

Dr. Kiruba Sankar Memorial Lecture

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of Health Sciences

Creating Seamless Breathing Spaces: The challenge of addressing air pollution in India

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2:30 PM to 4:00 PM



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About the Speaker :

Dr. Kalpana Balakrishnan obtained her undergraduate degree from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, and subsequently her doctoral and post-doctoral training at the Johns Hopkins University, USA.

She is a leading global environmental health scientist in India, spearheading research and academic efforts in the areas of health effects of air pollution and chemical risk assessment. Her primary scientific contributions are centered on (i) developing novel exposure assessment approaches to characterize the complex exposures experienced by rural and urban populations in LMICs and (ii) designing and conducting strategic epidemiological investigations in India, that leverage across the national and global pools of evidence, to catalyze policy level actions.

She has contributed to several national and international technical assessments concerned with air quality including the Global Burden of Disease and Comparative Risk Assessments, The IARC Monographs, The Global Energy Assessments, The World Health Organization Air Quality Guidelines and India State level Burden of Disease Initiative. She is also a Fellow of the National Academy Of Medical Sciences, India.

She currently serves as member of the National Steering Committee on Air Pollution Related Issues for Health Effects for the Ministry of Health Govt. of India and the Indian Council for Medical Research led National Task Force for assessment of impact of initiatives to promote clean household energy.