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## SUICIDE UPDATE 2026

DATES:  
26<sup>TH</sup>-28<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2026

VENUE:  
TAJ COROMANDEL



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**JOIN US FOR A LANDMARK NATIONAL EVENT  
DEDICATED TO SUICIDE PREVENTION,  
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS,  
AND COMPASSIONATE CARE**

## **AS WE CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF SNEHA'S JOURNEY**

Since 1986, SNEHA has been a trusted space for individuals in emotional distress. This event is a tribute to every volunteer, listener, partner, and person impacted over the past 40 years. We stand as a Link with Life and invite you to be part of this legacy.

### **CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Scientific Sessions by Eminent Speakers
- Panel Discussions on Policy, Media & Mental Health
- Pre-conference Workshops
- Commemorative 40-Year Celebration of SNEHA
- Interactive Exhibitions & Partner Booths

### **WHY ATTEND?**

- Engage with leading experts in suicide prevention and mental health.
- Participate in cutting-edge workshops and training sessions.



## FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

SNEHA is an NGO established in 1986 specifically to work in the field of suicide prevention. SNEHA is run by volunteers and provides emotional support to the distressed, depressed and suicidal, 365 days a year.

SNEHA is involved in creating awareness about suicide prevention at the local and national levels and also actively engaged in community-based interventions to prevent suicides, both in urban and rural areas.

SNEHA completes 40 years of service in 2026. This milestone is not just a marker of time, but a reflection of four decades of unwavering commitment, tireless service, and collective impact.

SNEHA has successfully conducted multiple conferences, including suicide updates in the years 2016 and 2019, which were hugely appreciated by mental health professionals.

SNEHA is happy to announce the next edition of the Suicide Update, scheduled from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 at Hotel Taj Coromandel, Chennai. This programme is conducted under the aegis of the Indian Psychiatric Society, International Association for Suicide Prevention and National Human Rights Commission.

This suicide update will be conducted by leading researchers, clinicians and experts on suicide from around the world and India. It aims to provide participants an insight into the current research on suicide and its prevention. It will enhance the knowledge and skills of all mental health professionals. A pre-conference workshop is also scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

We look forward to your active participation and valuable contributions in making SNEHA Suicide Update 2026 a grand success.

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# ABSTRACT

## POSTERS

- We invite abstracts for poster presentation which can be submitted only online.
- Abstract deadline for poster presentation is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.
- Best posters will be awarded.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Abstract submissions will be accepted only through the online portal.
- The content must be the original work of the author and should not be plagiarized
- Abstracts must demonstrate a sound scientific methodology, with clear results or outcomes.
- The work should have expected scientific merit and relevance.
- The presenting author must be listed as the primary author.
- Display Format: 42" LCD screen (landscape orientation)
- Aspect Ratio: 16:9
- File Format: PowerPoint (.PPT)
- File Size: 5-10 MB
- Number of Slides: One (1) only
- Not Allowed: Animations, videos, or sound
- Content Structure: Introduction, Aim, Methods, Results, Conclusion, Acknowledgements
- Posters should be brief, self-explanatory, and well-organized.



## FEE STRUCTURE FOR SUICIDE UPDATE (26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026)

Registration	Upto 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025	Upto 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2026	From 01 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2026
Practitioners	₹ 8,850	₹ 11,800	₹ 14,750
Students / Volunteers	₹ 5,900	₹ 8,850	₹ 10,620
International delegate	\$ 225	\$ 250	\$ 300
Accompanying persons	₹ 5,900	₹ 8,850	₹ 10,620

Registration for the accompanying person can be done only through delegate registration. Please note that accompanying persons are not eligible for kit bags and certificates.

## PRE- CONFERENCE WORKSHOP (25<sup>th</sup> February, 2026)

Please note that conference registration is mandatory to attend the workshop. Pre-conference Workshop participation is complimentary only for registered conference delegates. So kindly confirm your slots when you register.

Registration for participation in the workshop is open to volunteers, professionals, and crisis-line workers. Participation is limited to 75 only.

### **Cancellation Policy**

All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to the Conference Secretariat via email at: [info@snehasuicideupdate2026.com](mailto:info@snehasuicideupdate2026.com)

Refunds will be processed as per the following schedule:

- Up to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2025: 75% of the registration fee will be refunded
- Up to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2025: 50% of the registration fee will be refunded
- From 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2025 onwards: No refund will be provided
- All refunds will be processed within 15 days after the conclusion of the conference, in accordance with the above policy.



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