



# Third Annual Symposium

## *Beyond the Halfway Mark: Scaling Impact at the Nexus of Environment and Health*

Date : 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Venue: Mayflower Hall, Golconda Resorts and Spa, Hyderabad

Time	Topic	Speaker/ Moderator
09:30-10:00	Registration	
10:00-10:15	Welcome comments: Reflecting on Progress, Shaping the Future, Dr Vivekanand followed by pictorial journey	Dr Vivekanand Jha, TGI
	<b>Pictorial journey of how we started, what has been achieved and what's in the future</b>	
	Sets the tone by celebrating three years of progress and outlining outcomes from the symposium.	
10:15-10:30	Guest Speaker perspectives from Planetary Health Chair	Dr Ian Hamilton
	Charting the Climate–Health Frontier: Research, Policy, and the Planetary Health Agenda	
10:30-10:45	Advocacy for policy impact: lessons from the Sustainable Futures Collaborative	Dr Bhargav Krishna, SFC
10:45-11:00	Tea break	
11:00-12:00	Lightning Talks: Scaling up for Sustainability of What Works at the Climate–NCD Nexus (4 different cases (10 min each + 5 for questions) - internal speakers – cases from MSIs)	Dr Aliya Naheed Dr Rizka Amal Dr Mamta Thakur Akshaya P
	Partner-country leads present highlights from MSIs focused on health and climate resilience. Focuses on how to embed successful research innovations into national programs, with an emphasis on institutionalisation and sustainability.	
12:00-12:45	Panel Discussion: From Evidence to Action – Integrating Health in Environmental Governance	Dr Bhargav Krishna, SFC Dr Ian Hamilton, Chhavi Bhandari, TGI Moderator: Dr Christopher Millett, ICL



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Explores how health evidence is (or isn't) being used to shape environmental policy, and vice versa, what barriers exist, and how integrated governance models can drive progress.

12:5–13:45 Lunch

13:45-15:00 **Co-Creation: Perspectives from Communities and Researchers**

Moderator:  
Maroof Khan

Speakers: Vikas Kumar Tandon, PRADAN; Jamni Rajwade, Community member, Surguja; B. Navaneetha, ASHA, Kondapak PHC, Siddipet Dr. Renu John, TGI; Dr. Somnath Panda, SRIHER; Ayushi Dhasmana, TGI;

Key takeaways:  
Chhavi Bhandari, TGI

This session invites a shared dialogue between researchers and community representatives to explore how each interprets participation, evidence, collaboration, and benefit.

Our goal is to identify gaps, surface opportunities and deepen our co-creation practice so the Centre can continue to strengthen equitable, ethical, and context-sensitive engagement with our communities.

15:00-15:45 **Next-Gen Visioning: Early Career Researcher Forum**

Moderated by  
Aakanksha and  
Sarah



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- Somnath Panda (SRIHER)
- Mahabuba Hassan Lima(icddr,b)
- Sangeeta Sharma (TGI)
- Srilakshmi (TGI)
- Raissa Manika (UB)

A short session where early-career researchers/NRLs are making an elevator pitch (preferably without visual aid) of a research question they have picked up from the field.

15:45- **Tea break**

16:00

16:00-16:40 '**Women in Science**' Fireside Chat with different female team members at different career stages and from different contexts

- Dr. Chris Mary Kurian
- Dr. Asri Maharani
- Dr. Vidhya Venugopal

Chair: Dr. Laura Downey  
A dialogue on research careers, challenges, facilitators, and vision for inclusive future

16:45-17:00 Charting the Road to 2026

Dr. D Praveen

Summary of key insights, question and reflections from the audience

17:00-17:10 Vote of Thanks

Dr. D Praveen

17:10-17:30 Group photo