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11TH INTERNATIONAL CELL & GENE THERAPY CONFERENCE (CGTCON 2026)

Conference: Friday 9th and Saturday 10th October, 2026
&
Pre-conference workshop: Thursday, October 8th, 2026



Conference Venue: New Examination Building,
Christian Medical College Vellore,
Bagayam Campus, India

Pre-conference workshop Venue: Centre for Stem Cell Research
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The Centre for Stem Cell Research (CSCR), (a unit of BRIC-inStem, Bengaluru) Christian Medical College Vellore, is pleased to announce the 11th International Cell and Gene Therapy Conference (CGTCON)-2026.

Over the past decade, CGTCON has evolved into a leading international platform that brings together scientists, clinicians, industry experts, regulators, and policymakers to discuss recent advances, translational challenges, and future directions in cell and gene therapy.

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About Pre-Conference Workshop

Hands-on Workshop on CAR-T Cell Engineering and Characterization by Flow Cytometry

This intensive workshop offers a introduction to workflows relevant to immune-cell therapy. Attendees will learn about T-cell enrichment, activation using CD3/CD28 Dynabeads, Lentivirus Transduction and subsequent characterization utilizing flow cytometry analysis.

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Scientific Themes

- Hematological Disorders
- Ocular Disorders
- Neurological Disorders
- Metabolic Disorders
- Musculoskeletal Disorders
- Dermatological Disorders
- Cardiovascular Disorders
- Rare Genetic Disorders
- Genetic Diagnostics
- Molecular Genetics of Inherited Diseases
- Stem Cell & Gene Therapy
- CAR-T & CAR-NK Cell Therapy
- Cell Therapy for Diabetes
- Gene Editing
- mRNA Therapeutics
- Manufacturing & Regulatory Aspects
- Organoids & Disease Modelling
- Cell & Gene Therapy - Industry Updates
- Viral and Non-Viral Delivery Technologies
- Industry Talks

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SESSION 1A: Hematological disorders 1

Biju George, Christian Medical College Vellore, Vellore, India	Trends and outcomes of stem cell transplantation
Debojyoti Chakraborty, CSIR-Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology (IGIB), New Delhi, India	Navigating the equitability barrier of gene editing therapies in India
Senthil Bhoopalan, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA	Development of curative therapies for inherited anemias
Vikram Mathews, Christian Medical College Vellore, Vellore, India	Recent Advances in CAR T-Cell Therapy for Hematologic Malignancies

SESSION 1B: Ocular Disorders

Indumathi Mariappan, BRIC-Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (inStem), Bengaluru, India	Understanding Inherited Eye Diseases (IEDs) and Developing Newer Therapeutics.
Vivek Singh, L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, India.	Future Directions in Corneal Regeneration: Convergence of Stem Cell Biology and Biomaterials
Deepika Parameswarappa, Narayana Nethralaya, Bengaluru, India	Gene Therapy in Retinal Dystrophies: Real-World Effectiveness and Challenges
Arkasubhra Ghosh, Narayana Nethralaya Foundation, Bengaluru, India	A synthetic splice-enhancer intron platform for efficient hybrid dual-AAV gene therapy: application in Stargardt disease

SESSION 2A: Cell Therapy for Diabetes

Rohit Kulkarni, Broad Institute, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA	Beyond Insulin: Regenerating Beta Cells via Stem Cell Therapy versus Growth Factors
Aaron Chapla, Christian Medical College Vellore, Vellore, India	Genetic Forms of Lipodystrophy and Emerging Gene Therapy Strategies
Gopalakrishnan Loganathan, Otsuka America Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Princeton, NJ, USA	Total Pancreatectomy with Islet Autotransplantation for Chronic Pancreatitis: An International Experience
Nikhil Gandasi, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, India	Understanding targets at single-islet-cells for anti-diabetic treatment

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SESSION 2B: Viral & Non-Viral Nucleic Acid Delivery Technologies

Srinivasa Reddy Bonam, CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Hyderabad, India	Metadherin-mRNA-LNPs for Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Therapy
Kiran R. Gore, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur, Kharagpur, India	Engineering Controlled Destabilization: The “Magic Methyl” Effect in RNAi Enhancement
Prakriti Tayalia, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, Mumbai, India	Acellular cancer immunotherapy
Suresh Mathivanan, La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science, Victoria, Australia	Extracellular vesicles in cancer therapy

SESSION 3A: Cardiovascular Disorders

Carter Ralphe, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, USA	Leveraging Human iPSC's to Advance Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Treatment
Minaj Sirajuddin, BRIC-Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (inStem), Bengaluru, India	Organization principles governing the assembly and function of contractile units across scales
Dhandapani Perundurai, BRIC-Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (inStem), Bengaluru, India	Cardiac genomics, stem cells and precision cardiology
Anupam Mittal, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, India	From Prenatal Biomarker to Therapeutic Target: Circular RNA-X in Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

