

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

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

Day 2: Tuesday, 24 February 2026

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

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