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ANNUAL DAY

Thursday, 7th May 2026
Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai



OPPI ANNUAL DAY

The OPPI Annual Day was a formal evening where OPPI members gathered to celebrate their achievements and acknowledge the contributions made in various business fields including Marketing, Sales, HR, Communications, Sustainability, Medical Regulatory and others.

The OPPI Annual Day served as a distinguished platform to strengthen the camaraderie within the OPPI fraternity. The evening brought together an esteemed audience comprising Managing Directors, CEOs, CXOs of OPPI member companies, recipients of the OPPI Annual Awards, members of the awards jury, vendor partners, and other key stakeholders.



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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

6:00 pm – 6:05 pm	Opening Remarks	Anil Matai, Director General, OPPI
6:05 pm – 6:10 pm	Context setting	Bhushan Akshikar, President – OPPI, Vice President & Managing Director, GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited
6:10 pm – 6:25 pm	Chief Guest Address	Nitin Paranjpe, Non-Executive Chairman, Hindustan Unilever Ltd.
6:25 pm – 6:50 pm	Leadership Dialogue	Moderator: Bhushan Akshikar, President – OPPI, Vice President & Managing Director, GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited Chief Guest: Nitin Paranjpe, Non-Executive Chairman, Hindustan Unilever Ltd.
6:50 pm – 7:30 pm	Fireside Chat: AI in Healthcare	Moderator: Sampath Srinivasan, Senior Director, Commercial Data & AI Excellence, Novo Nordisk Speakers: Prashant Tandon, Co-Founder and CEO, Tata 1mg Prashant Warier, Co-Founder & CEO at Qure.ai
7:30 pm – 8:15 pm	OPPI Annual Awards 2025-26	1) Ranjit Shahani Memorial, OPPI Award for Excellence in Patient Centricity 2) Dr. H. R. Nanji Memorial, OPPI Marketing Excellence Awards - Existing Pharma Product 3) Dr. H. R. Nanji Memorial, OPPI Marketing Excellence Awards - New Pharma Product 4) OPPI Healthcare Communications Award 5) OPPI – Diversity & Inclusion Award 6) OPPI - HR Excellence Award 7) OPPI Medical Excellence Award 8) OPPI Sales Force Excellence Award 9) OPPI Sustainability Excellence Award
8:15 pm – 8:20 pm	Vote of Thanks	
8:20 pm Onwards	Cocktails & Dinner	

DIYA LIGHTING

The evening commenced with the auspicious lamp-lighting ceremony led by the Chief Guest, the OPPI Leadership, and the Gold and Logo Partners.



L-R: **Mr. Anil Matai**, Director General, OPPI, **Mr. Nitin Paranjpe**, Non-Executive Chairman, Hindustan Unilever Ltd., **Mr. Bhushan Akshikar**, President, OPPI, and Vice President & Managing Director, GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited, **Ms. Shweta Rai**, Managing Director - India and Country Division Head - South Asia, Bayer Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd, **Mr. Suresh Pattathil**, Managing Director & General Manager, AbbVie India.



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Lighting ceremony

OPENING REMARKS



Anil Matai

Director General, OPPI

Highlights:

Mr. Anil Matai, Director General OPPI, welcomed everyone to the event and highlighted the significance of the occasion as OPPI marked 60 years of contribution to India's healthcare and pharmaceutical ecosystem.

He underscored the significance of the milestone as a reflection of the organisation's longstanding legacy and its continued commitment towards advancing healthcare outcomes and strengthening the life sciences sector in the country.

Reflecting on the event theme, "Power of Partnerships," he emphasised that progress in healthcare is driven through collaboration and collective action. He reiterated the importance of partnerships between industry and government, industry and academia, between industry associations, and with key stakeholders in building a stronger and more resilient healthcare ecosystem.

Mr. Matai called upon the pharmaceutical industry to evolve beyond its identity as the "Pharmacy of the World" and emerge as a globally recognised innovation-driven hub. He stressed upon the need to move up the value chain through innovation, research, and strategic collaboration. He encouraged stakeholders to work with a shared sense of

purpose towards the vision of a healthier India and a future-ready pharmaceutical sector.



CONTEXT SETTING



Bhushan Akshikar

President, OPPI, and Vice President & Managing Director, GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

Highlights:

Mr. Bhushan Akshikar, President, OPPI, set the context for the evening by reiterating OPPI's core commitment to patient welfare throughout its six-decade journey. He highlighted how OPPI and its members have significantly shaped the pharmaceutical landscape by keeping patients at the core of all decisions and ensuring access to innovative medicines.

He outlined the key pillars shaping OPPI's priorities, including enabling the launch of innovative medicines and vaccines, ensuring equitable access to healthcare for all patients, and improving the ease of doing business through sustained stakeholder engagement and regulatory collaboration.

Mr. Akshikar further highlighted the growing opportunity for India to emerge as a global biologics hub and stressed the need for long-term investments in research, clinical trial infrastructure, and regulatory alignment to support this ambition. Emphasising the need to build a robust innovation ecosystem, he noted that strengthened research, collaboration, and scientific advancement in India would enable the country to move from Pharmacy of the World to the 'Research Powerhouse'.

He called for greater industry participation in shaping the future of healthcare innovation. Continued dialogue with



regulators and stakeholders on key initiatives, including biologics and clinical trials, was identified as essential for accelerating sectoral growth. He also set the tone for the discussions by reinforcing the need for partnerships, innovation, and shared responsibility in shaping the future of healthcare in India.

CHIEF GUEST ADDRESS



Nitin Paranjpe

Non-Executive Chairman,
Hindustan Unilever Ltd.

Highlights:

Mr. Nitin Paranjpe, Non-Executive Chairman of Hindustan Unilever Ltd., delivered the Chief Guest Address, leveraging over four decades of professional experience and the century-long journey of Unilever in India to share insights on building resilient and successful businesses in complex and evolving markets.

He underscored the importance of building local relevance by adapting business models, products, pricing, and operating systems to India's unique market realities. He highlighted the significance of investing in local talent and leadership, noting that deep understanding of the market and cultural alignment were essential to navigating India's diversity and scale.

Citing examples from Unilever's India journey, he demonstrated how innovation tailored to local market needs enabled large-scale growth and strong business outcomes.

He also highlighted the importance of resilience, patience, and integrity in operating within dynamic markets like India. He noted that long-term success required organisations to remain committed despite short-term challenges, while maintaining ethical business practices and building trust over time.



He called upon the pharmaceutical industry to help reshape global perceptions of India by highlighting the country's potential as a centre for innovation and growth. He expressed optimism about India's future and the pharmaceutical industry's ability to play a transformative role in advancing healthcare and innovation globally.

LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE



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Mr. Nitin Paranjpe (Left) and **Mr. Bhushan Akshikar** (right) in an engaging discussion

The Leadership Dialogue between Mr. Nitin Paranjpe and Mr. Bhushan Akshikar focused on leadership, resilience, organisational culture, innovation, and the evolving role of technology in business and healthcare.

Mr. Paranjpe reflected on the importance of adaptability, long-term commitment, and continuous learning in navigating changing business environments. The discussion also explored the importance of continuous learning and self-improvement. Mr. Paranjpe noted that leadership is rooted in humility, curiosity, and the willingness to learn from different experiences and perspectives. He highlighted that this mindset enables leaders to remain relevant and adaptable in rapidly changing industries.

He also noted that culture must be aligned with business strategy and could not follow a one-size-fits-all approach. Using examples from different industries, he explained that successful organisations built cultures that reinforced their strategic priorities, whether focused on innovation, efficiency, discipline, or customer-centricity. The discussion also addressed the growing impact of technology on organisations and customer engagement. Mr. Paranjpe

highlighted that while technology is transforming business operations and decision-making, the core focus had to remain on understanding and serving customer needs effectively.

Throughout the discussion, both speakers reflected on the opportunities for India and the pharmaceutical industry to drive innovation, build globally competitive capabilities, and shape the future of healthcare through leadership, collaboration, and purpose-driven growth. The conversation reinforced the need for adaptive leadership, innovation-led growth, and strong organisational cultures to navigate an increasingly dynamic and technology-driven environment.



FIRESIDE CHAT: AI IN HEALTHCARE



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An engaging conversation between **Mr. Prashant Warier** (Left), **Mr. Prashant Tandon** (Centre) and **Mr. Sampath Srinivasan** (Right)

The fireside chat on “AI in Healthcare” was moderated by Sampath Srinivasan, Senior Director, Commercial Data & AI Excellence, Novo Nordisk, and featured Mr. Prashant Tandon, Co-Founder and CEO, Tata 1mg, and Mr. Prashant Warier, Co-Founder & CEO at Qure.ai as the panelists. The discussion explored the rapidly evolving role of Artificial Intelligence across healthcare, pharmaceuticals, and life sciences, beyond experimentation to real-world applications across research, diagnostics, clinical operations, and commercial functions.

The speakers noted that AI is increasingly supporting different functions, enabling faster and more efficient decision-making within pharmaceutical organisations.

