



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 <p>Moderator: Yashaswi Gautam, Sr Partner, McKinsey & Co</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <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 <p>Moderator: Sudarshan Jain, Secretary General, IPA</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <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	Special Address; Leadership USFDA (AV) <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	Lighthouse to Light-outs: Learnings from Tech-Enabled Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vivek Arora, Partner, McKinsey & Co
0950 – 1020 hrs	Enabling the pharmaceutical operations of the future by MHRA <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	Shaping Talent in India Pharma Operations <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	Biologics Manufacturing: Technology, Scale, and Quality Imperatives <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	“Art of the possible” Tech /AI showcase <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	Navigating the Future of India Pharma: Talent, Technology, and Trust Moderator: Sathya Prathipati, Sr Partner, McKinsey & Co Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madan Mohan Reddy, Whole Time Director, Aurobindo • Nilesch 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	Session 10a: Lifetime Achievement Award – Academia Session 10b: Hackathon Winning Presentation & Award Ceremony
16:30 – 16:40 hrs	Concluding Address Sharvil Patel – President, IPA and Managing Director, Zydus Lifesciences
16:40 – 16:50 hrs	Vote of Thanks Sudarshan Jain, Secretary General, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance