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I-STEM Best Practices Forum 2025: Bridging Innovation & Impact

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE (23-10-2025)

Time	Session / Topic	Speaker (s) / Lead
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Participant Login & Tech Check	I-STEM Support Team
10:30 AM – 10:35 AM	Opening & Context Setting Introduction to the session objectives and flow of the event	Ms. Rupalim Mahanta (I-STEM)
10:35 AM – 10:45 AM	Welcome Address & Overview of I-STEM's Role Driving innovation, collaboration, and shared research infrastructure across India	Dr. Vishal Choudhary (OPSA, GoI)
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Keynote Talk Theme: “ <i>Intellectual Property & Intellectual Property Rights</i> ”	Dr. Vijay Singh (IPTeL, IISc)
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Panel Discussion Topic: “ <i>Best Practices for Research Equipment Booking & Utilization</i> ” Discussion Areas: Adoption of I-STEM resources; operational excellence; transparency and data-driven utilization; sustainable industry–academia collaboration	Moderator: Ms. Rupalim Mahanta (I-STEM) Panelists: • Professor (Academia) • Institutional Operator • Institutional Admin/Finance Professional
11:45 AM – 11:55 AM	Presentation & Launch Presentation of <i>Best Practices Guidelines</i> , release of <i>Practical Toolkit</i> , and launch of <i>Operator Handbook (Online Edition)</i>	I-STEM Team
11:55 AM – 12:00 PM	Open Q&A and Closing Remarks Interactive Q&A session and summary of key takeaways	Moderator & Speakers