



TheCSRUniverse Social Impact Conference & Awards (SICA'26)

September 25, 2026 | Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi

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Theme: "Rise Together: Unlocking the Power of Women & Youth for Social Impact"

** Tentative Agenda as on Sept 23, 2026*

Time	Session & Details
8:45 – 9:30	Registrations, Delegate check-in, Networking Breakfast for Delegates, Partners and Exhibitors
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome to Guests & Audience Introduction to 6th Social Impact Conference & Awards (SICA) 2026 Theme Highlight By <i>Ruchika Kumar, Editor, TheCSRUniverse</i>
9:45 – 9:50	Lamp lighting
9:50 - 10:05	Opening Keynote Special Address: Dr. Payal Kanodia, Trustee & Chairperson, M3M Foundation India@2047: Reimagining Social Impact with Women and Youth at the Centre
10:05 – 11:00	SICA'26 Leader's Talk (Special Address by CXOs & Impact Leaders) - Ms. Anupam Nidhi, Group Head - CSR, Vedanta & Hindustan Zinc Limited; Director, Zinc India Foundation, Vedanta & Hindustan Zinc Limited - Dr. Anupama Shetty, Mission Director, Biocon Foundation - Mr. Himanshu Nivsarkar, Sr. Executive Vice President, Head- CSR & ESG, Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited - Ms. Mabel Abraham, Head – CSR, L&T
11:00-11.05	VyaPower Engagement Grant Announcement By M3M Foundation

11:05 – 12:00	Panel 1: Skilling & Livelihood: How Corporates and Philanthropists Solving India’s Biggest Challenge - Mr. Ashutosh Burnwal, Founder & CEO, Buddy4Study - Mr. Jayant Rastogi, Global CEO, Magic Bus Foundation - Dr. Lalit Narayan, VP & Sr. Dean – Skill Integrated Higher Education, Medhavi Skills University - Mr. Pankaj Tripathi, Principal Consultant, Vidyadhan, A Shibulal Family Philanthropic Initiative - Ms. Puja Trisal, Director, Flipkart Foundation Moderator: Dr Shweta Singh, Consulting Editor, <i>TheCSRUniverse</i> Panel Brief: <i>Skilling India is not a challenge that government alone can solve. This panel brings together corporate CSR leaders and philanthropists who are co-designing livelihood solutions at scale — from women-led micro-enterprises to AI-powered vocational training. The conversation will unpack models that are creating measurable, sustainable employment, and chart a roadmap for deeper cross-sector collaboration in India's skilling revolution.</i>
12:00– 12:30	Spotlight Talks: • Spotlight 1: Dr. Nirali Chandan, Consultant Haematologist, Haemato-oncologist and BMT and Cellular (CAR-T cell) therapy at Rajkot Cancer Society Rajkot Cancer Society • Spotlight 2: Ms. Anisha Aggarwal, Chief Strategy & Development Officer, Ipas Development Foundation (IDF) • Spotlight 3: Dr. Brijendra Kumar Mishra, Associate Director – Climate & Disaster Risk Resilience, MitKat Advisory
12:30 – 13:00	Special Session (Fireside Chat) on “Sports for Holistic Development” - Mr. Sanjeev Ranjan, Vice President – Corporate Social Responsibility, Welspun Foundation for Health & Knowledge - Mr. Parminder Gill, Co-Founder and Head of Foundation, Sportz Village
13:00-13:15	TheCSRUniverse Announcements
13:15 – 14:00	Networking Lunch Informal networking among stakeholders, exhibitors, innovators
14:00 – 14:50	Panel 2: Empowering Women: How Social Sector Organisations are Unlocking Potential of Hidden GDP Contributors? - Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, SVP, Global CSR, HCLTech & Director, HCLFoundation (Session Chair) - Mr. Aditya Shanu, M3M Foundation - General Manager & Head - CSR

