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Where India Meets the World in Healthcare Innovation.
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NOVEMBER 18-19, 2026

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OVERVIEW

[DIA India Annual Meeting \(IAM\) - 2026](#) marks a defining moment for India's life sciences and healthcare ecosystem. As science, technology, and regulation converge at unprecedented speed, IAM 2026 serves as a platform where future-ready strategies are shaped, tested, and translated into real-world impact.

Anchored in the theme "Where India Meets the World in Healthcare Innovation," the meeting brings together global perspectives and local expertise to drive meaningful, scalable impact.

Bringing together leaders from pharma, biotech, medtech, regulators, academia, and technology, the meeting goes beyond dialogue, enabling decision-making, collaboration, and execution across the full product lifecycle. With six focused tracks and two flagship plenaries, IAM 2026 is designed for those not just adapting to change, but shaping what comes next.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Learning Objectives

- Gain forward-looking insights into emerging therapies, technologies, and regulatory models
- Understand how to design agile, patient-centric development strategies in a rapidly evolving environment
- Explore practical approaches to AI, real-world evidence, and digital transformation
- Engage directly with regulators and industry leaders to align on expectations and best practices
- Build cross-functional and cross-sector collaborations that accelerate innovation
- Take home actionable frameworks to improve decision-making, compliance, and impact

Who Should Attend

- *Pharma, Biotech & MedTech Leaders:*
R&D, Clinical Development, Regulatory Affairs, Quality, Safety, Medical Affairs, Market Access
- *Regulatory Authorities & Policy Leaders:*
India and global agencies, regulatory strategists, compliance leaders
- *Clinical & Research Professionals:*
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- *Technology & Data Leaders:*
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- *CROs & Solution Providers:*
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- *Academia & Research Institutions*
- *Students & Young Professionals:*
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- *Industry Associations & Policy Influencers*

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AGENDA: Day 1, 18 November 2026; Wednesday

8:00 - 8:45AM	Registration and Welcome Coffee		
8:45 - 9:00AM	Welcome Remarks from DIA		
9:00 - 11:00AM	Opening Plenary Session Theme: India 2047 (Viksit Bharat) – From the Pharmacy of the World to the Innovation Engine of the World		
9:00-9:10AM	CDSCO Opening Address		
9:10-9:20AM	US FDA Opening Address		
9:20-9:40AM	Keynote: India 2036 – From Global Supplier to Global Healthcare and Innovation Powerhouse		
9:40-10:00AM	Keynote: India and the GLP-1 Revolution: Can the Diabetes Capital Lead on Access, Affordability and Innovation		
10:00 - 11:00AM	Plenary Panel Discussion: The Billion-Dollar Question – What Will It Take for India to Produce the Next Global Biopharma Giant? Moderator: Vivek Ahuja , EVP - Global Delivery Excellence, Strategy & Growth - PV, EVERSANA Panelists:		
Tea Break			
11:30-5:30 PM	Track 1: Regulatory Science & Policy (RS)	Track 2: Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (AT)	Track 3: Clinical Development (CD)
	Track Theme: Architecting Smarter Regulatory Pathways to Accelerate Access to Life-Changing Therapies.	Track Theme: Advanced Therapies: From Innovation to Patient Outcomes	Track Theme: Advancing clinical development through collaboration, evidence, and innovation.
11:30 - 1:00PM	RS.S1: Future-Ready Regulatory Frameworks: Adapting to Global Change Session Chair: Samuel Raj Solomon , Vice President Regulatory Affairs Intas Pharmaceutical	AT.S1: Next-Generation Advanced Therapies shaping health care Session Chair: Praveen Raj , Head of Global Medical Affairs, Biocon Biologics	CD.S1: India as a Biopharma Hub for Global Clinical Development Session Chair: Shweta Pradhan , Head R&D Operations India, IQVIA
	RS.S1.T1: Are You Ready for the Changes to the U.S. National Drug Code and Barcode Requirements? Leyla Rahjou , Esfandiary, CDER, U.S. FDA	AT.S1.T1: Rewriting the Cancer Playbook: The Promise of Advanced Therapies in Oncology	CD.S1.T1: Strategic Vision: India as a Global Biopharma Hub by 2030 Sannie Chong , Senior Director, AP Regulatory Policy at MSD
	RS. S1.T2: Navigating the EU MDR Transition Extension: Regulatory Strategy, Risk-Based Planning, and Compliance Execution Dr Vivek Singh Bhagoor , Manager, Syneos Health	AT.S1.T2: Radiopharmaceuticals: The Next Frontier in Precision Oncology?	CD.S1.T2: India's Clinical Trial Advantage: What Will It Take to Compete Globally?

