

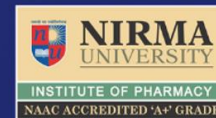


# NIPiCON 2026

8<sup>th</sup> Nirma Institute of Pharmacy International Conference



JAN 29 - 31, 2026



Transforming Healthcare: New Horizons in Pharmaceutical Sciences for Viksit Bharat

**Day 1: January 29, 2026 (Thursday)**

**Venue: Auditorium, M-Block, Nirma University**

Time (HHMM)	Agenda
0900 - 1000	<b>Breakfast and Registration</b>
1000 - 1045	<b>Inaugural Function</b>
1045 - 1130	<b>Keynote Speaker 1</b> Title: Pharmaceutical research and development: Emerging paradigms for Viksit Bharat <b>Dr Sohan Chitlange</b> , <i>Alard University, Pune, India</i>  Chair: <b>Dr Tejal A Mehta</b> , <i>IPNU</i> Co-Chair: <b>Dr Hardik G Bhatt</b> , <i>IPNU</i>
1130 - 1200	<b>Plenary Speaker 1</b> Transforming healthcare through policies: Role of national initiatives in pharmaceutical innovation for Viksit Bharat <b>Dr Poonam Yadav</b> , <i>Department of Science &amp; Technology (DST), Govt. of India, India</i>  Chair: <b>Dr Charmy S Kothari</b> , <i>IPNU</i> Co-Chair: <b>Dr Nrupesh R Patel</b> , <i>IPNU</i>
1200 - 1230	<b>Invited Speaker 1</b> Evolving landscape of innovation in healthcare: Innovate in India for Viksit Bharat <b>Dr Shrinivas S Savale</b> , <i>AIC-LMCP Foundation, Ahmedabad, India</i>  Chair: <b>Dr Charmy S Kothari</b> , <i>IPNU</i> Co-Chair: <b>Dr Jigar N Shah</b> , <i>IPNU</i>
1230 - 1330	<b>Lunch Break, Poster Viewing &amp; Networking</b> <i>(Venue: Lawn Area, New Building)</i>
1330 - 1415	<b>Keynote Speaker 2</b> Nano-vaccines – The promise for future therapeutics <b>Dr Stephen Kerr</b> , <i>Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Boston, USA</i>  Chair: <b>Dr Priti J Mehta</b> , <i>IPNU</i> Co-Chair: <b>Dr Vivek K Vyas</b> , <i>IPNU</i>
1415 - 1445	<b>Invited Speaker 2</b> Title: Strategic design and preclinical evaluation of novel quinazolinone-thiazole hybrids targeting resistant EGFR mutations in non-small cell lung cancer <b>Dr Audrey Yong Chee</b> , <i>MAHSA University, Selangor, Malaysia</i>  Chair: <b>Dr Snehal S Patel</b> , <i>IPNU</i> Co-Chair: <b>Dr Udit J Chaube</b> , <i>IPNU</i>



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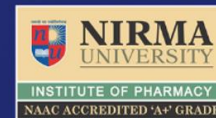
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1445 - 1545

**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

*Pharmacology, Clinical Pharmacy & Patient Care*

**Oral Presentations – II**

**Venue:** Classroom T1, M-Block

*Pharmaceutical Analysis, Quality & Regulatory Science*

*AI in Drug Discovery & Pharmaceutical Chemistry*

**Poster Presentations – I**

**Venue:** Lawn Area, New Building

*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**



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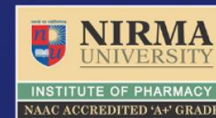


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**Day 2: January 30, 2026 (Friday)**

**Venue: Auditorium, M-Block, Nirma University**

## Time (HHMM)

## Agenda

0830 - 0930

### Breakfast & Networking

0930 - 1015

#### 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*

1115 - 1130

### Coffee Break & Networking

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*

1200 - 1300

### Lunch Break, Poster Viewing & Networking

(Venue: Lawn Area, New Building)

1300 - 1345

#### 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*



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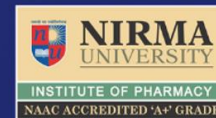


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## Plenary Speaker 4

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  
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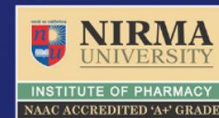


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## Agenda

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



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