



GLOBAL COUNTER TERRORISM COUNCIL  
Building a Safer, Secure & Resilient World

# BFSI SECURITY CONFERENCE 2026



THREATS • CHALLENGES • RESPONSES  
IN THE AI ERA



BANKING



FINANCIAL  
SERVICES



FINTECH



INSURANCE

SECURING INDIA'S FINANCIAL FUTURE  
IN THE AGE OF AI



JUNE 10–11, 2026  
VIRTUAL SUMMIT FORMAT



CYBER RESILIENCE



AI & EMERGING  
TECHNOLOGIES



FINANCIAL CRIME  
& COMPLIANCE



LEADERSHIP &  
INSTITUTIONAL RESILIENCE



ECONOMIC SECURITY &  
DIGITAL TRUST

WHERE NATIONAL SECURITY MEETS FINANCIAL STABILITY

## ABOUT GCTC

The Global Counter Terrorism Council (GCTC) is a non-partisan, not-for-profit think tank dedicated to strengthening national and global security through dialogue, research, capacity building and policy engagement.

We work at the intersection of security, governance, technology and resilience, bringing together governments, industry, academia and international organisations to address emerging threats and shape a safer, more secure world.

GCTC's conferences and initiatives focus on critical domains including counter-terrorism, cybersecurity, financial security, border management, strategic technologies, energy security and global risk governance.

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The BFSI Security Conference 2026 brings together key stakeholders from across the financial services ecosystem, government, security and technology communities to deliberate on the most pressing threats, emerging risks and strategic responses in the AI era.



AI-DRIVEN THREATS



CYBER RESILIENCE



FINANCIAL CRIME



DIGITAL TRUST



ECONOMIC SOVEREIGNTY

Over two intensive days, the conference will feature keynotes, expert panels, strategic discussions and solutions-focused dialogue to build a secure, trusted and future-ready financial ecosystem for India.

### A PROVEN PLATFORM FOR HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE



PARTICIPATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER & UNION MINISTERS



SERVICE CHIEFS OF THE INDIAN ARMED FORCES



RBI & FINANCIAL REGULATORS



PARTICIPATION FROM PSUs & LEADING PRIVATE SECTOR INSTITUTIONS



INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS & DIPLOMATIC PARTICIPATION



SECURITY & INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES



ACADEMIA & THOUGHT LEADERS



STRATEGIC POLICY & INDUSTRY INSIGHTS



A TRUSTED CONVENOR OF NATIONAL DIALOGUES ON CRITICAL SECURITY CHALLENGES

### OUR REACH. OUR IMPACT.



1000+

SENIOR DELEGATES



75+

ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED



25+

COUNTRIES ENGAGED



150+

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS



1M+

DIGITAL REACH ACROSS PLATFORMS



“ Uniting Leadership. Strengthening Resilience. Securing the Future of Finance. ”



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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
GCTC BFSI SECURITY CONFERENCE 2026



**R. Gandhi**

Former Deputy Governor  
Reserve Bank of India

**CHAIRPERSON**

Conference Committee  
GCTC BFSI Security  
Conference 2026

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Financial systems today represent vital national infrastructure essential for economic continuity, public trust and strategic stability.

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The financial sector across the world is undergoing profound transformation, driven by rapid digitalisation, artificial intelligence, interconnected financial technologies, and expanding digital ecosystems. These developments have significantly enhanced efficiency, innovation, and financial inclusion. Simultaneously, they have expanded the scope of operational, technological, cyber, and systemic risks confronting financial institutions and regulatory ecosystems globally.



In recent years, the BFSI sector has increasingly emerged as a critical pillar of national economic resilience and strategic stability. Financial systems today are no longer merely transactional ecosystems; they represent vital national infrastructure essential for maintaining public confidence, economic continuity, institutional stability, and sustainable growth.



The growing sophistication of threats—including AI-enabled fraud, digital identity vulnerabilities, ransomware attacks, illicit financial networks, and cross-border technological risks—requires continuous strengthening of institutional preparedness and governance frameworks. Furthermore, emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain ecosystems, digital currencies, and quantum computing are simultaneously creating opportunities while introducing complex regulatory, operational, and strategic challenges.



