11th Global Pharmaceutical Quality Summit (GPQS)

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

Day 1: Monday, 23 February 2026

0830 – 1000 hrs	Registration and Breakfast
Session 1: Inaugural Session	
10:00 – 11:00 hrs	**Welcome Remarks** • Sudarshan Jain, Secretary General, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA) **Opening Remarks** • Nilesh Gupta, Managing Director, Lupin and Chair, IPA Quality Forum **Inaugural Remarks** • Dr Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi, Drugs Controller General of India **Keynote Address** • Shri JP Nadda, Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Minster of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Video) **Launch of IPA Best Practices Document**
11:00– 11:30 hrs	Tea / Coffee Break
Session 2	
11:30 – 12:00 hrs	**Quality Management Maturity (QMM): Regulatory Expectations and Industry Readiness** • Rishikesh Jaiwant, EVP, India Supply Chain Operations, GSK & President PDA, India
Session 3	
12:00 – 12:30hrs	**Re-Wiring India Life Sciences Industry in a Tech and AI-Powered World** Noshir Kaka, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Co
12:30 – 14:00 hrs	Networking Lunch
Session 4: Panel Discussion	
14:00 – 15:15 hrs	**Evolution of Pharmaceutical Quality Standards: Global Regulatory Perspective** **Moderator:** Rajiv Desai, Senior Technical Advisor, IPA **Panellists** • Annam Visala, Joint Drugs Controller India, CDSCO • James Pound, Executive Director, Innovation and Compliance, MHRA • Daniel Fernandes Pereira, Federal Civil Servant,& Director, ANVISA • Mark Birse, Senior Vice President, Parexel & Fmr MHRA • Krishna Venkatesh, Global Head Quality & Pharmacovigilance, Dr Reddy's s • Rajesh Kulkarni, Vice President, Head of Corporate Quality Assurance, Sun Pharma

15:15 – 15:25 hrs	**AI for Pharma Compliance:** Presentation by Leucine (Sponsor)

Session 5: Panel Discussion

15:30 – 16:45 hrs	**Myth vs. Reality: Enablers for Successful Enterprise-wide AI Adoption** **Moderator:** Yashaswi Gautam, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Co **Panellists**: • 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, GM & Country Head, Manufacturing at Microsoft India
16:45– 17:15 hrs	**Tea / Coffee Break**

Session 6: Panel Discussion

17:15 – 18:15 hrs	**Cross-Industry Insights: Quality and Operations** **Moderator:** Sudarshan Jain, Secretary General, IPA **Panellists:** • Jayant Patil, Member of Executive Committee and Former Whole Time Director, Larsen & Toubro • Priyanka Virmani, Head Corporate Quality Assurance, Nestle • Prashant Sharma, Chief Technical Officer, Zydus Lifesciences
18:30 – 21:30 hrs	Cocktail Reception & Networking Dinner - All Participants

Day 2: Tuesday, 24 February 2026

0800 hrs onwards	Breakfast
Session 7	
09:00 – 09:30 hrs	**From Scale to Science: Building AI-Enabled Biopharma Manufacturing Advantage** • Vivek Arora, Partner, McKinsey & Co
09:30 – 10:00 hrs	**Enabling the pharmaceutical operations of the future by MHRA** • James Pound, Executive Director, Innovation and Compliance, MHRA
10:00 – 10:20 hrs	• **Experience Sharing on Lighthouse in Manufacturing –** ACG (Sponsor) • **Brief Presentation -** Messe Munchen (Sponsor)
10:20 – 10:45 hrs	**Tea / Coffee Break**
Session 9: Panel Discussion	
10:45 – 11:45 hrs	**Shaping Talent in India Pharma Operations** **Moderator:** Amitava Saha, CEO PAGE Foundation **Panellists:** • 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
Session 10: Panel Discussion	
1145 – 12:45 hrs	**Biologics Manufacturing: Technology, Scale, and Quality Imperatives** **Moderator:** Rustom Mody, Senior Vice President, Sun Pharma and PDA President India Chapter **Panellists**: • Rhonda Duffy, Global Chief Operating Officer, Biocon Biologics • Rajesh Singh, Director Biomanufacturing, Gennova • Santosh Indraksh, Deputy Drugs Controller, West Zone, CDSCO • Ratnesh Jain, Associate Dean, Institute of Chemical Technology • Tasneem Keshavji, Head of International Recognition, MHRA

12:45 – 13:45hrs	Networking Lunch
Session 11: Tech Showcase	
13:45 – 14:30 hrs	**"Art of the possible" Tech /AI showcase** • Satinder Pal Singh, Director of Solution Architecture for AWS India & South Asia
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:** • Madan Mohan Reddy, Whole Time Director, Aurobindo • Nilesh Gupta, Managing Director, Lupin • Dilip Shanghvi, Executive Chairman, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries • Sharvil Patel, Managing Director, Zydus Lifesciences & President, IPA
Session 13: Awards and Valedictory Session	
16:00 - 16:30 hrs	**Session 13a:** Lifetime Achievement Award – Academia **Session 13b:** Hackathon Winning Presentation & Award Ceremony **Valedictory Address** Sharvil Patel, Managing Director, Zydus Lifesciences & President, IPA
16:30 – 16:40 hrs	**Vote of Thanks** Sudarshan Jain, Secretary General, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance