

# HYMNNSCon

## Hyderabad Muscle Nerve and Neuroimmunology Society Conference

Theme: **Hot topics in Neuromuscular Medicine and Neuroimmunology**

*Date: July 24 - 26, 2026*

*Venue: Hotel Taj Deccan, Hyderabad, India*

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Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Steering Committee, it is with great pleasure that we extend a warm welcome to you to HYMNNCon - **The Hyderabad Muscle Nerve and Neuroimmunology Society Conference**, scheduled to be held at the **Taj Deccan, Hyderabad, from 24 to 26 July 2026**.

The theme of the conference, “**Hot Topics in Neuromuscular Medicine and Neuroimmunology**,” reflects our objective to present contemporary scientific advances and evolving concepts in these specialized domains, and to facilitate structured academic deliberations and exchange of expertise.

HYMNNCon will bring together distinguished neurologists, subspecialists, and researchers from across the world. The comprehensive scientific program has been carefully designed to impart knowledge through keynote addresses, debates on current controversies, panel discussions on common clinical challenges, and in-depth discussions of complex spectrum of neuromuscular and neuroimmunological disorders.

We are confident that this conference will significantly contribute to professional development, foster meaningful collaborations, and stimulate future research initiatives aimed at improving patient outcomes.

We look forward to welcoming you to **Hyderabad, the Pearl City of India**, in July 2026, and we assure you of a scientifically stimulating and professionally enriching experience. We sincerely anticipate your esteemed participation in HYMNNCon.

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## DAY - 1

## 24-07-2026 | FRIDAY

Time	Duration	Topic	Speaker	Moderators
7am Onwards		<b>Registration</b>		
08:00	5 min	<b>Welcome Address</b>		
<b>Session I - CNS Demyelinating Diseases</b>				
08:05	30 min	Mimics and Masqueraders in CNS Demyelinating Disorders	Dr. Stephen Reddel	Dr. Seepana Gopi Dr. R N Komal Kumar
08:35	30 min	New McDonald, IPND, and MOGAD Criteria: Advantages, and Limitations	Dr. Helmut Butzkueven	
09:05	20 min	The Hidden Beginning: Prodromal MS and Radiologically Isolated Syndrome	Dr. Christine Lebrun Frenay	
09:25	20 min	Beyond the Classical Phenotype: Expanding Clinical Spectrum of MOGAD and NMOSD	Dr. Lekha Pandit	
09:45	15 min	<b>Q &amp; A</b>		
10:00	30 min	<b>Dr. (Prof.) A K Meena Plenary Lecture</b> The Next Frontier in Neuroimmunology: CAR T-Cell Therapy	Dr. Christine Lebrun Frenay	Dr. J M K Murthy Dr. Suryaprabha Dr. Rukmini Mridula
10:30	30 min	<b>Social Break</b>		
	30 min	Breakout Session - Meet the Expert	Dr. Sandra Vukucic	Dr. Lalitha P
<b>Session II - CNS Demyelinating Diseases</b>				
11:00	20 min	Multimodal Visual Assessment in Optic Neuropathies: OCT and Advanced Visual Diagnostics	Dr. Lekha Pandit	Dr. Sita Jayalakshmi Dr. Srikanth Vemula Dr. M. Prashanthi Srikanth
11:20	20 min	The Invisible Burden: Measuring Cognition in MS	Dr. Shruthi S Nair	
11:40	20 min	Imaging the Fire and the Smolder: Acute and Chronic Inflammation in MS	Dr. Subhendu Parida	
12:00	20 min	Signature Imaging Patterns in MOGAD and NMOSD: Diagnostic Pearls and Pitfalls	Dr. Manish Mahajan	
12:20	20 min	Decoding Disease Activity: Fluid Biomarkers in MS and NMOSD	Dr. Christine Lebrun Frenay	
12:40	20 min	<b>Q &amp; A</b>		
13:00	60 min	<b>Lunch</b>		