The discussion also underscored the importance of trust in building and scaling AI-driven healthcare businesses. Mr. Tandon highlighted that patient trust, ethical practices, quality assurance, and data integrity remained foundational to sustainable healthcare innovation.

The speakers further explored India’s growing position within the global healthcare AI ecosystem. Mr. Warier observed that while

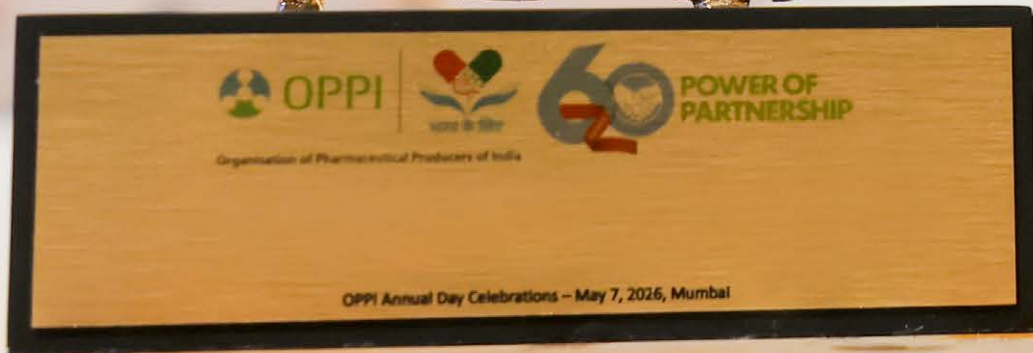
foundational AI development was currently led by countries such as the United States and China, India held significant strengths in software innovation, digital public infrastructure, and scalable application-layer solutions.

They discussed the opportunity for India to leverage its technology capabilities to develop AI-driven healthcare solutions that improve accessibility, efficiency, and patient outcomes at scale.

The speakers envisioned a more integrated and personalised healthcare ecosystem enabled by AI, where real-time data sharing and coordinated care models can support better long-term patient outcomes.



OPPI ANNUAL AWARDS 2025-26





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OPPI Annual Day Celebrations – May 7, 2026, Mumbai

OPPI ANNUAL AWARDS 2025-26

Over the years, the OPPI Annual Awards have been recognised as a Gold Standard in the pharmaceutical industry. The awards honor excellence in research, sales, marketing, HR, medical excellence, sustainability, healthcare communications and patient centricity. These awards recognise the best work from the OPPI member companies.

Sr. No.	Category
1.	Ranjit Shahani Memorial, OPPI Award For Excellence In Patient Centricity 2025-26
2.	Dr. H. R. Nanji Memorial, OPPI Marketing Excellence Award 2025-26, Existing Pharma Product
3.	Dr. H. R. Nanji Memorial, OPPI Marketing Excellence Award 2025-26, New Pharma Product
4.	OPPI Healthcare Communications Award 2025-26
5.	OPPI Diversity & Inclusion Award 2025-26
6.	OPPI HR Excellence Award 2025-26
7.	OPPI Medical Excellence Award 2025-26
8.	OPPI Sales Force Excellence Award 2025-26
9.	OPPI Sustainability Excellence Award 2025-26

1. RANJIT SHAHANI MEMORIAL OPPI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PATIENT CENTRICITY 2025-26

This award recognised and felicitated the pharmaceutical companies that advocated for patient rights, enhanced access to healthcare, and drove a more inclusive impact through innovative initiatives and strategies.



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DR. INDU BHUSHAN

President - iLEP,
Former CEO Ayushman
Bharat/National Health
Authority



DR. RATNA DEVI

CEO, DakshamA Health
and Education



MR. PRASANNA SHIROL

Co-founder and
Executive Director,
Organization for Rare
Diseases India (ORDI)



MR. RAJ SHANKAR GHOSH

Lead, Health
Consultancy, Nangia &
Co. LLP



MS. RANJEETA VINIL

Founder Director of
Saarathi and Co
Prometheus Healthcare
Pvt. Ltd



MS. VIJI VENKATESH

Member of the Board
of Directors, The Max
Foundation and Founder,
Managing Trustee,
Friends of Max

Ranjit Shahani Memorial, OPPI Award For Excellence In Patient Centricity 2025-26

WINNER

Roche Products (India) Pvt. Ltd.



Ranjit Shahani Memorial, OPPI Award For Excellence In Patient Centricity 2025-26

RUNNER-UP

Novo Nordisk India Pvt. Ltd.



DR. H. R. NANJI MEMORIAL MARKETING EXCELLENCE AWARD 2025-26

CATEGORIES:

2. EXISTING PHARMA PRODUCT

3. NEW PHARMA PRODUCT

This award recognised and rewarded brilliance in the field of marketing, celebrating the finest minds within the profession.



