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India Rising Foundation
in collaboration with
St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences

Vishishta Anusandhān Puraskaar 2026

Saluting Researchers, For India Rising

Honouring excellence that bridges India's indigenous wisdom,
scientific research & global impact

Award Validation Partner



Friday, 6 February 2026, 2:30 PM

Lecture Hall 1, Golden Jubilee Block, St. John's Medical College, Bengaluru

Vandemataram

Let us honour knowledge. Empower research.

Rise together for Viksit Bharat 2047.

Guests of Honour



Shri Santosh Lad

Hon'ble Cabinet Minister for
Labour, Government of Karnataka



**Padma Shri Dr
Darshan Shankar,**

Vice Chancellor, The University of
Trans-disciplinary Health Sciences &
Technology, Bengaluru



**Rev Fr Jesudoss
Rajamanickam**

Director, St John's National
Academy of Health Sciences.

Awardee



Fr. Dr. S. Ignacimuthu, S.J.

Eminent Ethno-pharmacologist | Scientist
Academic Luminary

Saluting Scientific Validation of Traditional
Medicinal Plants for Human Health

Event Agenda

Time	Event
2:20 PM	Guests Seated
2:30 - 2:33 PM	Emcee – Welcomes everyone
2:35- 2:38 PM	Opening Address by Dr Tony D. S. Raj
2:40 - 2:43 PM	India Rising Foundation Introduction by President, Sunil Jose
2:45 - 3:15 PM	Panel Discussion: 📢 Reimagining Human Health: Integrating Indigenous Knowledge, Scientific Research & Planetary Well-being. Q & A for 5 mins.
3:15 - 3:18 PM	Emcee – Inviting the Guests of Honor to the stage for the lamp lighting ceremony
3:20 - 3:23 PM	Keynote by Guest of Honor: Rev. Fr. Jesudoss Rajamanickam
3:24 - 3:27 PM	Keynote by Guest of Honor: Padma Shri Dr Darshan Shankar,
3:28 - 3:31 PM	Keynote by Guest of Honor: Hon'ble Cabinet Minister of State of Karnataka, Shri Santosh Lad
3:32 - 3:37 PM	Award & Felicitation of Fr. Dr Ignacimuthu by the Guests of Honour
3:40 - 4:15 PM	Awardee's Address - By Fr. Dr Ignacimuthu on "'Scientific Validation of some traditional medicinal plants to treat diseases"
4:20 - 4:50 PM	Fire Side Chat: 📢 Antimicrobial Resistance: Catalyzing India's RDI Revolution Against Superbugs. Including Q & A session for 5 mins.
4:50 - 4:52 PM	Emcee – Closing Remarks
4:53 - 4:56 PM	Vote of Thanks by Deepa Sashindran, Vice President, India Rising Foundation
5:00 PM	Networking

Program Highlights

- ◆ Award & Felicitation Ceremony
- ◆ Fireside Chat
- ◆ Panel Discussion
- ◆ High Tea & Interactions

Panel Discussion

*Reimagining Human Health:
Integrating Indigenous Knowledge, Scientific Research
& Planetary Well-being*



MODERATOR

Dr Tony D. S. Raj

Dean, St. John's Research Institute (SJRI),
Professor, Department of Physiology, St. John's Medical College,
Head, Division of Medical Informatics, SJRI

PANELISTS



Dr Gaurang Ramesh

Founder, Arka Integrative
Healthcare



Rajiv Vasudevan

Founder, MD & CEO of
Apollo AyurVAID Hospitals,
a chain of precision Ayurveda
hospitals India across



**Dr Sundararaman
Swaminathan**

Endowed Chair Professor &
Head, Nephrology, IISc
Bengaluru. Associate
Faculty in Bioengineering,
Adjunct Faculty in Mayo
Clinic. Award winning
Nephrologist and Scientist in
Kidney health.



**Dr Vallipriya
Balijepalli**

Founder, Synterra
Foundation.

Fireside Chat

Antimicrobial Resistance: Catalyzing India's RDI Revolution Against Superbugs



Dr Maneesh Paul

Lead co-inventor of USFDA-approved Enmetazobactam (at Orchid Pharma), CEO Microvioma. Passionate AMR Steward and Microbiota champion with global research expertise.



Dr. Gifty Immanuel

Director, Center for AIDS & Antiviral Research, Fmr. Director CSI Hospital Bangalore, Member-Pontifical Academy for Life Vatican, Member- WHO Variola Research Committee (Smallpox).

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