## DAY - 1

## 24-07-2026 | FRIDAY

Time	Duration	Topic	Speaker	Moderators
<b>Session III - CNS Demyelinating Diseases</b>				
14:00	20 min	Pregnancy in MS: Navigating Treatment Across the Maternal Journey	Dr. Sandra Vukucic	Dr. Manjula Anagani
14:20	20 min	Ageing and Immunosenescence in MS: Clinical and Therapeutic Challenges	Dr. Helmut Butzkueven	
14:40	20 min	Motherhood in NMOSD and MOGAD: Managing Relapse Risk Safely	Dr. Sandra Vukucic	Dr. Reshma Sultana Shaik
15:00	20 min	Seronegative Autoimmune Encephalitis: Diagnostic Challenges and Clinical Approach	Dr. Rajesh Kumar Singh	
15:20	15 min	<b>Q &amp; A</b>		
15:35	40 min	Debate I: Long-term DMT in Stable MS: Necessity or Overtreatment ?	Overtreatment - Dr. Dheeraj Khurana Necessity - Dr. Sandra Vukucic	Dr. G V S Choudary Dr. Shyam K Jaiswal
16:15	30 min	<b>Social Break</b>		
	30 min	Breakout Session - Meet the Expert	Dr. Christine Lebrun Frenay	Dr. Lalitha P
<b>Session IV - Neuromuscular Junction Disorders</b>				
16.45	30 min	<b>Inaugural Function</b> <b>Chief Guest</b> J.M. Lyngdoh, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India <b>Guest of honour</b> Dr. Sridhar Peddireddy, Founder & CEO, Renova Group of Hospitals		
17:15	20 min	Neuromuscular Junction: Pathophysiology	Dr. Stephen Reddel	Dr. Jayanthee Kalita
17:35	20 min	When Weakness Misleads: The Many Mimics of Myasthenia Gravis	Dr. Jeanine Heckmann	
17:55	20 min	When to Suspect Congenital Myasthenic Syndromes in Limb-Girdle Weakness	Dr. Nalini A	Dr. M L Neeharika
18:15	20 min	Ocular Myasthenia Gravis: When and How to Use Immunotherapy	Dr. Umapathi Thirugnanam	
18:35	15 min	<b>Q &amp; A</b>		
<b>Session V - Staying Protected on Immunotherapy</b>				
18:50	40 min	Vaccination and Risk Mitigation Strategies in Neuroimmunology	Dr. Sandra Vukucic Dr. Stephen Reddel	Dr. Praveen Kumar Yada Dr. Lakshmi Lavanya M
19:30 Onwards		<b>Welcome Dinner</b>		



## DAY - 2

## 25-07-2026 | SATURDAY

Time	Duration	Topic	Speaker	Moderators
<b>Session VI- Peripheral Nerve Diseases</b>				
08:00	20 min	Diabetic Neuropathy: New Concepts in an Old Disease	Dr. Umaphathi Thirugnanam	Dr. Hari Radha Krishna Dr. Venkata Chaitanya K
08:20	20 min	The Many Faces of Leprosy: Recognizing Atypical Clinical Features	Dr. Jayantee Kalita	
08:40	20 min	Systemic and Non-Systemic Vasculitic Neuropathy: What's New in Diagnosis and Management	Dr. Stephen Reddel	
09:00	20 min	Anti-MAG Neuropathy: Clinical, Electrophysiological, and Serological Clues	Dr. Vaibhav Wadwekar	
09:20	15 min	<b>Q &amp; A</b>		
09:35	30 min	Dr. (Prof.) Veera Raghava Reddy Plenary Lecture: Clinical and Biological Markers in ALS: Current Concepts and Recent Advances	Dr. Jeanine Heckmann	Dr. Mohan Das S Dr. Subash Kaul Dr. Jabeen S A
10:05	25 min	<b>Social Break</b>		
	25 min	Breakout Session - Meet the Expert	Dr. Helmut Butzkueven	Dr. Abhinay Kumar G
<b>Session VII - Anterior Horn Cell &amp; Peripheral Nerve Diseases</b>				
10:30	20 min	Spinal Muscular Atrophy: From Fatal to Treatable disorder	Dr. Ramesh Konanki	Dr. B. Vengamma Dr. Veena N
10:50	20 min	Hirayama Disease: The Cervical Flexion Induced Myelopathy	Dr. Seena Vengalil	
11:10	20 min	Understanding Small Fiber Neuropathies in Clinical Practice	Dr. T. Suryaprabha	
11:30	20 min	Autoimmune Autonomic Neuropathies: An Update	Dr. T. Madhu Nagappa	
11:50	15 min	<b>Q &amp; A</b>		
12:05	40 min	Panel Discussion I: Behind the Report: Techniques in Antibody Detection	Dr. Monalisa Vegda Dr. Nagashree Sharma Dr. Manod Reddy	Dr. Y. Muralidhar Reddy
12:45	60 min	<b>Lunch</b>		
	30 min	Breakout Session - Meet the Expert	Dr. Umaphathi Thirugnanam	Dr. Abhinay Kumar G

