

# 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

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

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

## Dementiks.ai

Kranthi Swaroop Kuma

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

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

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## 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

## 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

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

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-SANSCOG and CBR-TLSA cohorts: Update on Recent Findings** - Jonas S Sundarakumar

10:45 am - 11:30 am

### Public Function

11:30 am - 12:00 noon

### Coffee & Networking

## 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

## 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

01:30 pm - 02:15 pm

### Lunch & Networking

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

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

12:00 noon - 01:30 pm

### RRTC Ageing Workshop

**Exclusively for Representatives of Old Age Homes**

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

01:30 pm - 02:15 pm

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

### Panel Discussion: Palliative care in Dementia

Chair: NS Raju

Nandini Vallath, Roop Gursahani, Seema Rao, Vidya Viswanath

02:15 pm - 03:45 pm

### Workshop: Care for Caregivers

N Vyjaaynthy Venkataramu

02:15 pm - 03:45 pm

### Symposium: Care providers

Chair: S Premkumar Raja

**Best Practices in Residential Dementia Care** - Neha Sinha  
**Impact of 24x7 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

03:45 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

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### Workshop for Psychology and Social Work Students

**Two Minds, One Journey: Understanding Mental Health in People Living with Dementia and Their Caregivers** - Tanvi Mallya

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

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### 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