In this evolving environment, strengthening cyber resilience, operational continuity, digital trust, and responsible innovation within financial systems has become critically important. The future stability of financial ecosystems will depend significantly upon robust governance structures, proactive risk management frameworks, effective public-private coordination, and future-ready regulatory preparedness.



The BFSI Security Conference 2026 represents an important national initiative, held under the central theme: **“Shaping India’s Financial Security Architecture: The Road to 2047”**. In alignment with national priorities for responsible resource utilisation and wider digital engagement, the conference is being organised as a fully virtual summit on **June 10–11, 2026**.

This platform is designed to facilitate strategic dialogue among regulators, policymakers, banking leadership, technology experts, cybersecurity professionals, enforcement agencies, and industry stakeholders. The deliberations will examine critical issues including:



Cybersecurity governance and AI-driven risks



Operational resilience, business continuity, and crisis management



Digital trust, identity, and data protection (KYC)



Financial crime prevention, money laundering, and terror financing



Crypto regulation, payment security, compliance frameworks, financial intelligence, and emerging geoeconomic risks

I believe that such collaborative platforms are essential for strengthening institutional awareness, encouraging knowledge-sharing, promoting coordinated approaches, and supporting the development of secure, resilient, and trusted financial ecosystems aligned with India’s broader developmental and strategic priorities.

I extend my best wishes to the organisers, distinguished speakers, participating institutions, and delegates for a successful and meaningful conference. I am confident that the discussions and recommendations emerging from this conference will contribute constructively towards strengthening India’s long-term financial security architecture and digital economic resilience.

With Best Wishes,

*R. Gandhi*

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Former Deputy Governor  
Reserve Bank of India

Chairperson, Conference Committee  
GCTC BFSI Security Conference 2026

# WHY FINANCIAL SECURITY IS NOW NATIONAL SECURITY

THE FINANCIAL ECOSYSTEM IS THE NERVOUS SYSTEM OF A MODERN NATION.

A SINGLE POINT OF FAILURE CAN DISRUPT ECONOMIES, UNDERMINE TRUST AND THREATEN SOVEREIGNTY.



## THE STAKES ARE HIGHER THAN EVER

- Disruption of financial systems can trigger economic shocks
- Loss of trust can destabilize markets and institutions
- Financial attacks today can become national crises tomorrow

## INDIA AT THE FOREFRONT



ONE OF THE WORLD'S  
LARGEST DIGITAL  
PAYMENT  
ECOSYSTEMS

UPI processes  
**10+ Billion**  
transactions monthly



RAPID DIGITAL  
TRANSFORMATION  
ACROSS BANKING,  
INSURANCE &  
FINTECH



INCREASING  
INTERCONNECTEDNESS  
OF FINANCIAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE



A TARGET FOR  
CYBERCRIMINALS,  
TERROR NETWORKS  
& HOSTILE ACTORS



A VIKSIT BHARAT 2047  
AMBITION REQUIRES  
A SECURE, TRUSTED &  
RESILIENT FINANCIAL  
ARCHITECTURE



## SECURING FINANCE. SECURING INDIA. SECURING THE FUTURE.

A resilient financial ecosystem is not just good governance – it is  
**NATIONAL DUTY.**



# CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

A COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO BUILD A SECURE, TRUSTED AND RESILIENT FINANCIAL ECOSYSTEM FOR INDIA AND THE WORLD.



## STRENGTHEN CYBER RESILIENCE

Enhance the ability of financial institutions to anticipate, absorb, respond and recover from cyber threats and disruptions.



## PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE AI & TECHNOLOGY GOVERNANCE

Encourage secure, ethical and transparent adoption of AI and emerging technologies in the financial sector.



## BUILD DIGITAL TRUST & CUSTOMER CONFIDENCE

Strengthen identity, data protection and digital trust to enable safe, inclusive and customer-centric financial services.



## COMBAT FINANCIAL CRIME & ILLICIT FINANCE

Advance collaboration to prevent money laundering, terrorism financing, fraud and emerging financial crimes.



## ENHANCE OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE & BUSINESS CONTINUITY

Strengthen business continuity, crisis management and critical infrastructure resilience across the BFSI sector.