## DAY - 2

## 25-07-2026 | SATURDAY

Time	Duration	Topic	Speaker	Moderators
<b>Session VIII - CNS Demyelinating Diseases</b>				
13:45	20 min	Many Faces of MS: Understanding the Expanding Spectrum of MS Variants	Dr. Netravathi	Dr. Butchi Raju G Dr. Umesh T Dr. Arvind Sharma
14:05	20 min	Tracking Patient of MS in a Clinic: Clinical, Radiological and Biological Monitoring	Dr. Thomas Mathews	
14:25	30 min	Therapeutic Decision-Making in MS: Real-World Insights from an Expert	Dr. Helmut Butzkueven	
14:55	20 min	MS Therapy in India: Bridging Evidence and Affordability	Dr. Tapas Kumar Banerjee	
15:15	20 min	After the First Attack: What Next in MOGAD and NMO? ?	Dr. Lekha Pandit	
15:35	15 min	<b>Q &amp; A</b>		
15:50	30 min	<b>Social Break</b>		
	30 min	Breakout Session - Meet the Expert:	Dr. Stephen Reddel	Dr. Subhendu Parida
16:20	40 min	Debate II: Should Rituximab Replace Azathioprine/Mycophenolate in Maintenance Therapy of AChR-Positive gMG?	Yes - Dr. Sandhya Manorenj No - Dr. Umapathi Thirugnanam	Dr. Niraj Kumar Dr. B K Madhusudhan Dr. Bimal Prasad Padhy
<b>Session IX - Muscle Disorders</b>				
17:00	20 min	Approach to Myopathies at the Bedside	Dr. Nalini A	Dr. Sriranga Lakshmi
17:20	20 min	Pattern Recognition in Muscular Dystrophy: Decoding Selective Muscle Involvement	Dr. Jeanine Heckmann	Dr. Amit Kulkarni
17:40	20 min	Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathies: Diagnostic and Treatment Strategy	Dr. Vishnu Y	Dr. Vikram Kishore Reddy P
18:00	20 min	Muscle Biopsy in the Age of Next-Generation Sequencing	Dr. C. Sundaram	
18:20	15 min	<b>Q &amp; A</b>		
18:35	40 min	Panel Discussion II: Behind the Report: Understanding Genetic Testing Techniques	Dr. Ashwin Dalal Dr. Surya Balakrishnan Dr. Siresha Y	Dr. Prajnaya Ranganath
19:30	60 min	<b>Cultural Program</b>		
In Honour of <b>Kalatapasvi and Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee Dr. K. Viswanath</b> Performers: Shri Sai Venkata Gangadhar, Smt. Prafulla Kalapatapu, Smt. HariPriya Pranesh				
20:45 Onward	-	<b>Cultural Dinner</b>		

