

11th Global Pharmaceutical Quality Summit (GPQS)

Theme: Reimagining Pharma Operations – Talent, Technology and Trust Agenda*

(as of 06.02.2026)

Day 1: Monday, 23 February 2026

0800 – 1000 hrs		Registration and Breakfast
Session 1: Inaugural Session		
1000 – 11:30 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 Gregory Smith, Country Director, India Office, US FDA <p>Inaugural Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi, Drugs Controller General of India <p>Special Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals <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>
11:30 – 12:00 hrs		Tea / Coffee Break
Session 2		
12:00 – 12:30 hrs		<p>Re-Wiring India Life Sciences Industry in a Tech and AI-Powered World</p> <p>Noshir Kaka, Sr Partner, McKinsey & Co</p>
12:30 – 13:45 hrs		Networking Lunch
Session 3: Panel Discussion		
13:45 – 15:00 hrs		<p>Evolution of Pharmaceutical Quality Standards: Global Regulatory Perspective</p> <p>Moderator: Rajiv Desai, Senior Technical Advisor, IPA</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annam Visala, Joint Drugs Controller India, CDSCO James Pound, Executive Director, Innovation and Compliance, MHRA Guerlain Ulysse, Regulatory Specialist, India Office, US FDA Mark Birse, Senior Vice President, Parexel Marcelo Moreira, General Manager, ANVISA 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacquin Jones, International Relations Specialist, India Office, US FDA • Dhruv Shah, Senior Technical Advisor, India Office, 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"> • Ramanarayana Parhi, CIO, Alkem Laboratories • Phani Mitra B, Global CIO & CDO, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories • Amit Sheth, Founding Director, Indian AI Research Organization • Rakesh Bhardwaj, Global CIO, Lupin • Kunal Bansal, Chief Digital Officer, Mankind Pharma • Pravin Panchagnula, Country head-Manufacturing, Microsoft
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 – 0920 hrs	<p>Special Address; Leadership USFDA (AV)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lilun Murphy, Director, Office of Generic Drugs, CDER, US FDA • Susan Rosencrance, Deputy Super Office Director, Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ), CDER, FDA • Jennifer Maguire, Director, Office of Quality Surveillance (OQS), OPQ, CDER, FDA
Session 8	
0920 – 0950 hrs	<p>Lighthouse to Light-outs: Learnings from Tech-Enabled Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vivek Arora, Partner, McKinsey & Co
0950 – 1020 hrs	<p>Enabling the pharmaceutical operations of the future by MHRA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Pound, Executive Director, Innovation and Compliance, MHRA
10:20 – 11:00 hrs Tea / Coffee Break	
Session 9: Panel Discussion	
11100 – 1200 hrs	<p>Shaping Talent in India Pharma Operations</p> <p>Moderator: Amitava Saha, CEO PAGE Foundation</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dulal Panda, Director, NIPER Mohali • Puneet Rajput, CHRO, Piramal Pharma • Suresh Rai, Global CHRO, Sun Pharma • Geena Malhotra, Chief Technology Officer, Torrent Pharma • Rishikesh Raval, President – Group HR & Corporate Communications, Zydus Group
Session 10: Panel Discussion	
12:00 – 13:15 hrs	<p>Biologics Manufacturing: Technology, Scale, and Quality Imperatives</p> <p>Moderator: Rustom Mody, Sr. Vice President, Sun Pharma and PDA President – India Chapter</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhonda Duffy, Global Chief Operating Officer, Biocon Biologics • Rajesh Singh, Director Biomanufacturing, Gennova • Arvind Kukrety, Deputy Drugs Controller India, CDSCO • Ratnesh Jain, Associate Dean, Institute of Chemical Technology • Tasneem Keshavji, Head of International Recognition, MHRA • Eileen Liu, Regulatory Specialist, OII, US FDA
13:15 – 13:45hrs Networking Lunch	
Session 11: Tech Showcase	

13:45 – 14:30 hrs	<p>“Art of the possible” Tech /AI showcase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satinder Pal Singh, <i>Director of Solution Architecture for AWS India & South Asia.</i>
Session 12: 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"> • Madan Mohan Reddy, Whole Time Director, Aurobindo • Nilesh Gupta, Managing Director, Lupin • Dilip Shanghvi, Chairman, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries • Samir Mehta, Chairman, Torrent Group • Sharvil Patel, Managing Director, Zydus Lifesciences, President, IPA
Session 13: 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>