

H.E.L.P CONFERENCE 2026

HEALTHCARE SUSTAINABILITY: FROM PROMISE TO DELIVERY

AGENDA

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Venue: Yashoda Hospitals, HITEC City, Hyderabad

<p>Registration (8:00 am – 9:00 am)</p> <p>Session 1: Welcome & Special Addresses 9:00 am – 9:30 am</p>		
Description	Speaker	Session Lead / Chair
Welcome Address	Dr. Alexander Thomas, Chair – H.E.L.P.	Introducing Chair: Dr. Shilpa Tatake, H.E.L.P. Regional Lead (Western Region)
Special Address	Ms. Emily Bancroft, CEO, Health Care Without Harm (HCWH)	Introducing Chair: Mr. Jogesh Gambhir, H.E.L.P. Regional Lead (Eastern Region)
Special Address : Role of Insurance in Sustainability	Dr. S. Prakash, CEO, General Insurance Council (GIC)	Introducing Chair: Dr. Keerthana Yadav, H.E.L.P. Joint Secretary – Telangana Chapter
Special Address	Mr. Nick Thorp, Global Network Director, Global Green & Healthy Hospitals (GGHH)	Introducing Chair: Mr. Jogesh Gambhir, H.E.L.P. Regional Lead (Eastern Region)

SESSION 2:
From Innovation to Inclusion – Technology, AI & Telemedicine
Accelerating Universal Health Coverage

9:30 am – 10:55 am

Description	Speaker	Session Lead / Chair
<p>Keynote Address: Healthcare Professionals for Planetary Health: Bridging Policy and Practice.</p>	<p>Dr. Amir Hamzah Abdul Latiff, Adjunct Professor, Sunway Centre for Planetary Health, Sunway University, Malaysia</p>	<p>Introducing Chair: Lt. Col (Dr) L.C. Verma, H.E.L.P. State Lead – Maharashtra</p>
<p>Keynote Address: Technology as a Transformative Enabler for Sustainable Healthcare</p>	<p>Mr Yashwanth G., Head- Operations, AMTZ</p>	<p>Introducing Chair: Lt. Col (Dr) L.C. Verma, H.E.L.P. State Lead – Maharashtra</p>
<p>From Innovation to Inclusion: Technology & Transformative Actions to Achieve Sustainable Healthcare</p>	<p>Panellists:</p> <p>Dr. Suneeta Krishnan, Deputy Director, India Country Office, Gates Foundation</p> <p>Ms. Vyjayanthi Mala, Chief – Open Learning Network, Centre for Exponential Change (C4EC)</p> <p>Dr. Vishal Bhardwaj, Programme Lead – Bio for Climate & Sustainability Initiative, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP)</p>	<p>Chair: Dr. Lallu Joseph, H.E.L.P. Steering Committee Member</p> <p>Co-Chair: Dr. Caroline Elizabeth George, H.E.L.P. State Lead – Karnataka</p>
<p>Special Address</p>	<p>Dr. Aakash Srivastava, Additional Director & Head, CEOH-CCH Division, National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)</p>	<p>Introducing Chair: Dr. Raj Shankar Ghosh, Convenor – H.E.L.P.</p>

**SESSION 3:
Inaugural Session**

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Description	Speaker	Session Lead / Chair
National Song – Vande Mataram & Lamp Lighting		Master of the Ceremony, Dr. Vishnu Reddy
Welcome Address	Dr. G. Surender Rao, Managing Director, Yashoda Hospitals	
Special Address	Prof. Sanjay Zodpey, H.E.L.P. Steering Committee Member; President, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)	
Special Address	Mr. Ajay Seth, IAS, Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)	
Release of H.E.L.P. Compendium on Best Practices for Hospitals & Healthcare Institutions and H.E.L.P. Charter for Sustainable Healthcare	Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana	
Address by the Chief Guest	Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana	
National Anthem		

SESSION 4: Sustaining the sustainability journey

12:00 pm – 12:40 pm

Description	Speaker	Session Lead / Chair
Standards for Climate Action: NABH's Journey Towards Sustainable Healthcare	Dr. Punam Bajaj, Director, National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH)	Introducing Chair: Dr. Ashwini Amareshwar, H.E.L.P. State Vice President – Telangana Chapter Moderator: Prof. Dr. Sanjay Pattanshetty Professor and Director, NIMS Institute of Public Health and Governance NIMS University
Keynote Address: Media as a Catalyst for Sustainable Healthcare Narratives	Ms. Meghna Singhania, Founder & Editor-in-Chief, Medical Dialogues	Introducing Chair: Capt. Ajitha Nair, H.E.L.P. Regional Lead (Southern Region)

LUNCH BREAK | 12:40 pm – 1:40 pm

SESSION 5: From Silos to Systems – Collaboration for Resilient and Transformative Healthcare

1:40 pm – 2:55 pm

Description	Speaker	Session Lead / Chair
Special Address: The Art of Eating Local: Food, Identity, and Sustainability	Mr. Krishna McKenzie, Founder, Solitude Farm; singer, writer, influencer	Introducing Chair: Dr. Ramesh Martha, H.E.L.P. State President – Telangana Chapter
Force for Good: Why cross-spectrum teamwork & partnerships are critical for systems-level change towards sustainability	Panellists: Ms. Norly Grace Mercado, Executive Director, HCWH Southeast Asia Dr. Vivek Singh, Health Specialist, UNICEF	Chair: Dr. Rajnarayan Tiwari, Director, ICMR – NIREH Co-Chair: Dr. Kh. Palin, H.E.L.P. Regional Lead (North-Eastern Region)

	Ms. Ambika Singh, Deputy Editor & Senior Anchor, NDTV Special Projects	
	Dr. Merle Fernandes, Green Team, LVPEI, Director, Kallam Anji Reddy Campus, Hyderabad	

<p align="center">SESSION 6: Embedding ESG in Healthcare – Trust, Transparency, and Accountability for Climate Action 2:55 pm – 4:10 pm</p>		
Description	Speaker	Session Lead / Chair
<p>Special Address: How leadership deepens trust and drives credible sustainability in healthcare</p>	<p>Prof. K. Srinath Reddy, Past President & Chancellor, PHFI Institute of Public Health Sciences</p>	<p>Introducing Chair: Dr. Gopinath Mamballikalam, H.E.L.P. State President – Kerala Chapter</p>
<p>Trust and Verify: Building trust & transparency in the health sector for credible sustainability</p>	<p>Panellists:</p> <p>Mr. Lanvin Concessao, Program Lead – Energy, WRI India</p> <p>Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Sadhana Nair (Retd.), Former Director General Medical Services (Army)</p> <p>Dr. Ankita Piplani, Project Coordinator, World Health Organization</p> <p>Dr. Amandeep Kaur, Founder & Director, Amandeep Group of Hospitals</p>	<p>Chair: Mr. Nico Schiettekatte, Counselor for Health, Welfare & Sport, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in India</p> <p>Co-Chair: Dr. Karan Thakur, National Engagement Lead – H.E.L.P.</p>

**SESSION 7:
Valedictory Session**

4:10 pm – 5:00 pm

Description	Speaker	Session Lead / Chair
Address by the Guest of Honour	Dr. Taslimarif Saiyed, CEO and Director, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) Local Dignitary TG Govt. - TBC	
H.E.L.P. Sustainability Excellence Awards Ceremony		
Closing Remarks	Prof. Sanjay Zodpey, H.E.L.P. Steering Committee Member; President, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)	
Vote of Thanks	Ms. Gina Sharma, H.E.L.P. Secretariat	
End of Conference		