Keynote Address: **Rahul Mehta, Founder & Chairman, Mehta Family Foundation** [Online]
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM :	Keynote Talk: **Prof. Shankar Subramaniam (UC San Diego)** [Online] - New Frontiers in AI and Biomedicine
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM :	Tea / Coffee Break
10:45 AM – 11:25 AM :	Industry Talk: **Dr. Samarth Bharadwaj (Microsoft)** - LLMs to improve ads quality and relevance in Microsoft ads
11:25 AM – 11:45 AM :	Faculty Talk 1: **Dr. Abhinandan Prasad (IIT Palakkad)** - XFBench: A Cross-Cloud Benchmark Suite for Evaluating FaaS Workflow Platforms

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11:45 AM – 12:25 PM :	Academia Talk: **Prof. Srikanta Bedathur (IIT Delhi)** - Temporal Graph Pipelines: From Algorithmics to Predictive Models
12:25 PM – 12:45 PM :	Faculty Talk 2: **Dr. Raghava Mutharaju (IIT Palakkad)** - Knowledge-Driven AI: Ontologies, Knowledge Graphs, and Explainable Systems
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM :	Lunch Break
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM :	Poster Session
3:00 PM – 3:40 PM :	Industry Talk: **Dr. Anand Eswaran (IBM Research - India)** - AI for Data Systems, Data Systems for AI: Toward Semantic - Infrastructure for the Next Wave of Intelligence
3:40 PM – 4:00 PM :	Tea / Coffee Break
4:00 PM – 4:40 PM :	Academia Talk: **Prof. R. Venkatesh Babu (IISc Bangalore)** - Efficient, Robust, and Equitable: A Decade of Deep Learning
4:45 PM – 5:30 PM :	Panel Discussion
5:30 PM – 5:45 PM :	Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks