

## Inauguration of AIOTA National Headquarter

April 20, 2018

AIOTA National Headquarter : 801, 8th Floor, Business Bay, Plot No. 51, Sector 1,  
Nerul, Navi Mumbai - 400706, Maharashtra, India



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### Recipients of AIOTA Awards during OTICON2018

Presented during inaugural function of OTICON'2018 on Feb. 16, 2018, at Nagpur

President AIOTA's Crown of OT Award



**Dr. Shashi Oberai**  
Navi Mumbai



**Dr. Jyothika Bijlani**  
Mumbai

AIOTA's Life Time Achievement Award



**Dr. M. G. Deo**  
Nagpur



**Dr. V.S. Thombre**  
Nagpur

AIOTA's Professional Excellence Award



**Dr. Vijay Suple**  
Canada



**Dr. Sunil Mokashi**  
Cuttack



**Dr. S.K. Meena**  
Jaipur

AIOTA's Young OT Achiever Award



**Dr. Lakshmanan S**  
Bangalore



**Dr. Shriharsh Jahagirdar**  
Mumbai



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## AIOTA NATIONAL HEAD QUARTER

MIT, Business Bay, Kamdhenu Residences, Plot No-51, Sector -1,  
Above NISSAN Show Room, Nerul, Navi Mumbai- 400706 (Near Jai Nagar, Bly. Station)  
Tel:- 022-27701801

On April 20, 2018 at 11.30 AM

Chief Guest: Hon'ble **SHRI GANESH NAIK**, Ex Guardian Minister, Thane  
Hon'ble **Shri Jayawant Sutar**, Mayor, Navi Mumbai will preside  
over the function in the gracious presence of  
**Dr. Ramesh Oza**, Former President of AIOTA

It will be great privilege for AIOTA to honor Dr. Madan S. Warhade &  
Dr. R.K. Sharma- Formerly President, Dr. I.R. Kenkre, Dr. V. S. Thombre, Dr. Anil Srivastava,  
Dr. Odette M. Gomes, Dr. Sunil P. Mokashi, Dr. Zarine D. Ferzanah, Dr. Shovan Saha and  
Dr. Pankaj Rajgar- formerly Hon. Secretary of AIOTA on this occasion.

**DR. ANIL K. SRIVASTAVA**  
President

**DR. SHASHI OBERAI**  
Vice President

**DR. SATISH S. MASLEKAR**  
Hon. Secretary

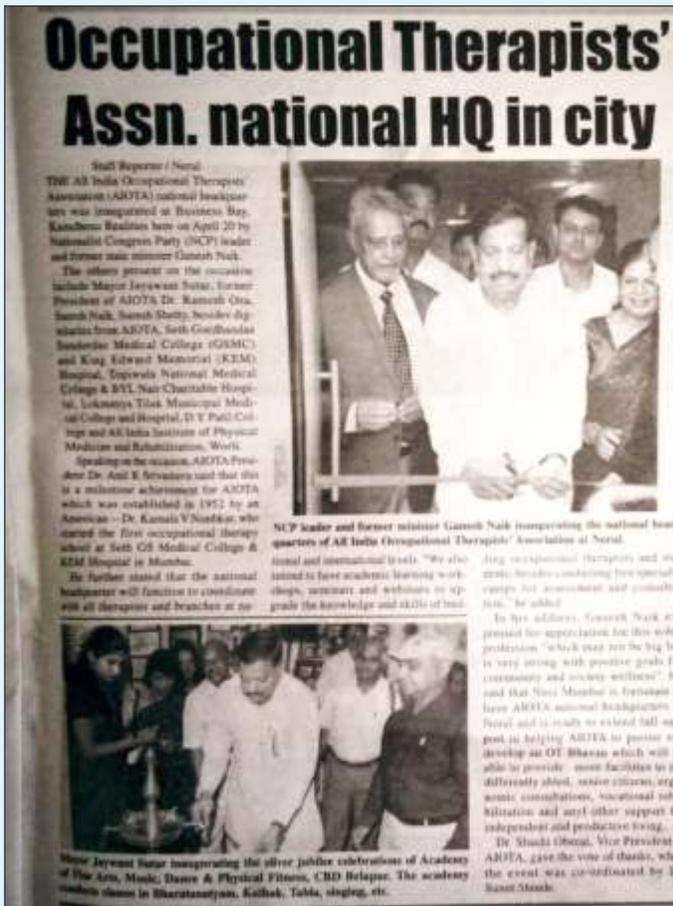


Dear Sir/Madam/Members of AIOTA,

President and Executive Committee of  
All India Occupational Therapists'  
Association cordially invite you to the  
**Inaugural Function of AIOTA National  
Headquarter at Nerul, Navi Mumbai on  
April 20, 2018, at 11.30 AM.** The official  
Invite is attached carrying necessary  
details.

Kindly confirm your valued presence to  
Vice President AIOTA Dr. Shashi Oberai  
on <shashioberai@gmail.com> and oblige





### Academic & Professional Activities in AIOTA National Headquarter after the Inaugural Function on April 20, 2018

- April 20:** Meeting of IJOT Board Members with officials of Wolters Kluwer/Medknow, Mumbai, to finalize the procedures & process for outsourcing the publication of IJOT, to an internationally acclaimed professional & Commercial Publishing House.
- April 20:** Meeting of President AIOTA, Dean ACOT, AIOTA and EC members with Senior Manager - Clinical Assessment Pearson Clinical and Talent Assessment, Bangalore for training programs to promote learning.
- April 20-21:** AIOTA EC Meeting
- April 22-25:** First Annual Intensive Live and Webinar COTE by AIOTA/ACOT on 'Science and Ethics of Research Methodology & Art of Writing Research' with national & international resource faculties of repute
- May 14:** Live & Webinar on 'AIOTA/ACOT/IJOT Vision & Mission' presented by Vice President, Dean ACOT & Associate Editor IJOT respectively, followed with 'Health Conditions in Children & Adolescents' with resource faculties from USA and New Zealand.
- Sept 25- 29:** Inaugural week of 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 9 months duration Fellowship in 'Advanced OT on Neuro Rehabilitation' organized by AIOTA/ACOT.
- Oct. 29:** Meeting of President & Vice President AIOTA and Dean ACOT with HR & HOD of Neurorehab of Jupiter Hospital, Mumbai, regarding PG Certificate course on Neuro-Rehabilitation for members of AIOTA.
- Oct. 30:** World OT Day and AIOTA's OTIndia Month Celebration- by arranging Walkathon, Drawing & Panting Competition for Special Children and an Interactive Session for regular and special school principals, psychologists, and special educators on the role of OT in a school set up.



AIOTA gratefully acknowledge the valuable contributions from AIOTA Executive Committee and Members of AIOTA for conducting the academic activities in newly furnished AIOTA National Headquarter at Nerul Navi Mumbai during the GB Meeting at Nagpur on Feb. 17, 2018.

**AIOTA Executive Officials:**

- Dr. Anil K. Srivastava, President - Rs. 11,000.00
- Dr. Shashi Oberai, Vice President - Rs. 10,000.00
- Dr. Satish S. Maslekar, Hon. Secretary - Rs. 10,000.00
- Dr. Pratibha M. Vaidya, Hon. Treasurer - Rs. 10,000.00

**EC Members**

- Dr. R. K. Sharma, EC Member - Rs. 30,000.00
- Dr. S.K. Meena - Rs. 11,000.00
- Dr. Z.D. Ferzandi, Ex-Officio - Rs. 10,000.00
- Dr. A.K. Dwivedi - Rs. 10,000.00
- Dr. Neeraj Mishra - Rs. 10,001.00
- Dr. Joseph Sunny - Rs. 10,000.00
- Dr. Lalit Narayan - Rs. 10,000.00

**Dean ACOT**

- Dr. Jyothika Bijlani - Rs. 10,000.00 & 24" TV

**Members of AIOTA**

- Dr. Pankaj Bajpai, Kolkata - Rs. 75,000.00 (for LED Monitor)
- Dr. V.T. Sawlani, Hyderabad - Rs. 25,000.00
- Dr. Karthik Mani USA - Rs. 25,000.00
- Dr. Punita Solanki, Mumbai - Rs. 10,000.00
- Dr. Manjusha Vagal, Mumbai - Rs. 10,000.00
- Dr. M. M. Sangoi UK - Laptop
- Dr. Mahesh Kawle Chennai - Water Geyser.
- Dr. Raghu Ram, Chennai - Refrigerator.
- Dr. Ilavaja Jagan, Pudducherry - Water Filter.
- Dr. Shriharsh Jahagirdar, Mumbai - Microwave Owen

Members of AIOTA are very kindly requested to generously voluntarily donate to academically enrich the National Headquarter with more equipment. Contact Hon. Treasurer at [treasurer@aiota.org](mailto:treasurer@aiota.org) - President AIOTA



# All India Occupational Therapists' Association

Website : [www.aiota.org](http://www.aiota.org)

## AGENDA

**Dear Members,**

I am pleased to inform you that Annual General Body Meeting of AIOTA is scheduled on Feb. 9, 2019 along with OTICON-2019 (Feb. 8-10, 2019) at PGIMER, Chandigarh. On behalf of AIOTA Executive Committee, I invite you all for your active participation as per following program-

**OTICON'2019: The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of AIOTA-Feb. 8-10, 2019**

**Date of GB meeting- 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Venue-** Bhargva Auditorium, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh-160012

**Date and time-** 2.00 PM -5.00 PM

Kindly confirm your participation to the undersigned. You are requested to contact **Dr. Bhavinder Singh Suchdev**, Organizing Secretary, OTICON-2019 (Mob: +91 9893443437, Email: [suchdeva\\_oticon19@yahoo.com](mailto:suchdeva_oticon19@yahoo.com)) to get yourself registered for the conference and **Mr Rajeev Raj C/O R.S. Reliables** (Mob: + 91 99153 78677, Email- [rsreliables@gmail.com](mailto:rsreliables@gmail.com)) for requirement of your accommodation.

### **A. The Agenda**

1. Roll Call and Apologies
2. Opening Remarks by President of AIOTA
3. Confirmation of minutes of the last G.B. Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> feb. 2018.
4. Matters arising out of the minutes
5. Submission of Annual Reports (Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, WFOT delegate, Dean ACOT, Editor IJOT, Convener of Council Act Committee, Chairperson of Scientific Committee 2019, Organizing Secretary of OTICON 2019, Website Convener and Coordinator AIOTA Branches)
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. Constitutional Amendments if Any
8. Invitation for 57<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of AIOTA-2020
9. Any other Matters with the Permission of Chair

### **B-Discussion on the issues related to current professional issues**

- Allied & Healthcare Council Bill 2018
- Inclusion of OT's in Medical Board for Disability & SLD Certification
- Any other issues of professional significance

### **C-Vote of Thanks**

#### **Important-**

- 1) If at the scheduled time of the GB meeting, quorum is not complete, the meeting shall be adjourned and reconvened after 15 minutes for which no quorum shall be required.
- 2) Kindly note that, the matters that are submitted in written by members to the Hon. Secretary before the GB meeting, will only be taken up for discussion under the Agenda 9 'Any other matter'.

Thanking you,

With Warm regards,

**Dr. Satish S. Maslekar**

Hon. Secreatry,AIOTA.

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## THE WELCOME ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT IN G.B.MEETING OF AIOTA

I welcome the members in this annual GB Meeting of AIOTA at Nagpur.

I congratulate OT School & Center Government Medical College Nagpur and Nagpur Branch of AIOTA Org. Secretary Dr. Sofia Azad and the organizing team for hosting **OTICON'2018** as a mega event of OT's in India. I applaud them for this wonderful conference at Nagpur. Congratulations to Dr. Neeraj Mishra and his team of scientific program for superbly planned scientific itinerary. AIOTA is honored to provide its banner for holding its 55<sup>th</sup> National Conference on the much awaited grand occasion of Diamond Jubilee of OT School & Center, Government Medical College, Nagpur.

I feel excited and honored to inform you that AIOTA now owns an office on 8<sup>th</sup> Floor of Business Bay Nerul adjacent to Juhinagar railway station & Dr. D.Y. Patil University, Navi Mumbai The Office has the carpet area **61.08 Sq. Meter (657.60 Sq. Ft)** and Superbuilt area **75.10 Square Meter (808.37 Sq. Ft) with place for parking of one car. Cost of the office is 1, 18, 00000/-** Excluding Stamp duty and associated expenses.

I congratulate members of AIOTA, for this great achievement. I recall that having AIOTA its own office was jointly dreamt by me & Dr. R. K. Sharma EC Member and formerly President AIOTA about 15-16 years back. Since then it has been on EC Agenda very almost regularly. The dedication, hard work, personal resources and honest approach of our Vice President Dr. Shashi Oberai in the search of an appropriate place in commercial area and then its furnishing has been praiseworthy. To me it's a wonderful achievement and now we can further focus on developing an OT Bhawan in and around Mumbai with more area, with encouragement of you all. Vice President will brief you with more details.

As informed you earlier another great achievement of this year is acceptance of AIOTA request by the government for inclusion of OT in the Medical Board constituted for certification of SLD vide Gazette notification dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. This achievement would not have been possible without dedicated cooperation of Delhi Branch under the leadership of EC Members Dr. Lalit Narayan and Dr. Neeraj Mishra. Contribution of Dr. Harsh Vardhan, in providing necessary supportive documents, for strengthening of AIOTA representation is also noteworthy.

AIOTA has initiated to issue certification for seating ranges and other products for their ergonomic suitability after carrying out inspection. Certification for ergonomically designed seating range is being provided to the manufacturing firms of repute in India. The certifications issued after inspection of products on the basis of ergonomics and performance evaluation criteria laid down by AIOTA to Godrej Interio, Mumbai, Geeken Seating Collections, Gurgaon. Many more firms are approaching AIOTA for Ergonomic certification. The firms are also advised to appoint occupational therapist as ergonomic consultants in their set ups. AIOTA is now intending to launch post graduate certification course on Ergonomics soon with an aim to have a pool of OT's with specialization in practice areas in ergonomics in India.

A meeting was convened on request of Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India at Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 with stakeholders representing occupational therapy, physiotherapy and other health related professionals. Dr. R.K. Sharma and Dr. Lalit Narayan accompanied President AIOTA for this meeting. It was regarding the Database Portal for voluntary enrolment of allied and healthcare professionals, by uploading their personal and professional data into it. We strongly resented the structure of Database Software for Allied & Healthcare Professionals; it was suggested, that, there should be an independent database for occupational therapy and physiotherapy professions, instead of the existing one, which has clubbed these professions with large, heterogeneous group of health associated services. Though, on resentment of AIOTA, the ministry has made certain changes but are not agreeable and are up to our expectations. National HRH Cell has informed vide their letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018, that the portal has been launched formally by the Secretary, Health and Family Welfare (HFW), on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and can now be accessed through Ministry of HFW website which can be found out from AIOTA Website. :

Thanks to institutions and members for enthusiastically celebrating World OT Day and OTIndia Month on It certainly has helped in increasing the awareness of OT in fellow professionals and masses at large. I am happy to note that now the younger generations are opting to build their professional career as occupational therapists.

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**President AIOTA's Crown of OT Award:** was introduced in 2013 and is presented on discretion of President AIOTA from his personal funds. President AIOTA has chosen Dr. Shashi Oberai Vice President AIOTA for her dedicated efforts in providing AIOTA, an office in Navi Mumbai and fulfilling our dream and also for her sustained cooperation in furtherance of AIOTA activities since past many years. Dr. Jyothika Bijlani Dean ACOT is also chosen for this prestigious honor for her tremendous efforts in turning ACOT into a real academic platform of AIOTA. Very successfully conducting 9 months duration Fellowship on NDD and no. of academic programs during her tenures is sincerely appreciable and hence deserved this honor.

**Life Time Achievement Award:** Vetrans Dr. M.G. Deo and formerly Hon. Secretary of AIOTA Dr. V.S. Thombre were presented with **Life Time Achievement Award** for their meticulous contributions to AIOTA.

**Professional Excellence Award:** Dr. Vijay Suple (Canada), Dr. Sunil Mokashi (Bhubaneswar) and Dr. S.K. Meena are the recipients of this valuable honor of AIOTA for their valuable contribution to OT and AIOTA.

**Young OT Achiever Award:** is introduced from 2017 to motivate young OTs for professional development in the country. Dr. Lakshmanan S (Bangalore) and Dr. Shriharsh Jahagirdar (Mumbai) have been selected for this award.

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Thank You

**Dr Anil K. Srivastava**  
President, AIOTA

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING Nagpur, 17 Feb. 2018

### The Highlights –

- 1) **AIOTA National Headquarter at Nerul, Navi Mumbai. A significant milestone in the history of AIOTA.**
- 2) **Occupational Therapists are also included as one of the signatory authorities in SLD certification**
- 3) **New fellowship program in Advanced OT has been successfully launched by ACOT.**
- 4) **Successful meeting was with Ministry of Health regarding Allied and Healthcare database and council.**
- 5) **Inception of Vijay Suple Trophy for Best Paper in Mental Health beginning from OTICON'2018, Nagpur.**
- 6) **OTICON'2019 at Chandigarh**

President AIOTA Dr. Anil Srivastava called the meeting to order and requested Dr. Maslekar, Hon. Secretary to proceed with the Agenda and circulate the Roll call.

### D) Roll call-

Sr no	Name	Designation	Place
1	Dr Anil K Srivastava	President	Lucknow
2	Dr Shashi Oberai	Vice President	Navi Mumbai
3	Dr Satish S. Maslekar	Hon. Secretary	Aurangabad
4	Dr Pratibha Vaidya	Hon. Treasurer	Mumbai
5	Dr Jyothika Bijlani	Dean ACOT	Mumbai
6	Dr Amitabh Dwivedi	E.C. Member	Jaipur
7	Dr Sunny Joseph	E.C. Member	Cochin
8	Dr S.K. Meena	E.C. Member	Jaipur
9	Dr Neeraj Mishra	E.C. Member	New Delhi
10	Dr R.K.Sharma	E.C. Member	Gurugram
11	Dr Lalitnarayan	E.C. Member	New Delhi

Apology was received from Ex Officio Dr. Zarine Ferzandi.

### Following members were present in the meeting.

Sr No	Name	Place	Sr No	Name	Place
1	Dr Anita Gupta	Mumbai	9	Dr Lakshmanan	Benglore
2	Dr Manjusha Vagal	Mumbai	10	Dr Punita Solanki	Mumbai
3	Dr Jayashree Kale	Mumbai	11	Dr Usha Thombre	Nagpur
4	Dr Veena Slaich	Delhi	12	Dr R, Ilavajagan	Chennai
5	Dr Mahesh Kawle	Kairaikal	13	Dr Shailaja Jayawant	Delhi
6	Dr Raghuram P.	Chennai	14	Dr Odette Gomes	Mumbai
7	Dr Kathik Mani	Chennai	15	Dr Deepa Sundareshwaran	Chennai
8	Dr S Shankar	Chennai	16	Dr Kamal Narayan Arya	Delhi
			17	Dr Vasant Thombre	Nagpur

Sr No	Name	Place	Sr No	Name	Place
19	Dr Prakash Kathe	Mumbai	53	Dr Raviraj Shetty	Mumbai
20	Dr Vijay Batra	New Delhi	54	Dr Sonam Shah	Mumbai
21	Dr Meenakshi Batra	New Delhi	55	Dr Vrushali Kulkarni	Mumbai
22	Dr Vijayalakshmi Bole	New Delhi	56	Dr Ashwini Dahat	Nagpur
23	Dr Reena Khupardi	Nagpur	57	Dr Sofia Azad	Nagpur
24	Dr Mohamed Zaheer	Chennai	58	Dr Vicky Mahakale	
25	Dr Deepa Singh	Nagpur	59	Dr Vaishali Katole	Nagpur
26	Dr Abhay Kumar Jaiswal	Patna	60	Dr Bharti	
27	Dr Animesh Manjhi		<b>Apologies were received from following AIOTA members.</b>		
28	Dr Deepak Asia	Nagpur	<b>Sr No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Place</b>
29	Dr Pankaj Bajpai	Kolkatta	1	Dr Sunita Kountarapu	Mumbai
30	Dr V.T. Sawlani	Nizamabad	2	Dr Seema Borkar	Mumbai
31	Dr Prakash P Ukey	Nagpur	3	Dr Varsha Pradhan	Mumbai
32	Dr Ramkrishanan	Pondechery	4	Dr Rohini More	Mumbai
33	Dr Nikhil Patel		5	Dr Shashikant Chandanshiv	Mumbai
34	Dr Brajesh Mishra	Anand	6	Dr Deepali Kenduilkar	Mumbai
35	Dr Deepak Ganjiwale	Anand	7	Dr Poornima Ralkar	Mumbai
36	Dr Santosh Kumar	Gurgaon	8	Dr Tripti Nikharge	Mumbai
37	Dr Jogindersingh Bhati	Delhi	9	Dr Varsha Shinde	Mumbai
38	Dr Arun Kishor	Delhi	10	Dr Heena N. Patel	Mumbai
39	Dr Alok Patil	Mumbai	11	Dr Karuna Nadkarni	Mumbai
40	Dr Sourabh phadake	Mumbai	12	Dr Snehal P Desai	Mumbai
41	Dr Pradnya Bhavad	Mumbai	13	Dr Usha U Kasar	Mumbai
42	Dr Abhijit Mukadam	Nashik	14	Dr Shweta Joijode	Mumbai
43	Dr Shriharsh Jahagirdar	Mumbai	15	Dr Sonali Dalvi	Mumbai
44	Dr Ebenzer Wilson Rajkumar	Delhi	16	Dr Neeta Pawar	Mumbai
45	Dr Sanjeev M Padankatti	Vellore	17	Dr Preeti Gokhale	Mumbai
46	Dr Durgesh Pathak	Delhi	18	Dr Nandgaonkar H.P.	Mumbai
47	Dr Sanjay Kumar Singh	New Delhi	19	Dr Shilpshree Palsule	Mumbai
48	Dr Grace E Muppidi		20	Dr Shilpa N Nayale	Mumbai
49	Dr Nishu Tyagi	Delhi	21	Dr Sanika Gawade	Mumbai
50	Dr Shivani Bhardwaj	Delhi	22	Dr Rupali Borkar	Mumbai
51	Dr Madan Warhade	Nagpur	23	Dr Kirti Patel	Mumbai
52	Dr Sounyakanta Sohu		24	Dr Rajul Daftary	Mumbai

## II. Opening Remarks by President AIOTA-

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President, AIOTA

### **III. Confirmation of the minutes of the last G.B. Meeting held at Jaipur on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017-**

Minutes of the last GB Meeting are confirmed.

**Proposed by-** 1) Dr V. D. Sawlani  
2) Dr Pankaj Bajpai

### **IV. Matters arising out of the minutes of last GB Meeting-**

Dr. Bajpai enquired what will be next step after suspension of Goa conference committee members for not paying 10% of the Registration Fee.

President informed that, we may take decision for legal proceedings on this issue. Dr. Kawle suggested that, we should not go for legal action against them, since it may hamper on their job. Dr. Srivastava informed that, we will again give a chance to conference committee. Dr. Srivastava requested Dr. Maslekar to send one more letter from AIOTA to Dr Krunal Desai and his team. Dr Sanjeev was also in favor of legal action.

Dr Bajpai suggested that, presently, there is post OT in DRC. Dr. Srivastava responded that, very soon, there will be good no. of posts of Occupational Therapists in Social Justice and Empowerment.

### **V. Annual Reports-**

#### **A) Hon. Secretary- Report presented by Dr. Satish Maslekar is Enclosed**

**Proposed by-** 1) Dr Vijay Batra  
2) Dr Mahesh Kawle

**Carried unanimously**

#### **B) Report on AIOTA Headquarter- Presented by Dr. Shashi Oberai is Enclosed**

EC unanimously decided to take important accessories to purchase as—LED, Camera with Mike chassis, Steel chair (three seater), Laptop2, Desktop-1, Internet connection, Landline, CCTV, Inverter, Geyser and water filter.

Dr Kawle has congratulated AIOTA team and also informed that, he had donated Rs. 500 for AIOTA office in 1985, GB appreciated him for the same. Dr Durgesh Pathak has also congratulated team AIOTA and also asked how we are going to maintain this office. Dr Srivastava informed that, necessary things will be taken care very soon. Dr Srivastava also informed that, in next five years, we will approach to CIDCO, Navi Mumbai and will try taking a land for OT Bhavan. Dr Kale suggested that, any physically challenged person should be appointed for office purpose. Suggestion was noted.

Dr. Shashi Oberai informed that, we are now furnishing our office very nicely, She requested members for voluntary donations or sponsor equipment and other things for academic workshops and/or utility items or in terms of donation. President and all EC Members also endorsed her suggestion and made appeal to the members of the GB.

**Following donations were enthusiastically confirmed by members at once.**

**AIOTA Executive Officials:**

Dr. Anil K. Srivastava, President	- Rs. 11,000.00
Dr. Shashi Oberai, Vice President	- Rs. 10,000.00
Dr. Satish S. Maslekar, Hon. Secretary	- Rs. 10,000.00
Dr. Pratibha M. Vaidya, Hon. Treasurer	- Rs. 10,000.00

**EC Members**

Dr. R .K. Sharma, EC Member	- Rs. 30,000.00
Dr. S.K. Meena	- Rs. 11,000.00
Dr. Z .D. Ferzandi, Ex-Officio	- Rs. 10,000.00
Dr. A K. Dwivedi	- Rs. 10,000.00
Dr. Neeraj Mishra	- Rs. 10,001.00
Dr. Joseph Sunny	- Rs. 10,000.00
Dr. Lalit Narayan	- Rs. 10,000.00

**Dean ACOT**

Dr. Jyothika Bijlani	- Rs. 10,000.00
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**Members of AIOTA**

Dr. Pankaj Bajpai, Kolkata	- Rs. 75,000.00 (for LED Monitor)
Dr. V.T. Sawlani, Hyderabad	- Rs. 25,000.00
Dr. Karthik Mani USA	- Rs. 25,000.00
Dr. Punita Solanki, Mumbai	- Rs. 10,000.00
Dr. Manjusha Vagal, Mumbai	- Rs. 10,000.00
Dr. M. M .Sangoi UK	- Laptop
Dr. Mahesh Kawle Chennai	- Water Geyser.
Dr. Raghu Ram, Chennai	- Refrigerator.
Dr. Ilavaja Jagan, Pudducherry	- Water Filter.
Dr. Shriharsh Jahagirdar, Mumbai	- Microwave Oven

**C) Hon. Treasurers Report- Report presented by Dr. Pratibha Vaidya is Enclosed**

**Proposed by-** 1) Dr Jayashree Kale  
**Seconded by-** 2) Dr Sanjeev Padankatti

***Carried unanimously***

Dr Sanjeev asked that, why there is dispute of payment from Godrej and Geeken. Dr Srivastava informed that, an urgent inspection and issuance of certification was requested Geeken, hence the amount charged was double of the prescribed fee.

**D) Report from Editor IJOT- Report presented by Dr. Shashi Oberai is Enclosed**

**Proposed by-** 1) Dr Vijay Batra  
**Seconded by-** 2) Dr Karthik Mani

***Carried unanimously*****E) Report from WFOT Delegate- Report presented by Dr. Anil Srivastava is Enclosed**

**Proposed by-** 1) Dr Shriharsh  
**Seconded by-** 2) Dr Durgesh Pathak

***Carried unanimously*****F) Report from Dean ACOT- Report presented by Dr. Jyothika Bijlani is Enclosed**

**Proposed by-** 1) Dr Illavajagan  
**Seconded by-** 2) Dr Deepak Asia

***Carried unanimously***

Dr Santosh has asked for 4 years of UGC issue. Dr Bijlani has informed that, it is under perseverance. Dr Lalit has informed that, he is taking continues follow up regarding UGC issue, UGC has asked to submit BOT course and duration and justification. It has been submitted.

**G) Report from Organising Secretary OTICON-2018- Report presented by Dr. Sofia Azad is Enclosed**

**Proposed by-** 1) Dr Durgesh  
**Seconded by-** 2) Dr Deepak

***Carried unanimously***

H) Report from Scientific Committee- Report presented by Dr. Neeraj Mishra is Enclosed

*Carried unanimously*

I) Branch Coordinator of AIOTA- Report presented by Dr. Jyothika Bjjlani is Enclosed

*Carried unanimously*

J) Council Act Committee- Report presented by Dr. Satish Maslekar is Enclosed

*Carried unanimously*

K) Website Committee- Report presented by Dr. Joseph Sunny is Enclosed

*Carried unanimously*

#### VI. Appointment of Auditor-

GB unanimously agreed to continue with Raheja and Associates as an auditor for the year 2018-2019 on the basis of recommendation from Hon. Treasurer Dr. Pratibha Vaidya for their satisfactory performance in auditing work.

#### VII. Invitation for hosting Annual National Conference of AIOTA-2019

TN branch of AIOTA volunteered to host 2019 conference. President Dr Srivastava informed that in 2016, we already had AIOTA conference at Chennai, there must be certain time limit to held conference at the same place.

**'On suggestion of Dr Jaya Kale GB unanimously decided, that as for as possible, only after 5 years, the same city may propose to host the conference of AIOTA'.**

**'Dr. Odette Gomes has suggested that, if there is no invitation to hold the AIOTA conference, then the opportunity may be given. Suggestion was approved by the GB'.**

Dr. Santosh Kumar has informed that, since in State of Punjab and Haryana there is no OT College is there hence next conference must be organized at Chandigarh, the capital of three States. Dr Raghuram has informed that, they have done a lot of work for development of Occupational Therapy in the State of Tamil Nadu. Due to efforts of TNAIOTA many new posts of OT's are created, hence insisted to organize it at Chennai to further boost the morale of members of TN Branch. Dr. Sharma proposed that the best option is to organize the conference at Chandigarh. He further insisted that we should give opportunity to untouched new areas, where we have not reached.

**GB agreed and unanimously decided that, Chandigarh will host the AIOTA Conference in 2019.**

Dr Jaya Kale has also invited to host the 2020 conference at Mumbai, since KEM is very old institute and we are completing 70 years in 2020. Dr Bajpai has also given invitation for 2020 at Kolkata. Proposals were noted.

#### VIII. Vote of Thanks-

On behalf of President and EC, Vice President Dr. Shashi Oberai, thanked to all members and especially to the Organizing Secretary OTICON2018, Dr Sofia Azad for impressively organizing the conference and venue with necessary arrangements for holding the GB Meeting.

**Dr. Satish S. Maslekar**

Hon. Secreatry,AIOTA.

**President and Executive Committee of AIOTA & ACOT**

convey best wishes to

*Members of AIOTA*

***A Very Happy, Prosperous***

and

***Professionally Rewarding***

**New Year - 2019**

## ANNUAL REPORTS - 2017-18

### FROM THE OFFICE OF HON. SECRETARY

It gives me immense pleasure to present the annual report of the office of the Hon. Secretary for the year 2017—2018 following is a brief of all activities taken up by this office.