## DAY - 3

## 26-07-2026 | SUNDAY

Time	Duration	Topic	Speaker	Moderators
<b>Session X - CNS Demyelinating Diseases</b>				
08:00	20 min	Revisiting ADEM: Evolving Concepts in Acute CNS Demyelination	Dr. Sowmya Sundaram	Dr. Manoj Kumar singh Dr. Lokesh Lingappa
08:20	20 min	Understanding Paediatric MS: Unique Challenges Across the Disease Course	Dr. Reshma Sultana Shaik	
08:40	20 min	GFAP Astrocytopathy: A New Player in the Neuroimmunology Spectrum	Dr. Ayush Agarwal	
09:00	20 min	Managing Acute Attacks in MOGAD and NMOSD	Dr. Shripad Pujari	
09:20	15 min	<b>Q &amp; A</b>		
<b>Session XI - Peripheral Nerve Diseases</b>				
09:35	20 min	AIDP & CIDP Treatment Update: What's Changing?	Dr. S V Khadilkar	Dr. Swathi H Shah Dr. Rupam Borgohain Dr. V V S R K Prasad
09:55	20 min	Lumbosacral Plexopathy: Update for Clinical Practice	Dr. Ajith Sivadadan	
10:15	20 min	Peripheral Nerve Hyperexcitability: Clinical Spectrum, Evaluation and Management	Dr. Sharath Menon	
10:35	20 min	Nodopathies and Paranodopathies: A New Frontier in Immune Neuropathies	Dr. S V Khadilkar	
10:55	20 min	Nerve Biopsy in 2026: Where It Still Matters	Dr. Megha Uppin	
11.15	15 min	<b>Q &amp; A</b>		
11.30	30 min	<b>Social Break</b>		
	30 min	Breakout Session - Meet the Expert	Dr. Jeannine Heckmann	Dr. Subhendu Parida
<b>Session XII - Neuromuscular Diseases &amp; Therapeutics</b>				
12:00	20 min	Understanding Myotonic Dystrophy: Current Concepts and Emerging Therapies	Dr. Vineeth Jaison	Dr. S K Jaiswal Dr. Sudhir Kumar Dr. Ashok Vardhan Reddy
12:20	20 min	Treatable Metabolic Myopathies: When Diagnosis Changes Outcome	Dr. Rakesh Singh	
12:40	20 min	New Targeted Therapies in Myasthenia Gravis: Complement, FcRn, and Beyond	Dr. Sireesha Y	
13:00	20 min	Available and Potential Therapies to Look for CMT	Dr. Jeannine Heckmann	
13:20	20 min	Interventional Neuromuscular Ultrasound	Dr. Ujjawal Roy	
13:40	15 min	<b>Q &amp; A</b>		
13:55 Onwards	-	<b>Valedictory &amp; Closing Lunch</b>		

## Dr. (Prof.) A K Meena Plenary Lecture

Date/Time: 24 July 2026 | 10:00 AM



**Prof. A.K. Meena** (1962–2020) completed her DM in Neurology at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad, and dedicated 26 years to patient care, teaching, and research at the institute. Rising from Assistant Professor to Professor and Unit Head, she made outstanding contributions to neuromuscular, neuroimmunology, and mitochondrial disorders. She authored over 116 scientific publications and 23 book chapters, organized NERVECON, and held several leadership positions in national and international neurological societies. Widely admired for her compassion, clinical excellence, and mentorship, she inspired generations of neurologists. Prof. Meena passed away on 17 January 2020 following a sudden cardiac arrest in London, leaving behind an enduring legacy in clinical neurology, education, and scientific scholarship.

