

Emerging Paradigms: Recent Trends in Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery

Scientific Programs and Technical Sessions

Day 1 – Friday, March 13, 2026

Time	Programme
08:30 – 10:00 am	Breakfast and Registration
10:00 – 10:30 am	Inauguration
10:30 – 11:00 am	Welcome Address
11:00 – 11:20 am	Tea Break
Session I	Chair I - Prof. Vidya Avasare (Professor, Ashoka University)
11:20 – 01:15 pm	11:20 – 12:05 am: Plenary Talk 1 - Prof. Ram Vishwakarma (Distinguished Scientist, CSIR-New Delhi)
	12:05 – 12:40 pm: Keynote Lecture 1 - Prof. Munia Ganguli (Senior Chief Scientist CSIR-IGIB, New Delhi)
	12:40 – 01:15 pm: Keynote Lecture 2 - Prof. Parasuraman Jaisankar (Chief Scientist & Head, Pharmacology & Drug Discovery Division, CSIR-IICB, Kolkata)
01:15 – 02:15 pm	Lunch Break (Venue: Faculty Lounge, Ashoka University)
Session II	Chair II - Prof. Bimlesh Lochab (Professor, School of Natural Sciences, Shiv Nadar University)
02:15 – 04:25 pm	02:15 – 02:50 pm: Keynote Lecture 3 - Prof. Jeet Kalia (Professor Department of Biological Sciences, IISER-Bhopal)
	02:50 – 03:25 pm: Keynote Lecture 4 - Prof. Pinaki Talukdar (Professor & Dean (Faculty), Department of Chemistry, IISER-Pune)
	03:25 – 03:55 pm: Invited Lecture 1 - Dr. Arindam Talukdar (Senior Principal Scientist, Organic and Medicinal Chemistry Division, CSIR - IICB, Kolkata)
	03:55 – 04:25 pm: Invited Lecture 2 - Dr. Shobhna Kapoor (Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, IIT-Bombay)
4:25 – 4:45 pm	Tea Break
Session III	Chair III - Dr. Munmun Ghosh (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Ashoka University)
04:45 – 06:50 pm	04:45 – 05:20 pm: Keynote Lecture 5 - Dr. Prabuddha Kundu (Co-founder and Managing Director, Premas Biotech, Gurugram)
	05:20 – 05:50 pm: Keynote Lecture 6 - Prof. Surajit Sinha (Senior Professor, School of Applied and Interdisciplinary Science, IACS-Kolkata)
	05:50 – 06:20 pm: Invited Lecture 3 - Dr. Ankona Dutta (Associate Professor, Department of Chemical Sciences, TIFR-Mumbai)
	06:20 – 06:50 pm: Invited Lecture 4 - Dr. Sarit Agasti (Associate Professor, New Chemistry Unit, JNCASR-Bengaluru)
7:30 pm onwards	Dinner (Venue: Faculty Lounge, Ashoka University)

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Day 2 – Saturday, March 14, 2026

Time	Programme
08:00 – 09:00 am	Breakfast
Session IV	Chair IV - Dr. Rajani Mathur (Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University, New Delhi)
09:00 – 11:20 am	09:00 – 09:45 am: Plenary Lecture 2 - Prof. R. Sowdhamini (Senior Professor, Department of Biochemistry, NCBS-Bengaluru)
	09:45 – 10:20 am: Keynote Lecture 7 - Prof. Pradipta Bandopadhyay (Professor, School of Computational and Integrative Science, JNU, New Delhi)
	10:20 – 10:50 am: Invited Lecture 5 - Dr. Raghu Ramaswamy (CEO, Molecular Solutions, Bengaluru)
	10:50 – 11:20 am : Keynote Lecture 8 - Dr. Rajkumar Banerjee (Chief Scientist, Department of Chemistry, CSIR - IICT, Hyderabad)
11:20 – 11:40 am	Group Photo & High Tea
Session V	Chair V - Dr. Deepak Asthana (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Ashoka University)
11:40 – 01:40 pm	11:40 – 12:10 pm: Invited Lecture 6 - Dr. Krishna Pada Bhabak (Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, IIT-Guwahati)
	12:10 – 12:40 pm: Invited Lecture 7 - Dr. Aamir Nazir (Principal Scientist, Division of Toxicology, CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow)
	12:40 – 01:10 pm: Invited Lecture 8 - Dr. Somnath Maji (Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, IIT-Hyderabad)
	01:10 – 01:40 pm: Invited Lecture 9 - Dr. Garima Mishra (Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Ashoka University)
01:40 – 02:30 pm	Lunch Break (Venue: Faculty Lounge, Ashoka University)
Session VI	Chair VI - Dr. Anindya Dasgupta (Associate Professor, Kiota Center for Digital Health, Ashoka University)
02:30 – 04:35 pm	02:30 – 03:05 pm: Keynote Lecture 9 - Dr. Atul Goel (Chief Scientist, Medicinal and Process Chemistry Division, CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow)
	03:05 – 03:35 pm: Invited Lecture 10 - Dr. Ragothaman Yennamali (Senior Assistant Professor, School of Chemical and Biotechnology, Sastra University)
	03:35 – 04:05 pm: Invited Lecture 11 - Dr. Santanu Mondal (Assistant Professor, Kusuma School of Biological Sciences, IIT-Delhi)
	04:05 – 04:35 pm: Invited Lecture 12 - Dr. Dilip Kumar (Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, Ashoka University)
04:35 – 05:00 pm	Tea Break
05:00 – 07:00 pm	Poster Session (Venue: AC 04, Ground Floor)
07:00 pm	Gala Dinner (Venue: Sarovar Portico)

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Day 3 – Sunday, March 15, 2026

Time	Programme
08:00 – 09:00 am	Breakfast
Session VII	Chair VII - Prof. Parasuraman Jaisankar (Chief Scientist & Head, Pharmacology & Drug Discovery Division, CSIR-IICB, Kolkata)
09:00 – 10:50 am	09:00 – 09:45 am: Plenary Lecture 3 - Prof. Tapas Kundu (Professor, Molecular Biology and Genetics Unit, JNCASR, Bengaluru)
	09:45 – 10:20 am: Keynote Lecture 10 - Prof. Surajit Ghosh (Professor, Department of Bioscience and Bioengineering, IIT-Jodhpur)
	10:20 – 10:50 am: Invited Lecture 13 - Dr. Sandeep Ameta (Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, Ashoka University)
10:50 – 11:10 am	Tea Break
Session VIII	Chair VIII - Dr. Santu Bera (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Ashoka University)
11:10 – 01:15 pm	11:10 – 11:45 pm: Keynote Lecture 12 - Prof. Harinath Chakrapani (Professor, Department of Chemistry, IISER-Pune)
	11:45 – 12:15 pm: Keynote Lecture 13 - Dr. Sudipta Ghosh Dastidar (Technology Leader, Hindustan Unilever, Bengaluru)
	12:15 – 12:45 pm: Invited Lecture 14 - Dr. Kshatresh Dubey (Assistant Professor, School of Natural Sciences, Shiv Nadar University)
	12:45 – 01:15 pm: Invited Lecture 15 - Dr. Ayan Mukherjee (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, IISER-Thiruvananthapuram)
01:15 pm	Lunch