1. This year we conducted four EC Meeting, first EC meeting was at Aurrangabad. In this meeting, we have taken important decision regarding AIOTA office as directed by GB in last GB meeting. We formed a committee for AIOTA Office which includes Dr Anil Srivastava, Dr Shashi Oberai, Dr Satish S. Maslekar, Dr Zarine Ferzandi, Dr Pratibha Vaidya and Dr Jyothika Bijlani. Immediately after meeting, extensive search was started. On survey, In August, we found that the market rates for commercial offices were more than residential that too with smaller areas. So, we decided to explore a Row House where we could also accommodate EC members from outstation. We identified 2 Row Houses- one in Nerul which was for resale & another at Kharghar. So, after EC meeting at Aurangabad on 29<sup>th</sup> May' 17, President Sir and myself came to Mumbai & along with EC committee members from Mumbai, Dr Jyothika, Dr Zarine & Dr Pratibha, we visited both the places and with everyone's consent it was decided to purchase the Row House at Kharghar. Then we appointed an Advocate at Vashi to do a Search Report and it was found that the plot on which the Row House was built was not in the builder's name. So, we decided to reject this place. Again in, September, we again visited Mumbai, this time we saw some flats at Chembur and commercial place at Techno Park, near Vashi station, which was again rejected, because our Advocate reported that, this total techno park is reserved for IT people only. Again in, extensive search was done by us, we visited third time, And finally we decided to purchase the said office and I am very happy, that now we, The AIOTA have our own office at Mumbai as directed by Charity Commissioner, Mumbai.. The office no. is 801, address – Business Bay, Sector 1, Nerul. Plot no.50. Area- Saleable area- 1576 sq.ft. carpet area- 801sq.ft including 1 stilt car parking of 7 lakhs, society charges etc. which was suggested by Mr Karan, Managing Director of Kamdhenu Realities. After this, all legal formalities were done by our Lawyer and with proper advices by our CA. on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Finally, we registered our AIOTA office in Registry office, Panvel.
2. Second EC meeting was at Navi Mumbai, At Navi Mumbai, We Have decided to renovate the newly purchased AIOTA office. We also decided to represent a role of Occupational Therapy in RPW act newly introduced by Central Government in all disability types. Also we have taken decision regarding, AIOTA branches, which day by day, is very difficult to open an account for branches by their name due to government policies. AIOTA EC unanimously decided, to make constitution for branches and ask them to registered under societal act under the roof of AIOTA. Myself, Dr Maslekar has taken the responsibility to make constitution for branches, I made constitution for the same.
3. This time, we have taken first Virtual EC meeting, in which we have finalized AIOTA office furnishing and COTE for the conference. This was very nice experience for all, most important, it saves a complete EC meeting expenditure. In future, we have planned to take Virtual EC meeting whenever needed.
4. In Fourth EC meeting at Nagpur, EC unanimously approved new constitution for state branches, I will read some objectives to inform you all as follows-

#### **Some Important Highlights of actions taken by Hon. Secretary Office as follows-**

- Significant contribution in AIOTA office from initiation up to registry of our AIOTA office and ended the long pending agenda of AIOTA office from so many years in EC meeting and GB meeting.
- A letter for state council formation is issued to Haryana, Gujrat and Madhyapradesh states again for state Council.
- Done a positive discussion for completing formalities for AIOTA certification to Geeken company, Gurgaon where they have paid Rs 150000(one lac and fifty thousand rupees) for AIOTA certification.
- A successful meeting with Shi Sanjayji Jadhav, MP of Shivsena regarding our OCI(Occupational Therapy Council of India) and he has given a positive letter and assured, he will personally take part when council matter will come in Parliament.
- 45 license Verifications are issued in favor of members after clearance from Hon. Treasurer.
- I am thankful to Our President Dr Anil sir for continues guidance regarding all issues. Also I am very much thankful to our Vice President, Dr. Shashi Oberi for tremendous efforts for finalizing and impressively furnishing AIOTA office in consultation and approval with President and EC Members. .Also I am thankful to Dr Lalit sir, Dr Neeraj, for taking efforts for one of the signatory authority in SLD certification, and regarding council matters. I am thankful to Hon. Treasurer, ACOT Dean and All EC members for their continues support and Cooperation.
- Respectfully submitted

**Dr. Satish S. Maslekar**

Hon. Secreatry, AIOTA

Proposed by - **Dr Vijay Batra**

Seconded by - **Dr Mahesh Kawle**

***Carried unanimously***

## REPORT ON PURCHASE OF AIOTA OFFICE

A serious search for AIOTA office before EC meeting at Aurangabad in May'17.

On survey, we found that the market rates for commercial offices were more than residential that too with smaller areas. So, we decided to explore a Row House where we could also accommodate EC members from outstation. We identified 2 Row Houses- one in Nerul which was for resale & another at Kharghar. So, after EC meeting at Aurangabad on 29<sup>th</sup> May'17, President Sir and Dr. Satish Maslekar came to Mumbai & along with EC committee members from Mumbai, Dr Jyothika, Dr Zarine & Dr Pratibha, we visited both the places and with everyone's consent it was decided to purchase the Row House at Kharghar. Then we appointed an Advocate at Vashi to do a Search Report and it was found that the plot on which the Row House was built was not in the builder's name. So, we decided to reject this place. Again the search continued. Dr Bijlani identified a few houses in Chembur area, which I visited with her and after scrutiny, we chose 2 houses and also 2 commercial places near Vashi station. Then we invited President Sir and Dr Maslekar on 12<sup>th</sup> August'17 to visit the Chembur and Vashi properties. We discussed at length and concluded that there may be objection from society in a residential premises, so we approved the commercial office at Vashi station which was on resale and negotiated with the owner to suit our budget. After giving all instructions on payment schedule, President and Secretary Sir, left Mumbai. But then we started getting information that this premises was for IT professionals, and we may have problem with NMMC and CIDCO and also in case we decide later to sell. Again after intense meetings with authorities to verify the status, we decided not to pursue further with the deal.

Again the search continued and then I identified 3 offices in Vashi and Sanpada area. With regular discussions with President Sir, we negotiated as per our budget taking the Treasurer into confidence. Then again on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.'17, President Sir, Dr Maslekar and this time as Dr Neeraj was around in Mumbai, we visited the offices and a flat at Chembur. And finalized an office at Sanpada- a commercial premises. All the scrutiny work started and after lot of investigation, I got to know that there were some shortcomings with the owner who is residing at Noida. We requested Dr. R K Sharma to visit him and learn more about him. In the meantime, we got first hand information that we should not proceed with the deal. To our luck in all occasions we had not given any token money.

Again the search continued, and this time I was introduced to Kamdhenu Realities. Here the office we chose to suit our budget was on resale. Almost all the meetings and inquiries were through. Dr Pratibha was invited to visit the office and then we learnt that the proposed office was mortgaged by Religare for a loan of around 65 lacs. We discussed with President Sir and then decided to withdraw. Now the builder – Mr Karan gave us a proposal of his 1 office unsold on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor. 801. This area was a bigger area more than our budget but cheaper compared to the area available. There was a lot of resentment from our Treasurer, who started all her calculations on various expenses incurred by AIOTA. In the meantime we asked the Advocate to do a Search Report and after all the scrutiny and investigations, this was a clear title, no issues and directly from the builder with the Society formed. There were regular communications between President Sir, Dr Pratibha, our CA. Mr. Raheja and Dr Maslekar. And finally we chose to purchase the said office. The office no. is 801, address – Business Bay, Sector 1, Nerul. Plot no.50. Area- Saleable area- 1576 sq.ft. carpet area- 801sq.ft including 1 stilt car parking of 7 lakhs, society charges etc.

I thank President Sir, Hon.Secretary, and all AIOTA EC members for thrusting faith in me and giving me the opportunity to initiate this important milestone for AIOTA. I thank all EC Committee members for their timely cooperation and support.

Respectfully Submitted

**Dr Shashi Oberai**

Vice President AIOTA

## FROM THE OFFICE OF HON. TREASURER

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Annual Report of AIOTA for the Year 2017- 18

### Status of Membership Applications:

Life membership enrolled till Feb. 2018	176
No. of student members enrolled till Feb 2018	495
No of Renewal of membership	32
Request by members for change of Name	01
Request by members for Id Card	02
Provisional Membership	02
Duplicate ACOT certificate	01
Request of members for License Verification / Good Standing	65

### Bank Details / Investments

There is one FD Central Bank Of India Mumbai Central Branch	- Rs 20,00,000
There is one FD Bank of Baroda Nerul Branch	- Rs 5,00,000
Balance Savings Bank A/C at CBI Mumbai Central Bank as of 05/02/18	- Rs.19,88,194
Balance Savings Bank A/C at Bank of Baroda Nerul as of 22/01/18	- Rs. 7, 52,166

### AIOTA Conference Matters

- Received Audited Statement of Account from Organizing secretary Dr. D. Suresh for Chennai conference 2016.
- Not received 10% of registration fee from Dr. S. K. Meena Organizing Secretary OTICON'2017 Jaipur .

## **AIOTA Income & Expenses at a glance**

### **Income:**

- Received Rs **1,00,000** from Dr Vijay Suple – For incepting Vijay Suple Trophy on Best Paper for AIOTA Conferences beginning from OTICON'2018 (Nagpur)
- Received Rs **1000/- each** from SRM College of OT and Amity University for Minimum standards booklet
- Received Rs **1,50,000** from M/s Geeken Seating Collection Pvt. Ltd, Gurgaon for certification of Ergonomic suitability of their seating Range after inspection
- Received Rs **45,000** each from 16 candidates towards registration fee for NDD fellowship program. Received Rs **36000** from one registration, and Rs. **64,755** from one NRI registration and two part payment of Rs **30000/- Second installment Of 2 candidates Rs 15000 & Rs 10000 (Total Amount received for FAOT:NDD registration by 20 members: Rs.9,05,755**
- Received Rs. **11,000/-** each from **23** therapist ( Total of Rs **2,53,000**) from Sikkim Manipal University as fee towards Certification exam for provisional membership of AIOTA
- Received Rs **40,000** from Goa Medical College as affiliation fee.
- Received Rs **10,000** from Goa Medical College as balance of affiliation fee.
- Received Rs **15000/-** from Heritage India for Display of Banner during Fellowship Program
- Received Rs **20,000/-** from Joshi P& O for Display of Banner during Fellowship Program
- Received Rs **10,000/-** from Hospimedica International Ltd with request for soft copy of directory of members
- Received Rs. **54540** from Issac Group towards Advertisement in IJOT
- Received Rs **25,000/-** each from SRM College of OT, KMCH college of OT and Santosh College of OT Gazhiabad for Accreditation of M.O.T. Program. (Total amount received Rs. **75000/-**)
- Received Rs **10,000** from Mr Hiralal Khatri for duplicate PAMOT and Driver Rehabilitation Certificates & Transcripts)
- Received IJOT subscription for 2017 from Different organizations **Rs.30680**
- Received from 4 members of AIOTA fee towards FACOT **Rs.40000**

### **Expenses**

#### **WFOT Annual Membership Subscription**

- 2017: US \$ 644 (Including 3 Individual Membership)
  - 2018: US \$ 844 (Including 4 Individual Membership)
  - 2015 US \$ 4063 (Including 3 Individual Membership)
  - 2016 US \$ 4063 (Including 3 Individual Membership)
- [AIOTA saving towards WFOT Membership annual Fee since 2017 is approximately 3200 US \$]

#### **IJOT**

1. Xml Conversion of IJOT Vol. 49 Issues 1, 2 & 3 by Sinjore technologies: Rs.12,186
2. Printing and Postage of IJOT Vol. 48 Issue-3 & News Letter: Rs 1,87,189
3. Printing and Postage of IJOT Vol. 49 Issue-1: Rs. 54997
4. Printing and Postage of IJOT Vol. 49 Issue-2: Rs 49136
5. Paid Advance to Dr. Srivastava for IJOT Vol.49 Issue 3 Rs 30000

#### **Income Tax and Auditors:**

- Income Tax Returns for the Year 2017-2018 filed in Sept 2017
- Paid Rs **55000/-** to Prakash Raheja Accountant for the year 2015-2017 and 2016-2017
- Paid Rs **23600/-** to Vishal Raheja CA for the year 2016-17
- Paid Rs.**25000/-** to Raheja and Associates for the year 2016-17

#### **PURCHASE AND FURNISHING OF AIOTA OFFICE AT NERUL NAVI MUMBAI**

Following payments were made in accordance with EC decision

- Payment of final Amount 1,17,09, 176 Kamdhenu Realities 03/11/17 CBI/BOB
- (Advocate) 12250 U.A. Patel 23/10/17 CBI
- Corpus Funds 50,000/- Business Bay 26/10/17 CBI
- Maintenance 37824/- Business Bay 26/10/17 CBI
- Incidental Charges 3000/- Kamdhenu Realities 26/10/17 CBI
- Stamp Duty & Registration 7,32600 Mahesh M. Mankar 02/11/17 CBI
- Vendor Payment 7400 Mahesh M. Mankar
- Agent 75000 Vora Bharat Maganlal 27/11/17 BOB
- Property Tax Upto March'18 24297 17/12/17 CBI
- Advance to Inarch Interior Designers 10,00,000 Architecture of Office 19/12/17 BOB/CBI
- Royal Chips Appliances Co 2,55,729 AC (4 in No. with installation 23/01/18 CBI

**Total Expenditure incurred in purchase of Office at Nerul, Navi Mumbai including stamp duty & Registration, advocate, vendor, Agent & Property Tax : Rs.1,26,13,723.**

**Expenditure till date towards furnishing and interiors etc: Rs.12,55,729**

I am grateful to the cooperation received from Dr. Anil Srivastava - President AIOTA whenever it was required. She also thanked Dr. Shashi

Oberai - Vice President AIOTA, Dr. Satish Maslekar - Secretary AIOTA, Dr. Jyothika Bijlani - Dean ACOT and All the EC Members  
I am also thankful to Mr. Sachin Naik for errands and miscellaneous work, All AIOTA members and Dr. Sofia Azad – Organizing Secretary  
OTICON' 18 & Team Members

Respectfully Submitted

**Dr. Pratibha M. Vaidya**

Hon. Treasurer AIOTA.

Proposed by - **Dr Jayashri Kale**  
Seconded by - **Dr Sanjeev Padankatti**

*Carried unanimously*

Dr Sanjeev enquired , why there is discrepancy in payment for inspection and certification from Godrej and Geeken. Dr Srivastava informed that, an urgent inspection was requested from Geeken, hence the urgent fee was levied.



The banner features the AIOTA logo on the left and a circular logo on the right. In the center, there is a graphic of two hands shaking under a yellow banner. The text on the banner reads: "The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of AIOTA OTICON'2019 Organizing Association All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) In Collaboration with Occupational Therapy Department, PGIMER, Chandigarh, India 8<sup>th</sup> (Friday) to 10<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) February 2019". Below the text, there are two images: on the left, a modern building with "AIOTA Headquarter" signage; on the right, an aerial view of a large medical campus with the text "Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh" and its Hindi name "स्नातकोत्तर चिकित्सा शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान, चण्डीगढ़".

**Theme : Interdisciplinary Approach : Towards Comprehensive Healthcare!**

**Chief Guest : H.E. the Governor of Punjab and Administrator U.T. Chandigarh  
Shri Vijayender Pal Singh Badnore**

**Highlights :**

**Key Note Address : By an eminent Faculty**

**Pre-Conf. Continuing Occupational Therapy Education (COTE) Program**

**Topic: Advanced Occupational Therapy in Neuro-Rehabilitation**

**COTE-1: Evidence Based Occupational Therapy for Visual Impairments in Neurological Disorders:**

**Dr. Kavita Mahamankar, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India**

**COTE-2: Robotics & Aquatic Therapy as an Adjunct to Occupational Therapy in Neurological Disorders :**

**Dr. Priya K. Tawde, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India**

**Faculties and member delegates from USA, UK, Canada, Sri Lanka, Middle East and many more countries have consented to participate and contribute.**

**Live Conference for Delegates from India and Session-wise Webinar Telecast for Delegates from outside India:**

Webinar Registration Packages will be uploaded in the conference website soon.

**For more information & registration visit**

**<http://oticon.aiota.org/>**

THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUST ACT 1950  
SCHEDULE VIII (Vide Rule 17(1))  
Name of the Public trust: ALL INDIA OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS ON 31/03/2018

FUNDS & LIABILITIES		Amt Rs.	ASSETS & PROPERTIES	Amt Rs.
TRUST FUNDS OR CORPUS Balance as per Last B/s Adjustments during the year		-	<b>IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES</b> Office at 801 Kamadenu, Sanpada, Navi Mumbai	1,25,77,176.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES Balance as per Last B/s Addition during the year	1,57,86,936.54 18,41,000.00	1,76,27,936.54	<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	-
INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C As per Last Balance Sheet Add: Excess of Income over expenditure	(2,50,930.49) 26,70,435.31	24,19,504.82	<b>FIXED ASSETS</b> Typewriter Office Equipments Water Purifier Furniture & Fixtures CCTV Camera Air Conditioners Refrigerator Television	5,827.00 13,050.00 10,190.00 10,26,850.00 1,64,200.00 2,55,729.00 10,990.00 80,990.00
OTHER EARMARKED FUNDS Depreciation Fund Sinking Fund Reserve Fund Any other Fund OT Association fund Building Fund Trophies Fund General Fund Balance as per Last B/s	292.00 501.00 2,116.00 12,072.76	14,981.76	<b>LOANS</b>	-
LOANS Secured Loans Unsecured Loans			<b>ADVANCES</b> To Trustees To Employees To other TDS	5,97,430.00
<b>LIABILITIES</b> For expenses Imprest accounts - Dr. A. K. Shrivastav	1,10,526.00	1,10,526.00	<b>INCOME OUTSTANDING</b>	-
Election Deposits Balance as per Last B/s Addition during the year	63,400.00	63,400.00	<b>CASH &amp; BANK BALANCE</b> (a) In Saving Bank A/c with Bank of Baroda Mumbai Central Bank of India  In Fixed Deposit A/cs Bank of Baroda Central Bank of India  (b) With the trustees/office bearer / ex-office bearer (Sch4) (c) Cheques In Hand - BOB Abad (d) With the Manager	7,32,148.39 21,49,821.84  5,38,370.00 20,06,811.89  46,765.00 - -
		2,02,36,349.12		2,02,36,349.12

As per our report of even date,  
Schedules & Notes form an integral part of accounts  
For RAHEJA & ASSOCIATES

Chartered Accountants  
FRN 127951W  
Bharat M. Gala  
(Partner)  
M No 040208  
Place : Mumbai  
Date: 27 September 2018



The above Balance Sheet to the best of Our belief contains a true account  
of the funds & liabilities & of the property & assets of the trust.