## The Next Frontier in Neuroimmunology: CAR T-Cell Therapy



Speaker

**Dr. Christine Lebrun-Frenay**  
France

## Dr. (Prof.) M. Veera Raghava Reddy Plenary Lecture

Date/Time: 25 July 2026 | 09:35 AM



**Prof. M. Veeraraghava Reddy** (1931–2024) earned his MBBS from Stanley Medical College, Chennai, followed by an MD in General Medicine from Andhra University in 1959. He received advanced training in neurology at the University of Wisconsin, Mayo Clinic, and Newcastle University. On returning to India, he pioneered the development of neurology as a specialty in the then undivided Andhra Pradesh by establishing the Departments of Neurology and Neurosurgery at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad. He introduced state-of-the-art EEG and EMG services, launched the DM Neurology training program, and led several multicentric research projects supported by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). Prof. Reddy served as President of the Neurological Society of India in 1984 and as Honorary Neurologist to the President of India. Revered as the "Father of Neurology" in Andhra Pradesh, he was awarded the prestigious Doctor of Science (DSc) degree in recognition of his outstanding lifetime contributions to neurosciences.

## Clinical and Biological Markers in ALS: Current Concepts and Recent Advances



Speaker

**Dr. Jeannine M Heckmann**  
South Africa



**Date : 24th July 2026**

**Time : 05:15 PM - 06:50 PM**

**Venue : Syn Hall**

Poster No	Title	Presenter
HYMP01	Decoding a tumor mimic	Dr. Harini Reddy Karnati
HYMP02	Diverse clinical manifestations of anti-VGKC-antibody- case series	Dr. Bowthira M
HYMP03	A Case of Seronegative CNS Demyelinating Disease	Dr. Juluru Tejaswini
HYMP04	The Myokymic Clue: IVIG-Responsive CASPR2-LGI1 Morvan Spectrum Disorder	Dr. Gajbhar Rutuja Anilkumar
HYMP05	Multiple Sclerosis Mimicking as Vitamin B12 Deficiency	Dr. Molugu Samhitha
HYMP06	Upregulated differential gene expression of NLRP3 Inflammasome Pathway in the Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) of Immune-Mediated Optic Neuritis Patients	Mrs. Oshin
HYMP07	Rarely described Atypical Presentation of MOGAD- Posterior Optic Pathway Involvement	Dr. Pranita Shah
HYMP08	An Unusual phenotypic spectrum of IgLON5 disease	Dr. Surya Prakash Sadhvi
HYMP09	A 13-Year Longitudinal Follow-up of Genetically Confirmed MELAS Syndrome: Progressive Neurological and Cardiac Involvement Leading to Fatal Outcome	Dr. Avula Dileep
HYMP10	Isolated Neurosarcoidosis: A Case Series	Dr. Gowtami B
HYMP11	Clinical Profile of Male MS patients from a single centre registry	Dr Thaseen Soha
HYMP12	Demystifying GFAP astrocytopathy mimic in a pediatric patient	Dr. P. Ashrith Sai Tej Goud
HYMP13	Neurosarcoidosis - An under recognised entity: Insights from a Case Series of 26 patients	Dr. Chamathi T
HYMP14	Navigating the Diagnostic Spectrum of IgG4-Related Disease: Insights from a Biopsy-Proven Case Series	Dr. M Siri Chandana
HYMP15	Neuro-Behçet's Disease: Clinical profile, Neuroimaging, and Treatment Insights from a Case Series of 22 Patients	Dr. Punati Harishankar



