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Preconference Workshop - 22nd October, 2026

TIME	TOPIC	RESOURCE FACULTY
08:00 AM – 09:00 AM	BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION	
08:40 AM – 09:00 AM	Welcome Address and Overview of Workshops	
09:00 AM onwards	Qualitative Methods in Health Research *(Venue: MEU, Auditorium Ground Floor)*	Dr. Pradeep Deshmukh, Professor and HOD, Dept. of Community Medicine, AIIMS Nagpur Dr. Amol R. Dongre, Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine, SWMCH, Puducherry Dr. Yogesh Bahurupi, Additional Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine, AIIMS Nagpur
	Evidence Synthesis for Health Research: Practical Meta-analysis *(Venue: Community Medicine DEMO Room 1)*	Dr. Dewesh Kumar, Additional Professor, AIIMS-CAPFIMS, New Delhi Dr. Anit Kujur, Associate Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine, RIMS, Ranchi Dr. Ratnesh Sinha, Associate Professor, ESICMCH, Ranchi
	Artificial Intelligence in Biomedical Research *(Venue: Community Medicine DEMO Room 2)*	Dr. Bhola Nath Professor & HOD, Department of Community Medicine & Public Health, AIIMS Raebareli
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	HIGH TEA	
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	LUNCH	
02:00 PM – 05:00 PM	Workshop Continues with Hands on Exercises, Case Discussions, Q&A session	
05:00 PM – 05:15 PM	Valedictory Session, Feedback & Certificate Distribution	

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08:00 AM – 09:00 AM	REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES		
08:15 AM – 09:00 AM	BREAKFAST		
PLENARY SESSION (Venue - MAIN AUDITORIUM)			
09:00 AM - 09:15 AM	One Health in the Himalayas: From National Programmes to Local Action in Uttarakhand	• Dr. Mahendra Singh Gehlot, Additional Professor, AIIMS Rishikesh	Prof. (Dr.) Jairaj Hanspal Prof. (Dr.) Roopa Hanspal
09:15 AM - 10:10 AM	Session Title: Beyond Endemicity: Is Visceral Leishmaniasis Moving to New Geographies? • From Endemicity to Elimination – Where Are We Now. • Emerging Geography of VL – Signal, Spillover or New Transmission. • Expert Panel Discussion. • Audience Q&A + Key take-home messages	• Dr. Sudarshan Mondal, Sr. CMO, NCVBDC • Prof. (Dr.) Hari Shanker Joshi, Director, RMRCG • Dr. Bhupendra Tripathi, Deputy Director, Gates Foundation • Dr. Shawar Kazmi, NPO Kala-azar, WHO • Dr. Prasan K Panda, Additional Professor, AIIMS, Rishikesh	Dr. Atul Mittal, SPO, Gates Foundation Dr. Amresh Kumar, Deputy Director NTD & Malaria, PATH Dr. Pradeep Kumar
10:10 AM - 10:25 AM	HIGH TEA		

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10:25 AM - 11:20 AM	"Immunization Landscape, Uttar Pradesh"	• Dr. Ajay Gupta, SEPIO, Uttar Pradesh • Dr. Manoj Shukul, GM-RI, Uttar Pradesh	Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Srivastava
	"Immunization Landscape, Uttarakhand"	• Dr. Ritu Agarwal, SEPIO, UK	Prof. (Dr.) Sandeep Kumar
	PANEL DISCUSSION Session Title: Advancing Towards AI 2030 Goals: Digital Innovations & Partnerships to Reach the Last Mile.	• Dr. Ajay Gupta, SEPIO, U.P • Dr. Manoj Shukul, GM-RI, U.P • Prof. (Dr.) Shaili Vyas, HIMS, Dehradun • Prof. (Dr.) Manish Kumar Singh, RMLIMS Lucknow • Dr. Bhupendra Tripathi, Deputy Director, Infectious Diseases and Vaccine Delivery, Gates Foundation	Dr. Surbhi Seth, Director, IHAT Prof. (Dr.) Bhawna Pant Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Arya
11:20 AM - 11:40 AM	Prof. V. N Mishra Oration	Prof. (Dr.) C.M.S. Rawat Principal, VCSGGIMS&R Srinagar Garhwal	Maj. Gen. (Prof.) Atul Kotwal Prof. (Dr.) Manish Kumar Singh
11:40 AM - 12:00 PM	Dr. B.G. Prasad Oration	Prof. (Dr). C.M. Singh Director, RMLIMS Lucknow	Prof. (Dr.) Hari Shanker Joshi Prof. (Dr.) Sandeep Kumar
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	INAUGRATION		