SESSION 3B: Metabolic Disorders

Ullas Kolthur Seetharaman, BRIC-Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD), Hyderabad, India	Molecular timing and scaling of hepatic gluconeogenic output during fed-fast transitions
Sumita Danda, Christian Medical College Vellore, Vellore, India	Delving for precision care in Gaucher disease
Ashwin Dalal, BRIC-Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD), Hyderabad, India	Molecular and Functional characterization of patients with Mucopolysaccharidosis
Julien Barauteau, University College London (UCL), Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health, London, UK	Gene therapy for liver inherited metabolic diseases

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SESSION 4A: Neurological Disorders

Sangeetha Yoganathan, Christian Medical College Vellore, Vellore, India	Beyond Conventional Antiseizure Medications: Small Molecules and Gene Therapies in Childhood Epilepsies
Jayandharan G. Rao, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur, Kanpur, India	Next-generation gene therapy for neuromuscular disorders - Opportunities for global impact with indigenous solution.
Srinivasarao Repudi, BRIC-Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (inStem), Bengaluru, India	Gene therapy for Developmental Epileptic Encephalopathy- from Bench to Bedside
Neerja Gupta, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, India	Niemann–Pick Disease: From Molecular Diagnosis to Therapeutic Frontiers

SESSION 4B: Technology Advances

Maneesha Inamdhar, BRIC-Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (inStem), Bengaluru, India	Stem Cell-Based Embryo Models for Understanding Congenital Disorders, Developmental Mechanisms and Drug Safety.
Marepally Srujan Kumar, Centre for Stem Cell Research, Christian Medical College Vellore, Vellore, India	RBM3 mRNA delivery with functionalised lipid nanoparticles for improving muscle function
Sanjay Kumar, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bathinda, India	Stem Cell Transplantation in Ischemic Heart: A Cure in Waiting- or a Battle for Survival
Ruchi Tandon, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, New Delhi, India	Translational potential of Human Liver organoids for chronic liver diseases: Deliberations From bench to bedside approaches

Keynote Address

Christine Duncan, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA	Gene Therapy for Leukodystrophy
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SESSION 5A: Hematological Disorders 2

Aby Abraham, Christian Medical College Vellore, Vellore, India	Gene Therapy for Hemophilia A
Mohankumar Murugesan, Centre for Stem Cell Research, Christian Medical College Vellore, Vellore, India	Targeted base editing enables safe and efficient knockout of ELANE for the treatment of ELANE-associated severe congenital neutropenia
Saravanabhavan Thangavel, Centre for Stem Cell Research, Christian Medical College Vellore, Vellore, India	Precision conditioning for precision medicine: Targeted, Non-Genotoxic hematopoietic stem cell Conditioning to Enable Gene Therapy with Gene-Edited Stem Cells
Sivaprakash K Ramalingam, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur, Kanpur, India	A pharmacological modulator of Glucocerebrosidase reverses pathogenic phenotypes in Gaucher's disease and GBA1-Parkinson's disease Models

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SESSION 5B: Organoids & Disease Modelling

Sashirekha Ramani, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, USA	Human Intestinal Organoids as Models of Enteric Infections and Vaccines
Bhavana Muralidharan, BRIC-Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (inStem), Bengaluru, India	Chromatinopathies, Ciliopathies, and Brain Malformations: From Genetic Mechanisms to Disease Models
Shaji RV, Centre for Stem Cell Research, Christian Medical College Vellore, Vellore, India	Disease modelling using iPSC
Vijayalakshmi B, Centre for Stem Cell Research, Christian Medical College Vellore, Vellore, India	Organs in a Dish: Intestinal and Liver Organoids for Human Disease Modelling

SESSION 6A: Manufacturing and Regulatory Aspects in Cell & Gene Therapy

Priyadharshini Chatterjee, MicroCRISPR Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, India	In vitro prediction of CAR-T Cell Function, Persistence, and Therapeutic Success
Lakshmikanth S Gandikota, Immuneel Therapeutics Private Limited, Bengaluru, India	Towards Accessible, Equitable, and Affordable Cell Therapy: The Promise of Allogeneic $\gamma\delta$ CAR-T Cells
Akhil Kumar, Journey to West, Singapore	Regulatory Aspects of Cell and Gene Therapy: Navigating the Indian Regulatory Pathway
Renjitha Gopurappilly, NKure Therapeutics Pvt Ltd, (CCAMP), Bengaluru, India	Allogeneic Off-the-Shelf Natural Killer (NK) Cells for Minimal Residual Disease and Autoimmune Disorders

SESSION 6B: Stem Cell & Gene Therapy - Industry Updates

Tanveer Ahmed, Cellogen Therapeutics Pvt. Ltd., Noida, India	An Integrated AI Architecture for the Design and Targeted Delivery of In Vivo Cell and Gene Therapy
Pawan Kumar Gupta, Stempeutics, Research Private Ltd., Bengaluru, India	The Evolving Landscape of Mesenchymal Stromal Cell Therapy and Regulatory Considerations
Rahul Purwar, Immunoadoptive Cell Therapy Private Limited (ImmunoACT) & IIT Bombay, Mumbai, India	Real world evidence (RWE) of efficacy and safety of Talicel
Jogin Desai, Eyestem Research Private Ltd., Bengaluru, India	A Phase 1/2a Clinical Trial of Allogeneic Retinal Pigmented Epithelium (RPE) cells in Geographic Atrophy (GA): Interim Results of Safety & Efficacy

