

Annual Conference 2026

Inclusive Health Workforce: generating employment at scale



**10th & 11th April
2026**

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**Princeton Club
KOLKATA**

INAUGURATOR



Prof. Amitabha Ghosh
Emeritus Scientist
Indian National
Science Academy

CHIEF GUEST



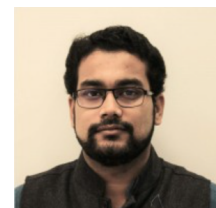
Prof. Suman Chakraborty
Director
IIT Kharagpur



Prof. Ayon Bhattacharjee
NIT Meghalaya



Prof. Soumen Das
IIT Kharagpur



Dr. Anirban Chakraborty
TCG CREST University





1st International Conference of SFS (November 2023), was a resounding success in bringing together the SFS community of 5000+ students, faculties and staff, and unite under the purpose of “Educating health human resources”.

This year’s edition creates a dialogue on inclusivity & women in healthcare, role of higher educational institutes (HEI), AI and emerging technologies in improving the standards of allied health education in India.



SFS started its journey in 2013 at Suri (Birbhum, West Bengal). It has organically grown to 11 centres in 6 states (including 2 north-east states) through support from HEIs, CSR and government programs.

During 2025-26, SFS started two (2) new centres in association with IIT Kharagpur and NIT Meghalaya. All new admissions at the NIT Meghalaya centre in Feb 2026 are from girl students.



PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY 1 – Translating research to community; Championing women and inclusivity

Prof. Amitabha Ghosh, Emeritus Scientist, Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi	Lamp lighting & Inaugural address	10:00 - 10:30
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Session I: Role of HEI in AHP Education

Prof. Sris Chatterjee, Professor of Finance, Gabelli School of Business, Fordham University, USA	Enhancing AHP education	10:40 - 10:50
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Prof. Soumen Das (Chair), Dr. Sumana Samanta, Dr. Aritri Bir, Dr. Anirban Chakraborty, Prof. Ayon Bhattacharjee	Panel discussion - Higher Educational Institute & AHP training	10:50 - 11:25
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COFFEE BREAK

Nidhi, Suchita, Sulekha, Priti, Khushboo, Jhuni (Community Health Workers)	A day in community health screening	11:40 - 11:50
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Session II: Vision for Dignity - Inclusive workforce

Eric Ju Yoon Kim, Co-founder & CEO, DOT Inc.	Technology for the visually impaired	11:55 - 12:05
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Maziar Zarreparvour, Research Associate & Convener, Commission on Sustainability Data, Kellogg College, Univ. of Oxford	Education for the visually impaired	12:05 - 12:15
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Susanta Rout, Chief Manager, CSR, MGL	Reshaping Lives through Inclusive Education	12:15 - 12:25
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Prof. Ayon Bhattacharjee, Professor, Dept of Physics; Professor in Charge, Sitimon Sawian Centre for Inclusive Education, NIT Meghalaya	Reshaping Lives through Inclusive Education	12:25 - 12:35
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Biswajit Ghosh, Director, Academic Affairs, Ek Kadam Aur Foundation for Education; Ex-Principal, Narendrapur RKM Blind Boys Academy	Reshaping Lives through Inclusive Education	12:35 - 12:45
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Felicitation by Biswadip Gupta	CSR leadership team of various companies	13:50 - 14:20
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Session III: Women in Healthcare: Dignity, Safety & Financial Independence

Richa Singh Debgupta, Chief of Strategy, Fortis Healthcare Ltd.	Women in healthcare	14:20 - 14:40
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Richa Debgupta (Chair), Neelam Singh, Dr. Suchanda Gadre, Ipsita Kundu	Panel discussion - Beyond Women's Day: Is there a level playing field?	14:45 - 15:30
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Alumni of SFS & student recognition	First salary story	15:30 - 16:00
	Supporting family income	
	Breaking generational poverty	

DAY 2 – Future-ready allied health workforce

Prof. Suman Chakraborty, Director, IIT Kharagpur	Lamp lighting & Inaugural address	10:00 - 10:20
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Arvind Jain, Managing Partner, AXJ Resources LLP	Role of Community Health Workers in population health	10:20 - 10:30
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Session IV: Empowering the Future Health Workforce through AI & Emerging Technologies

