



Dr. Prem P. Talwar retired as Professor and Head of the Department of Statistics and Demography, NIHF. He worked as a Visiting Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi for a year. He was awarded several awards in recognition of his contributions in the areas of Statistics/Biostatistics, Demography, Health and Family Welfare.

A short listing of these recognitions -President of the Indian Society of Medical Statistics(1977 & 1978); Orator for Veda- Prakash Oration at the NIHF; Fellow, Society of Medical Society (FSMS) awarded by Indian Society of Medical Statistics India for high academic excellence in Medical Statistics at National and International levels; Consultant to Dental Council of India for National Oral Health Survey; Felicitated by Indian Association for Study of Population (IASP) India for outstanding contributions in the field of Population Studies (2008); George Simmons Memorial Oration by Indian Association for the Study of Population, India; awarded Life Time Achievement Award in Medical Statistics by ISMS; Published over 100 papers in national & international peer-reviewed journals/ books and written Ten books.

He worked for six years as an Adjunct Professor at the University of North Carolina, USA, teaching Biostatistics & supported research in Family Welfare Program related projects to in-service professionals from India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, & Maldives pursuing their M.P.H degree. Dr. Talwar has attained a high professional status among the National and International group of Demographers and Biostatisticians.

LIST OF PREVIOUS ORATIONS

S	DATE/ YEAR	TITLE	ORATOR (S)
1	28.03.22	"Epidemiological transition and impact of government programs: lessons from three (Rural, Per-urban and Tribal) Demographic Surveillance Sites of India"	Prof. (Dr.) N.K. Arora, Executive Director, The INCLIN Trust (Intn.) and Chairman, National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI)
2	26.04.23	'India's COVID-19 Vaccine Story'	Prof. Vinod K. Paul Member, National Institution for Transforming India, The NITI Aayog.
3	11.09.24	Anaemia Control programme: Role of National Surveys	Dr. Prema Ramachandran Director of Nutrition Foundation of India



4th Prof. P.P. Talwar Oration on Adolescent health – Have we done enough?

By
Dr. Sunil Mehra

Executive Director

MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child
Wednesday, the August, 13th 2025 at 3.00 P.M.



The Programme will be presided over by

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Venue: NIHF, Auditorium, Teaching Block

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Programme overleaf



ABOUT THE ORATOR



Dr. Sunil Mehra, MD (Paediatrics), a clinical fellow from the Institute of Child Health, UK, engaged in paediatrics clinical practice for over four decades. He is the founder of MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child (MAMTA), a pioneering organization in public health and development. Under his leadership, MAMTA has evolved into an internationally recognized institution, providing strategic and technical support on adolescent, maternal, and child health across South and Southeast Asia.

His expertise spans key areas such as adolescent health and development, maternal and child health, and HIV/AIDS. In October 2017, MAMTA—under Dr. Mehra’s stewardship—hosted the largest-ever International Congress on Adolescent Health in New Delhi, India, marking a significant milestone in domain of global youth health. At the global level, he served on multiple WHO committees, including the Technical Steering Committee on Child and Adolescent Health (2003–2005), the Strategic Technical Advisory Committee for the HIV and AIDS Department (2007–2009), and the Expert Consultative Group on Adolescent Health and Well-Being Measurement (2022). He is a designated expert for the GAMA Initiative Advisory Group under WHO’s HRP Department and was a member of the International Prevention Reference Group of UNAIDS (2010–2011) as well as the Regional Expert Group on Preconception Care for WHO SEARO (2013). Nationally, Dr. Mehra has played a pivotal role as the convener and professional designate of the Working Group on Gender, Adolescent, Youth and Children for both Phase III and IV of the National AIDS Control Programme (2006–2007 & 2011–2012), and contributed to the design and rollout of the National Adolescents health programmes, while strengthening State Level implementation.

In 2019, Dr. Sunil Mehra was conferred with the Royal Order of the Seraphim and the Royal Order of the Polar Star by Their Majesties, the King and Queen of Sweden, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to public health and his pivotal role in advancing Indo-Swedish collaboration. Dr. Mehra has authored and edited numerous research papers, working documents, reports, and books focused on adolescent and youth reproductive and sexual health and rights, as well as HIV/AIDS.

Director and Staff Members of
The National Institute of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi
request with pleasure of your company on the occasion of

Fourth Prof P.P Talwar Oration

13th August, 2025 at 3.00 PM

Venue: Auditorium, Teaching Block, NIHFW

Programme Schedule		
03.00-03.10 PM	Green Welcome & Address by Director	Director, NIHFW
03.10 – 03.15 PM	About Prof. P.P. Talwar	Prof. V.K. Tiwari Dean of Studies
03.15- 03.20 PM	Remarks on the Oration	Prof. P.P. Talwar
03.20- 03.30 PM	About the Orator	Dr. S. Arvind (MD Student)
03.30- 04.15 PM	Adolescent health – Have we done enough?	Dr. Sunil Mehra, MD Founder, MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child
04.15- 04.25 PM	Presentation of Award & Memento	Director, NIHFW
04.25 -04.30 PM	Vote of Thanks	MD (Final Yr. student)
04.30 PM onwards	Refreshments in the Cafeteria I & II	