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01:00 PM - 01:15 PM	Research Landscape in Uttarakhand: AI and New Frontiers	Dr. Ashish Joshi Dean and Professor, School of Public Health, University of Memphis. Founder, Foundation of Healthcare Technologies Society.	Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Garg Prof. (Dr.) Swati Khan
01:15 PM - 02:15 PM	LUNCH		
02:15 PM - 02:30 PM	***KEYNOTE ADDRESS*** Re-imagining Primary Healthcare: Integrating Digital Innovation, Climate Resilience and Equity	Maj. Gen. (Prof.) Atul Kotwal, SM, VSM (Veteran), National President IAPSM	Prof. (Dr.) C.M.S. Rawat Prof. (Dr). C.M. Singh
02:30 PM - 03:30 PM	Session Title: Lymphatic Filiarisis Elimination in India: Progress, Persistent Challenges & the Expanding Role of Medical Colleges • Current Progress, challenges. • Role of Medical Colleges and support in addressing last mile challenges in Elimination. • Expert Panel Discussion. • Audience Q&A + Key take-home message	Dr. Sudarsan Mandal, MD, Sr. Chief Medical Officer (CHS-HAG), NCVBDC, Formerly DDG(TB),DDG(NCD/IH) & DDG(Leprosy), Government of India Mr. Jayaram Parasa, Team Lead, TSU , NCVBDC Dr. Rajendra Kumar Singh, Senior Programme Officer, TSU, NCVBDC	Dr. Bhupendra Tripathi Deputy Director, Infectious Diseases and Vaccine Delivery, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Prof. (Dr.) Dinesh Singh Martolia

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03:30 PM - 03:50 PM	Powering Health, Empowering Communities: Industry's Role in Public Health	Mr. Rajendra Singh Jayara National Thermal Power Corporation, India	Prof. (Dr.) Khursheed Muzammil Prof. (Dr.) Medhavi Agarwal
03:50 PM - 04:10 PM	From Policy to People: Making the National Mental Health Programme Work	Dr. Pankaj SIngh, Assistant Director, NHM Uttarakhand	Prof. (Dr.) Arun Singh Dr. Chhabil Kumar
04:10 PM - 04:20 PM	Every Gram Counts: Point-of-Care Haemoglobin Testing for Better Public Health Outcomes	Mr. Krishna Maheswari, HemoCue India, New Delhi	Prof. (Dr.) J.P. Singh Prof. (Dr.) Dheeraj Gupta
04:20 PM- 04:40 PM	Protecting the Protectors: Should Healthcare Worker Immunization become a Mandatory Policy?	Prof. (Dr.) Jayanti Semwal, HIMS Jolly Grant, Dehradun	Prof. (Dr.) Pawan Kumar Goel Prof. (Dr.) Sadhana Awasthi
04:40 PM - 05:00 PM	From Policy to Population Impact: Strengthening Tobacco Control in India	Prof. (Dr.) Sonu Goel, PGIMER Chandigarh	Prof. (Dr.) Bhola Nath Prof. (Dr.) Manish Kumar Singh
05:00 PM – 05:30 PM	General Body Meeting of IAPSM UPUK State Chapter		
07:00 PM ONWARDS - CULTURAL NIGHT & GALA DINNER			