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SESSION 7A: CART & CAR NK Cell Therapy

Gaurav Narula, Tata Memorial Centre, HBNI, Mumbai, India	The Cell-Gene Therapy Road Beyond B-Cell Malignancies Needs Smarter Strategies and not just Better CARs
Sharat Damodar, Mazumdar Shaw Medical Center, Bengaluru, India	Post CART cell therapy - complications
Dinesh Kundu, Eastocyon Bio, Gurugram, India	From Donor to Dose: Translating Allogeneic CAR-NK Cell Therapy Towards Clinical Reality
Thyagaraj Mayurnathan, Centre for Stem Cell Research, Christian Medical College Vellore, Vellore, India	Generation and Preclinical Evaluation of TRAC/B2M Cytosine Base-Edited Allogeneic CD19 CAR-T Cells for B-ALL

SESSION 7B: Dermatological Disorders

Vinod Kumar, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, India	MicroRNA in Epidermolysis Bullosa— Pathophysiologic and translational Significance
Su Lwin, King's College London (KCL), London, UK	Cell-based therapies from genetic to inflammatory skin disease
Archana Singh, CSIR-Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology (IGIB), New Delhi, India	Engineering Human Skin: Applications of 3D Skin Models in Dermatology Research
Vamsi K. Yenamandra, Sri Madhusudhan Sai Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (SMSIMSR), Chikkaballapur, India	Accessible Diagnostics & Affordable Therapies for Incurable Genetic Skin Diseases

SESSION 8A: Industry Talks

Shrikant Rao, Pharmaalab India Pvt. Ltd. (Aseptic Technologies, Belgium)	Addressing ATMP manufacturing Risks through Closed Vial Technologies
Saket Siddharth, Agilent Technologies, Hyderabad	Empowering Cell and Gene Therapy: Overcoming Bottlenecks with Innovative Agilent Cell Analysis Solutions
Asim Iqbal Shaikh, Miltenyi Biotec, India	Transforming Translational Research with Cell & Gene Therapy and Spatial Biology Solutions
Bhushan Kantode and Kavya Kannan, Kodo Lifescience Pvt. Ltd, Vapi, India	From Process Development to GMP Execution - India's First Versatile Plasmid DNA Manufacturing Platform
Edward Wong Serng Yuen, Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT), India	A Scalable Framework for CRISPR Off-Target Assessment Using Orthogonal Nomination and Targeted Deep Sequencing
Vaibhav Daund, Cytiva Ltd., India.	The cell therapy reset: Redefining the path forward

Keynote Address

Bruce Levine University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA	Advances in CART-T cell therapy
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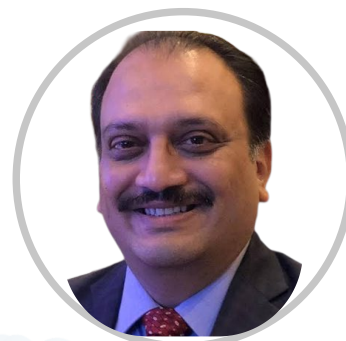
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Early Bird Registration	September 07 2026
Regular Registration	October 8, 2026
Abstract Submission	September 25, 2026
Workshop Registration	August 31, 2026

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Delegate Tier	Early Bird (Till Sep 7)	Regular (Sep 8 - Oct 8)	Spot (Oct 9-10)
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- From Bangalore International Airport (BLR): Located ~215 km from Vellore. Accessible via taxi (3–4 hours) or train departing from Bangalore City Junction to Katpadi Junction (KPD).
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Around Town / Tourism Highlights

Delegates can visit local historic landmarks: Vellore Fort (5 kms), the Sripuram Golden Temple (5 kms), Ratnagiri Murugan Temple (20 kms) and Sholingur Temple (60 kms), Yelagiri Hills (95 kms), Amirthi Zoo Park (25 kms), and the silk weaving centers of ancient Kanchipuram (75 kms), Mahabalipuram (147 kms) and Thiruvananthapuram Temple (80).

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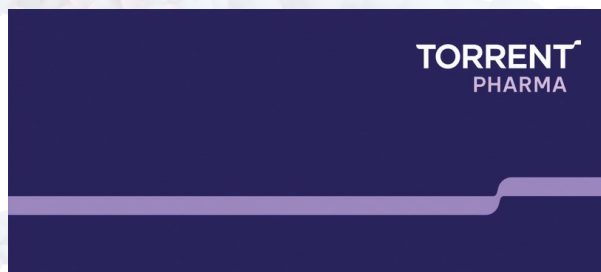
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