



Day 1: January 29, 2026 (Thursday)

Venue: Auditorium, M-Block, Nirma University

Time (HHMM)

Agenda

0900 - 1000

Breakfast and Registration

1000 - 1045

Inaugural Function

1045 - 1130

Keynote Speaker 1

Title: Pharmaceutical research and development: Emerging paradigms for Viksit Bharat

Dr Sohan Chitlange, Alard University, Pune, India

Chair: **Dr Tejal A Mehta, IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Hardik G Bhatt, IPNU**

1130 - 1200

Plenary Speaker 1

Transforming healthcare through policies: Role of national initiatives in pharmaceutical innovation for Viksit Bharat

Dr Poonam Yadav, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India, India

Chair: **Dr Charmy S Kothari, IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Nrupesh R Patel, IPNU**

1200 - 1230

Invited Speaker 1

Evolving landscape of innovation in healthcare: Innovate in India for Viksit Bharat

Dr Shrinivas S Savale, AIC-LMCP Foundation, Ahmedabad, India

Chair: **Dr Charmy S Kothari, IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Jigar N Shah, IPNU**

1230 - 1330

Lunch Break, Poster Viewing & Networking

(Venue: Lawn Area, New Building)

1330 - 1415

Keynote Speaker 2

Nano-vaccines – The promise for future therapeutics

Dr Stephen Kerr, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Boston, USA

Chair: **Dr Priti J Mehta, IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Vivek K Vyas, IPNU**

1415 - 1445

Invited Speaker 2

Title: Strategic design and preclinical evaluation of novel quinazolinone-thiazole hybrids targeting resistant EGFR mutations in non-small cell lung cancer

Dr Audrey Yong Chee, MAHSA University, Selangor, Malaysia

Chair: **Dr Snehal S Patel, IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Udit J Chaube, IPNU**





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Transforming Healthcare: New Horizons in Pharmaceutical Sciences for Viksit Bharat

1445 - 1545

Panel Discussion: New Horizons in Pharmaceutical Sciences: Redefining India's Role in Global Healthcare

Chair: Dr Gautam Singhvi, BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus, Rajasthan, India

Panellists:

Prof Johnson Stanslas, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Selangor, Malaysia

Dr Varsha Gandhi, University of Texas, Houston, USA

Dr Kiran Marthak, Veeda Clinical Research Pvt Ltd, Ahmedabad, India

Mr Sandeep Raktate, Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Ahmedabad, India

1545 - 1600

Coffee Break & Networking

1600 - 1800

Oral Presentations – I

Venue: Auditorium, M-Block

Oral Presentations – II

*Venue: Classroom T1,
M-Block*

Poster Presentations – I

*Venue: Lawn Area,
New Building*

*Pharmacology, Clinical Pharmacy &
Patient Care*

*Pharmaceutical Analysis,
Quality & Regulatory Science*

*AI in Drug Discovery &
Pharmaceutical Chemistry*

*Next-Gen Formulations,
Nanotechnology and Biotechnology,*

*Herbal Medicines & Natural
Products*

1800 - 1900

Cultural Programme by Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University Students

1900 onwards

Gala Dinner & Networking @ Lawn Area, New Building





Day 2: January 30, 2026 (Friday)

Venue: Auditorium, M-Block, Nirma University

Time (HHMM)

Agenda

0830 - 0930

Breakfast & Networking

Keynote Speaker 3 (Online live-streaming)

Title: Herbal product discovery and development: Modulation of gut-liver axis in hepatic disease management

Dr Wong Tin Wui, Universiti Teknologi MARA Selangor, Malaysia

Chair: **Dr Mayur M Patel, IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Dhaivat C Parikh, IPNU**

1015 - 1045

Plenary Speaker 2

Title: Digital transformation in pharma R&D: How AI/ML, LLMs and GenAI are transforming the drug discovery

Dr Raghu Rangaswamy, Molecular Solutions Software Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru, India