*(President)*      *(Secretary)*      *(Treasurer)*

President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer.

A.I.O.T.A.

**RAHEJA & ASSOCIATES**  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
201, Kshamalaya,  
37, New Marine Lines,  
MUMBAI-400 020.

TRUE COPY

President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer.  
A.I.O.T.A.



THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUST ACT 1950  
SCHEDULE VIII (Vide Rule 17(1))  
Name of the Public trust: ALL INDIA OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
for the year ending 31/03/2018

EXPENDITURE	Amt Rs.	INCOME	Amt Rs.
To <u>Exp in respect of property</u>	-	By <u>Rent</u>	-
Rates Taxes Cesses		By <u>Interest Realised</u>	
Repairs & Mainte		On Securities	
Salaries		On Loans	4,926.00
Insurance		On IT refunds	
Depreciation		On Bonds	
Other Expenses		On Bank Accounts	
		- S/b	154952
To <u>Establishment Expenses</u>	2,25,362.97	- FD	531925
(Sch1)			6,86,877.00
To <u>Remuneration to trustee</u>	-	By <u>Income from UTI</u>	-
To <u>Legal Expenses</u>	-	By <u>Donation</u>	2,01,200.00
To <u>Audit Fees</u>	25,000.00	By <u>Grants</u>	-
To <u>Contribution &amp; fees</u>	-	By <u>Income from Other Sources</u> (Sch3)	35,87,244.00
To <u>Amt Written off</u>	-		
To <u>Income Tax</u>	-	By <u>Transfer from Reserves</u>	-
To <u>Depreciation</u>	-		
To <u>Amt trf to Reserves</u>	-		
To <u>Exp on Objects of Trust</u>			
Religious	-		
Educational	-		
Medical Relief	-		
Relief of Poverty	-		
Other Charitable Objects	15,59,448.72		
(Sch2)			
To <u>Excess of Income over Expenditure</u>	26,70,435.31	By <u>Excess of Expenditure over Income</u>	-
	44,80,247.00		44,80,247.00

Notes to Accounts Schedule 5  
Schedules & Notes form an integral part of accounts  
As per our report of even date.  
For RAHEJA & ASSOCIATES

Chartered Accountants  
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# REPORT FROM INDIAN JOURNAL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

We are pleased to submit report of Indian JI. of Occupational therapy for 2017-2018.

**Editorial Board Members:** 3 new members Dr. Bhoomiah D. Dasari, UK, Dr. Nimisha Panchmatia, UK & Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi, India were included in IJOT Board this year.

## **Guest Review Board Members:**

4 members from different countries were also included as Guest Review Board Members for IJOT. They are from Canada, Lithuania, Portugal & Taiwan representing areas of *Musculoskeletal and Hand Injuries/Disorders, Burn Injuries; Occupational Health, Work and Ergonomic Sciences, Mental Health Sciences; Learning Disabilities, Pervasive Developmental Disorders & Inclusive Education, Neurosciences and Neuro-Developmental Disorders; Ethical, Legal and Forensic Sciences.*

## **IJOT Meeting:**

IJOT Meeting was held on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, Saturday at Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India. The meeting was attended by: Dr. Anil K. Srivastava, Dr. Shashi Oberai, Dr. Punita V. Solanki and Dr. Joseph Sunny and various issues discussed.

1. IJOT Editorial Statement with New Subscription Rates are revised
2. **Following Documents are Newly Introduced:**
  - Sample Conference Abstract
  - Guest Review Board Selection Criteria, and Entry Form (For inviting guest review board members from WFOT accredited national association world-wide)

## **Information of Significance:**

- IJOT and Newsletter are accessible on AIOTA Website by IJOT publication layout was changed subtly with introduction of timeline of submissions and acceptance dates of every article published in IJOT
- Since April 2016 to date: Out of the total 48 processed papers and one letter to Editor, 3 submissions were rejected, 2 were released, 31 were accepted and published, and 12 are under review process Backlog of OTICON'2015, OTICON'2016 and new submissions of OTICON'2017 were reviewed, the papers found not up-to mark of publication and some on author's request, were sent with Release Letters.
- In accordance with the revised policy in 2017 4 issues of Vol. 49 were published and circulated to subscribers, advertisers, authors, institutions of repute, AIOTA/ACOT EC's & Branch conveners, Editorial & Review Board Members. Currently IJOT 2018 Volume 50, Issue 1 is in process.
- IJOT details and new documents upload in the new website (<http://www.aiota.org/ijot>) is in process. For the purpose of PubMed indexing and later promotion of IJOT, an online database of IJOT Issues and XML conversion work, is being worked upon. XML conversion work is being done by Sinjore Technologies, however some technical issues are faced and the work needs to be explored further.
- Update of Current Indexing Databases and New Indexing Databases is in process.
- IJOT Expenses are now very much minimized. From the year 2017 in place of 3800-4000 copies now only 600 copies are printed and circulated in India and overseas. Hence now onwards approx. Annual expenses for printing and postage of 4 issues of IJOT (in place of three) & News Letter would be about Rs. 2.5-2.75 Lac in place of approx. 5 to 5.5 Lac (for 3 issues & Newsletter-2016), therefore AIOTA will be saving approx.. Rs. 3.00 Lacs annually towards IJOT expenses.
- In place of 4 now 6 articles are appearing in IJOT for including more no. of studies. Hence no. of pages are also increased from earlier 36 pages to now 40-44 pages.
- Beginning from Issue-2 of IJOT this year now Issue 2 each year will also include Abstracts of the papers presented in AIOTA Conferences for documentation of research work in India and motivating young researchers.
- Issue 4 of each year will be published as theme based special issue with a Guest Editorial. The theme of the Issue 4 of Vol. 49 of the year 2017 was 'Pediatric Science'. Renowned Pediatric OT Erna Blanch (USA) was pleased to write Guest Editorial. She is also Principal Resource Faculty for AIOTA's Fellowship on NDD program which is continuing.
- All issues and also Newsletter carrying GB Agenda and Minutes were uploaded well in time for convenience of members.

We are grateful to Editor-in-Chief - Dr. Anil K. Srivastava and Asstt. Editor Dr. Lakshmanan, for their dedication, promptness, and hard work for improvisation of the journal, and the review process.

We also acknowledge the valued cooperation and contribution of Asstt. Editor Subscription Dr. Nitesh Shrivastav, Website Convener Dr. Joseph Sunny, and members of the Editorial Team. Thanks to Review Board Members for their precious time in timely reviewing the manuscripts. Very special thanks to AIOTA EC for their valued cooperation to IJOT board for necessary modification of IJOT in wider interest of the profession. We also congratulate the authors whose studies have been published in Vol. 49 issues and Erna Blanche for writing Guest Editorial in Issue 4 of the journal.

Thank You

Respectfully submitted

**Dr. Shashi Oberai**  
Editor

**Dr. Punita Solanki**  
Associate Editor

Proposed by - **Dr Vijay Batra**  
Seconded by - **Dr Karthik Mani**

*Carried unanimously*

## **REPORT FROM WFOT DELEGATE**

**Nagpur: Feb. 17, 2018**

I am pleased to submit the brief report on WFOT affairs as WFOT Delegate.

The brief information on OTICON'2018 at Nagpur was circulated to member countries by WFOT and also made available on WFOT Website at once.. The messages were received from President, Executive Director WFOT and Editor WFOT Bulletin, and are available on OTICON'2018 Website & Souvenir..

World OT Day was celebrated enthusiastically this year too by many more institutions. The OT Day celebration report in brief was sent to WFOT and also published in the AIOTA News Letter with an aim to motivate other institutions for promoting awareness of OT in India. It was very well appreciated by WFOT and the message received from Executive Director Ritchard Ledgard is available on OT Day report at AIOTA Website.

The 2018 Council Meeting is scheduled at CAPETOWN South Africa from May 13-18, 2018. Visit- WFOT Website for more information.

### **Nominations from AIOTA**

WFOT Delegate nominated AIOTA Website Convener Dr. Joseph Sunny to take up the responsibility as Primary Contact to WFOT, which is accepted by WFOT. The role of Primary Contact role is purely related to the new website and managing organizations membership and education program information with the WFOT.

- **Reviewer for the Educational Programs applying for the WFOT Recognition:** Nomination of Dr. Jyothika Bijlani, Dean ACOT-AIOTA is accepted by WFOT.
- **WFOT: Developing a Position Statement on the Role of Occupational Therapy in Mental Health:** Nomination of Dr. Lakshmanan S. from Center for Addiction Medicine, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bengaluru is also accepted by WFOT.
- **WFOT: Developing a Position Statement on the Role of Occupational Therapy in the Management of Musculoskeletal Conditions:** AIOTA nominated Dr. Shovan Saha, Associate Professor OT, Manipal University. WFOT response is awaited.
- **Wheelchair Stakeholders Meeting** at Mobility India in Bangalore from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2018. After receiving requests from WFOT, AIOTA nominated its EC Member Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi (Jaipur) who is an expert and certified wheelchair trainer to participate in this significant meeting. The purpose of this gathering is to convene partners and sector experts who work in wheelchair provision in less-resourced settings to define the future p Nominations of Dr. Shashi Oberai and Dr. A.K. Dwivedi as expert members for reviewing the abstracts for WFOT Congress 2018
- **Nominations of Dr. Shashi Oberai and Dr. A.K. Dwivedi** as expert members for reviewing the abstracts for WFOT Congress 2018 were accepted.
- **Online Survey: WFOT: Assistive Technology:** Information was circulated to all. Dr. Shovan Saha , Dr Punita Solanki and Dr. Kamal Arya were requested and they responded to this survey

The information /queries/surveys received from time to time by WFOT and member countries are being taken care of as for as possible well in time, in assistance with AIOTA EC Officials. The significant information also regularly appears in IJOT under News & Information column.

News from India for WFOT E-Newsletter as and when was requested. Very recently it was sent in this month itself. WFOT Human Resource database was completed online by WFOT Delegate.

Updated information of accredited education programs of India were sent for making necessary changes. Information on newly accredited OT program of Goa Medical College is also sent to WFOT.

I am continuing as member of the Editorial Board of WFOT Bulletin since 2010 and also reviewing articles for publication as and when are received.

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Thank you

Respectfully submitted

**Dr Anil K.Srivastava**

WFOT Delegate

Proposed by - **Dr Shriharsh**  
Seconded by - **Dr Durgesh Pathak**

*Carried unanimously*

# REPORT FROM DEAN ACOT

## 1.0- COTE in 2017-18

### 1.1 Dec 2017

Under the chairmanship of President Dr Anil Srivastava & convenership of Dr. RK Sharma, PAMOT -5 was organized at Saidham, New Delhi, by UP branch of AIOTA in collaboration with ACOT/AIOTA & Santosh college of OT, Ghaziabad from 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017. Total of 45 Candidates attended the above program. The cheque of Rs 31750/- has been received towards the 10% of total registration fees collected.

### 1.2 Feb 2018

Preconference COTE at 55<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference in Nagpur has been organized on 16th Feb on the topic "Industrial Health & Occupational Therapy" (Environment, Ergonomics, Safety and Wellness at Workplace) and the same is conducted by two faculty of repute Dr. Paresh Chandra Ghosh, Ergo-physiologist & Former Director of Central Labor Institute, Mumbai & consultant in various industries & Universities in India who will share his knowledge through webinar on "application of Ergonomics in the industries" which will then be followed by Dr. Nandu Nandoskar, Founder & Director of Occupational Health, Adelaide, Australia and Founder & Director of Fit 4 Health, India who will speak on Industrial Health & Occupational Therapy at the conference venue.

### 1.3 Fellowship Program 2017- 18:

AIOTA's first Annual Fellowship in "Advanced OT in Neuro-Developmental Disorders -India:2017 was inaugurated in a brief function organized at T.N. Medical College & B.Y. L. Nair Hospital , Mumbai on Sept 18, 2017. President Dr. Anil Srivastava is Chairman , while Principal Coordinator Dr Jyothika Bijlani & the coordinators are Dr Shriharsh Jhagirdar & Dr Lakshmanan. All 20 seats are filled by the candidates from India & abroad who have registered for above fellowship program. The inaugural first week of program was full of didactic learning from eminent experts and by way of individual & group tasks assigned to the candidates. The second part of fellowship has already started in OCT 2017 in which project work & tasks are assigned to the participants & delivery of online lectures/presentations by national 7 international faculty & mentors is carried out. Fellowship coordinator Dr. Shriharsh Jhagirdar & Dr. Lakshmanan have been doing tremendous job as coordinators of the course. The Third & concluding part is scheduled in June 2018 in which candidates will be assessed on their project work by Erna Blanche from US & by their mentors & faculty during first 3 days. Erna will then deliver lectures on some specialized topics during last 2 days

## 2.0- Future Planned activities:

**March 2018 :** One day certificate course on "Driver rehabilitation" will be conducted by faculty of AIIPMR, Mumbai on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in AIIPMR which is organized by AIIPMR in collaboration with ACOT/AIOTA

**April 2018 :** COTE on "Science and Ethics of Research Methodology and Art of Writing Research" will be organized under the aegis of Academic Council of Occupational Therapy (ACOT) in collaboration with Indian Journal of Occupational Therapy (IJOT) of All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**September 2018 :** Fellowship in advanced Occupational Therapy in Neuro rehabilitation (FAOT: NR) (INDIA) will be organized from Sept 2018-June 2019. The structure of the program is similar to ongoing fellowship program, only the speciality is changed ie 2 Weeks program at the venue rest of 8 months ONLINE activities & lectures & project work by candidates.

**October 2018 :** Post graduate certificate course in "Industrial health & Occupational Therapy" with Objectives to develop and Advisory unit of AIOTA for furniture manufacturers & Ergo course for members and allied health professionals.

**Nov-Dec 2018 :** Online courses in Occupational Therapy 2018-19 by OT Courses.com in collaboration with AIOTA.

## 3.0- AIOTA accreditation

### 3.1 BOT Programs:

The physical inspection was carried out for AIOTA accreditation for BOT program in OT school of Goa Govt. medical college in Dec 2017 by Dr. RK Sharma and Dr. Jyothika Bijlani. The provisional accreditation is granted to the BOT Program for a period of 2 years, effective till Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, subject to rectification of the shortcomings elaborated by the scrutiny committee for further continuance of affiliation Jaipur OT College was granted extension of AIOTA accreditation till Dec 2018 subject to compliance of deficiencies which were pointed out after the physical inspection which was carried out in Dec 2017 by Dr. Srivastava & Dr. Jyothika Bijlani.

### 3.2 MOT Programs:

The following six colleges were earlier granted AIOTA accreditation for Masters program effective till July 2017:

- 1) SRM College, Chennai, 2) Jamia Hamdard, Delhi, 3) OT school, Govt medical college , Nagpur, 4) OT School , Manipal
- 5) Santosh OT College, Ghaziabad 6) KMC, Vellore .

As per revised policy of AIOTA accreditation fees for new Bachelor's & Master's program & extension of existing Masters program was increased effective from April 2017. The 4 colleges viz. 1) SRM College, Chennai 2) Jamia Hamdard, Delhi 3) Santosh OT College, Ghaziabad & 4) KMC, Vellore who applied for extension of accreditation along with accreditation fees of Rs.25000/- have been now granted extension till Dec 2020.

## 4.0- AIOTA exam III for provisional AIOTA membership:

AIOTA exam III for provisional AIOTA membership was held on 4<sup>th</sup> June in Chembur Gymkhana, Mumbai. Total 24 candidates appeared

for the same. Out of these, 23 were passed out students of Sikkim Manipal University & one from Kumaun University, Nanital. Out of 24 candidates, 22 candidates were declared pass & were approved to apply for provisional AIOTA membership.

#### **5.0- FACOT 2018**

4 applicants had applied for "Fellowship in academic council of OT". They are Dr. Shailaja Jaywant, Dr. Kamal Arya, Dr. Manjusha Vagal & Dr. Punita Solanki. Their applications along with their related documents were sent to Reviewing Committee who recommended their names for FACOT award which were subsequently approved by ACOT/AIOTA Executives.

