



CURTAIN-RAISER AGENDA

DATE: March 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

TIME: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM IST [8:00 AM – 10:30 AM EDT; 5:00 AM – 7:30 AM PDT}

VENUE: Virtual

SESSION - I

5:30 – 5:35 PM

**21<sup>st</sup> Foundation Day and USIAI Program: An Overview**



**Nandini Kannan**, Executive Director, IUSSTF (Moderator)

5:35 – 6:00 PM

**Inaugural Talks by IUSSTF Co-Chairs & Launch of AI website**



**Ashutosh Sharma**  
Secretary,  
Department of Science  
and Technology  
Government of India



**Jonathan Margolis**  
Acting Deputy Assistant  
Secretary for Science, Space  
and Health Bureau of Oceans  
and International  
Environmental and Scientific  
Affairs, U.S. Department of  
State

6:00 PM- 6:30 PM

**Keynote Talks**



**Sethuraman “Panch”  
Panchanathan**  
Director, National  
Science Foundation



**Kris Gopalakrishnan**  
Chairman, Axilor Ventures

6:30 PM - 6:40 PM

**Film Showcasing the U.S.- India AI (USIAI) Initiative**



SESSION - II

6:40 PM - 8:00 PM

**USIAI - Panel Discussion with members of the Joint Steering Committee**



**Aseem Ansari**  
Chair, Chemical Biology  
and Therapeutics at St.  
Jude Children's Research  
Hospital, Memphis



**Padmanabhan Anandan**  
CEO, Wadhvani Institute for  
Artificial Intelligence



**Anurag Agrawal**  
Director, CSIR Institute of  
Genomics and Integrative  
Biology



**Jim Kurose**  
Distinguished University  
Professor in the College of  
Information and Computer  
Sciences at the University of  
Massachusetts Amherst



**Jitendra Malik**  
Professor of Electrical  
Engineering and  
Computer Sciences at the  
University of California,  
Berkeley



**R. Ramanan**  
Mission Director of the Atal  
Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog,  
Government of India



**Elizabeth Urbanas**  
Deputy Assistant  
Secretary, Asia and the  
Americas, Office of  
International Affairs,  
U.S. Department of Energy



**Sandeep Verma**  
Secretary,  
Science and Engineering  
Research Board

**Vote of Thanks**

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