**Date : 25th July 2026**

**Time : 01:45 PM - 03:50 PM**

**Venue : Syn Hall**

Poster No	Title	Presenter
HYMP16	A Sting in Myasthenic Clothing: An Unexpected Mimic of Ocular Myasthenia Gravis	Dr. Sandhya Manorenj
HYMP17	Nivolumab-Induced Myocarditis, Myositis, and Myasthenia Gravis (MMM) Overlap Syndrome in a Patient with Urothelial Carcinoma: A Case Report	Dr. Anugu Aparna Rao
HYMP18	Occult Tuberculosis Presenting as Atypical Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Poly radiculoneuropathy: A Diagnostic Challenge	Dr. Sansmon Thomas
HYMP19	Clinical features, investigation findings and treatment outcomes in NeuroSjogren's syndrome: A retrospective cohort study	Dr. Murtaza Noor Andrabi
HYMP20	Long-term Clinical Outcomes in Guillain-Barré Syndrome: A Cohort Analysis	Dr. Bajrang Kumawat
HYMP21	Anti-SRP-Associated Immune-Mediated Necrotizing Myopathy in a Young Female	Dr. Munugupati Rushi Kumar
HYMP22	Circulating Inflammatory Cytokines in Myasthenia Gravis: Association with Disease Severity and Clinical Phenotype	Dr. Agrawal Nitin Makkhan
HYMP23	Recurrent Ocular Symptoms in Myasthenia Gravis: The Importance of Considering Alternative Diagnoses	Dr. Agrawal Nitin Makkhan
HYMP24	Vasculitic Neuropathy: A retrospective observational case series of Biopsy-Proven Patients	Dr. Nishanth Gowda
HYMP25	A Wolf in Leprosy's Clothing: A Reversible Mimic of Pure Neuritic Hansen's Disease	Dr. Nishanth Gowda
HYMP26	Enhancing the Diagnostic Value of Nerve Conduction Studies Using Special Electrodiagnostic Techniques	Ms. Sailaja S
HYMP27	A case of LGMD2R	Dr. Mannava Sita Devi
HYMP28	EDx in the Age of Neurosonography : Do Electrophysiology and Ultrasound Complement Each Other?	Ms. Sailaja S
HYMP29	Many faces of Guyons canal Ulnar neuropathy	Dr. V Keerthana
HYMP30	HNPP masquerading as Leprosy: A Case Report	Dr. Gowtami B
HYMP31	Clinical profile of Late Onset Myasthenia Gravis - An experience learnt from 10 patients over 2 years from a single centre	Dr. Manthena Pavan Kalyan
HYMP32	A "million dollar" investigation for the "million dollar nerve" palsy	Dr. Ch Sai Bhavani Reddy
HYMP33	The Imperative of Early Detection: Type I Interferonopathies in Two Patients	Dr. Kavya Ramineni



Dr. Christine Lebrun-Frenay  
France

**Christine Lebrun Frenay** is a professor of neurology who leads the Inflammatory Neurological Disorders Clinical Research Unit and MS Centre at the University of Nice Côte d'Azur, France. She has served as president of the French MS Society. She was the first to describe a cohort with a subclinical form of MS in 2008. Subsequently, she co-founded the RIS Consortium with colleagues worldwide. Her research interests include therapeutic and MRI studies in MS. She is also the co-editor of MS-related recommendations for the French MS Society. In 2020, she received the Excellence Prize from Côte d'Azur University. Since 2023, she has been a member of the McDonald Committee.



Dr. Helmut Butzkueven  
Australia

**Helmut Butzkueven** is an academic neurologist specialising in Multiple Sclerosis research. He is the Van Cleef Roet Professor of Neuroscience at Monash University and the Director of Neurology at Alfred Health in Melbourne, Australia. He is the Managing Director of the MS Base Foundation, a global MS registry established in 2004 that monitors outcomes of MS patients across 46 countries. He also co-leads international drug safety cohort studies in MSBase. His primary research focus includes the use of registry data, clinical and MRI data, cognitive testing, genomics, and patient self-monitoring tools to optimise the benefits and safety of MS therapies and to identify strong predictors of disability progression.



Dr. Sandra Vukusic  
France

**Sandra Vukusic** is a professor of neurology and head of the Multiple Sclerosis clinic at Lyon University Hospital, France. She serves as the scientific coordinator of the Observatoire Français de la Sclérose en Plaques (French MS registry). Her research mainly focuses on pregnancy in women with MS, contributing to a better understanding of the natural history (predicting post-partum relapses, the long-term impact of pregnancy on disability, subsequent pregnancies, and locoregional analgesia), and the use of DMTs in this context. She coordinated the 2022 French MS Society recommendations on pregnancy and MS. She led the development of French andECTRIMS recommendations on immunisation in MS.