I am thankful to all the heads of OT colleges who have taken keen interest in celebration of world OT day/month for awareness & development of OT profession & also sending me the report in time.

I am thankful to Executive Chairman Dr. Anil Srivastava for his continuous support, guidance & encouragement and all the Executives of ACOT and AIOTA for their timely co-operation in all above activities. My special thanks to Dr. Shriharsh Jhagirdar, Dr. Lakshmanan S, all the national & international faculty & mentors for their extensive & selfless support for my ongoing fellowship program & I am sure they would continue the same in future programs.

Respectfully submitted.

**Dr. Jyothika Bijlani**

Dean ACOT

Proposed by - **Dr Illavajagan**  
Seconded by - **Dr Deepak Asia**

**Carried unanimously**

Dr Santosh has asked for 4 years of UGC issue. Dr Bijlani has informed that, it is under perseverance. Dr Lalit has informed that, he is taking continues follow up regarding UGC issue, UGC has asked to submit BOT course and duration and justification. It has been submitted.

### **REPORT FROM COUNCIL ACT COMMITTEE**

I am pleased to submit the report and updates on central council of occupational therapy. We have submitted Fresh draft for occupational Therapy Council of India to Health Ministry. We got positive response in writing regarding Central Council. Health Ministry is planning for Allied & Healthcare Council Bill. Occupational Therapy is also included in the proposed Bill. We are eagerly waiting for this bill.

A meeting has successfully done with Shi Sanjayji Jadhav, MP of Shivsena regarding our OCI(Occupational Therapy Council of India) and he has given a positive letter and assured, he will personally take part when council matter will come in Parliament.

Dr. Maslekar also had a meeting met with Shri J.P. Nadda, Hon. Health Minister, GOI, at Aurangabad on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 and handed over a representation about OCI( Occupational Therapy Council of India). He also assured for OCI and asked to do follow up with his office..

Dr Maslekar suggested that, we need to form a task force for OCI. EC agreed for the same and formed committee are Dr Maslekar, Dr Lalit Narayan, Dr Neeraj, Dr Amitabh and Dr Meena with a request for a regular follow up on this issue of significance.

**Carried unanimously**

**Dr.Satish Maslekar**

Convener

### **REPORT FORM WEBSITE COMMITTEE**

AIOTA website is available at <http://aiota.org/>. All details about All India Occupational Therapists Association are available there.

**Documents Uploaded are:**

1. IJOT Volume 50 Issue 1
2. IJOT subscription form
3. Flyer uploaded for COTE on Science & Ethics of research methodology
4. Flyer and registration form uploaded for COTE on Driver Rehab

**Other remarkable modifications made:**

1. New menu icon and page added – AIOTA certification for ergonomically designed products.
2. Profile photo changed – Vice President.
3. IJOT server error issue resolved.
4. Login Id and Password provided – 6nos
5. Digiflow certificate verification logo and link added to home page.

**New website development**

As per the discussion with EC members, proposal for a new website development has been invited. We have received almost five quotations and we have selected the best of them. The proposal from Morbits technology, have submitted to the President and waiting for approval.

### Social Media Awareness:

Taking care of social media awareness including email, Facebook, whatsapp etc. Information and awareness regarding all the workshops, COTE, Fellowship programs, OTICON, AIOTA head quarter inauguration etc are providing and managing. We maintain AIOTA whatsapp groups and Facebook page for providing updates regarding Occupational Therapy and AIOTA.

### Dataflow Agreement

We are partnering with Digiflow, a certificate verification authority for verification of AIOTA membership certificate and good standing certificate. All the procedures are completed. Waiting for the confirmation from Secretary regarding the payment. (Calculation on GST and net amount have to be completed.)

**CCavenue Payment portal.** We have already registered with ccavenue payment portal for online payment method for various fees paid by members towards AIOTA. There was a technical issue regarding the same, now it has been resolved. Members can make payment through the portal. The charges from cc avenue for each transaction are 1.99% +Rs 3, and the annual subscription charges.

Respectfully Submitted

**Dr. Joseph Sunny**

Convener

**Carried unanimously**

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## Message from President AIOTA

### OT GLOBAL DAY OF SERVICE & AIOTA'S OTINDIA MONTH 2018

Oct. 27-Nov. 26, 2018

#### Theme: "Celebrating Our Global Community"

OTINDIA Month-2018 (Oct. 27-Nov.26) beginning from World OT Day (Oct.27) now is an integral part of OT India calendar & AIOTA. I feel elated to congratulate members of AIOTA, OT Colleges, State Branches of AIOTA and the institutions with OT set up in government and private sector on this great occasion of professional significance. I am confident that this year too, the World OTDay & OTIndia Month will be celebrated with dedication and enthusiasm infused with joy throughout the country.

The Theme 'Celebrating Our Global Community' given by WFOT impressively informs the significance of occupational therapy in global community. OTIndia Month celebration is aimed to promote OT and heighten its visibility in the society. We need to inform the people and inspire the young entrants about the contribution of OT in modern health care system and further to make them aware that occupational therapists can assist individuals of any age group with special needs to live as independently as possible in the community, by promoting environments, for participating in day-to-day life in the community, fulfilling a range of social roles, and making decisions that lead to the minimization of physical and psychological dependence on others.

Even the fellow professionals in the field of medicine should also be effectively conveyed that the profession of occupational therapy is not limited to chronic conditions only but also in prevention manifestation in acute & sub-acute disease process resulting into disabilities and dysfunctions and community based therapeutic intervention.

World OT Day & OTIndia Month provide us an opportunity to fulfill this essential requirement of the profession

I would eagerly wait to receive your OT Day/OTIndia Month celebration activities enriched with supporting photographs (Maximum 3) for publishing in WFOT & AIOTA News Letter and also for uploading on AIOTA Website. You are also requested to promote it through TV, print and social media to meet out the specific purpose of OTIndia Month celebration.

With best wishes.

Kindly note, that the deadline for the submission of the report is Dec. 5, 2018.

Dated: Sept. 18, 2018

#### Dr. Anil K. Srivastava

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Oct. 27-Nov. 26, 2018

Theme: "Celebrating Our Global Community"

### All India Occupational Therapists' Association, National Headquarter, Navi Mumbai

The All India Occupational Therapists' Association AIOTA, celebrated the World Occupational Therapy Day and OTIndia Month 2018 on 30<sup>th</sup> October at AIOTA National headquarter-Nerul Navi Mumbai.

On the occasion a Walkathon was organized from Wonders Park to AIOTA headquarter at Business Bay at Nerul , Navi Mumbai. The 4 km walk, was flagged off by Shri Sandeep Naik MLA Navi Mumbai. He appreciated the efforts of AIOTA in promoting OT by arranging the Walk for OT and the other events in Navi Mumbai. Over 300 Participants included AIOTA officials Dr. Satish Maslekar, Dr. Zarine Ferzandi, Dr. Pratibha Vaidya, Dr. Joseph Sunny, Dr. Jyothika Bijlani , Dr. Punita Solanki, & Dr. Lakshmanan, clinical OT's, faculties', guests and OT students from various teaching institutions in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. Mr. Gitin Pillai a spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy with honors in MBA, was a special invitee.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Anil K Srivastava, President AIOTA, said that the Walkathon is a 'Walk for OT' which in fact should be considered as a 'Walk for Humanity' to bring an awareness to the society about the role and multidimensional usefulness of occupational therapy in healthcare for all sectors of life from neonatology to geriatric care , from neuromusculo-skeletal diseases to mental illness. He added that in the recent Kerala floods, OT branch of Kerala of AIOTA , worked tirelessly to rescue and rehabilitate the victims.

Later on the day, a drawing and painting competition was conducted for Special Children from special schools of Navi Mumbai at AIOTA National Headquarter. About 100 children participated in the event accompanied by school teachers and parents. Dr. Srivastava welcomed the children and thanked the school authorities for their support.

Also, there was an interactive session for regular and special school principals, psychologists, special educators on the role of OT in a school set up. Experienced occupational therapists working in school set up from Mumbai and Navi Mumbai, highlighted on the issues of children, OT assessments and remediation.

President appreciated the efforts of the Organizing team under the potential leadership of Dr. Shashi Oberai with the valued cooperation from AIOTA officials, the team CRC, Navi





Mumbai, Bombay Branch of AIOTA and Mr. Karan Sabhlok of Kamdhenu Realities, Navi Mumbai. He also launched the 'Navi Mumbai Branch of AIOTA' on this occasion with Vice President AIOTA Dr. Shashi Oberai as its Convener with the consensus from Members of AIOTA from Navi Mumbai. Dr. Anil Srivastava also shared his views and vision with media.

Dr Shashi Oberai Vice President AIOTA and Principal Coordinator, thanked all the participants and well-wishers in making all events a grand success.

May visit the following link to view the complete News.  
<https://youtu.be/tSYazKqC57k>

Dr. Anil K. Shrivastava  
President, AIOTA



## Department of Occupational Therapy, School of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal

The Department of Occupational Therapy organised multiple community service programs in the towns of Manipal and Udupi through the month of October to celebrate OTIndia Month for creating the awareness of health and wellness promotion for all age groups with help of students and faculty members. The celebrations were flagged off on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018, with a “Walkathon for the Young at Heart”, which was organised to raise awareness among the elderly population about the need to stay healthy and active. For this event, we collaborated with the Senior Citizen's Club of Udupi. We also organised a free screening for Fall Risk and Identification of Dementia among elderly, at this event. Along with individuals of different age groups, more than 75 older adults participated in the Walkathon.



An event “Healthy Employee, Healthy Work”, conducted at the headquarters of Syndicate Bank on 25<sup>th</sup> October. This event, included demonstrations and an interactive session, aimed at raising consciousness among bank employees related to their health and how they could take care of themselves through work and lifestyle modifications. 50 bank employees of varied cadres participated in these events.

Our next set of events were conducted in multiple local mainstream schools for the students and teachers. These events targeted pressing issues faced by the students including sessions on bullying (*Be a Buddy not a Bully*), issues related to body image (*Mind Mirror*) and posture-related issues (*Smart Posture, Smart Student*). Role plays, demonstrations and interactive presentations were utilised for this purpose. These events were conducted on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October. Overall, more than 300 students benefited from these events. We also collaborated with the local schools to mark World Mental Health Day and conducted programs to empower more than 100 students to face difficult situations in their lives.

The department's newsletter, *The OT Chronicle*, highlighting the department's achievements in the past year, was released by Dr Sebestina Dsouza and Dr Shovan Saha on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

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## O. T. School & Centre, T. N. Medical College & B.Y.L. Nair Ch. Hospital and Mumbai Branch of AIOTA



Occupational Therapy School & Centre, T. N. Medical College & B. Y. L. Nair Ch. Hospital in collaboration with Mumbai Branch of AIOTA celebrated the event World OT Day 2018, with a threefold approach,

- Street-play on Learning Disability in the institute premises to create awareness amongst co-professionals and community at large,
- Reaching out to Junior college to orient 150 students of Science stream about Occupational Therapy as a career option and
- Creating wellness amongst 50 budding cricketers by showing them techniques of injury prevention and enhancing performance on the field.

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## O.T. School & Centre, L.T. M. Medical College & General Hospital and Mumbai Branch of AIOTA



OT School & Centre, LTMMC & GH in collaboration with Mumbai Branch of AIOTA had organized OT Logo Making Competition in the form of Rangoli and Painting on 27th October 2018. As the theme of the OT Day celebration was global community awareness, an Audio-visual video showing the work done by Occupational Therapy in different fields was impressively prepared by Dr. Jyotsna Gaikwad and displayed in OPD for the patients. The Audio-visual display was very much appreciated by the patients and many of the caregivers requested for the CD of the video.

The patients from Paediatric Section of Occupational Therapy Department LTMMC & GH were shown the videos of their participation in the department activities. OT Logo Making Competition by UG & PG students in the form of Rangoli and Painting was also organised on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The enthusiastic efforts of students was appreciated by all. Dr Jyothika Bijlani, Dean Academic Council, of OT of AIOTA encouraged the participants and gave her best wishes for the further enhancement of department activities.

Winners of the competition were awarded.

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## D.Y. Patil School of Occupational Therapy, Nerul, Navi Mumbai

Faculty members, staff and students of the school participated in the 4 KM **WALKATHON** organized by **All India Occupational Therapist Association**. on **30th October 2018** from Wonders Park to AIOTA National Headquarter. The theme was Restoring Functions: Transforming Lives. **Walk for OT** was organized by AIOTA to create awareness in the society regarding the role of OT in the different aspects of rehabilitation in the society. The event was a huge success and was well appreciated by the people from Navi Mumbai.

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## O.T. Department, All India Institute of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Mumbai and Mumbai Branch of AIOTA



Many of the events were organised by the Institute in collaboration with Mumbai Branch of AIOTA World Occupational Therapy day & OTIndia Month-2018.

This includes:

- Reaching to the staff of the institute (Technical and Non-technical) and briefing them about the profession and distributing a hand - made slogan, a chocolate and a pen.
- Competitive events for residential wheel chair bound patients – Basket - ball, Dart game, Wheel chair race(Fast), Wheelchair race (Slow), Musical chair
- Street play – performed by the post graduate students
- Installation ceremony of founder of the profession of OT in India and Asia, Mrs. Kamala V. Nimbkar's Bust in Occupational Therapy Department of the Institute



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## O.T. School & Centre, Seth G.S. Medical College & K.E.M. Hospital, Mumbai

The events organized were:

**Education of the Community:** Interns and students of the Occupational Therapy college performed street play on the various locations of campus of “Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital” on 27th October, 2018. It aimed at changing the attitude of the general public towards the barriers (attitudinal and architectural) in the community. It highlighted the role of occupational therapist in improving access.

**Education of the professionals:** One day workshop on “Documentation of Skilled OT Services Based on the international guidelines modified to Indian scenario” was organized on 27th of November, 2018, which was attended by 26 occupational therapists.



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## Occupational Therapy Department, Masina Hospital, Mumbai



The occupational therapy department Masina Hospital conducted a workshop on 1st November 2018 as a part of our OT awareness and community outreach program to commemorate OTIndia Month 2018. The event targeted both teaching and non-teaching staff in a local school which was divided into 2 parts

**PART1 -** Training teachers to identify children with special need and classroom modifications and adaptations.

**PART2- Health and wellness program** for both teaching and non-teaching staff focusing on ergonomics and cognitive strategies and mental health.

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## Department of O.T., National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (Divyangjan), Kolkata



The program comprises tree plantation, release of balloons, signature campaign, Divyangjan friendly games, fancy dress competition for children with disabilities (divyangjan), yoga, and photography competition for students and followed by cultural programs to unfold the theme 'Celebrating Our Global Community' by involving the community in this celebration.



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## Jaipur OT College, Jaipur

World Occupational Therapy Week with the theme "Celebrating our global community" was celebrated from 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 27th October 2018. Various activities were organized, targeting different components that OTs typically work with, either physical or cognitive. Students of Jaipur Occupational Therapy College participated with great enthusiasm which enhanced their knowledge as well as improved their confidence level to become a good Occupational Therapist to serve the community in future.

The schedule for the week was as follows:

S.No	Day & Date	Game/ Activity
1	Monday, 22/10/2018	Quiz Competition
2	Tuesday, 23/10/2018	Essay Competition
3	Wednesday, 24/10/2018	Poster Competition
4	Thursday, 25/10/2018	Mono play
5	Friday, 26/10/2018	Speech competition
6	Saturday, 27/10/2018	Fun Games

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## Mahatma Gandhi OT College, Jaipur & Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA

The students were excited and thrilled to celebrate World Occupational Therapy week from Oct.22 to Oct 27.

**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018**

- handmade decoration and Rangoli in the campus that represented the theme of World Occupational Therapy Day to



spread the awareness.

- Group Talk on the theme 'Innovation in Occupational Therapy';

**23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 : Venue: Mahatma Gandhi Occupational Therapy College Jaipur**

Three teams of students have to make different Rangoli on the theme followed with question & answer round related to their Rangoli depicting OT and its usefulness for the society.

**24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 :** OT students and public voluntarily participated in blood donation camp. About 50% of the people present donated blood for saving a life & contributing for a noble cause.

**25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 :** Poster presentation was done on the fourth day; special guests were HOD's of different Departments Namely. The theme for the Poster presentation was Modern World Rehabilitation..

**26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 :** Street Play was presented on the theme - Disaster management in OT by the students of Mahatma Gandhi Occupational Therapy College. to spread awareness and to acknowledge people about how Occupational Therapy work in disaster management.

**27<sup>th</sup> October 2018 :** Showcasing the talent of OT Students: Students performed to show their talents & make every one know that how talented and enthusiastic Occupational Therapist they will be.

