



**40th ANNUAL MEETING OF SOCIETY FOR NEUROCHEMISTRY
INDIA (SNCI)**

**&
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
“INTEGRATIVE NEUROCHEMISTRY:
NEUROINFORMATICS AND
THERAPEUTICS”**



PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 21st - 23rd September 2026

CONFERENCE 24th – 26th September 2026

**ORGANIZED BY
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ABOUT PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY

Pondicherry University is a central university established in 1985, located in Puducherry. It is accredited "A+" by the NAAC, reflecting its high standards in education and research. The university comprises 14 schools and around 52 departments (spread across campuses in Puducherry, Karaikal, Port Blair (Sri Vijaya Puram) and Mahe and over 10,000 students across UG, PG and doctoral programs. Pondicherry University emphasizes research enriched education. The University faculty are engaged in cutting edge research and development collaborating with top ranking Universities and Institutions nationally and globally. The high impact publications and ability to attract competitive grants attests the quality of research. In recent years University has undertaken a concerted effort to build a green campus that reflects its commitment to sustainability and responsible environmental resource management. The University is active in outreach. It hosts a Community college, Community radio, and many other initiatives in this line. <https://www.pondiuni.edu.in/>

ABOUT SOCIETY FOR NEUROCHEMISTRY

SNCI was established in 1979 with an essential goal of promoting and understanding neurochemistry through discussion and training. Keeping this goal in mind, SNCI has been organizing Annual Meetings consisting of National and International Conferences and Workshops. These meetings have received worldwide attention and the attendees have included leading experts from around the world related to the field of neurochemistry and allied fields. In addition, past speakers have presented their latest scientific works which have been attended by a wide variety of audience. Further, past attendees have been able to exchange ideas, discuss current developments and create potential collaboration at these meetings. <https://snci.co.in/>

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

The Pre-Conference Workshop focuses on advanced computational approaches for target identification and drug discovery in neurological research. The workshop introduces participants to the application of artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques for analyzing biological data and identifying potential therapeutic targets. It also covers protein three-dimensional structure prediction methods and their role in understanding molecular function. In addition, participants will gain insights into high throughput virtual screening and molecular docking studies for lead identification against target proteins. The session is designed to provide both conceptual understanding and practical exposure to modern computational tools used in neuroinformatics and structurebased drug discovery. <https://bicpu.edu.in/sncicon2026/home/>

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The International Conference on "Integrative Neurochemistry: Neuroinformatics and Therapeutics" aims to bring together researchers, clinicians, and industry experts to discuss advances in neurochemistry and its integration with computational and translational approaches. The conference will focus on molecular mechanisms of neurological disorders and the application of neuroinformatics and AI in therapeutic discovery, fostering interdisciplinary collaborations and knowledge exchange. This conference provides opportunity for the young scholars to interact with the renowned scientists in the country and abroad. The senior neuroscientists will be honored with the life time achievement and oration awards and young scholars are encouraged with the awards.

WHO CAN ATTEND

Students currently pursuing Masters, Ph.D., Post-doctoral and Young Faculty Members in the life sciences or any other related disciplines at Government Universities, Colleges or private academic institutions, and Industries are eligible to apply. The number of participants for the programme will be limited. The selection of the candidates will be made by the committee as per SNCI guidelines.

THEMES

Integrative Neurochemistry: Neuroinformatics and Therapeutics

SUB-THEMES

1. Neuroinfections
2. Neuro degeneration and Neuro regeneration
3. Neuroinformatics, gene regulation and therapeutics
4. Mechanism Brain tumors and therapeutics using nanoformulations
5. Neuroregeneration, Brain Plasticity and Synaptic Function
6. Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology
7. Developmental Neurobiology
8. Mental Health and Psychobehavioral Challenges
9. Neurochemical basis of Behaviour
10. Neurochemical Networks, Systems Neuroscience (Computational Approaches)
11. Neuroscience and Artificial Intelligence
12. Neurogenetics, Hereditary and Rare Neurological Diseases
13. Gut- brain axis and repair mechanisms
14. Neuroimmunology
15. Neuropharmacology, Toxicology, Addiction, and Substance use disorders
16. Sleep and Biological Rhythms
17. Brain Ageing and Cognitive Neurobiology
18. Traditional Indian medicine and neurological diseases (Ayurveda, Siddha Homeopathy, Unani)
19. Behavioral Neuroscience and Cognitive, Emotional Resilience in Aging
20. Lifestyle, Nutrition and Neurochemical Modulation
21. Consciousness, Meditation, and Yogic Practices

