

SCHEDULE – Day 1

Fri, 05th Dec 2025

08:30 am – 09:30 am

Registration

Lobby on Ground Floor

Yellapragada Subbarao Auditorium  
Level -2 | Lead > Transform

Hall A: Caregiver Sessions  
Level -1 | Empower > Act

Hall B: Care Provider Sessions  
Level -2 | Implement > Scale

09:30 am – 10:15 am

Plenary Keynote: Building Dementia Inclusive Mental Health System

Chair: Radha S Murthy | Co Chair: Iracema Leroi

The Canadian Path from Policy to Practice – Renuka Prasad

Integrating Dementia into India's Public Health System – Rajinder K Dhamija

10:15 am – 11:45 am

The Landscape of Dementias

Chair: Vengamma Bhuma

Alzheimer's Disease – G Butchi Raju

Young Onset and Atypical AD – Venkateswarlu Kolichana

Frontotemporal Dementia – G Kishore Babu

Treatable Dementias – Madhusudana Babu

Vascular Dementias – K Satya Rao

Minimal Cognitive Deficit – Kota Suresh Kumar

10:15 am – 11:45 am

Dementia-Friendly Ecosystem

Building Dementia-Friendly Primary Health Clinics, Hospitals, Public Spaces – A Scalable Model

Moderator: Pretesh Kiran

Prem Narasimhan

Srikala Bharath

Anu KN

11:45 am – 01:15 pm

Recent Updates Symposium

Chair: Bhuvaneswaran

MCI – S Gopi

Biomarkers in Dementia – Sateesh Kumar T

Recent Advances on Management of Dementia

– PSSV Haritha

Emerging Drug Therapies in Management of Dementia – Akella Krishna Sowmya

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Kranthi Swaroop Kuma

11:45 am – 01:15 pm

Workshop:

What I still have not what I have Lost –

Reframing the Softer Side of Dementia Care –

Kachina Chawla, Beth Nolan

11:45 am – 01:15 pm

Closed Room Session

SABHI – Leadership Training for Brain Health: South Asia and the World  
An Initiative of GBHI, NIMHANS and DIA

Chair: Mathew Varghese

Iracema Leroi

PT Sivakumar

Ramani Sundaram

01:15 pm – 02:00 pm

Lunch & Networking

Lunch at Auditorium Annex in Level -2 and Central Courtyard in Level -1  
Poster Presentation in Level -2 | Exhibitor Stalls in Level -2

02:00 pm – 03:00 pm

Emerging Trends Plenary

Chair: Venkateswarlu Kolichana

Emerging Alzheimer's Treatment –

Vengamma Bhumma

Dementia Services in India – Current Status

and Future Needs – Sridhar Vaitheswaran

DemSupport: A Post-Diagnostic Dementia Support

Initiative by NIMHANS and DIA – PT Sivakumar

02:00 pm – 03:00 pm

Workshop:

Care for Caregivers Through Cultivating Compassion and Resilience: Mindfulness Practices for Caregivers of Individuals with Dementia – Aruna Sri Sikha

Caring for Caregiver – Exercise Based Approach –

Nisha Ramachandran

02:00 pm – 03:00 pm

Workshop:

Workshop for Physiotherapy Students – Mahima Dani

Role of Physiotherapy intervention in Dementia – Pavan Kumar

03:00 pm – 04:00 pm

Inaugural Session

04:00 pm – 04:30 pm

Tea & Networking

Refreshments at Auditorium Annex in Level -2 and Central Courtyard in Level -1

04:30 pm – 05:30 pm

Assessments for Dementia

Chair: Rekha Dutt

Neurological – Anuradha N

Psychiatric – NN Raju

Caregiver-Based – Abhishek R

Cognitive Assessments at MOSJE Old Age Homes:

Insights and Outcomes – Priya Rose KJ

04:30 pm – 05:30 pm

Symposium: Co-morbidities in Dementia

Chair: K Satya Rao

Implementing Cognitive Screening in a

Tertiary Diabetes Specialty Centre – Uthra SC Bose

Cardiovascular Diseases and Dementia – P Ramana Rao

Managing comorbidities through Ayurveda –

Rakesh Nair

04:30 pm – 05:30 pm

Symposium: Technologies for Dementia

Chair: Pavithra Gangadharan

Improvement in Cognitive Performance with Brain Training Games: Impact of Age and Practice – Sumiti Saharan

Enhancing Access to Dementia Care

through Technology-Based Interventions

Using the CT App – SP Goswami

ECHO Tele-mentoring Model for

Capacity Building – Sandeep Bhalla

# SCHEDULE – Day 2

## Sat, 06th Dec 2025

**Yellapragada Subbarao Auditorium**  
Level -2 | **Lead > Transform**

08:00 am – 09:00 am  
**Paper Presentations**  
Chair: Prabha Adhikari

09:00 am – 10:00 am  
**Symposium: Multidimensional Approaches to Dementia**  
Chair: Pretesh Kiran  
**Autonomic Dysfunction and Behavioural Symptoms in Dementia: Toward a Neurovisceral Framework** – Sravani G  
**Frailty and Dementia: The Silent Collision** – Mahima Dani  
**Integrative Genetic–Exosomal–Digital Twin Framework for Early Detection and Continuum Mapping in AD** – Venkata SM

