

## 11<sup>th</sup> Global Pharmaceutical Quality Summit (GPQS)

Theme: Reimagining Pharma Operations – Talent, Technology and Trust

### Agenda\*

(as of 21.01.2026)

Day 1: Monday, 23 February 2026

0800 – 1000 hrs	Registration and Breakfast
<b>Session 1: Inaugural Session</b>	
1000 – 11:45 hrs	<p><b>Welcome Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sudarshan Jain, Secretary General, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA)</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nilesh Gupta, Managing Director, Lupin and Chair, IPA Quality Forum</li> <li>Representative, US FDA</li> </ul> <p><b>Special Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi, Drugs Controller General of India</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote Address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JP Nadda, Hon'ble Union Minister for Health &amp; Family Welfare and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers</li> </ul> <p><b>Launch of IPA Best Practices Document</b></p>
11:45 – 12:15 hrs	<b>Tea / Coffee Break</b>
<b>Session 2</b>	
12:15 – 12:45 hrs	<p><b>Re-Wiring India Life Sciences Industry in a Tech and AI-Powered World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noshir Kaka, Sr Partner, McKinsey &amp; Co</li> </ul>
12:45 – 14:00 hrs	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
<b>Session 3: Panel Discussion</b>	
14:00 – 15:00 hrs	<p><b>Evolution of Pharmaceutical Quality Standards: Global Regulatory Perspective</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Shirish Belapure, Senior Technical Advisor, IPA OR Rajiv Desai, Senior Technical Advisor, IPA</p> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annam Visala, Joint Drugs Controller India, CDSCO</li> <li>Representative, MHRA</li> <li>Representative, US FDA</li> <li>Mark Birse, Senior Vice President, Parexel</li> <li>Krishna Venkatesh, Global Head Quality &amp; Pharmacovigilance, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories</li> </ul>
<b>Session 4</b>	

15:00 – 15:30 hrs	<b>Quality Management Maturity (QMM): Regulatory Expectations and Industry Readiness</b> Representative, US FDA
<b>Session 5: Panel Discussion</b>	
15:30 – 16:30 hrs	<b>Myth vs. Reality: Enablers for Successful Enterprise-wide AI Adoption</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Yashaswi Gautam, Sr Partner, McKinsey & Co <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phani Mitra B, Global CIO &amp; CDO, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories</li> <li>• Amit Sheth, Founding Director, Indian AI Research Organization</li> <li>• Representative, Big Tech</li> <li>• Representative, Mankind Pharma.</li> </ul>
<b>1630 – 1700 hrs</b> <b>Tea / Coffee Break</b>	
<b>Session 6: Panel Discussion</b>	
1700 – 18:15 hrs	<b>Cross-Industry Insights: Quality and Operations</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Sudarshan Jain, Secretary General, IPA <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soumitra Bhattacharya, Chairman, Bosch Limited &amp; CEO, IFQM</li> <li>• Gautam Khanna, CEO, Hinduja Hospital</li> <li>• Jayant Patil, Member of Executive Committee and Former Whole Time Director, Larsen &amp; Toubro Ltd</li> <li>• Priyanka Vermani, Head Corporate Quality Assurance, Nestle</li> <li>• Prashant Sharma, Chief Technical Officer, Zydus Lifesciences</li> </ul>
1830 – 2130 hrs	Cocktail Reception & Networking Dinner - All Participants

Day 2: Tuesday, 24 February 2026

<b>0800 hrs onwards</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>Session 7</b>	
0900 – 1000 hrs	<p><b>Lighthouse to Light-outs: Learnings from Tech-Enabled Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vivek Arora, Partner, McKinsey &amp; Co</li> <li>• Representative, Global Pharma</li> </ul>
<b>Session 8: Panel Discussion</b>	
1000 – 1100 hrs	<p><b>Shaping Talent in India Pharma Operations</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Amitava Saha, CEO PAGE Foundation</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raju Mistry, Global Chief People Officer, Cipla</li> <li>• Ranjana Pathak, Chief Quality Officer, Lupin</li> <li>• Dulal Panda, Director, NIPER Mohali</li> <li>• Suresh Rai, Global CHRO, Sun Pharma</li> <li>• Rishikesh Raval, President – Group HR &amp; Corporate Communications, Zydus Group</li> </ul>
<b>11:00 – 11:30 hrs</b>	<b>Tea / Coffee Break</b>
<b>Session 9: Panel Discussion</b>	
11:30 – 12:30 hrs	<p><b>Biologics Manufacturing: Technology, Scale, and Quality Imperatives</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Rustom Mody, Sr. Vice President, Sun Pharma and PDA President – India Chapter</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rhonda Duffy, Global Chief Operating Officer, Biocon Biologics</li> <li>• Arvind Kukrety, Deputy Drugs Controller India, CDSCO</li> <li>• Ratnesh Jain, Associate Dean, Institute of Chemical Technology</li> <li>• Representative, MHRA</li> <li>• Representative, US FDA</li> </ul>
<b>12:30 – 13:30hrs</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
<b>Session 10: Tech Showcase</b>	
13:30 – 14:30 hrs	<p><b>“Art of the possible” Tech /AI showcase</b></p> <p>Speaker: Representative, Amazon Web Services (AWS)</p>

<b>Session 11: Panel discussion</b>	
14:30– 16: 00 hrs	<p><b>Navigating the Future of India Pharma: Talent, Technology, and Trust</b></p> <p>Moderator: Sathya Prathipati, Sr Partner, McKinsey &amp; Co</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nilesh Gupta, Managing Director, Lupin</li> <li>• Dilip Shanghvi, Chairman, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries</li> <li>• Samir Mehta, Chairman, Torrent Group</li> <li>• Pankaj Patel, Chairman, Zydus Lifesciences</li> </ul>
<b>Session 12: Awards and Concluding Session</b>	
16:00 - 16:30 hrs	<p><b>Session 10a:</b> Lifetime Achievement Award – Academia</p> <p><b>Session 10b:</b> Hackathon Winning Presentation &amp; Award Ceremony</p>
<b>16:30 – 16:40 hrs</b>	
16:40 – 16:50 hrs	<p><b>Concluding Address</b></p> <p>Sharvil Patel – President, IPA and Managing Director, Zydus Lifesciences</p> <p><b>Vote of Thanks</b></p> <p>Sudarshan Jain, Secretary General, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance</p>