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	RS.S1.T3: What Next in Global Public Standards to Foster Biologics Development? Allison Radwick, Senior Regulatory and Policy Communications Manager, US Pharmacopeia	AT.S1.T3: Panel Discussion: From Innovation to Impact: Can India Build a Global Ecosystem for Advanced Therapies? Moderator: Praveen Raj	CD.S1.T3: Panel Discussion: Is India Ready to Become a Preferred Destination for Global Clinical Trials? Moderator: Shweta Pradhan
	RS.S1.T4: Panel Discussion: What does a truly future-ready regulatory framework look like? Moderator: Samuel Raj Solomon		
	Lunch Break		
2:00 - 3:30PM	RS.S2: Digital Transformation and AI in Regulatory Science Session Chair: Gaurav Mathur, Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs, Parexel	AT.S2: Advancing Cell & Gene Therapies Session Chair: Sushant Kumar, Head – R&D, Immunoadoptive Cell Therapy Pvt. Ltd. (ImmunoACT)	CD.S2: Bridging the Execution Gap in Global Clinical Development Programs Session Chair: Anirban Roy Chowdhury, AVP & Head - Development Center of Excellence Specialty Medicine, Sun Pharma
	RS.S2.T1: AI in Regulatory Decision-Making: Hype, Reality, and the Path Forward Swapna Teja Gundala, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, Parexel	AT.S2.T1: CMC Strategies for Cell and Gene Therapy in India: Starting Materials, Comparability and Quality Control Annu Uppal, Director Scientific Affairs, US Pharmacopeia	CD.S2.T1: Risk-Based Quality Management: Turning Clinical Trial Risk into Action
	RS.S2.T2: Advancing Regulatory Convergence through Digital, Collaboration Enabled Post Approval Submissions Ganesh Pawbake, Senior Manager Regulatory Affairs, Amgen Technology Private Limited	AT.S2.T2: Cell & Gene Therapy: Are Regulatory Pathways Keeping Pace with Science?	CD.S2.T2: Beyond the Clinical Trial: Can Real-World Evidence Transform Clinical Development?
	RS.S2.T3: Operationalizing Clinical Protocols through ICH M11 CeSHarP from a Medical Writing Perspective Mahvash Iram, Manager-Medical Writing, Teva Pharmaceuticals	AT.S2.T3: Panel Discussion: Cell & Gene Therapy at Scale: What Will It Take to Move from Breakthrough to Routine Care? Moderator: Sushant Kumar	CD.S2.T3: Panel Discussion: Why Do Global Clinical Trials Still Fail at Execution? Bridging the Gap Between Strategy and Reality Moderator: Anirban Roy Chowdhury

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	RS.S2.T4: Panel Discussion: Real-World Applications: How Organizations are Adopting AI in Regulatory Workflows? Moderator: Gaurav Mathur		
Tea Break			
4:00 - 5:30PM	RS.S3: Advancing Global Collaboration and Operational Excellence Session Chair: Meenakshi Mudiraj , Senior Director Global Regulatory Affairs Teva Pharmaceuticals	AT.S3: Expanding Patient Access to Advanced Therapies & Technologies Session Chair: Manjusha Rajarshi , Founder Regulus Healthcare Partner at roots-simplified Research and Consulting LLP	CD.S3: How Technologies help improve Clinical Development Session Chair: Mukesh Kumar , Chief Scientific Officer, CLINEXEL
	RS.S3.T1: Seeing Risk Before It Becomes Failure: Leveraging Early Risk Intelligence in GMP Systems Dipankar Kaul , Director, Kauledge	AT.S3.T1: Advanced Therapies, Complex Barriers: What Stands Between Innovation and the Patient?	CD.S3.T1: From Support to Autonomy: Navigating the Dual Frontier of AI as Enabler and AI as Agent in Clinical Development Jasmin Johnson , VP – Strategy, Veeva Systems
	RS.S3.T2: Advancing International Collaborative Regulatory Assessments to Accelerate Patient Access Irene Chan , Executive Director, Global Policy and Strategy - Asia Pacific, Eli Lilly and Company	AT.S3.T2: Bench to Bedside: What Does It Really Take to Deliver Advanced Therapies?	CD.S3.T2: Can Digital Biomarkers Make Clinical Trials Smarter, Faster and More Patient-Centric?
	RS.S3.T3: Driving Operational Excellence: Enhancing Data Quality and governance through Master-Reference Data Harmonization Sailasri Yeleswarapu , RA structured Data Submission Manager, Novartis Healthcare Pvt Ltd	AT.S3.T3: Panel Discussion: From Innovation to Access: Can India Deliver Advanced Therapies at Scale? Moderator: Manjusha Rajarshi	CD.S3.T3: Panel Discussion: AI as Clinical Development Partner: How Far Should We Trust the Machine? Moderator: Mukesh Kumar
	RS.S3.T4: Panel Discussion: From Regulatory Silos to Global Collaboration: Can Convergence Accelerate Patient Access Moderator: Meenakshi Mudiraj		

