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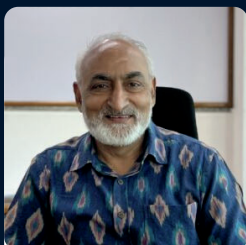
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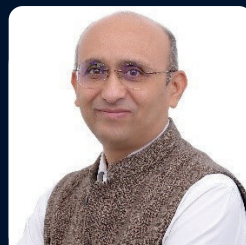
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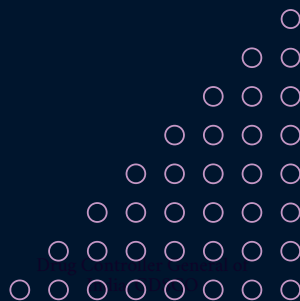
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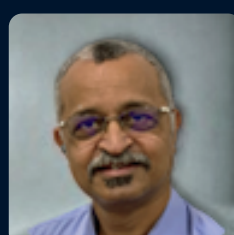
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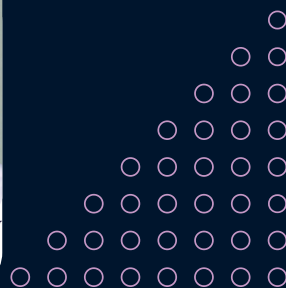
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# SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS



**Dr. Monika Pahuja**  
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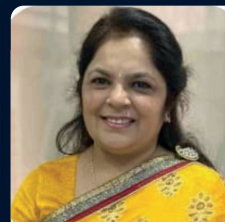
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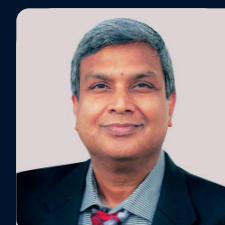
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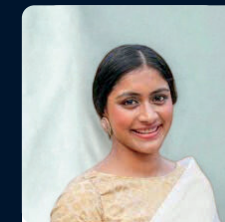
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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## Day 1-25th JULY

8 AM - 9:15 AM REGISTRATION

9:15 AM - 9:45 AM INAUGURAL SESSION

Prof. Dr. Y K Gupta, President, AIIMS-Jammu  
Dr. Satyajit Mohapatra, Addl. Prof and Head,  
AIIMS-Guwahati  
Dr. Rakesh Mishra, Director, TIGS Bangalore  
Dr. Alok Bhattacharya, Founder, WWGM Delhi

9:45 AM - 10:05 AM INAUGURAL LECTURE

Prof. Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary, DBT India

10:05 AM - 10:30 AM OVERVIEW

Prof. Dr. Y K Gupta, AIIMS-Jammu

An overview of the objectives and the significance of  
rare disease clinical trials

10:30 AM - 11:50 AM SESSION I

Challenges, opportunities and designing  
early phase clinical trials for rare diseases

Chairperson: Ms. Annam Visala, CDSCO

Speakers and Panelists:

Dr. Monika Pahuja, ICMR  
Dr. Satyajit Mohapatra, AIIMS-Guwahati  
Dr. M P Venkatesh, JSS College of Pharmacy

11:50 AM - 12:10 AM INTERACTIVE BREAK

12:10 PM - 1:30 PM SESSION II

Navigating ethical frontiers: Addressing challenges  
and ensuring equity in rare disease clinical trials

Chairperson: Dr. Kavita Singh, DNDi

Speakers and Panelists:

Dr. Roli Mathur, ICMR  
Dr. Niveditha Devasenapathy, George Institute  
for Global Health  
Dr. Mohua Chakraborty, IISc

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

LUNCH



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Day 1-25th JULY

2:30 PM - 4:50 PM

## SESSION III

Sharing early experiences in clinical trials

4:50 PM - 5:10 PM

## TEA

5:10 PM - 6:15 PM

## INTERACTIVE SESSION

Interaction and discussions with Patient Advocacy Groups

Chairperson: Dr. Sheffali Gulati, AIIMS-New Delhi

### Speakers and Panelists:

Dr. Arkosubhra Ghosh, GROW Research Lab

Dr. Kavita Singh, DNDi

Dr. Nitya Wadhwa, THSTI

Dr. Debojyoti Chakraborty, CSIR-IGIB

Coordinators: Prof. Sudha Bhattacharya, WWGM  
Mr. Prasanna Kumar Shirol, ORDI

### Panelists:

Mr. Ambrish Kapadia, PPMD

Mr. Samir Sethi, Indian Rett Syndrome Foundation

Dr. Gayatri Saberwal, TIGS

Chairperson: Dr. Saurendra Das, PFC Pharma India

### Panelists:

Dr. Dinesh Kundu, East Ocyon Bio Pvt. Ltd.

Dr. Shubhadeep Sinha, Hetero Drugs Ltd.

Dr. Sandesh Sawant, Cipla Ltd.

6:15 PM - 7 PM

## OPEN SESSION WITH INDUSTRY

7 PM ONWARDS

## DINNER

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## Day 2-26th JULY

### 9:30 AM - 11:10 AM SESSION I

Innovation in clinical trial designs in rare diseases -  
Exploring the role of AI-ML in data analysis, RWE  
research, decentralized trials in rare diseases

### 11:10 AM - 11:30 AM INTERACTIVE BREAK

### 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM SESSION II

Role of disease progression models and early  
indicators, biomarkers for success of clinical trial  
design

### 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM LUNCH

### 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM SESSION III

Transforming rare disease therapeutics:  
Harnessing genomics and IPR

### 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM PANEL DISCUSSION

Conference summary and way forward

4:10 PM

VOTE OF THANKS AND HIGH TEA

Chairperson: Dr. Alok Bhattacharya, WWGM

#### Speakers and Panelists:

Prof. Anurag Agarwal, Ashoka University  
Dr. Krithika Rangarajan, AIIMS-New Delhi  
Dr. Shoibal Mukherjee, Medanta Hospitals  
Dr. Vaibhav Salvi, Sanofi

Chairperson: Dr. Ruchi Singh, ICMR

#### Speakers and Panelists:

Dr. Surat Parvatam, Humane World for Animals India  
Dr. Vasanth T., TIGS  
Dr. Sivaprakash Ramalingam, IIT Kanpur

Chairperson: Dr. Rakesh Mishra, TIGS

#### Speakers and Panelists:

Mr. Bharat Kumar Sarvepalli, Karkinos Healthcare  
Dr. Manisha Shridhar, WHO

#### Panelists:

Prof. Dr. Y K Gupta, AIIMS-Jammu  
Dr. Rakesh Mishra, TIGS  
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Dr. Aparna Sharma, BIRAC  
Dr. Anirban Roy Chowdhury, ISCR and Sun Pharma