Prof Suman Chakraborty	AI & Emerging Technologies for allied health workers	10:30 - 10:50
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Prof. Ayon Bhattacharjee	New dawn in the north-east	10:50 - 11:10
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COFFEE BREAK

Session V: Allied Health Professionals – Backbone of Modern Hospitals

Panel discussion	Roadblocks to making AHP an aspirational choice	11:25 - 12:10
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Special event - Suparna Pathak (Secretary), Subha Pathak (Treasurer), Foundation for Innovations in Health	Student recognition	12:15 - 12:45
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Felicitation by Suparna Pathak	CSR leadership team of various companies	12:45 - 13:00
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Session VI: Student Leadership – “Youth Create Change”

Special session	Recognising founder teachers of SFS	13:50 - 14:15
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Spotlight: Kalimpong	Youth from the hills I (Ranjana)	14:20 - 14:35
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Spotlight: Meghalaya	Youth from the hills II (Sucy and Jubanjelyne)	14:35 - 14:50
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Thoughtshop Foundation (Resilience & Women)	Himalini Verma & Students stories	14:50 - 15:10
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Jabala Action Research (Resilience & Women)	Dr. Durba Bandyopadhyay & Students stories	15:10 - 15:30
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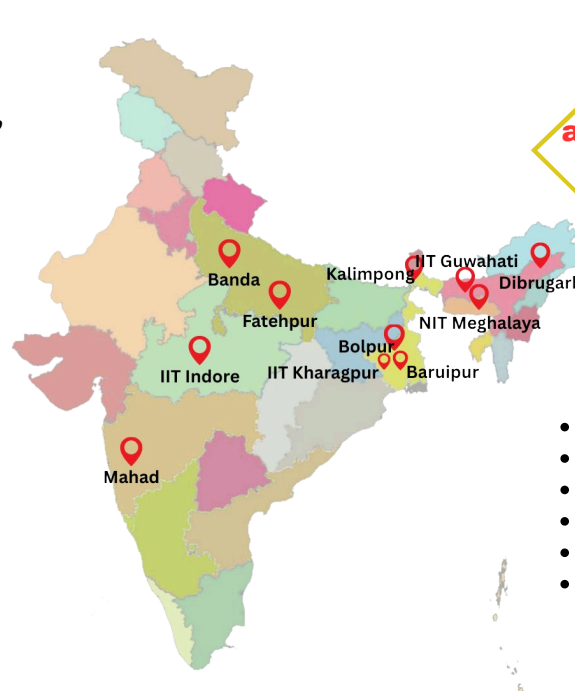
Closing session

Dr. Bibaswan Basu, Board member, Foundation for Innovations in Health	Conference Resolution	15:30 - 15:50
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Aritra Chatterjee	Vote of Thanks	15:50 - 16:00
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HIGHLIGHTS OF SFS

- Founded by experienced medical professionals
- Expert faculty across healthcare, life sciences, nursing, IT and communication
- Own multilingual study material for inclusive learning
- Engaging and immersive learning environment
- Strong focus on job-readiness and practical skills
- 65% of our students are girls
- 70% students are from low-income families
- Proven pathways to high employment opportunities



**Our students
are placed across
80+ hospitals
all over India**

- Meghalaya
- Assam
- West Bengal
- Uttar Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh
- Maharashtra

Key Speakers



Arvind Jain



Sris Chatterjee



Maziar Zarreparvour



Eric Ju Yoon Kim



Richa Singh Debgupta

Founder Teachers



Dr. Suchismita Bhaumik



Dr. Durba Bandyopadhyay



Dr. Jaydip Bhaumik



Dr. Sanjay Bhattacharjee

Dignity Speaks:

SFS works in close collaboration with **Thoughtshop Foundation and Jabala**. Youths (girls), many of whom have endured abuse or other forms of severe deprivation, are trained in SFS for subsequent employment and entry into productive female workforce in the health sector.

This conference will showcase **“Delivering Opportunities through Touch,” (DOT)** a transformative initiative that unlocks employment, promotes health, restores dignity and reshapes the lives of visually impaired youth through cutting-edge technology.

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