Chair: **Dr Hardik G Bhatt, IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Tejas M Dhameliya, IPNU**

1045 - 1115

Invited Speaker 3

Title: Toward personalized cancer therapy through liquid biopsy innovation

Dr Chaithanya Lakshmi, Seoul National University, South Korea

Chair: **Dr Shital S Panchal IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Bhagawati Saxena, IPNU**

Coffee Break & Networking

1115 - 1130

1130 - 1200

Plenary Speaker 3

Title: Targeting MET-driven cancers: Insights from preclinical and translational studies of selective c-MET inhibitors

Dr Nirmal Rajasekaran, Curacle Co. Ltd, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Chair: **Dr Shital S Panchal, IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Dipal M Gandhi, IPNU**

Lunch Break, Poster Viewing & Networking

(Venue: Lawn Area, New Building)

1200 - 1300

Keynote Speaker 4

Title: From irrational to rational approaches in cancer drug discovery: A quarter-century journey

Dr Johnson Stanslas, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Selangor, Malaysia

Chair: **Dr Snehal S Patel, IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Bhumika D Patel, IPNU**





1345 - 1415

Plenary Speaker 4

Title: Precision psychiatry in practice: Bridging polygenic insights and CRISPR diagnostics for personalized antidepressant therapy

Dr Sivasankaran Ponnusankar, JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty, India

Chair: **Dr Sagar Pamu, IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Anjali A Menon, IPNU**

1415 - 1445

Plenary Speaker 5

Title: Microneedles as transforming localized drug delivery for improved therapeutic outcomes

Dr Gautam Singhvi, BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus, Rajasthan, India

Chair: **Dr Niyati S Acharya, IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Mohit P Shah, IPNU**

1445 - 1500

Coffee Break & Networking

1500 - 1530

Plenary Speaker 6

Title: Translational research to transformative medicine in chronic lymphocytic leukaemia

Dr Varsha Gandhi, University of Texas, Houston, USA

Chair: **Dr Niyati S Acharya, IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Richa Gupta, IPNU**

1530 -1730

Pharma Innovator Award Presentations

Venue: Auditorium, M-Block

Parallel Oral Presentations – III

Venue: Classroom T1, M-Block

Parallel Oral Presentations – IV

Venue: Classroom T3, M-Block

Poster Presentations – II

Venue: Lawn Area, New Building

Pharmacology, Clinical Pharmacy & Patient Care

Next-Gen Formulations, Nanotechnology & Biotechnology

Herbal Medicines & Natural Products

Pharmaceutical Analysis, Quality & Regulatory Science

AI in Drug Discovery & Pharmaceutical Chemistry





Day 3: January 31, 2026 (Saturday)

Venue: Auditorium, M-Block, Nirma University

Time (HHMM)

Agenda

0830 - 0930

Breakfast & Networking

0930 - 1015

Keynote Speaker 5

Title: Drug delivery technologies for value addition and life cycle extension – A case study

Dr Ajay Khopade, Sun Pharma Advanced Research Centre, Vadodara, India

Chair: **Dr Jigna S Shah, IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Nagja V Tripathi, IPNU**

1015 - 1045

Plenary Speaker 7

Title: Excipients: The Silent partners to API in drug delivery

Dr Sunil Jaiswal, Akums Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Haridwar, India

Chair: **Dr Shital B Butani, IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Misari D Patel, IPNU**

1045 - 1115

Coffee Break & Networking

1115 - 1145

Invited Speaker 4

Title: Plasma medicine: Tailoring plasmas for healthier generation in the era of Viksit Bharat

Dr Akshay Vaid, Institute for Plasma Research, Gandhinagar, India

Chair: **Dr Mayur M Patel, IPNU**

Co-Chair: **Dr Anshu Srivastava, IPNU**

1145 - 1245

Valedictory Function

1245 - 1345

Lunch Break & Networking