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**Bihar Branch of AIOTA and Bihar College of Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy**

World OT Day 2018 functions came off under the auspices of Bihar Branch of AIOTA, Patna from October 27 to October 28, 2018 at Bihar College of PT & OT. The two days events organized were as below-

**Oct.27-Intra-College Debate Competition:** on the topic “Back to the basics, OT in Cerebral Palsy” (6 debators took part in it), Quiz Competition (Three Rounds) with total No. of Participants – 47, after Screening only 14 were permitted)

**Oct. 28-** Dr. Kishore Kumar, HOD & Controlling Officer and Chief Patron of the OT Day Program delivered talk on Fundamental Concepts of OT and development of OT in the State of Bihar while Convener Bihar Branch, Dr. Abhay Kumar Jaiswal, Assistant Professor, Academic I/C, BCPO informed about the significance of the World OT Day, elaborated and elucidated on all aspects of the theme chosen by WFOT and adopted by AIOTA.

Events organized on day 2 were: **Poster Competition** on the Theme “Celebrating our Global Community”, **Street Play** on the topic “Dastan-e-OT” (A Bcpoian Presentation Directed by Vivek Kumar 2014 batch, **Oath Taking Ceremony** (students of 2018 batch took holy oath of honest service to people as administered by faculty members), **Musical Chair:** Participants were all alumni who were present , Faculty Members & others of the OT



fraternity, **Award Presentation**- Stalwart Dr. Uday Narain Singh was presented with an award of special appreciation and lastly **Swachh Bharat Internship Program** by students of the college. The program was followed with **Prize Distribution** to the winners of competitive events by Hon'ble Guests. Dr. Priyadarshi Alok, Assistant Professor, OT (BCPO) delivered emotion sprinkled vote of thanks.

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## College of O.T., Deptt. of Rehabilitation Sciences, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi



**27<sup>th</sup> Oct.:** The theme chosen for celebration of OT Day & OTIndia Month was "TRIUMPH...2018": Helping you... make it happen- to mark the completion of 101 years of occupational therapy as a profession.

The events organized were: **Students Competitive programs** viz, Rangoli Making, Poster Making, Best out of waste and Treasure Hunt and awareness program for parents of special needs children and patients with orthopedic and neurological problems. The **Nukkad Natak** (Street Play) was also a highlighting program performed by the Bachelors of Occupational Therapy students on the theme "Occupational Therapy in Global Community".

**28<sup>th</sup> Oct. :** Free OT 'Women Health Camp' at 'Aiwan-E-Suleman, Kotana Road, Daryaganj, Delhi. The Services Provided in the camp were : OT assessment, management, pregnancy & health care education , Counseling for need of education, checkup for BP, Sugar & BMD, Free distribution of sanitary pads, vitamins & calcium supplements and women health, physical, mental problems related education leaflets.

The camp was organized by Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Jamia Hamdard. In collaboration with with Etihad Society, Kotana Street, Daryaganj. It was co-sponsored by Ango Health: A Pregnancy Care Unit, Apollo Pharmacy, Abott, Sofia and Online Partner: Purani Dilli Walo Ki Baatein.

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## Delhi Branch of AIOTA and O.T. Department & Department of Neurology, GIPMER, New Delhi

**27<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Faculty members and clinical OT's and UG & PG students from various institutions all across Delhi NCR namely LNJP Hospital, CNBC Hospital, PDDUNIPD and Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi participated in the function. Highlights of the program were: Poster Making competition, Essay writing, Slogan Writing and Quiz competition for Students. The program received extensive coverage in both Print and electronic media.





**28<sup>th</sup> Oct:** The celebration was at PRACHODAYAN, Vivek Vihar Delhi. This consisted of a caregiver training workshop and public awareness lecture about Occupational Therapy

**3<sup>rd</sup> Nov:** A public awareness lecture for the Head Injury patients & caregivers and Painting, Singing and Dance competition for children with special needs were arranged at DCWA Medical Centre, Kailash Colony in collaboration with Indian Head Injury Foundation. The eminent faculty members from IHIF, DCWA and Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi were eminent guests on the occasion.

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### Santosh OT College, Ghaziabad & UP Branch of AIOTA

The World OT Day celebration at Santosh OT College was arranged in collaboration with UP Branch of AIOTA and Santosh Deemed to be University on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018. It included clinical talks & presentations on various areas of OT practice. The Posters, debate, street play, dance, Rangoli focusing the theme "Celebrating Our Global Community" was organised on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018.



A free three days OT camp from 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 was organized in the hospital premises. The occupational therapy students also formed a human chain outside the Santosh Hospital for spreading awareness about OT.

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## JKKMMRF- College of OT, Komarapalayam, Namakkal District, Tamil Nadu



After the World Occupational Therapy day celebration on 27th of October 2018 it was planned to celebrate OTIndia Month and hence arranged community programs, state level occupational therapy inter college meet with sports and cultural competition. We have conducted awareness camps in Namakkal and Erode districts, special camp on 27th Oct with our PG, Final year UG and Intern students. These awareness camps were supported by the District Disability Rehabilitation Officer of Namakkal. More than 300 differently abled people were participated in the camp.

We have invited all the Nine OT colleges in Tamilnadu for state level COTE on Cognitive Behavior therapy, Inter college sports and cultural meet from 22nd October to 24th October. A total of 650 Occupational therapy students and 54 occupational therapists participated in these events. This program was sponsored by our Correspondent Dr. JKK.Munirajah and supported by Tamilnadu Branch of AIOTA. We have invited four state ministers, district collector and TNAIOTA officials. COTE resource persons were Dr. K.Vidyaasagar ., Dr. P.Thamilselvan and Mr. P. Dinakaran , clinical psychologists. An OT Quiz program was also organized which was participated by OT students of all colleges. Overall champion trophy for sports, cultural and Quiz won by JKKMMRF- College of Occupational Therapy followed by Saveetha College of Occupational therapy in second place.

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## College of OT, Goa Medical College, Bambolim, Goa

**"Occupational Therapy Awareness Month"** was celebrated in Goa Medical College, Goa, on 24th November 2018 at the new auditorium hall, in GMC, Goa.

Video on awareness of OT was made by the students of BOT course, named **"O.T. Ki Pathshala"**. The video featured an interactive session with MBBS students about their knowledge of OT. The HODs and Assistant Professors of various departments including Neurology, Neurosurgery, Paediatrics, Plastic surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, CBR, Plastic Surgery and Mental Health, spoke on the role of OT in the respective department about OT interventions and how it is helping the patients of respective branches for improving quality of life and functional independence of patients. The program was attended by approx.160 students of MBBS,



BPT, B.Sc Magnetic Imaging Technology and BOT.

Quiz was organised by students of occupational therapy named “**Quizzically Challenged**” for the 5th semester MBBS students and final year AHSC students, which was based on General Knowledge and Awareness & Knowledge of Occupational therapy. A total of 10 teams participated that included MBBS, Bachelor of physiotherapy, BSc magnetic Imaging Technology and other AHS courses. The winners and the runner-ups were facilitated by Dean, GMC.

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### JIPMER Hospital, Pondicherry

A Geriatric Health Education Awareness Program was organized in Geriatric OPD at JIPMER on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> to mark the World OT Day by Sr. OT Dr. Sathish Kumar. The program was conducted in the vernacular language (Tamil).

**The techniques for Preventing Falls, protection of Joints and adaptation of the environment** were demonstrated in the program for the benefit of the old age patients.

Visual display was given to the patients in the form placard images. It was also uploaded on JIPMER official website.

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### Kerala OT Association and Prayatna Child Development Centre, Cochin

On the World OT day, Kerala Occupational Therapists Association (KOTA) in alliance with Prayatna, Centre for Child development, conducted one day free OT Awareness camp, at Marthoma Public School, Kakkannad. to raise the awareness and importance of Occupational Therapy among the Teachers, Parents and also the students.

Dr Joseph Sunny EC Member AIOTA & Convener KOTA also conducted OT Awareness Session in Government Mental Health Centre Thrissur. Around 75 Participants, including Psychiatrists, Psychologists, social workers, nurses and people from other professions also took part in the program. Support, coordination and response from the audience were remarkable.

It concluded as an appreciable impressive feedback note





reminding from the participants and masses regarding the importance of functioning as a team in the field of OT and to reach the public in a greater extent.

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### Tamil Nadu Branch of AIOTA

TNAIOTA in collaboration with many Institutions / Organizations / Trust / Clinics / Schools celebrated World OT Day & AIOTA's OTIndia Month ' 2018 to create awareness, to promote & represent and to uplift our OT Profession in our State of Tamil Nadu.

**With Occupational Therapy College of Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai (31st Oct.)**

- talks by expert faculties Dr. Raghu Ram & Dr. Jothi Kumar. About 200 students actively participated in it.
- Buds to Kidz clinic's - Children's Day Celebrations on 14th Nov'2018 along with World Occupational Therapy Day Celebration was organised in collaboration with TNAIOTA. Nearly 50 parents are benefited.

**With JKKMMRF college of Occupational Therapy (22-24 Nov)**

- State level CME, Intercollege Sports and Cultural Meet at T.N. Palayam, near Gopichettipalayam. About 700 participants were registered. Seven OT colleges of Tamil Nadu State participated in the events were KMCH, SRM, JKKMMRF, ANNAMALAI, SAVEETHA, SRI RAMAMACHANDRA & NIEPMD). It is for the first time in the history of Occupational Therapy in Tamil Nadu and also all over India for such a massive Inter- College meet organized amongst OT Colleges. It was a "DREAM THAT CAME TRUE".



**OT College NIEPMD, Chennai ( Govt.of India) in collaboration with SWASTIK TRUST(NGO)**

- Organized Conference supported by SCOT & TNAIOTA as knowledge partner at Saveetha University. Health & Rehab Professionals and about 550 students from Meenakshi, Saveetha, NIEPMD & Sri Ramachandra were registered participants.
- Poster presentations & Cultural program for students were also organized.

Lastly during the OTIndia Month, TNAIOTA officials felicitated many Govt. /Non - Govt./ University officials, whose contributions for the development of OT in the State of Tamil Nadu was valuable.

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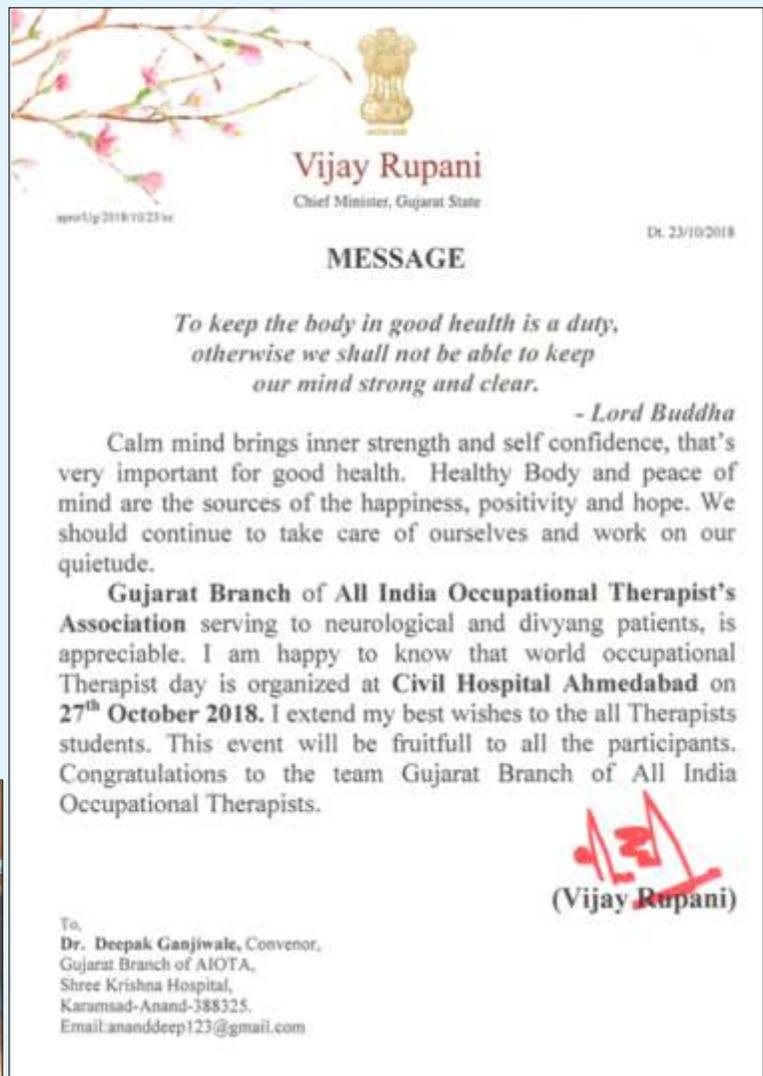
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**Gujarat Branch of AIOTA**

Gujarat Branch of AIOTA in association with Government Occupational Therapy College, Ahmedabad and Department of Spine Institute, celebrated World OT Day on 27th October 2018 at Ahmedabad. The Chief Guest of the event was Dr. M. M. Prabhakar, Additional Director Medical Education & Research Gujarat Government.

Dr. S .R. Apte formerly Convener of Gujarat Branch introduced about the various category of awards. The recipients of the various category of awards of Gujarat Branch announced in the function are :

- **Life Time Achievement Award** - Dr. Veena Ramnai
- **Occupational Therapy Excellence Award** - Dr.shweta Saxena
- **Dr. Pushpaben Mankad Award for Best OT** - Dr. Mukund Bhatt  
*(Incepted this year with generous donation received from Dr. M. M. Sangoi, formerly Head of OT Services at Safdarjung Hospital New Delhi and recipient of AIOTA's prestigious Life Time Achievement Award).*
- **The Young Achiever Award** - Dr. Wasim Patel and Dr. Devraj Trivedi both.

  
**Vijay Rupani**  
 Chief Minister, Gujarat State

Dt. 23/10/2018

**MESSAGE**

*To keep the body in good health is a duty,  
otherwise we shall not be able to keep  
our mind strong and clear.*

*- Lord Buddha*

Calm mind brings inner strength and self confidence, that's very important for good health. Healthy Body and peace of mind are the sources of the happiness, positivity and hope. We should continue to take care of ourselves and work on our quietude.

**Gujarat Branch of All India Occupational Therapist's Association** serving to neurological and divyang patients, is appreciable. I am happy to know that world occupational Therapist day is organized at **Civil Hospital Ahmedabad on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018**. I extend my best wishes to the all Therapists students. This event will be fruitfull to all the participants. Congratulations to the team Gujarat Branch of All India Occupational Therapists.

  
**(Vijay Rupani)**

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A poster competition was also held in the event with participation from students of K P Patel College of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, Anand, and Government Occupational Therapy College, Ahmedabad and Department of Spine Institute.

Dr. Deepak Ganjiwale also conducted a splinting workshop on 22nd and 24th of October 2018 at Shree Krishna Hospital Karamsad, with 55 registered participants, Chief Minister of Gujarat State Shree Vijay Rupani has also sent a letter of appreciation to Gujarat Branch of AIOTA.

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### Telangana State Branch

Jain Ratna Shri Surendra Lumia Ex Chairman, Mahaveer Hospital felicitating Dr. V. G. Bodhankar the senior most Occupational Therapist of the Telangana State and formerly Vice President & EC Member AIOTA on World OT Day-2018 at Niloufer Hospital, Hyderabad. Dr. Bodhankar was formerly Convener of Telangana State Branch and also had been Vice President & EC Member of AIOTA.

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With great pleasure I congratulate AIOTA Members, Branches and Institutions for making World OT Day & AIOTA'S OTIndia Month 2018 a great success. The celebration reports with photographs itself speaks of the enthusiasm and efforts involved by the members in promoting awareness of the profession throughout India. In comparison to 11 celebration reports in 2017, this year 23 celebration reports are compiled for publication in the Newsletter and also being forwarded to WFOT for uploading on its website. This indeed is remarkable and praiseworthy.

The Executive Committee of AIOTA express its thanks and gratitude to all those involved in spectacular celebration of World OT Day & OTIndia Month -2018 for AIOTA, WFOT and the promotion of OT profession in India and globally.

Best wishes

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## **OTICON'2018: COTE**

### **ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT AIOTA**

On behalf of Executive Committee of Academic Council of OT as its Executive Chairman and President of All India Occupational Therapists' Association, I extend a warm welcome to you all the delegates and the honored guests.