## ADVANCE FINANCIAL SOVEREIGNTY & ECONOMIC SECURITY

Safeguard India's financial ecosystem from geopolitical, economic and technological adversities.

## STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

KEY THEMES THAT WILL SHAPE THE DISCUSSIONS AND OUTCOMES OF THE CONFERENCE



### CYBERSECURITY & THREAT LANDSCAPE

Assess evolving cyber threats, attack vectors and nation-state risks targeting the financial ecosystem.



### AI, DATA & EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Explore the impact of AI, GenAI, quantum computing, blockchain and automation on financial services and associated risks.



### FINANCIAL CRIME & ILLEGAL ECONOMIES

Focus on money laundering, terror financing, sanctions evasion, cyber-enabled frauds and dark web ecosystems.



### REGULATION, COMPLIANCE & SUPERVISION

Strengthen regulatory frameworks, RegTech/SupTech adoption, and cross-border cooperation for effective supervision.



### CRITICAL FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Protect core banking systems, payment rails, UPI, cloud infrastructures and other critical financial assets.



### LEADERSHIP, TALENT & INSTITUTIONAL RESILIENCE

Build future-ready leadership, skilled workforce and resilient institutions to navigate complexity and disruption.



### GEOPOLITICS, GEOECONOMICS & GLOBAL COOPERATION

Examine the geopolitical impact on financial stability and the need for global partnership in an interconnected world.



## OUR VISION

A secure, trusted and inclusive financial ecosystem that powers India's growth and global leadership.



# WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The BFSI Security Conference 2026 brings together key stakeholders from across the financial ecosystem, government, regulators, security agencies and technology providers to collaborate, learn and build a secure financial future.



**UNITING INDIA'S FINANCIAL ECOSYSTEM  
TO BUILD RESILIENCE, TRUST & SECURITY**

From policymakers to practitioners, innovators to investigators – everyone has a role to play in securing India's financial future.

## WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND



### POLICY & REGULATORY ENGAGEMENT

Engage directly with regulators, government leaders and national security experts.



### STRATEGIC NETWORKING

Connect with CXOs, industry leaders, security experts and technology innovators.



### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP & INSIGHTS

Gain actionable insights on emerging threats, risks and solutions shaping the future.



### BUSINESS & OPPORTUNITIES

Explore partnerships, collaborations and solutions to strengthen your business.



### NATIONAL & GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Understand global trends and India's role in building a secure financial ecosystem.



### CONTRIBUTE TO NATIONAL SECURITY

Be a part of India's mission to build a safe, resilient and trusted financial future.

“ Securing **Finance** Today, Empowering **India** Tomorrow. ”



# DAY 1

## DIGITAL TRUST • CYBER RESILIENCE • SYSTEMIC SECURITY



Strategic Dialogue. Stronger Systems. Secure Future.

TIME (IST)	SESSION OVERVIEW
 09:45 – 10:00	<b>INAUGURAL SESSION</b> <b>Strategic Inaugural Session: Securing India's Financial Future</b> Vision setting, national priorities and the strategic context of BFSI security.
 10:00 – 10:45	<b>STRATEGIC PANEL</b> <b>Cyber Threats to India's Financial System</b> • Evolving Attack Vectors • Critical Vulnerabilities • National Preparedness
 10:45 – 11:30	<b>STRATEGIC PANEL</b> <b>Deepfakes, AI Fraud &amp; Digital Trust</b> • Synthetic Identities • AI-Enabled Fraud • Building Digital Trust
 11:30 – 12:15	<b>CEO PANEL</b> <b>Inside the Boardroom: Building Cyber-Resilient Financial Institutions</b> • Governance • Risk Culture • Board Accountability
 12:15 – 13:00	<b>POLICY PANEL</b> <b>Fintech vs Regulation: Striking the Right Balance</b> • Innovation • Regulation • Consumer Protection
 13:00 – 14:00	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b> • Virtual Networking • Partner Lounges • Delegate Interaction
 14:00 – 14:45	<b>STRATEGIC PANEL</b> <b>AI in Banking: Opportunity, Risk &amp; Responsibility</b> • Intelligent Systems • Risk Management • Ethical AI
 14:45 – 15:30	<b>STRATEGIC PANEL</b> <b>Financial Systems as Critical Infrastructure</b> • Systemic Importance • Interdependencies • Resilience Frameworks
 15:30 – 16:15	<b>FOCUS SESSION</b> <b>Securing India's UPI Revolution</b> • Scale • Security • Future Roadmap
 16:15 – 17:00	<b>LEADERSHIP PANEL</b> <b>Leadership &amp; Human Capital in the Age of AI</b> • Future Skills • Workforce Transformation • Leadership Preparedness
 17:00 – 17:45	<b>STRATEGIC PANEL</b> <b>Weaponisation of Finance in an Unstable World</b> • Sanctions Evasion • State & Non-State Actors • Geopolitical Risks
 17:45 – 18:30	<b>STRATEGIC PANEL</b> <b>Operational Resilience &amp; Business Continuity</b> • Crisis Preparedness • Continuity Planning • Digital Resilience
 18:30 – 19:00	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b> <b>Global Financial Security Playbooks</b> • Global Best Practices • Cross-Border Lessons • Future Cooperation



