

Program Schedule

Day 1, 19th Feb | Setting the Vision

	Registration and Scholar Networking	08:00 onwards
	Inaugural Session : Vision for Doctoral Excellence	09:00 - 11:00
	Dignitaries: Dr. Vinod K Paul, Member Health, NITI Aayog Padma Shri Prof. Anil Kumar Gupta, Founder, Honey Bee Network, SRISTI, GIAN and NIF Ms. Anu Nagar, Additional Secretary, Department of Health Research (DHR) Dr. Sanghamitra Pati, Additional DG, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)	
	Scholars' Break: Tea, Exhibitions, Poster Walk & Research Showcase	11:00 - 11:30
	(Exhibitions and Institute Doctoral Research Highlights through the Lens of the 4Ds) Rapporteur of the overall session – Ms. Priya Kumari and Ms. Vartika Srivastava, Ph.D Scholars	
	Presentation: Inspiring Journeys: Motivation for Young Researchers	11:30 - 12:30
	Activity: Scholars' Venture Mapping Speaker: Padma Shri Prof. Anil Kumar Gupta, Founder, Honey Bee Network, SRISTI, GIAN and NIF Chair: Dr. Sanghamitra Pati, Additional DG, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)	
	Presentation: Implementation Research: From Evidence to Action	12:30 - 13:30
	Activity: Action-to-Impact Lab Speaker: Dr. Vishwajeet Kumar, Founder and Chief Scientist, Community Empowerment Lab Chair: TBD	
	Networking Lunch and Research Showcase	13:30 - 14:30
	Technical Session: Innovation in Research: Bridging Societal Needs and Industry Readiness	14:30 - 15:30
	Activity: Technology Translation Studio Speakers: Dr. Debojyoti Chakraborty, Principal Scientist, CSIR - IGIB, New Delhi Dr. Rucha Patil, Scientist – D, ICMR-NIIH, Mumbai Dr. Susheel Kumar Singh, Scientist – D, ICMR-RMRC, Bhubaneswar Moderator- Dr. Dipty Singh, Scientist – E, NIRRH, Mumbai Rapporteur-Syed Shah Areeb Hussain/ Sangeeta Singh, Ph.D Scholar, NIMR	
	Refreshment Break and Exhibition Walk	15:30 - 16:00
	Turbo talks – I: Rapid Research Insights	16:00 - 18:00
	Speakers: Ph.D students selected for Oral presentation Moderator – Dr. Yogesh Singh, Scientist – B, RMRC, Srivijayapuram Rapporteur – Dr. Surinder Kumar, Ph.D Scholar, NIMR	
	Cultural Evening: Expressions Beyond the Lab	18:00 - 20:00
	Dinner	20:00 onwards

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Day 2, 20th Feb | Skills, Communication and Competition

	Presentation: Building Next Gen Researchers, Innovators, Entrepreneurs and Nation Builders	09:00 - 10:00
	Speaker: Prof. Manoj Dhar, Director, AcSIR	
	Chair: TBD	
	Presentation: Clinical Research: Bridging Bench and Bedside	10:00 - 11:00
	Activity: Translational Pathway Simulation	
	Speaker: Padma Shri Prof. Kameshwar Prasad, Principal Director Neurology, Fortis Healthcare, New Delhi	
	Chair: Prof. Manoj Dhar, Director, AcSIR	
	Tea Break, Exhibitions and Posters	11:00 - 11:30
	Technical Session: Health Communication - Translating Science for Impact	11:30 - 13:30
	1) Communication is Strategy, Not Sharing Why communication determines impact, policy, trust, and translation	
	Speaker: Dr. Saritha Nair, Scientist – F, ICMR, New Delhi	
	2) Your Research Should Travel, Not Stay Trapped in PDFs. Write and Publish Better	
	Speaker: Dr. Albina Nair, Scientist – D, ICMR, New Delhi	
	3) Meaning is Not What You Say — It's What They Understand Conveying the Message you Intend	
	Speaker: Kaushik Bose, Vice-President, Global Health Strategies, New Delhi	
	4) Own the Room, Own the Research Scientific presence, persuasive presentation, professional authority	
	Speaker: Sophia Lonappan, Public Health and Risk Communications, WHO	
	Moderator – Dr. Ginu Khan, Scientist – D, ICMR, New Delhi	
	Rapporteur – Mr. Peeyush, ICMR-NIMR, New Delhi	
	Lunch and Research Networking	13:30 - 14:30
	“Mindstorm@ICMR” Research Quiz 2026: Scholars in Action	14:30 - 16:00
	Tea Break and Exhibitions	16:00 - 16:30
	Turbo Talks – II: Rapid Research Insights	16:30 - 17:30
	Speaker: Ph.D students selected for Oral presentation	
	Moderator – Dr. Suchi Tyagi, Scientist – D, ICMR-NIMR, New Delhi	
	Rapporteur – Mr. Deepak Tyagi, Ph.D Scholar, ICMR-NIMR, New Delhi	
	Navigating Stress in Research Life	17:30 - 18:00
	Speaker: Dr. Aastha Dingra, Clinical Psychologist, YourDOST Health Solutions	
	Chair: Dr. Ajay Dhar, Associate Director , AcSIR	

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Day 3, 21st Feb | Research Frontiers and Career Futures

	Town Hall with Leadership: Science, Policy and Future Pathways	09:00 - 11:00
	Speaker: Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Secretary DHR and DG, ICMR	
	Tea Break, Exhibitions and Posters Presentation	11:00 - 11:30
	Technical Session: Empowering Scholars: National Research Resources (NAMS, ONOS, INFLIBNET services)	11:30 - 12:30
	Activity: Scholar Success Toolkit	
	Speakers: Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist – E, INFLIBNET, Gandhinagar Dr. Sriram Selvaraju, Scientist– E, ICMR-NIRT Chennai Dr. Jitendra Narayan, Senior Scientist, CSIR - IGIB, New Delhi	
	Moderator – Dr. Richa Singhal, Scientist – C, ICMR-NIMR, New Delhi Rapporteur – Mr. Rajit Mullick, Ph.D Scholar, ICMR-NIMR, New Delhi	
	Presentation: Systematic Reviews and Evidence Synthesis	12:30 - 13:30
	Activity: From Papers to Proof: Review Lab	
	Speaker: Prof. Thambu David Sudarsanam, CMC, Vellore Chair: TBD	
	Lunch	13:30 - 14:30
	Technical Session:	14:30 - 15:30
	What after Ph.D? Career Pathways and Choices	
	Activity: Career Mapping Workshop	
	Speakers: Dr. Keyur Parekh, President, Zydus Life Sciences, Ahmedabad Dr. Neeru Saini, Associate Dean, AcSIR, Ghaziabad Dr. Kavita Singh, Former Continental Lead Asia and South Asia Director, DNDi	
	Moderator – Dr. Enna Dogra, Scientist – D, ICMR, New Delhi Rapporteur – Ms. Priya, Ph.D Scholar, ICMR-NIMR, New Delhi	
	Valedictory Session and Awards	15:30 - 16:30
	Tea Break and Networking	16:30 - 17:30

“Until next year — keep researching, keep innovating !”