

Bio of NHSRC Speakers

1. Dr. Pragya Sharma, Executive Director, NHSRC

Key Achievements:

- Over two decades of experience in community medicine, public health leadership, and academic research.
- Served as Public Health Specialist with the Delhi Government and contributed to NHM (2008–2011) in capacity building for HMIS, planning, and quality assurance.
- Played a key role in COVID-19 management in Delhi and contributed to WHO's Global Data on Transmission Dynamics.
- Recipient of the LG Commendation Award (2024), Delhi Govt. Felicitation (2023), and Young Faculty Award (2013) by IPHA.
- Fellow of the Indian Public Health Association (IPHA) for her outstanding contributions to public health.



2. Dr K Madan Gopal, Advisor - PHA, NHSRC



Dr. K. Madan Gopal is a senior public health professional and currently serves as Advisor and Head, Public Health Administration Division, National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. He has led and supported national and state health system reforms across service delivery, quality of care, governance and health financing, with a focus on strengthening primary and secondary care and referral systems. He has contributed to the development of national guidance products, including infrastructure and service readiness frameworks for strengthening District

Cancer Care Centres (DCCCs). In this plenary, he will discuss how to translate DCCC infrastructure and readiness standards into an integrated, patient-centred cancer care pathway—from screening and diagnosis to treatment, follow-up and survivorship—across levels of care in India.

3. Dr. Ranjan Choudhary, Advisor – HCT, NHSRC

Recipient of Presidential Award of Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM) in 2016

- MBBS from Sambalpur University 1984
- M. Sc in Defense Studies from Madras University 2002
- Masters in Management Studies from Osmania University 2007
- MBA (Hospital Management) & PG Diploma in Hospital Management from Jaipur National University 2018

Experience in working in Army Medical Corps (IAF) in various clinical & administrative capacities for over 35 Years. Presently working with NHSRC for the past four years.



Field of Interest: Health Technology Management, Supply Chain & Material Management, Health Technology Assessment

Publications:

1. Achieving health equity through healthcare technology perspective from India – Journal of Family Medicine
2. A comprehensive roadmap for MedTech innovations uptake into the public healthcare system in India – Frontiers in Digital Health
3. Leveraging drone technology in health systems strengthening: A cost-effectiveness analysis from Northeast India – Journal of Family Medicine & Primary Care

Lifetime Member of Indian Society of Hospital & Biomedical Waste Management, Association of All India Management Association, Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine and Indian Public Health Association (IPHA).

4. Dr. Rajiv Pathni, Advisor QPS Division

- Dr. Rajiv Pathni has over 36 years of distinguished healthcare leadership, including service in the Indian Air Force, Royal Air Force of Oman and Assam Cancer Care Foundation (Assam Govt. & Tata Trusts)
- An alumnus of AFMC, AIIMS (New Delhi), and IIFT, he also holds a WHO fellowship from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (UK).
- An expert in Global Health and Quality, he is also trained in Aerospace Medicine and EMS (Israel).



- He has contributed as an expert to BIS, AIIMS, CGHS, DGS&D, NHP, MoD, MoF, MoC, FICCI, Deloitte, and several other government and industry panels.
- An academician, he is also on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Healthcare Management Standards (USA).

5. Mr. Abhishek Srivastava, Advisor IT Division



Advisor IT, Abhishek is a top Computer Engineering graduate from RGPV and Management program holder from Indian Institute of Management (IIM, Calcutta). He has more than two decades of experience across Corporates, Govt & Social domains. Having played roles as Global CTO, CIO/Group Head, National Head and Tech. Director in Global leadership to Board responsible positions, has also endeavoured technopreneurship to create nudge in the digitalised services with pro bono publico intent. In public health contexts, Abhishek worked

towards AIDS prevention, Immunisation, NCD, Health informatics, Affordable health technologies, Public Health education in National Head of IT capacity, and was also instrumental in improving the supply chain of the health commodities, program done in conjunction with IIM, Lucknow. Bestowed upon by International Society for Hypertension, The World Hypertension League in association with ICMR, IMA, CCDC & API with Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding contributions. His bailiwick ranges from business process innovation & re-engineering, strategy & roadmap, governance, operational excellence, digitalization, group level change management & transformation. Dexterous with process & quality management, corporate finance, capital budgeting, risk management, business continuity, six sigma & lean, audit & legal / regulatory compliances and sustainability. He has certifications in Big Data, Data Science, Blockchain & Deep Learning, Agile, Business Intelligence & Analytics along with Retail Banking, Insurance, Quality Manufacturing & Project Management.

6. Dr. Surabhi Sethi, Lead Consultant- CP-CPHC, NHSRC

With an MD (Gold Medal) and DNB in Community Medicine, she has more than 9 years of post-PG experience of working in academia and public health.

During her tenure as an Assistant Professor at North DMC Medical College and Hindu Rao Hospital, she was awarded for her exemplary contribution to the institute during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic also served as a pivotal turning point in her career, and she joined NHSRC in May 2021, with the zeal to contribute to health systems strengthening.

Her areas of interest include RMNCAH+N, comprehensive primary health care strengthening, teaching & training in public health, communication skills, health systems research, and health system strengthening through capacity building.

She has over 10 publications in national and international peer-reviewed journals, and is a life member of the IAPSM, IPHA, IAAH and APCRI.

