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Summit on Outcomes: SPARC Project P2595

19 February 2026 | Symbiosis Law School, Pune (Hybrid Mode)

Symbiosis Law School, Pune (SLS Pune), a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), will host the Summit on Outcomes of the SPARC Project titled “Legal and Ethical Framework for the Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Healthcare Sector with Special Reference to Patient Safety” on 19 February 2026. The Summit will be conducted in Hybrid Mode, enabling participation both on-campus and online. Awarded under the Ministry of Education’s SPARC initiative through IIT Kharagpur, the project seeks to develop comprehensive legal, ethical, and policy frameworks for safe AI integration in healthcare systems.

The Summit will commence with ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries on the dais. **Dr. Shashikala Gurpur**, Fulbright Scholar; Director, SLS Pune; Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU; Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC-LAMP); and Principal Investigator of the SPARC Project, will deliver the Welcome Address, highlighting project achievements and outcomes. She will later also present a session on Patient Safety and the ELSI Framework and deliver the Concluding Remarks. The Summit will also share key survey data collected under the SPARC Project, highlighting stakeholder perceptions, regulatory gaps, and challenges in AI adoption within healthcare. These data form a foundational input for the project’s policy recommendations. Select case studies developed under the project will illustrate real-world ethical, legal, and patient safety implications of AI technologies in healthcare settings.

The Summit brings together leading international experts who have collaborated closely on the SPARC project. **Dr. Henricus Verhagen**, Professor in the Department of Computer and Systems Sciences, Stockholm University, and International Co-PI, will speak on the Current Status of the Use of AI in Healthcare. **Dr. Angelica Bonfanti**, Associate Professor at the University of Milan and International Co-PI, will deliver a session on WHO’s Global Guidelines on Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare (2021–2024). **Dr. Chiara Ragni**, Professor of International Law at the University of Milan and International Co-PI, will address Ethical Dimensions of AI and Human Rights. **Dr. Claes Granmar**, Associate Professor of Law at Stockholm University and International PI under the SPARC Project, will present an overview of the European Union’s Legal and Regulatory Framework for AI Deployment in Healthcare.

Prominent national experts will contribute to the policy-focused deliberations. **Dr. Jitender Sodhi**, Associate Professor, Department of Hospital Administration, AIIMS Delhi, will speak on the Potential

of AI in Enhancing Accessibility, Affordability, and Adaptability in Healthcare. **Prof. Dr. Arun Jamkar**, renowned surgeon; Former Vice Chancellor, MUHS; Distinguished Professor at SMCW & SUHRC, SIU; Vice President IEEE EMBS Pune Chapter; Founder Director and President of i4C; and Chief Medical Officer at Indx Technology, iNDX.Ai, will deliver a session on Patient Safety and Rights of Patients in the Age of AI. Additionally, SLS Pune faculty members Dr. Rupal Rautdesai, Dr. Raj Varma, and Dr. Atmaram Shelke will present an Overview of India's Legal and Regulatory Framework for AI Deployment in Healthcare.

The Summit will also feature practitioner-oriented insights through Case Studies and Best Practices, presented by Dr. Amol Sapatnekar, Ms. Sahiti Vojjala, and Ms. Anushka Sahu of SLS Pune. A critical reflection segment will follow, featuring the video "Strokes, Punctured Skull," produced by Breaking Point News (Krystal and Saagar) and based on a Reuters investigation highlighting real-world harms linked to AI-enabled medical devices. The Summit has attracted participation from over 200 registered attendees, representing diverse academic and professional communities across India, Sweden, and Italy. This strong international presence underscores the global relevance of the project and the collaborative spirit driving its outcomes. The event will conclude with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Aparajita Mohanty, Professor and Deputy Director, SLS Pune.