# DAY 2

## FINANCIAL CRIME • DIGITAL RISK • NATIONAL SECURITY



Stronger Cooperation. Smarter Systems. Safer India.



**TIME (IST)**

**SESSION OVERVIEW**

	10:00 – 10:45	<b>STRATEGIC PANEL</b>	<b>AI, Quantum &amp; Digital Sovereignty</b> • Emerging Technologies • Sovereignty • Strategic Advantages
	10:45 – 11:30	<b>REGULATOR PANEL</b>	<b>Identity, Trust &amp; Financial Risk</b> • Digital Identity • KYC Evolution • Trust Architecture
	11:30 – 12:15	<b>INDUSTRY PANEL</b>	<b>InsurTech &amp; Emerging Risk</b> • New Risks • Innovation • Risk Transfer
	12:15 – 13:00	<b>STRATEGIC PANEL</b>	<b>Crypto vs Central Banks: The Future of Money</b> • CBDCs • Stablecoins • Monetary Stability
	14:00 – 14:45	<b>ENFORCEMENT PANEL</b>	<b>Illicit Financial Flows &amp; Financial Crime</b> • Money Laundering • Trade-Based Money Laundering • Global Trends
	14:45 – 15:30	<b>INTELLIGENCE SESSION</b>	<b>Tracking Terror Money in a Digital World</b> • Networks • Intelligence Fusion • Disruption Strategies
	15:30 – 16:15	<b>CYBER PERSPECTIVE</b>	<b>Crypto Crime, Dark Web &amp; Digital Underground</b> • Crypto-enabled Crime • Dark Web • Investigative Challenges
	16:15 – 17:00	<b>TECH PANEL</b>	<b>RegTech &amp; SupTech: Future of Compliance</b> • Automation • Real-time Supervision • Compliance Intelligence
	17:00 – 17:45	<b>STRATEGIC PANEL</b>	<b>Public-Private Coordination for National Financial Security</b> • Collaboration • Information Sharing • Joint Response
	17:45 – 18:30	<b>POLICY PANEL</b>	<b>Trust in Digital Finance: Customer Protection &amp; Inclusion</b> • Financial Inclusion • Digital Literacy • Consumer Safety
	18:30 – 19:00	<b>LEGAL PANEL</b>	<b>Law, Liability &amp; Accountability in Digital Finance</b> • Cyber Laws • Liability Frameworks • Legal Preparedness
	19:00 – 19:30	<b>STRATEGIC CONVERSATION</b>	<b>Financial Security as National Security</b> • Economic Sovereignty • Strategic Imperatives • National Preparedness
	19:30 – 20:00	<b>VALEDICTORY SESSION</b>	<b>Way Forward &amp; Valedictory Address</b> • Key Takeaways • Roadmap Ahead • Closing Remarks



**STRONGER TOGETHER. SAFER TOMORROW.**





# SPEAKERS & SESSION CHAIRS



Eminent Leaders. Proven Experts. Strategic Perspectives.  
 Uniting to Secure India's Financial Future.



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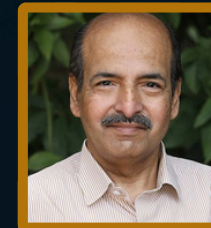
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 Securing Finance. Securing India.



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