SNCI Award Categories

Applications are invited under the following categories:

1. Suven Life Sciences Pharma Award (Poster presentation for the students and scholars)
2. Dr. G.M. Taori Memorial Award (Oral presentation for the scholars below 30 years)
3. Shri Akundi Narayana Murty Memorial Medal – (Early Career Scientists, above 35 years and below 45 years)
4. Prof. Ch. Radhakrishna Murthy memorial award (Middle career faculty and scientists, above 45 years and below 55 years- by nomination)
5. Dr. B. Ramamurthy Oration (for neuro clinicians, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Neurochemistry, Neuro-psychiatry, Neuro-Virology- by nomination)
6. Prof. K. Subba Rao Oration Award – Senior Scientists – by nomination
7. Life Time Achievement Award of SNCI – Highest Honor – nomination by EC

About awards and eligibility criteria

1. Suven Life Sciences Pharma Award – Best Poster Presentation (by application)

For research scholars below 30 years

Membership: SNCI life member or annual member of the award year.

Restriction: Once received, cannot apply again.

Award: Rs. 2000 cash prize, memento & certificate.

2. Dr. G.M. Taori Memorial Award – Best Oral Presentation (by application)

For research scholars below 35 years.

Membership: SNCI life member or annual member of the award year.

Restriction: Once received, cannot apply again.

Award: Rs. 2000 cash prize, memento & certificate

3. Dr. B. Ramamurthy Oration (by nomination)

For clinicians and medical professionals from various fields of neurochemistry, neuroscience, neurology, neurosurgery, neurophysiology, neurovirology etc., contributed significantly for the research and/or teaching.

Both the nominee and the candidate must be the life members of SNCI.

Award: Oration recognition with citation.

4. Shri Akundi Narayana Murty Memorial Medal – Early Career Scientists: (by application)

Post-docs/early career faculty, below 45 years.

Recognizes significant contributions to neurochemistry/neuroscience research and training.

Membership: Must be SNCI life member.

Award: Medal & citation.

5. Prof. Ch. Radhakrishna Murthy memorial award (by application)

This award is for mid-career faculty and scientists of age above 45 years and below 55 years.

Membership: Both nominee and candidate must be SNCI life members.

6. Prof. K. Subba Rao Oration Award – Senior Scientists (by nomination)
SNCI life members with outstanding contributions to neurochemistry/neuroscience research and outreach.

Membership: Both nominee and candidate must be SNCI life members.

Award: Oration recognition with citation.

7. Life Time Achievement Award of SNCI – Highest Honor (by EC nomination)
Professors/ Scientists for pioneering discoveries, long-term contributions, and mentorship. Must be SNCI life member with outstanding impact in research, outreach, education and considerable contribution for the SNCI activities. Senior professors are considered.
Award: Lifetime recognition with citation.

Applicants must submit the following

- Completed application form
- Updated CV (with full list of publications and achievements)
- A short statement (max 1 page) highlighting the applicant's key contributions
- Supporting documents (soft copies of 5 key publications, patents, impact statements)
- Two letters of recommendation (preferably from supervisors for the poster and oral awards)
- Recent passport-size photograph

Important Dates

Deadline for Submission: 10th Aug 2026

Announcement of Results: Will be notified to the selected awardees through email.

Award Ceremony

During the 40th Annual meeting of Society for Neurochemistry, India (SNCI)
Pondicherry University- 2026, 24th to 26th September 2026.

Submission Details

All applications should be submitted via:

Email: snci@uohyd.ac.in; prakash@uohyd.ac.in; lakshmi@uohyd.ac.in

Selection Process

All applications will be reviewed by a panel of experts.

The decision of the award committee will be final.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for further information or verification.

Contact information

For queries or more details, contact:

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TOPICS COVERED IN THE PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

AI and ML applications and analysis for target identification Protein 3D structure prediction High-throughput screening for lead identification for the target protein using docking studies. Seats are limited to 50 on the basis of first-come, first-served.