Dr. Jeannine M Heckmann  
South Africa

**Jeannine M Heckmann** is a professor of neurology at the University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa. She leads the neurology research group within the UCT Neurosciences Institute. Her research primarily focuses on neuromuscular diseases affecting Africans, particularly Myasthenia Gravis, MND/ALS, and inherited neuromuscular conditions. Her work explores various clinical and translational aspects of myasthenia. Her clinical and genomics research on MND and inherited neuromuscular diseases is ongoing, in collaboration with the UCT Clinical Omics & Informatics Unit, the International Centre for Genomic Medicine in Neuromuscular Diseases consortium, and the CReATe consortium led by the University of Miami. She established and led the ALS Africa network.



Dr. Umaphathi N Thiruganam  
Singapore

**Umaphathi N Thiruganam** is a Senior Neurologist at the National Neuroscience Institute, Singapore. His subspecialty interests include neuromuscular disorders, electrophysiology, neuroimmunology, autonomic nervous system, and ocular movements. He has undertaken numerous teaching initiatives in Southeast Asian and African countries. He has received multiple teaching awards. He leads various health projects named Albatross, Woodpecker, Nightingale, and Crane, all aimed at providing access to neurology services in under-resourced regions. He was awarded “Outstanding contribution to GBS100 book” in 2016. He received the “Honorary Membership” of the Association of Sri Lankan Neurologists in appreciation of the immense service he has provided towards the improvement of neurology care standards.



Dr. Stephen Reddel  
Australia

**Stephen Reddel** is a staff specialist neurologist at Concord Repatriation & General Hospital in Sydney and a consulting neurologist at the Brain & Mind Research Institute, University of Sydney. He leads the neuroimmunology clinic at Concord Hospital, which specialises in the safe treatment of various neuroimmunological disorders of the CNS and PNS. His research interests include myasthenia gravis, focusing on the role of anti-MuSK antibodies and neuromuscular junction homeostasis; neuroimmunology, such as multiple sclerosis; and neurogenetics, including muscular dystrophies and inherited neuropathies. He is the chair of the National Blood Authority Neurology specialist working group and co-chair of MGBase, a global myasthenia gravis registry.

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Date : 24th July 2026 | Time : 04:45 PM

## Chief Guest

**J. M. Lyngdoh**, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India



**J. M. Lyngdoh** (born 1939) is a distinguished Indian civil servant who served as the Chief Election Commissioner of India from 2001 to 2004 and was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service in 2003. He is widely respected for safeguarding the independence of the Election Commission, most notably by ensuring free and fair elections. His firm commitment to constitutional principles and electoral integrity earned national recognition and strengthened public confidence in India's democratic institutions.

## Guest of Honour

**Dr. Sridhar Peddireddy**, Founder & CEO, Renova Group of Hospitals



**Dr. Sridhar Peddireddy** founded Renova Group of Hospitals in 2019 to provide advanced, technology driven healthcare in India. Under his leadership, the Renova Group has expanded to four mid level multi speciality hospitals, one super speciality hospital and thirteen oncology centers. He has promoted innovation, digital healthcare, and advanced medical therapies. He holds master's degrees in Hospital Management and Marketing and has completed executive programs at Harvard University, the Wharton School, and IIM. He received an honorary doctorate in 2019 for his contributions to healthcare.

## In Honour of Kalatapasvi and Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee. K. Viswanath

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**K. Viswanath** (1930–2023), fondly known as "Kalatapasvi," was one of India's greatest filmmakers, celebrated for blending artistic excellence with mainstream Telugu cinema. Over a career spanning more than six decades, he directed more than fifty films, creating timeless classics such as Sankarabharanam, Sagara Sangamam, Swathi Muthyam, Swarna Kamalam and Swathi Kiranam which earned national and international acclaim. His films masterfully explored Indian classical arts while addressing social issues including caste discrimination, disability, dowry, and social inequality with sensitivity and humanism. A recipient of the Padma Shri, Dadasaheb Phalke Award, five National Film Awards, and numerous Nandi and Filmfare Awards, he profoundly influenced Indian cinema. His enduring legacy lies in elevating Telugu cinema through culturally rooted storytelling, artistic brilliance, and a deep commitment to social reform.



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