I gratefully acknowledge the presence of national and international guests and alumni of OT School & Center Government Medical College, Nagpur on the occasion of the Pre-Conference COTE program of OTICON'2018 and Diamond Jubilee of Nagpur OT School.

Pre-Conf. COTE is a regular feature of AIOTA's National Conferences under the ambit of Academic Council of Occupational Therapy. I am extremely grateful to the expert faculty of today's academic event, Dr. Nandu Nandoskar from Australia, for accepting the request of ACOT to conduct the COTE at Nagpur, in spite of his busy schedule.

Dr. Paresh Chandra Ghosh currently residing at Chennai too deserve applaud for his valuable contribution, though he will not be present physically. Congratulations to Dean ACOT Dr. Bijlani for very effectively coordinating and arranging this Pre-Conf. COTE on "Industrial Health & Occupational Therapy" focusing on Environment, Ergonomics, Safety, and Wellness at Workplace.

Occupational health is an emerging area of occupational therapy practice. It is a field of health care dedicated to the well-being and safety of employees at the workplace. Occupational Health has a strong focus on injury prevention and employee education. The services include employee wellness, pre-placement testing, ergonomics, occupational therapy and occupational medicine and many more. Occupational therapy practitioners have a distinct value in the area of ergonomics based on understanding the complex and dynamic interactions of the person, the job, and the context and environment. The skills and knowledge of occupational therapy practitioners in anatomy, physiology, and activity analysis make them highly qualified to work in the area of ergonomics.

AIOTA has initiated to issue certification for seating ranges and other products for their ergonomic suitability an entirely new area of occupational therapy practice for young OT's. . Certification for ergonomically designed seating range has been provided as per norms laid down by AIOTA to few of the manufacturers of seating ranges. I am glad to inform that many more reputed firms are approaching us for certification. Due to the efforts of AIOTA, The tenders floated by the many of government and other organization now have a condition for AIOTA certification for Ergonomic Suitability of the designed seating ranges. . The firms are advised by AIOTA to appoint occupational therapist as ergonomic consultants in their set ups. ACOT has also been requested to launch post graduate certification course on Ergonomics soon with an aim to have a pool of OT's with specialization in practice areas of ergonomics in India. Hopefully it may be launched by the middle of this year.

I am confident that delegates and the budding OT's would welcome this academic program emerging area of OT practice in India and may chose Ergonomics and Industrial Health as their speciality area for their career building. I am sure you all will have a great learning time.

Thank you

**Dr Anil K. Srivastava**

President, AIOTA & Executive Chairman, ACOT

### **ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT AIOTA: OTICON'2018**

It is my proud privilege to extend a warm welcome to the national and international guests, resource faculties, members and students coming from far of places to take part in this conference at Nagpur.

The city of Nagpur is a fast growing metropolis and third largest city in Maharashtra after Mumbai and Pune. Nagpur has been identified as one among the best cities in India in terms of livability, greenery, public transport, and health care. It is also famously known as the "Orange City" as this is a major trade centre of oranges cultivated in the region.

I congratulate Organizing Secretary of OTICON2018 Dr. Sofia Azad, the organizing team and Dr. Neeraj Mishra, Chairman Scientific Program & his associates, for their commendable efforts in superbly organizing OTICON'2018: the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of All India Occupational Therapists Association.

The conference is being organized by OT School & Center, Government Medical College, Nagpur in collaboration with Nagpur Branch of AIOTA. I proudly announce that OT School and Center at Government Medical College, Nagpur is completing its 60<sup>th</sup> year of its beginning hence it is the Diamond Jubilee of the OT College. It is also information of historical significance that Nagpur was the first OT Education Program to start Bachelor Degree in occupational therapy in India. The occasion is great and hence celebration is enriched with zeal and enthusiasm of the faculty, students and alumni of OT College, Nagpur which can be well seen on their bright faces. Congratulations to you all of Nagpur school.

The founder of the profession of occupational therapy in India was Mrs. Kamala V. Nimbkar, nee Elizabeth Lundy who was an American Lady. She laid the foundation of OT and OT School at KEM Hospital Mumbai in 1950. All India Occupational Therapists' Association was founded in 1952 with Mrs. Nimbkar as its First President. AIOTA also became one of the Founder Council Members of World Federation of Occupational Therapy, which too came to existence in the same year in 1952. Mrs. Nimbkar was the lady who on request of the government, also founded OT School of GMC Nagpur in the year 1958.

It is a great honor for OT College of GMC Nagpur that the maximum no. Presidents and Secretaries of AIOTA were from Nagpur. Stalwarts of the profession Dr. M.G. Deo, Late Dr. M.R. Kulkarni , Late Dr. Mrs. N.R. Chitnavis and Dr. M.S. Warhade all from Nagpur had been AIOTA Presidents in past years . I am happy that the present Secretary of AIOTA is also a Nagpur graduated. Dr. Deo with his vision has established Academic Council of OT, a constituent academic body of AIOTA in the year 1983 and was its founder Dean. I was fortunate to work with him in AIOTA for few years and learnt many aspects of the profession and the association. AIOTA is honored to confer upon him, its prestigious Life Time Achievement Award today.

Many of the alumni of Nagpur OT College have made the nation proud with their academic and research potentials in overseas. I gratefully acknowledge the valuable presence and academic contributions from Dr. Shrikant Chinchalkar , Dr. S. L. Rai, Dr. Vijay Suple , Dr. Gazala Makda and many more from US,UK, Canada and other countries. Dr. Vijay Suple from Canada will be delivering the Key Note Address in this conference. I also was co-opted as an AIOTA EC Member for the first time during the 1992-1993 tenure of Nagpur team. It was led by Dr. Madan Warhade as President, Dr. S.L. Rai, Vice President and Dr. V. S. Thombre as Secretary. Jawaharlal Nehru wrote, “Future has to be built on the foundations laid in the past and the present.” Carrying forward the legacy of the stalwarts of the occupational therapy profession is certainly not an easy task but I am trying my level best to come up to their expectations with their blessings.

AIOTA Conferences are an excellent platform to share, interact and learn from our national and international counterparts for our further academic and professional growth. The Theme chosen for this conference is ‘Occupational Therapy –Independence, Empowerment, Inclusion’ [Swawalamban, Sashaktikaran, Samavesh]. Without disability, the occupational therapy profession would not exist. Occupational therapists believe that each one has a respectable place in the society including persons with disabilities. The theme signifies the significant contribution of occupational therapy in comprehensive rehabilitation of the especially abled population of the country.

Occupational Therapy (OT) is nationally & internationally recognized advanced discipline in the modern healthcare system The multifaceted development in academics, service delivery & technology and above all the research & development in the field of occupational therapy in India in recent years, but still we have miles to go to meet the challenges of the future. Occupational Therapists help people across the lifespan, participate in the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities (occupations). Common occupational therapy interventions include helping children with disabilities to participate fully in school and social situations, helping people recovering from injury to regain skills, and providing supports for older adults experiencing physical and cognitive changes. Therapy sets unreachable goals and makes them reachable; we help people live life to its fullest.

AIOTA is regulatory body to control and maintain academic standards and the standards of practice in the country. Academic Council of OT, a constituent body of AIOTA has been made responsible for maintaining uniformity and standards of Education of the UG/PG courses in more than 30 education centers in India

AIOTA's official publication Indian Journal of Occupational Therapy is peer reviewed journal with international acceptability. 49 Volumes have been published till date.

It still is an issue of major challenge for occupational therapy in India, that in spite of many assurances by Govt. of India in the Parliament since 1983 for setting up of Indian Council for Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy, but all in vain, although more than 35 years of continuance pursuance are over. On behalf of members of AIOTA, I emphatically appeal to Government of India to declare setting up Indian Council of Occupational Therapy soon, in place of ongoing process of clubbing of this independent profession of modern health care system under the ambit of Allied & Healthcare Council with heterogeneous group of more than 80 professionals.

Lack of proper avenues and facilities in government sector in the country , occupational therapists have led to massive so-called “brain-drain” to avail lucrative opportunities available there and to me it is a major challenge for the profession.

I urge to Government of Maharashtra to look into the genuine basic issues of the profession, like legitimate right to practice for self-employment, minimum of one post of OT per hundred bed strength in government hospitals in urban areas. The genuine requirement is for establishing more no. of OT Colleges in the cities other than Mumbai and Nagpur to develop human resource to cater the need of ailing population to make them functionally independent . There still remains a major challenge for OT's in India in taking occupational therapy at primary level to cater the rehabilitative needs of the rural population, comprising of about 75% of the total population which can only be made possible with initiatives from government.

The year 2017 has been a year of significant achievement for AIOTA & occupational therapy in India. Gazette notification dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, has accepted the request from AIOTA and has included occupational therapist as one of the healthcare authorities of the constituted medical board, for issuance of certification to persons with specific learning disabilities (SLD). Our efforts are also on for inclusion of occupational therapists in the board for loco motor disabilities, mental health and autism disorders.

AIOTA has also initiated to issue certification for seating ranges and other products for their ergonomic suitability. Certification for ergonomically designed seating range is being provided to the manufacturing firms of repute in India. The certification is issued after inspection of products on the basis of ergonomics and performance evaluation criteria laid down by AIOTA. The post graduate certification course on Ergonomics soon is all set to be launched by AIOTA with an aim to have a pool of OT's with specialization in practice areas of ergonomics in India.

Besides many more achievements in other areas, the long awaited dream of members and Executive of AIOTA now comes true. I feel excited and honored to inform, that members of AIOTA now own an office on 8<sup>th</sup> Floor of Business Bay at Nerul adjacent to Dr. D.Y. Patil University,

Navi Mumbai. AIOTA office was duly registered recently on Nov. 3, 2017. It could only be possible with the dedicated efforts of entire Executive team. I congratulate members of AIOTA for this achievement of great significance.

I am sure that the delegates and guests participating from all part of the country and overseas, will have a comfortable stay and memorable time. I am also confident that the scientific deliberations supported with evidence based research in various areas of clinical practice would promote knowledge dissemination to enhance further growth of OT in India.

Thank You

**Dr Anil K.Srivastava**

President AIOTA

## **REPORT FROM ORGANISING SECRETARY OTICON-2018**

Occupational Therapy School and Centre, Government Medical College and Hospital, Nagpur hosted OTICON-2018 which was held from 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee Year of Occupational Therapy School & Centre, GMCH, Nagpur. The theme of the conference was 'Occupational Therapy – Independence, Empowerment and Inclusion. The conference was a great success under the guidance of a well formed organizing committee with Hon. Nitinji Gadkari as the Chief Patron; Dr. Anil Srivastava as the Principal Advisor; Dr. Abhimanyu Niswade as the Patron; Dr. M. S. Warhade as the Chairman; Dr. V. S. Thombre as the Vice Chairman; Dr. P. P. Ukey as the Organizing Chairman; Dr. Deepak Asia as the Co-organizing Chairman; Dr. Sofia Azad as the Organizing Secretary; Dr. Manish Bhawatkar as the Co-organizing Secretary; Dr. Satish Maslekar as the Conference Co-ordinator; Dr. Neeraj Mishra as the Scientific Committee Chairperson; Dr. Nishu Tyagi, Dr. Arun Kishor, Dr. Vaishali Katole and Dr. Sunil Deshmukh as the Scientific Committee Coordinator; Dr. Leena Deshpande as the Hon. Treasurer; Dr. Reena Bachale as the Joint Treasurer; and the core committee members were Dr. Lokpriya Sakhare, Dr. Sachin Sangode, Dr. Nilesh Harde, Dr. Bhagwan Bagde, and Dr. Minakshi Sawarkar. A total of 192 member and non-member delegates, 16 foreign delegates and 452 student delegates registered for the conference.

The Day 1 of the conference was started with the Inauguration of the Pre-Conference COTE and the sessions by Dr. Paresh Chandra Ghosh and Dr. Nandkishor Nandoskar. It was followed by Key Note Address by Dr. Vijay Suple. Post lunch, the Scientific Session-I on Paediatric Playful Interactions started, followed by which was a panel discussion on the topic 'LD Assessment & Certification: Way ahead for Occupational Therapist'. The evening session started with the Inauguration of the Conference \_\_Hon. Nanda tai Jichkar, the mayor of Nagpur. The day concluded with a grand Cultural event, 'Sairat: Get Totally Engrossed'. The cultural events were well managed by Dr. Gayatri Sinha, the Cultural Committee Chairperson; Dr. Rakhi Gadkari, the Cultural Committee Co-Chairperson; and the other members of Cultural committee.

On the subsequent days of the conference, Scientific Session-II on Psychosocial and Mental Health Challenges; Scientific Session-III on Occupational Performance: Participation and Well Being; Scientific Session-IV on Occupational Therapy trends in Neurosciences; Session-V on Occupational Goals for Children with Special Needs; Scientific Session-VI on Exploring Arenas of Practice: Ergonomics; and Scientific Session-VII with Street Plays on Accessibility were organized.

In the Students' Scientific session of the conference, students of various OT colleges participated in the Poster Presentation Competition and Innovative Technology. A Gold Medal Examination for Best OT Graduate was conducted by the Orissa Branch of AIOTA on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the conference.

The conference also showcased stalls from various vendors of rehabilitation equipment and foreign recruiting agencies. The conference concluded by Award giving ceremony of scientific presentations, poster presentation, innovative technology, cultural events and street play at the Valedictory function on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

We are greatly honoured to mention that the Hon. Treasurer, Dr. Leena Deshpande has given 10% of the total Registration amount of the conference i.e., 1 Lakh 85 Thousand to AIOTA. We are very much thankful to all the President Dr. Anil K Srivastava, Dr. Shashi Oberai, Dr. Satish Maslekar, Dr. Pratibha Vaidya, and all EC Members and the Executive Body of ACOT, Dr. Anil K Srivastava, Dr. Jyothika Bijlani, and EC Members for showcasing their enormous support and guidance to make the event a grand success.

**Dr. Sofia Azad**

Org. Secretary

Proposed by - **Dr Durgesh**

Seconded by - **Dr Deepak**

***Carried unanimously***

## **REPORT FROM SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

Total entries for Scientific papers received	-	42
Total Scientific papers selected	-	36
Total e poster	-	12
Total Innovative Technology	-	3

This year onwards the entire activities of Scientific Committee went paperless.

Following were the recipients of Best Paper Award under various categories

**Member Category :**

- Kamla V. Nimbkar Trophy for Best Scientific Paper (General) of OTICON 2018 : **Dr. Pradnya Bhovad**
- KEMOT Youth Talent Trophy for Best Scientific Paper : **Dr. Shalendri Dash**
- M.M. Sangoi Trophy for Best Paper on Ergonomics & Environmental Access : **Dr. Esther G. Zachariah**
- Vijay Supale Trophy for Best Scientific Paper in Mental Health : **Dr. Shalini Quadros**
- Gazala Makda Trophy for Best Scientific Paper in Pediatrics : **Dr. K.R. Banumathe**
- Kailash Merchant Trophy for Best Scientific Paper in Neurosciences : **Dr. Somyakant Sahu**
- AIOTA Trophy for Best E-poster (Delegate) : **Dr. Vivek Vajratkar**
- N.Swaroop Trophy for Best Innovative Technology (Delegate) : **Dr. Nikhil Patel**
- Best Member Delegate OTICON2018 by Kerala Branch of AIOTA : **Dr. Pooja Mehta**
- Gold Medal Award for Best OT Graduates of 2017(By Odisha Branch of AIOTA) : **Dr. Abirame Sithambaram, Coimbatore**

**Student Category :**

- AIOTA Trophy for Best Poster :
  - FIRST** - **PDUNIPPD(IPH), New Delhi**
  - SECOND** - **SGSMC & KEM Hospital, Mumbai**
  - THIRD** - **Goa Medical College, Goa**
- AIOTA Trophy for Innovative Technology
  - FIRST** - **SGSMC & KEM Hospital, Mumbai**
  - SECOND** - **PDUNIPPD(IPH), New Delhi**
  - THIRD** - **Goa Medical College, Goa**
- Best Student Delegate OTICON2018 by Karnataka Branch of AIOTA : **V. Monisha, New Delhi**

**Dr. Neeraj Mishra**  
Chairman Scientific Program

*Carried unanimously*

## **REPORT FROM BRANCH COORDINATOR OF AIOTA**

### **1.0 World OT Day**

The theme on World OT day was conveyed to all the conveners of AIOTA branches for celebration of world OT day/month from 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 to 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 in their respective states/ cities & they were asked to send the brief report along with some photographs . It was an amazing response from most of the branches. I am thankful to all the conveners & their team for organizing such programs with lots of enthusiasm for the awareness & up liftment of OT profession. The World OT day celebration reports were received from TN-AIOTA, UP, Kerala, Rajasthan, Delhi, Mumbai & Gujarat branches have sent their reports in this regard. These all brief reports is published in AIOTA news letter & also uploaded on AIOTA website.