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER/ PANELIST	CHAIRPERSON/ MODERATOR
08:00 AM – 09:00 AM BREAKFAST			
Symposium On: Universal Health Coverage for NCDs - Bridging Policy, Practice and Patient Care (Venue - MAIN AUDITORIUM)			
09:00 AM – 09:15 AM	Universal Health Coverage for NCDs: Policies, Health System Strengthening and India's Roadmap	Dr. Amandeep Kaur, AIIMS Kalyani	Prof. (Dr.) Peeyush Kariwala Prof. (Dr.) Sumeet Dixit
09:15 AM – 09:30 AM	Bridging the Implementation Gap: Strengthening Primary Health Care for Comprehensive NCD Care	Dr. Sarika Palepu, AIIMS Kalyani	Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Katyal Prof. (Dr.) Anjuman Chaudhary
09:30 AM – 09:45 AM	Optimising Pharmacotherapy for NCDs: Rational Medicines, Adherence and Patient-Centred Care	Dr. Arkapal Bandyopadhyay, AIIMS Kalyani	Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Pal Singh Prof. (Dr.) Priyanka Kesarwani
09:45 AM – 10:05 AM	Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: Current Challenges and Strategies for Effective Prevention and Control	Dr. Pankaj Singh, Assistant Director, NHM Uttarakhand	Prof. (Dr.) Arshiya Masood Siddiqui Prof. (Dr.) Sachin Bhaskar Palve
10:05 AM – 10:25 AM	Menstrual Health for a Climate-Resilient Future: From Sustainable Products to Universal Health Coverage	Prof. (Dr.) Rekha Dutt, AIIMS Kalyani	Prof. (Dr.) Harivansh Chopra Prof. (Dr.) Ranjana Singh

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10:25 AM – 10:45 AM	The Rigor of Research: Why Young Professionals need to be sensitized about Novel Public	Dr. Ashish Joshi Dean and Professor, School of Public Health, University of Memphis. Founder, Foundation of Healthcare Technologies Society.	Prof. (Dr.) Jayanti Semwal Dr. Janki Bartwal
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Towards Zero Human Rabies Deaths by 2030: One Health, Digital Surveillance and Equitable Access to Prevention	Dr. Manish Kumar Singh, RMLIMS Lucknow	Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Bhardwaj Prof. (Dr.) Shaili Vyas
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	HIGH TEA		
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	Empowering Healthcare Professionals through Financial Literacy: A Pathway to Sustainable Universal Health Coverage	Mr. Bensira Dcosta Ms Munira Choonia	Prof. (Dr.) Santosh Kumar Verma
12:15 PM – 01:00 PM	Youth Wellness Beyond Mental Health: A Multidimensional Approach to Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	Dr. Santosh Kumar, AIIMS Rishikesh	Prof. (Dr.) Rekha Dutt
01:00 PM - 01:45 PM	VALEDICTORY FUNCTION		
01:45 PM ONWARDS	LUNCH		

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TIME	**Hall A (LT- Zero)**	**Hall B (LT-Zero)**
09:00 AM– 10:00 AM	NCD 1 - 6	NCD 7 - 11
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Digital Health, AI & UHC 1 - 7	Digital Health, AI & UHC 8 - 13
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM	RMNCH+A 1 - 7	RMNCH+A 8 - 13

PARALLEL SESSION (ORAL AGENDA)		
TIME	Hall A (Community Medicine Demo Room 1)	Hall B (Community Medicine Demo Room 2)
09:00 AM– 10:00 AM	NCD 1 - 6	Mental & Adolescent Health 1 - 7
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	NCD 7 - 12	Mental & Adolescent Health 8 - 14
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Misc & Nutrition 1 - 7	Women & Child Health 1 - 7
03:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Misc & Nutrition 8 - 14	Women & Child Health 8 - 15

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09:00 AM– 10:00 AM	CD, Zoonotic & Env. 1 - 6	CD, Zoonotic & Env. 7 - 11
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Misc, Mental & Nutrition 1 - 6	Misc, Mental & Nutrition 7 - 11

PARALLEL SESSION (ORAL AGENDA)			
TIME	Hall A (Community Medicine Demo Room 1)	Hall B (Community Medicine Demo Room 2)	Hall C (MEU Room)
09:00 AM– 10:00 AM	Digital & Telemedicine 1 - 9	AI in Healthcare & UHC 1 - 9	CD, Zoonotic & Env. 1 - 8