Day 1 Ends: Wrap Up

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AGENDA: Day 2, 19 November 2026; Thursday			
8:45 - 9:00AM	DIA Welcome Remarks Day 2		
9:00 - 9:30AM	Plenary Keynotes		
9:00 - 9:15AM	KNA 4: Human Led AI at Global Scale: Speed, Quality, and Trust in Clinical Development Sanjay Vyas , President, Safety & Logistics and Country Head of India, PAREXEL		
9:15 - 9:30AM	KNA 5: Beyond Patient Recruitment: Building a Future-Ready Clinical Research Ecosystem in India		
9.30 - 3.30AM	Track 4: Pharmacovigilance (PV)	Track 5: Medical Affairs (MA)	Track 6 – Data Science & Artificial Intelligence (DS)
	<i>Track Theme: The Great Reinvention of Pharmacovigilance</i>	<i>Track Theme: From insights to Evidence to impact: Transforming Medical Affairs for Better Health Outcomes</i>	<i>Track Theme: Harnessing the power of data and artificial intelligence for Smarter healthcare decision.</i>
9:30 - 11:00AM	PV.S1: Will AI Replace the PV Professional or Reinvent the Role? Session Chair: Vivek Ahuja , EVP - Global Delivery Excellence, Strategy & Growth - PV, EVERSAANA	MA.S1: The Strategic Role of Medical Affairs in Shaping Healthcare Value Session Chair: Srirupa Das , Vice President, Medical and Regulatory Affairs, Zydus Healthcare	DS.S1: Making AI Work in the Real World: From Promise to Impact Session Chair: Chitra Lele , Managing Director, Life Sciences Consulting, NTT DATA
	PV.S1.T1: AI has arrived for PV, are we ready with the Governance? Abhishek Kumar , VP, Eliquent Life Sciences	MA.S1.T1: Medical Affairs–Led Lifecycle Evidence Orchestration to Strengthen Decision Neha Neharika , Senior Medical Writer, Syneos Health	DS.S1.T1: Why AI Fails in Real-World Healthcare Deployment: An Exploratory Stakeholder Survey and Implementation-Informed Framework Manthan Nikesh Mehta , AGM-Medical Affairs, Alkem Laboratories Ltd
	PV.S1.T2: Next Gen PV- Where AI Meets the Patient Voice: Turning Patient Voices into Safety Intelligence Renu Sharma , Senior Director, Patient Safety Operations, PAREXEL	MA.S1.T2: Breaking Silos: How Cross - Functional Collaboration Amplifies Medical Affairs Impact Across the Healthcare Ecosystem Namrata Clement Saldanha , Senior Medical Information Officer, Pfizer Limited	DS.S1.T2: Designing Scalable Digital Access in Medical Information: A Phased WhatsApp Customer- Engagement Model in India Namrata Clement Saldanha , Senior Medical Information Officer, Pfizer Limited
	PV.S1.T3: Panel Discussion: From Digital Health to Digital Safety: Building India's Next-Generation Pharmacovigilance Ecosystem Moderator: Vivek Ahuja	MA.S1.T3: Panel Discussion: From insight to Impact: Navigating Lifecycle Challenges and Leveraging Cross-Functional Partnerships, how MA becomes strategic driver in decision making and leveraging CFT Moderator: Srirupa Das	DS.S1.T3: Panel Discussion: How do we make AI work in the Real World? From Algorithms to Adoption, Trust and Impact Moderator: Chitra Lele
	Tea Break		

