



**Symposium on**  
**Drug Discovery and Development:**  
**Past, Present & Future**  
**&**  
**CDRI Alumni Meet-2025**

**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**

**Celebrating Legacy, Inspiring the Future**



**CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow**

Day 1: Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

09:00 AM      Welcome & Registration  
Venue: Auditorium Complex

Inaugural Session  
Venue: Auditorium

10:00 AM	Welcome Address	Dr. Radha Rangarajan Director, CSIR-CDRI
10:05 AM	Inaugural Address	Dr. N. Kalaiselvi Director General, CSIR
10:10 AM	Overview of CSIR-CDRI Activities	Dr. Radha Rangarajan Director, CSIR-CDRI
10:25 AM	Overview of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	Dr. Aamir Nazir Chairman, Organizing committee
10:30 AM	Introduction of Alumni Association by the Secretary	Dr. Sanjay Batra Emeritus Scientist, CBMR
10:40 AM	Address by President, Alumni Association	Dr. Madhu Dikshit ANRF National Science Chair
10:50 AM	Address by Guest of Honor	Dr. Ram Vishwakarma Distinguished Scientist, CSIR-CDRI
11:05 AM	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Sanjeev Yadav Convener
11:15 AM	High Tea	

Alumni Talk Series 1

Session Coordinator: Dr. Kinshuk Raj Srivastava and Dr. Shruthi R Raju  
Session Chair: Dr. Raghavendra Sahai and Dr. Sudha Jain

11:45 AM	Talk 1: Sharing Experiences and Strengthening Bonds CSIR-CDRI Legacy	Dr. Altaf Lal Global Health and Pharmaceutical Inc Atlanta
12:00 Noon	Talk 2: Journey from JRF to the Director and beyond: Personal recollections	Dr. Madhu Dikshit ANRF National Science Chair

12:15 PM	<b>Talk 3:</b> Immune Evasion by <i>Staphylococcal aureus</i>	<b>Dr. Om Prakash</b> Kansas State University, Manhattan
12:30 PM	<b>Talk 4:</b> Five decades of learning: my journey from CDRI to CDRI and the fight against Fungal Drug Resistance (FDR)	<b>Dr. Rajendra Prasad</b> Amity University, Haryana
12:45 PM	<b>Talk 5:</b> My Upstream Journey with CDRI	<b>Dr. A.K. Saxena</b> Chairman, GIPER
01:00 PM	<b>Lunch &amp; Poster Session</b> Venue: Auditorium Lawn <b>Session Coordinators:</b> Dr. Namrata Rastogi and Dr. Smrati Bhadauria	
03:00 PM	<b>Reminiscence of CDRI:</b> यादों का सफ़र Venue: Auditorium <b>Session coordinator:</b> Dr. Niti Kumar	
04:00 PM	<b>Tea and Networking</b>	
04:30 PM	<b>Alumni Association Meeting</b> Venue: Hall-2, Auditorium	
05:30 PM	<b>Campus tour</b> <b>Session coordinator:</b> Dr. Rajdeep Guha and Dr. Sachin Kumar	
07:30 PM	<b>Cultural Evening by Sangam Band &amp; Dinner</b> Venue: Auditorium Back Lawn <b>Session Coordinator:</b> Dr. Ajay K Srivastava and Dr. Shabeer Ali	

**Day 2: Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**

**Alumni Talk Series 2**

**Venue: Auditorium**

**Session coordinator: Dr. Kinshuk Srivastava, Dr. Shruthi R Raju**

**Session Chairs: Dr.Dinesh K Dikshit and Dr. Rashmi Singh**

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Talk 6:</b> Human brain Organoids as models for studying neurodevelopment disorders	<b>Dr. Pankaj Seth</b> Scientist VII and Senior Professor BRIC-NBRC, Manesar
<b>10:10 AM</b>	<b>Talk 7:</b> Indian Pharma CDMO: Enabling speed in drug development	<b>Dr. Ashok Jha</b> Cohance Life Sciences Hyderabad
<b>10:20 AM</b>	<b>Talk 8:</b> Starving Cancer Cells: Identifying Metabolic Vulnerabilities in Tumor Microenvironment	<b>Dr. Ravi Thakur</b> Assistant Professor, Christ University, Bengaluru
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Panel discussion</b> Topic: Fundamental and applied sciences: Aligning academics with current industrial demands. Moderator: Dr. Radha Rangarajan Panelist : Dr. Altaf Ial, Dr Pankaj Seth, Dr. UV Babu, Dr. Parul Mishra and Dr. Dipak Datta	
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>High Tea</b>	
<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>Student interactions- Life science</b> Venue: Auditorium Session coordinators: Dr. Aamir Nazir and Dr. Vineeta Tripathi	
<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>Student interactions- Chemical Sciences (Parallel Session)</b> Venue: Hall-2, Auditorium Session coordinators: Dr. Namrata Rastogi and Dr. Kishor Mohanan	

- 12:30 PM**    **Closing Ceremony**  
Session coordinator: Dr. Kinshuk Srivastava
- Closing Remarks**    **Dr. Radha Rangarajan**  
Director, CSIR-CDRI
- Felicitation of Poster Award Winners**
- Vote of Thanks**    **Dr. Hijas KM**  
Co-Convener
- National Anthem**
- 01:00 PM**    **Lunch**
- 02:30 PM**    **Visit to Chattar Manzil Campus**  
Session Coordinators: Dr. W. Haq and Dr. Kishor Mohanan
- 04:00 PM**    **Tea at Chattar Manzil**

**Dr. Radha Rangarajan**  
Director, CSIR-CDRI & Patron

**Dr. Sanjeev Yadav**

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