



Project: Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO)

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Panel Discussion: Leveraging collaboration for Indian science and industry



About the Panel Member:

- Bala Iyer is a theoretical physicist who has done pioneering work in the theoretical modeling of astrophysical sources of gravitational waves. He spearheaded the Indian Initiative in Gravitational-wave Observations (IndIGO) in 2009, and has been the chairperson of this consortium ever since. This consortium did the initial spadework for the Indian mega science project LIGO-India. Prof. Iyer is an elected fellow of the American Physical Society and the International Society of General Relativity and Gravitation. He has been both the president and secretary of the Indian Association of General Relativity and Gravitation in the past. He is the editor-in-chief of the journal *Living Reviews in Relativity*, and is a member of the editorial board of the journal *Classical and Quantum Gravity*.