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11:30-1:00 PM	PV.S2: Reinventing Signal Management: From Reactive Surveillance to Predictive Safety Intelligence	MA.S2: Building Evidence with Real World for Health Outcomes	DS.S2: Getting the Data Foundation Right: Enabling AI and Advanced Analytics
	Session Chair: J Vijay Venkatraman , Managing Director and CEO, Oviya Medsafe Pvt Ltd	Session Chair: Senthilnathan M , Country Head – Medical Affairs Cipla Ltd	Session Chair: Prachet Mohanty , Associate Director, Research & Development IT, BMS GCC
	PV.S2.T1: Integrated Safety Systems Across the Product Lifecycle	MA.S2.T1: From Data to Decision: Does Real-World Evidence Changes Practice in India?	DS.S2.T1: Enabling Advanced Analytics and Data Interoperability Through Standards-First Clinical Data Management
	Isha Shukla , Associate Director Quality, Primevigilance	Manthan Nikesh Mehta , AGM-Medical Affairs, Alkem Laboratories Ltd	Sumeela Nair , Director, Parexel
	PV.S2.T2: EudraVigilance Monitoring & Signal Management: Navigating Changes Introduced by EU 2025/1466	MA.S2.T2: Role of HEOR and HTA in Healthcare Decision-Making	DS.S2.T2: Protocol-Driven Synthetic SDTM Generation for AI-Enabled Clinical Development and Regulatory Data Transformation
	Krathika Bhat , Pharmacovigilance and Medical Sciences Manager, Dr. Ebeling & Associates	Gnana Prathyusha Barla , Analyst 2 Business Process Transactions Regulatory Publishing, DXC TECHNOLOGIES	Hanuragav Muthiah Giri , Data Scientist, Care2data
	PV.S2.T3: Panel Discussion: Can We Predict the Next Safety Signal Before Patients Are Harmed?	MA.S2.T3: Panel Discussion: Navigating Challenges in RWE Generation in India	DS.S2.T3: Panel Discussion: Can AI Deliver Without Interoperable Data? Breaking the Silos That Hold Life Sciences Back
	Moderator: J Vijay Venkatraman	Moderator: Senthilnathan M	Moderator: Prachet Mohanty
Lunch Break			
2:00 - 3:30PM	PV.S3: Future-Ready Pharmacovigilance: Geographies, Advanced Therapies, and Emerging Risks	MA.S3: Driving Impact: India and Beyond	DS.S3: How Far Can AI Transform Drug Development?
	Session Chair: Prantika Khetarpal , Pharmacovigilance Industry Leader and Council Director, TCS	Session Chair: Subrat Ray , Director Global Medical Strategy, Organon	Session Chair: Sridevi Nagarajan , DIA AI Consortium Co-Chair, Founder & Director, AyusArogya Ltd. UK
	PV.S3.T1: Comparative Safety Profile of Lutetium-177 Radioligand Therapies	MA.S3.T1: Global Capability Centers (GCC) as Strategic Innovation Hubs: Is India Ready to Lead Beyond Border	DS.S3.T1: Precision Design: Leveraging AI and Predictive Analytics to Optimize Global Clinical Trials
	Vidisha Vivek Parulekar , Senior Drug Safety Physician, Parexel		Shailesh Bajpai , Solution Consultant, MEDIDATA

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2:00 - 3:30PM	PV.S3.T2: Strengthening Pharmacovigilance in SAARC LMICs – Lessons from Africa and India	MA.S3.T2: Shaping Clinical Practice: Influencing Guidelines, Decision Makers, and Therapy Adoption	DS.S3.T2: AI-Enabled Quality Assurance in Medical Writing Using Agent- and Prompt-Based AI Solutions
	Kaveesha Fernando , PhD Candidate, Duksung Women's University		Smitha Sreedharan , Associate Director, Medical Writing, IQVIA
	PV.S3.T3: Panel Discussion: Next-Generation Drug Safety: Managing Risks in a Rapidly Changing Therapeutic Landscape	MA.S3.T3: Publication that Drive Change: Through high impact Medical evidence	DS.S3.T3: AI in Drug Development: Balancing Automation, Autonomy and Accountability
	Moderator: Prantika Khetarpal		Moderator: Sridevi Nagarajan
		MA.S3.T4: Panel Discussion: Can India shape the future of Health care.	
		Moderator: Subrat Ray	
TEA BREAK			
4:00 - 5:00PM	Closing Plenary Session		
4:00 - 4:15PM	Keynote: From Molecule to Medicine: How AI Is Redefining the Drug Development Continuum		
4:15 - 5:00PM	Panel Discussion: The Future of Medicines: Who Will Shape the Next Era of Healthcare?		
5:00 - 5:15PM	Vote of Thanks Ashok Kumar Swain , General Manager & Executive Director, DIA (India)		
Day 2 Ends: Wrap Up			

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