Registration Fee for the workshop

Category	Fee
Faculty	₹4000
PhD Scholars/PG Students	₹2000

Note: Workshop participants are required to attend the conference compulsory by paying the conference registration fee

Important Dates (Pre-Conference workshop & Conference)

Last date of Abstract Submission : 10th August 2026

Last Date of Registration : 10th August 2026

Scan QR Code to more about the conference & Pre-Conference workshop and Follow the below link

<https://sncl.co.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/SNCL-Life-membership-form-2026.pdf>
to join the Society



REGISTRATION FEE

Category	Early Bird Registration 20 th July 2026	Late Registration 10 th Aug 2026	On-Site Registration
Indian Participants			
Members	₹ 4000	₹ 5000	₹ 6000
Non-Members Academia	₹ 5000	₹ 6000	₹ 7000
Industry	₹ 8000	₹ 9000	₹ 10000
PhD Scholars & Postdocs	₹ 3000	₹ 4000	₹ 5000
UG & PG Students	₹ 2000	₹ 3000	₹ 4000
International Participants			
Academia	\$ 200	\$ 250	\$ 300
Students	\$ 150	\$ 160	\$ 180
Industry	\$ 300	\$ 350	\$ 400

Note:

- The Registration fee includes participant kit and food coupon for three meals per day
- Accommodation charges are to be borne by the participant, please refer the website for accommodation details.

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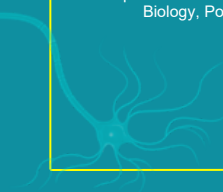
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ROUTE MAP

Via BYPASS

Chennai International Airport

16 km
~20-30 min
by local buses

Kilambakam

160 km
~4 hrs

Delhi, Hyderabad and Bangalore Airports only



Aéroport de Pondichéry



11 km
~25 mins
By cab or Auto



Chennai MGR Central Railway Station

Via ECR (East Coast Road)



~ 25 mins
by Metro

**CMBT Central Bus Stand
SETC, PRTC, TNSTC**



6 km
~ 20 min
by local bus or cab

via
Quindy bus stop



Puducherry University Campus Bus Stop

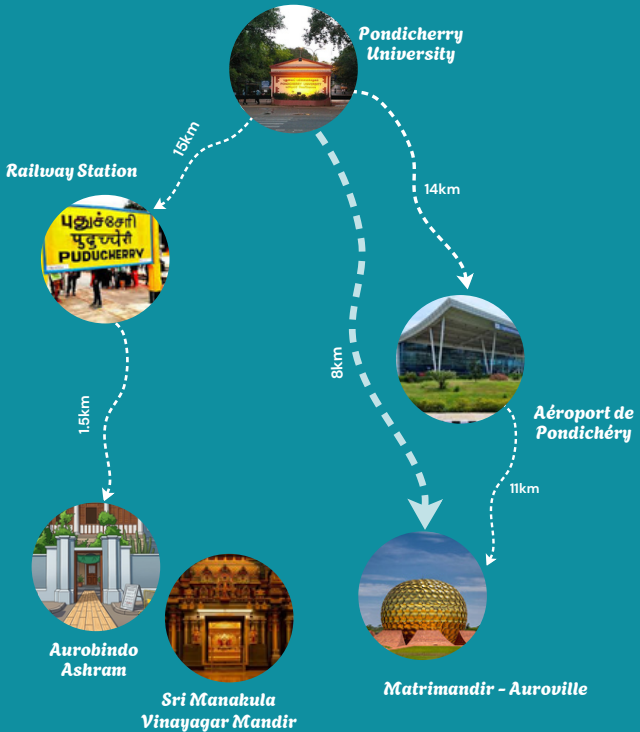
141 km
~3.30 hrs

Pondichéry Busstand

15 km
~40 mins
by cab or auto



ROUTE AND PLACES TO VISIT IN PUDUCHERRY



ABOUT PONDICHERRY

Pondicherry is also known as French Riviera of the East and the capital and most populous city of the Union Territory of Puduchery including Karaikal, Mahe, Yanam in India. Located on the southeast & west coast of India and surrounded by the Bay of Bengal to the east and Arabian sea to the west, Pondicherry is known for its culture, heritage and scenic beaches. The city is also known of the land of Sri Aurobindo and Shri Bharathiyar - both are freedom fighters and great philosophers. The *Matri Mandir* - a global attraction for meditation, is located in *Auroville*. Preserving the French architecture and culture made another reason to attract tourists to Pondicherry. The beach walk lined with multi-cuisine restaurants, especially with French touch, are another attraction of Pondicherry. With a pleasant weather in the month of September and a pollution free environment, Pondicherry is considered as a must-see place by many visitors.