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**MS. ARCHANA
JAIN**

CEO
PR Pundit Havas Red



**MR. SALIL
KALLIANPUR**

Founder & MD
ARKS Knowledge
Consulting Pvt. Ltd.



**MR. JITENDRA
TYAGI**

Senior Advisor
and Independent
Consultant



MS. SUSAN JOSHI

Former MD
Havas Health & You,
South East Asia
& Middle East



MR. PRAFUL AKALI

Founder & MD
Medulla
Communications
Pvt. Ltd.

2. EXISTING PHARMA PRODUCT

Dr. H. R. Nanji Memorial,
OPPI Marketing Excellence Award 2025-26

WINNER

Johnson & Johnson Private Limited

Existing Pharma Product – Darzalex



Dr. H. R. Nanji Memorial,
OPPI Marketing Excellence Award 2025-26

RUNNER-UP

Novartis Healthcare Private Limited

Existing Pharma Product – Kryxana



3. NEW PHARMA PRODUCT

Dr. H. R. Nanji Memorial,
OPPI Marketing Excellence Award 2025-26

WINNER

Eli Lilly & Company (India) Pvt. Ltd.

New Pharma Product - Mounjaro



Dr. H. R. Nanji Memorial,
OPPI Marketing Excellence Award 2025-26

RUNNER-UP

AstraZeneca Pharma India Ltd.

New Pharma Product - Lokelma



4. OPPI HEALTHCARE COMMUNICATIONS AWARD 2025-2026

This award recognized creative communications from our members operating in this highly regulated industry. It targeted work for practitioners, patients and consumers' that brought science and innovation to life.



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MR. AMAN GUPTA

Managing Partner -
Health Practice Asia
Lead, FINN Partners



MR. DILIP YADAV

Founding Partner,
First Partners



**MR. SRIKANTH
SRINIVAS**

Strategic
Communications
Consultant



**MS. VIVEKA
ROYCHOWDHURY**

Editor, Express Pharma
& Express Healthcare,
Indian Express

OPPI Healthcare Communications Award 2025-2026

WINNER

Novo Nordisk India Pvt. Ltd.



OPPI Healthcare Communications Award 2025-2026

RUNNER-UP

Johnson & Johnson Private Limited



OPPI Healthcare Communications Award 2025-2026

RUNNER-UP

Roche Products (India) Pvt. Ltd.



5. OPPI DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARD 2025-26

This award recognized the organisations that had diversity and inclusion at the heart of its business, providing outstanding support and opportunities to women, people from the LGBTQIA+ community, people with disability and other minorities.



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MS. DEEPA SHANKAR

Founder - Authempic Consulting / Diversity & Inclusion Consultant



MS. ROMA BALWANI

Co-Founder, RB Foundation, Mentor; Independent Director; CEO & Brand Custodian, Indian Deaf Cricket Association; Advisory Committee Member



MR. KARTHIK EKAMBARAM

Co-founder and Head of Solutions, Avtar Group



MS. SONICA ARON

CEO, Marching Sheep, Board Member, Gender@Work India Trust



DR. NIRU KUMAR

Founder & CEO, Ask Insight

OPPI Diversity & Inclusion
Award 2025-26

WINNER

Novartis Healthcare Private Limited



OPPI Diversity & Inclusion
Award 2025-26

RUNNER-UP

Eli Lilly & Company (India) Pvt. Ltd.



6. OPPI HR EXCELLENCE AWARD 2025-26

This award was bestowed upon the organisations that achieved overall excellence in their HR and people management practices, thus contributing to the needs of business, the profession, employees, industry, and the nation.



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**MS. ASHWINI
D. PRAKASH**

Managing Partner and
Board Director,
Singapore and India
at Stanton Chase



**MR. SANJAY
BANERJEE**

Proprietor, Banerjee
Consulting



**MR. KAVI
ARASU**

Principal, Flyntrok
Consulting



**MS. SHILPA
GENTELE**

Senior Client Partner,
Korn Ferry

OPPI HR Excellence Award 2025 - 26

WINNER

Eli Lilly & Company (India) Pvt. Ltd.



OPPI HR Excellence Award 2025 - 26

RUNNER-UP

MSD Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd.



OPPI HR Excellence Award 2025 - 26

RUNNER-UP

Novo Nordisk India Pvt. Ltd.



7. OPPI MEDICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD 2025-26

This award honored outstanding achievements across various medical disciplines within the pharmaceutical industry. It recognized the exceptional work in Medical Affairs, Clinical Operations, Regulatory Affairs, and Pharmacovigilance.