	- Mr. Jayanta Kumar Mohanty, General Manager & Head – CSR, Jindal Steel Ltd. - Mr. Vedprakash Sharma, CEO, B-ABLE Foundation - Ms. Vibha Mishra, Director, Shwet Moderator: Mr. Vineet K. K. N. 'Panchhi', Founder, Jai Hind Project Now 'Heroes of India' Panel Brief: <i>Women contribute an estimated 17% to India's GDP — one of the lowest among G20 nations, despite representing nearly half the population. Yet their unpaid labour, unrecognised enterprise, and untapped economic potential remain the country's greatest hidden asset. This panel examines how social sector organisations are dismantling systemic barriers — through financial inclusion, legal literacy, leadership development, and community mobilisation — to finally bring women's contribution from the margins to the mainstream of India's economic story.</i>
14:50 – 15:30	Special Talk: Financing Impact at Scale: What the Social Stock Exchange Means for India's Social Sector <i>(A perspective from experience of SSE Listing and evolving fundraising landscape)</i> Policy Perspective: • Mr. Vineet Shastry, Associate Vice President, Listings (Mainboard) & Social Stock Exchange (SSE), National Stock Exchange SSE Listing Experience & Fundraising Perspective: • Mr. Nixon Joseph, Group Executive Director, Devi Sansthan • Mr. Ramesh Daswani, CEO, LOLT
15:30 – 16:00	Impact Talks on Transformation & Change • Spotlight 4: Dr. Manmohan Lal Gupta, Founder & Director, Jagmohan Lal Charitable Trust • Creative Session by Mr. Vineet K. K. N. 'Panchhi' • Impact Talk by CSR Films
16:00 – 16:50	Panel 3: Importance of Tech and AI in Solving Skilling and Livelihood Gaps: Are We Using It Enough? Are we Doing it Right? - Dr. Anjee Prakash, Founder & Chairperson, Learning Links Foundation - Ms. Monika Walia, Head – CSR, GlobalLogic - Dr. Shalabh Nepalia, Zonal Head, AISECT, India AISCET - Mr. Sunil Dahiya, Executive Vice President, Skills Development Network (SDN) - Dr. Vivek Kumar, Head - Centre for Rural Development and Technology (CRDT), IIT-Delhi Moderator: Mr Surender Dhaleta, Sr Journalist & Communication Specialist Panel Brief: <i>Technology has never been more capable of solving social problems at scale. Yet its penetration into India's development sector remains uneven, under-funded, and often misaligned with community realities. This panel examines whether the social sector is truly harnessing technology's potential — or</i>

	<i>merely experimenting at the edges while the real problems wait, especially in skilling and livelihood areas.</i>
16:50 – 17:05	Special Address “Rise Together: Unlocking the Power of Women & Youth for Social Impact” <i>What Social Impact Means at the Boardroom Level & Where do Women & Youth Stand in Social Development Agenda”</i> (Speaker: Policy Leader)
17:05 – 17:15	TheCSRUniverse Announcements - Women4Women Series - DCRC
17:15 – 17:45	Jury Session “TheCSRUniverse Social Impact Conference & Awards 2026: A Jury Perspective” • Dr. Aishwarya Mahajan, Managing Trustee and President, M3M Foundation • Dr. Chandrika Parmar, Director – Development of Corporate Citizenship (DoCC) and Associate Professor, SPJIMR SP Jain Institute of Management & Research (SPJIMR) • Dr. Himanshu Rai, Director, Indian Institute of Management, Indore (IIM Indore) • Dr. K K Upadhyay, Professor & Chairperson, Sustainability & CSR, Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH) • Prof. Rina Kashyap, Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi" • Dr. Sanjeev Bansal, Additional Pro Vice-Chancellor, Amity University, Noida • Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari, Bihar • Ms. Sujaya Krishnan, Former Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) • Lt. Gen Suresh Sharma, Former Engineer-in-Chief & former DG, Border Roads, Ministry of Defence • Dr. Umakant Dash, Vice Chancellor, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (GIPE) Jury Board in conversation with Ruchika Kumar & Shweta Singh
17:45 – 18:30	SICA’26 Awards Ceremony TheCSRUniverse Social Impact Awards 2026 Award Announcement & Winner Felicitations - <i>Recognizing Outstanding Social impact initiatives and changemakers across sectors</i>
18:30 – 18:35	Valedictory Address
18:35 – 18:45	Group Photography, Winner Group Pictures & Video Bites
18:45 Onwards	High Tea & Collaboration Talks