10:00 am – 10:45 am  
**Cohort Studies in Ageing**  
Chair: Renuka Prasad  
**Findings from LASI–DAD Study – Newer Insights on Dementia Research in India** – Mathew Varghese, Pranali K, Joyita Banerjee  
**CBR–SANS COG and CBR–TL SA cohorts: Update on Recent Findings** – Jonas S Sundarakumar

10:45 am – 11:30 am  
**Public Function**

11:30 am – 12:00 noon  
**Coffee & Networking**

12:00 noon – 01:30 pm  
**Geriatric Medicine Symposium**  
Chair: NN Raju  
**Vascular Dementia & Response to Pramipexole** – Prabha Adhikari  
**Polypharmacy and Deprescribing in Geriatric Patients with Cognitive Impairment** – Dharshitha Varigonda  
**Dementia care Paradigm** – Prem Narasimhan  
**Cancer and Cognition** – Anupa Pillai  
**Rehabilitation Strategies for Elderly with Dementia** – Steve Paul  
**Decade Of Dementia Care – Still Connecting The Dots!** – Anand P Ambali

01:30 pm – 02:15 pm  
**Lunch & Networking**

02:15 pm – 03:45 pm  
**Panel Discussion: Palliative care in Dementia**  
Chair: NS Raju  
Nandini Vallath, Roop Gursahani, Seema Rao, Vidya Viswanath

03:45 pm – 04:30 pm  
**Dementia- Policy, Advocacy and Rights**  
Moderator: Srikala Bharath  
**Legal Perspective of Euthanasia: Emerging Trends** – R Venkata Rao  
**Strategic Dovetailing of holistic Dementia Care into India's Health and Elder Care Policies** – Renu Vohra  
**Dementia Care in India: A Policy Report** – Pranathi Ramachandra

04:30 pm – 05:30 pm  
**Symposium: Community Approach to Dementia Care**  
Chair: Sridhar Vaitheswaran  
**Dementia in Community Settings: A Perspective** – Manoj Kumar  
**Dementia Screening & Care in Rural and Urban Underprivileged Areas in India – Challenges and Potential Solutions** – Pretesh K  
**National Dementia Support Line (NDSL): Patterns of Use, Reach, and Impact** – Vaishnavi Karnik  
**Caregiver Support Group: Insights from DIA** – Hema Palakodeti

**Hall A: Caregiver Sessions**  
Level -1 | **Empower > Act**

08:00 am – 09:00 am  
**Paper Presentations**  
Chair: Nidhi Mishra

09:00 am – 10:00 am  
**Symposium: Psychosocial Management in Dementia**  
Chair: Nilanjana Maulik  
**From Burnout to Balance: Practical Strategies for Managing Caregiver Stress** – Ravi Soni  
**Approach to Communication, Activities & Environment** – Ravikanth K  
**Expressive and Emotion–Based Therapies in Dementia Care** – Nidhi M  
**Aggression in Dementia Form Models to Management** – Anusha N

10:00 am – 10:45 am  
**Workshop for Professional Caregivers**  
**Building Emotional Intelligence for Dementia Care: Skills for Professionals and Family Caregivers** – Nilanjana Maulik

Refreshments at Auditorium Annex in Level -2 and Central Courtyard in Level -1

12:00 noon – 01:30 pm  
**RRTC Ageing Workshop**  
**Exclusively for Representatives of Old Age Homes**

Lunch at Auditorium Annex in Level -2 and Central Courtyard in Level -1  
Poster Presentation in Level -2 | Exhibitor Stalls in Level -2

02:15 pm – 03:45 pm  
**Workshop: Care for Caregivers**  
N Vyjaaynthi Venkataramu

04:30 pm – 05:30 pm  
**Symposium: Strategies in Dementia Care: Perspectives from Multi-Disciplinary Team**  
Chair: Kota Suresh Kumar  
**Communication, Speech, & Language in Dementia** – Anusha A  
**Reclaiming Moments of Mind: Cognitive Stimulation in Dementia Care within the Indian Context** – Tanvi Mallya  
**Food, Nutrition and Safe Feeding Practices in Dementia** – Shweta Iyer  
**Bridging Care Gaps: Social worker Approach** – Rachita Rao

**Hall B: Care Provider Sessions**  
Level -2 | **Implement > Scale**

08:00 am – 09:00 am  
**Paper Presentations**  
Chair: S Gopi

09:00 am – 10:45 am  
**Livelihood & Dementia**  
**A DIA and UWM Initiative (Invite only)**  
Shailesh Wagle  
Shreya Parashar  
Adil Qureishi

12:00 noon – 12:45 pm  
**Workshop: Differentiating Dementia from Pseudodementia**  
Malladi Srinivasa Sastry

12:45 pm – 01:30 pm  
**Workshop: Nursing Students- Compassion in Action**  
Sr Hanife MacGamwell

02:15 pm – 03:45 pm  
**Symposium: Care providers**  
Chair: S Premkumar Raja  
**Best Practices in Residential Dementia Care** – Neha Sinha  
**Impact of 24×7 Nurse Manager Access on Reducing Unwanted Hospital Visits** – Rahul Padmanabhan  
**DemClinic: From Community Screening to Clinical Care** – Chippy Sebastian  
**Dementia Care–giving Burden or Joy?** – Sailesh Mishra

03:45pm – 04:30 pm  
**Workshop for Psychology and Social Work Students**  
**Two Minds, One Journey: Understanding Mental Health in People Living with Dementia and Their Caregivers** – Tanvi Mallya