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**DR. ARUN
BHATT**

Consultant - Clinical
Research & Drug
Development



**DR. RASHMI
KULSHRESTHA**

Founder and CEO,
Regulatory Wisdom



**DR. MILIND
ANTANI**

Lead, Nishith Desai
Associates, Legal &
Tax Counseling
Worldwide



**DR. SURESH
MENON**

Director - Medical,
Themis Medicare



**DR. PURVISH M.
PARIKH**

Prof & Head of Clinical
Hematology,
MGMC&H, Jaipur

OPPI Medical Excellence
Award 2025 - 26

WINNER

AstraZeneca Pharma India Ltd.



OPPI Medical Excellence
Award 2025 - 26

RUNNER-UP

Pfizer Limited



8. OPPI SALES FORCE EXCELLENCE AWARD 2025-26

This award recognized outstanding work in the fields of sales force/commercial effectiveness. It recognized the teams who have improved the performance of their sales organizations, driving significant results for their companies.



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**MR. ARIZ
RIZVI**

Head - Health Risk
Management, Aon



**MR. PAWAN
GARG**

CEO - Volo Health



**MS. GAURI
PATHAK**

Country Service Line
Leader, Healthcare,
Ipsos

OPPI Sales Force Excellence Award 2025-26

WINNER

Novartis Healthcare Private Limited



OPPI Sales Force Excellence Award 2025-26

RUNNER-UP

Bayer Pharmaceuticals Private Limited



OPPI Sales Force Excellence Award 2025-26

RUNNER-UP

Novo Nordisk India Pvt. Ltd.



9. OPPI SUSTAINABILITY EXCELLENCE AWARD 2025-26

This award recognized the pharmaceutical companies that went beyond traditional business practices to make a positive impact on society through their innovative and sustainable initiatives and strategies.



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DR. PRAGNYA RAM

Group Executive
President - CSR, Legacy
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MR. SANJIV NAVANGUL

Managing Director
and CEO, Bharat
Serums and Vaccines
Limited



MR. RAVI MENON

Senior Business Leader
and Professional -
Pharmaceuticals/
Healthcare



MR. YUGAL SIKRI

Managing Director,
RPG Life Sciences and
Independent Director,
NMIMS-Atal
Incubation Center

OPPI Sustainability Excellence Award 2025-26

WINNER

Sanofi India Ltd.



OPPI Sustainability Excellence Award 2025-26

RUNNER-UP

ACG



OPPI Sustainability Excellence Award 2025-26

RUNNER-UP

Pharmapoint (India) Pvt. Ltd.



VOTE OF THANKS



Ms. Asawari Sathaye

Senior Director, Communications and Access, OPPI

Ms. Asawari Sathaye delivered the Vote of Thanks. She congratulated all the winners and thanked the audience for their kindness and sustained engagement throughout the event.



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About OPPI

The Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) established in 1965, represents the research-based global pharmaceutical companies in India. OPPI has been an integral part of the healthcare journey of the country. We remain committed to supporting the nation's healthcare objectives, putting patients at the core of all decision making and collaborating with all stakeholders to find sustainable solutions to realize the collective vision of Health for All.

Our member companies have been serving the country's healthcare ecosystem since pre-independence and continue to remain committed to patient safety and providing quality care in the future as well. As an association, our advocacy decisions, patient commitment and work are always keeping the country first and we embody the spirit of working for 'Bharat Ke Liye'; driven with innovation to find solutions for unmet medical needs, collaboration with government stakeholders, and co-creation with partners coming together to address the nation's healthcare challenges. We are committed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi-ji's clarion call of 'Jai Vigyan and Jai Anusandhan'.



About Power of Partnership

2025-26 marks a defining chapter for the Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) – our Diamond Jubilee. Since its inception in 1965, OPPI has been the voice of the research based global pharmaceutical companies in India, advocating policies that encourage scientific innovation while ensuring that the patients are always at the centre of all decisions.

For six decades, OPPI has been at the forefront of shaping the Indian pharmaceutical landscape, fostering a patient-centric ecosystem grounded in innovation, ethics, access, and collaboration.

OPPI's journey has been defined not only by scientific and industrial progress but by the Power of Partnership.

Our legacy is rooted in partnerships with multiple stakeholders, i.e., with policymakers to drive regulatory clarity, with academia to nurture innovation, with the media to promote public understanding, and with our member companies to maintain the highest standards of ethics and compliance. This landmark is a reaffirmation of our commitment to India's future in healthcare.

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