### **2.0 New State Branches**

New state/City Branches of Pondicherry, Haryana & Telangana have been formed this year & their ad hoc working committee has been appointed but due to new govt. policies in operating bank a/c , AIOTA has decided to modify the policies for all AIOTA branches & deferred the recognition for next EC of AIOTA in Feb 2018

### **3.0 Annual Report of AIOTA branches:**

Reports have been received from Mumbai, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, UP, Bihar, Kerala , Nagpur ,Karnataka ,Punjab- Chandigarh, Telangana, Rajasthan branches of AIOTA .

I am thankful to AIOTA president Dr. Srivastava, AIOTA secretary Dr. Maslekar, all other AIOTA executives & conveners of AIOTA branches for their timely support & valuable contribution

Respectfully submitted ,

**Dr Jyothika Bijlani**  
Co-ordinator AIOTA Branches

*Carried unanimously*

# ANNUAL REPORT FROM AIOTA BRANCHES

## TAMILNADU BRANCH

The Association having its focus on its objectives has done remarkable activities.

In the History of TamilNadu Occupational Therapy professional this is the first time 18 Govt.post was recruited. Selected candidates list was announced on 2nd January 2017.It's because of 6yrs effort of TNAIOTA. It was followed up with regular intervals to achieve this goal. we are in the follow up of State Govt.OT college, Council & creating of OT post in District Early Intervention center, Department of Mental Health and in School sectors.

Our THIRD EC meeting held on Sunday 29th January 2017.

We would like to inform you all that on behalf of TNAIOTA we met Honorable Higher Education Minister of Tamilnadu on 12.1.17 to represent our profession to get OT College. It's another follow up to give pressure from Higher Education Department to Health Department. As we requested, Higher Education Minister forwarded our note.

On 27-01-17 we met Secretary for Health & Family Welfare Department, Dr.J.Radhakrishnan, IAS to follow up our status regarding OT college.

We would like to inform you all that on behalf of TNAIOTA , On 18/02/2017 we met our AIOTA President to felicitate for his valuable support and guidance for us.

CME was Organised by TNAIOTA on “ Recent trends in Psychiatric Rehabilitation” presented by JKK Principal, Dr.T.Jagadeesan.

we met **Dr.Nellaiappar, HOD, Department of Hand & Reconstructive Surgery, TamilNadu Government Multi Super Sepciality Hospital, Chennai**, on 23/03/17, **Head of the Department of Child Psychiatry Dr.ShanthiNambi, ICH, Egmore, Chennai** to Submit the List of Occupational Therapists (District wise) and also we Submitted the list of OT Clinics for referral purpose.

We had submitted a petition to create OT post in Industrial sectors for welfare of the industrial workers under the category of **INDUSTRIAL REHABILITATION**.

We made an official visit to **JIPMER hospital. An Institution of National importance Under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India**, Puducherry, on 01.04.2017 requested to start OT College.

**We had celebrated World Autism Awareness Day on 1/4/17 at Sumathy Occupational Therapy Centre.** More than 50 participants got benefitted through this program. Also, we conducted a interactive session with the parents of special kids. Most of the parents were raising the question “How to prevent ASD”, which was answered using current facts.

We also met **Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute Director (Academics Administration), Dean( Education) Dr.P.V.VijayaRaghavan** on 10/04/17. We honoured him in the Centennial years of OT celebration and requested to start OT college.

TNAIOTA has appointed a Legal Advisor.

On 28/4/17 we met Dr.Ramesh, Director, Govt.Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine at KK Nagar, Chennai to follow up regarding OT college in the same campus. He assured to consider it.

Convener was invited for the “Review Meeting of District Differently Abled Welfare Officers” by the Ministry of Welfare of Differently Abled on 27/4/17. As a follow up of the same we met Mr.Ashishkumar, I.A.S , State Commissioner for the Welfare of Differently Abled, KK Nagar, Chennai, to submit the importance of OT in rehabilitation sector on 28/4/17.

This is regarding the follow up for OT posts in school sectors. On 28/4/17 we met Mr.Udayachandran, I.A.S (Education Secretary) at Secretariat to submit necessary documents stating the importance of OT in school sectors.

Orientation program was also organised for Anganwadi workers from 53 centers to know about the importance of OT in Paediatric sectors.

On behalf of TNAIOTA, we paid an official visit to the Institute of Mental Health (IMH) on 04.05.17 and we honouredthe Director, Dr.ShanthiNambi, in the centinneal year of OT profession.

On 05/05/17 camp no.2 was organised at Rasipuram Panchayat union, Namakkal District.

**Hereby we inform that Autism Spectrum Disorder is included in the Chief Minister comprehensive health insurance scheme. By this autistic clients and their families will be much benefitted. We consider it as a great achievement which has happened as a result of successive follow up by TNAIOTA.**

This is to inform you all that we had an official visit to NIEPMD on 19/05/17 to honour the Director Dr. Himanshu Das in the Centennial year of OT, and also to thank him for starting BOT course at NIEPMD, Chennai.

**We were invited (Convener & Co-convener) for SSA District Coordinators meeting on 09/05/2017 to speak about our association & importance of OT in SSA project.** This is regarding OTstin SSA project. On 08.05.17, an official meeting was held along with State Project Coordinators Mrs Uma &Mr.AbdulWahab, to include our OT service in SSA forthcoming Projects.

One of the predominant election vow of our team was to re-start the Occupational Therapy colleges that has been closed.

**Since January 2017 we started to take steps to open OT colleges. To start with we approached NIEPMD Meenakshi, Saveetha, Sri Ramachandra University and submitted our justification to start OT college.**

On 16/05/2017, we met Superintendent, Medical Recruitment Board, DMS, Teynampet, Chennai, to hand over the petition regarding the selection process for the post of Occupational Therapy.

On 30/05/2017, we met Dr.Edwin Joe, Director, Directorate of Medical Education, Kilpauk, Chennai, to hand over the petitions.

**This is regarding our degree certificate given by “The TamilNaduDr.MGR Medical University”, Guindy, Chennai.**

**On 01.06.2017 we met Dr.Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor, The TamilNaduDr.MGR Medical university, to hand over the petition**

**to provide our degree certificate as Faculty of Occupational Therapy in the forthcoming convocation.**

Health camp and differently abled management camp was organised by The Leprosy Mission Trust India in collaboration with TNAIOTA & PIMS on 19th July 2017. No. of beneficiary - More than 300.

The 3rd GB meeting was conducted successfully on 08/07/2017 at KMCH, Coimbatore. CME was Organised by TNAIOT, on KINESIOTAPING - Implication in Paediatrics, presented by Madam, Dr. Sujata Missal. 108 Participants attended the CME.

**Saveetha College of OT, Principal, Dr. Arunkumar, delivered speech about the growth, achievements & success of TNAIOTA. Convener presented the summary of the activities carried out by our TNAIOTA from 17th July 2016 to till date.**

Swastik Trust in Collaboration with TNAIOTA organised Health/Rehab camp (Free Consultation/Assessment) on 29th July 2017. Approximately 25 to 30 clients & 75 parents are attended the camp.

This is to inform you all that TNAIOTA office bearers were invited for the review meeting with 32 District differently abled welfare officers in the presence of Honourable Minister Dr. Saroja & State Commissioner, Mr. Ashish Kumar, I.A.S., at DMS, Chennai on 27/4/2017.

**Through continuous efforts and follow up of TNAIOTA with "The TamilNadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, this year OT graduates have received certificates as "Faculty of Occupational Therapy" in the 2017 convocation.** This is another great success of TNAIOTA.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY was celebrated in association with ARISJUVADY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER on 10th Oct' 17 by organizing various programs to create awareness about the OT rehabilitation.

TNAIOTA in collaboration with SWASTIK TRUST organized free medical camp for differently abled persons on 21/10/17 at Vellore. More than 50 participants are benefitted.

To mark the World Occupational Therapy Day, On 26th Oct' 2017 we met Dr. Edwin Joe, Director, Directorate of Medical Education (DME) to felicitate and to thank for the fast process to start State Government Occupational Therapy College. WORLD OT DAY was celebrated at various OT colleges with support of TNAIOTA office Bearers (JKMMRF, ANNAMALAI, SAVEETHA & SRI RAMACHANDRA UNIVERSITY).

As one of the event in the OT month (Oct' 27th-Nov' 26th) TNAIOTA in collaboration with BLOSSOM KIDZ CLINIC celebrated WORLD OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DAY, 2017 on CHILDREN'S DAY, 14th Nov at 5.00pm. Approximately 50 parents participated along with their kids.

Regards,

*Respectfully submitted,*

**Dr. Raghuram. P**

Convener - TNAIOTA

## UP BRANCH

I take pleasure to submit the report of UP Branch of AIOTA for the year 2017-2018

During the year under report following academic activities were successfully organised by the UP Branch of AIOTA, under the leadership of its Convener and Co-Convener with valuable assistance from EC's and members.

1. **Dr. Anantkumar (MOT) & Dr. Rosalin Nath (MOT)** were the key speaker in Caregivers training program at SPARK India-Lucknow on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2017 organized in association with UPAIOTA.
2. Advanced Certificate Course on **Physical Agent Modalities-As an adjunct to OT** was successfully convened by UP Branch in collaboration with Academic Council of OT at SaiDham, Houzkhaz, New Delhi from Dec. 15-17, 2017. It was attended by about 45 participants from all over India. **Dr. R.K. Sharma** was the Convener of this academic program. It was inaugurated by **Dr. Anil K. Srivastava**, President AIOTA. Dean ACOT **Dr. Jyothika Bijalini** was the Guest of Honor of valedictory function.
3. Co-Convener **Dr. R.K. Sharma**, Dean Allied Health Sciences & Principal Santosh OT College, Ghaziabad is awarded Ph. D.
4. Convener **Dr. Anil Srivastava** who also is President AIOTA was National Executive Committee Member of WORLD Federation of NeuroRehabilitation Congress (WFNR) organized in Mumbai in from 7-10 Feb, 2017. He was also invited for a talk there, but he could not go and deputed VP AIOTA **Dr. Shashi Oberaion** his behalf.
5. Contribution of EC Members of UPAIOTA **Dr. Nitesh Shrivastav** for IJOT as Asstt. Editor and **Dr. Shivani Bhardwaj** for enrolling Members & Student Members for UPAIOTA and organization of PAMOT Workshop at New Delhi was noteworthy.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Anil K. Srivastava**

Convener

## BIHAR BRANCH

It gives me immense pleasure to avail myself of the privilege to place this Annual Report of functioning and activities of Bihar Branch of AIOTA for the year 2017 under submission to the esteemed members of our fraternity. The year has been most assuring in the way that the same of our long standing aspirations have got fulfilment and our sincere perseverance have come to fruition. With Cheers I would like to proceed with a few words as what follows:

- Though past, the CM's Visit and his words of assurance as imparted and addressed to us in the ceremonial occasion of the world

Physiotherapy Day- Occupational Therapy week on sept 11, 2016 still linger with us and candidly we ever cherish them as they are the ones we think them to be;

- The CM's assurance was in respect of enhancement of our age of retirement. Rightly now it has been formalised under Bihar Govt's notification of No3-A-5-S.R.-10/2008(part)-3142/F dated at Patna 03.05.2017 as issued by the Finance Deptt.
- Now we can rejoice in this achievement of ours with joviality. The Words are quite explicit, '...the Degree Holders of Physiotherapist and Occupational Therapist (including teaching wings) of Bihar State shall now retire on completion of sixty seven years of their age'
- Coming to our yet another demand of constituting a state level council for monitoring of the proposed therapy services. We have had several meetings with top authorities. We are very sure that our efforts will be fruitful soon;
- As regards wide expansion of PT & OT activities, our pursuance towards some real action is going on. We can hope the days are now not far when we can outreach the suffering people even if they happen to be in the remotest points of the state. The Govt will definitely provide viable infrastructure towards this objective;
- As for assurance as given in regard to the establishment of more number of institutions and colleges of PT & OT, sanguine efforts are being made, Hopefully, outcome of those efforts will soon bring results;
- In respect of the proposal of posting of sixty seven occupation therapists and sixty four Physiotherapists, a favourable fallout of our sincere efforts will definitely emerge very shortly the matter is in the pipeline of the BPSC approved of the proposals;

#### **CME/SEMINAR/WORKSHOP/SYMPOSIUM-**

- BCPO & our Branch of AIOTA had yet another landmark eventful programme in collaboration with Divyashakti Orthocare, Patna on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The Theme and the caption of the interacting CME session was on "**Advances in Paediatric Neuro-Rehabilitation**".

##### **The Topics Were-**

- (1) **Dilemmas diagnosis of disabilities** by  
Dr. Sharwan Kumar, Md (paed) Pioneer in neonatology in Bihar.
- (2) **Decoding sensory Integration** by  
Dr. Neeraj Mishra M.O.Th. (Paediatrics) GIPMER New Delhi.
- (3) **Sensory integration & praxis tests-tool to illuminate struggles and strengths in participation at school** by  
Dr. Rashmi Sinha SOCH India, Gurugram
- (4) **Role of Occupational Therapy in ASD** by  
Dr. Shachi Gunjan Occ. Therapist & Direct Prodigy. Patna
- (5) **Advances in Paediatric Neuro rehabilitation followed by Brain Gym** by  
Dr. Neeraj Mishra M.O.Th (Paed) GIPMER, New Delhi.

#### **Symposium-**

- Dr. Rajiv Kumar MOT (DD), SIPT (Hyd) of Vijaywada delivered a discourse on Sensory integration therapy in children with sensory processing disorder (Autism & ADHD) , the subject matter was fully discussed among all those present in the symposium. On 18 Nov 2017

#### **Journal Club-**

- We, the faculty & students of BCPO & Members of AIOTA Bihar Branch of AIOTA readers of the contents of the IJOT carrying articles, **six topics** were discussed in **2017** them with academic depth and we tried to imbibe useful innovations as given therein.

#### **Educational Trip-**

- On an 'Educational trip' students of MBBS of 2015 batch, Department of Community & Family Medicine of AIIMS, Patna came to our Institute. They were **17** in number on April 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 & **26** on May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017. Their mission was to acquire and assimilate all about awareness and management through Occupational Therapy, Ergonomics, Physiotherapy & Rehab.

Live training session was also conducted for the students on working of various instruments along with the treatment given to the patients undergoing OT, PT & Rehab.

The above mentioned 'Educational Trip, was conducted by the faculty members & Students of BCPO Patna under scrupulous guidance, mentoring and leadership of Dr. Abhay Kumar Jaiswal, Assistant Professor & Academic Head BCPO.

#### **World Occupational Theray Day/week**

- On the Top of all the events and programmes there were celebrations of the World OT Day/Week on the theme **Inform, Inspire, Influence** from 27<sup>th</sup> Oct, to 05 Nov 2017 at the BCPO which were attended by all members of AIOTA family, BCPO Faculties students & staff.

I make this submission of the Annual Report with deep regards to AIOTA fraternity.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Dr. Abhay Kumar Jaiswal**

Convenor

## NAGPUR BRANCH

### *“Committed for Development of Profession”*

It gives me immense pleasure to present this annual report of the executive committee of Nagpur Branch of All India Occupational Therapist's Association (NB - AIOTA).

Branch is actively engaged in creating awareness about Occupational Therapy and its importance in health care and also arranging skills development program for Occupational Therapists.

Executives Committee of Nagpur Branch of All India Occupational Therapist's Association (NB - AIOTA) met every month in last year in view of coming conference OTICON- 18.

During above meetings in relation to OTICON -18 , Dr Sofia Azad Prof and Principal O T School and Centre G MCH ,Nagpur was nominated as Organizing Secretary for OTICON -18 Other members OTICON -18 organizing committee were also nominated.

Venue and date for OTICON -18 Conferences was also finalized during above meeting.

**Events conducted in the year 2017 by NBAIOTA** in collaboration with O T School and Centre G.M.C Nagpur.

1. Autism Awareness Program on Occasion of World Autism Day Date 9/4/2017 at Raman Science Centre Nagpur.
2. Two Days Workshop in Hand Splinting Dated 1st -2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 By Dr. Shovan Saha Sir Hand Therapy Educator from Manipal University.
3. Members of Branch, OT School and Practicing Occupational Therapist from Nagpur Participated in “WALKATHON” at Walkers street, Nagpur Organized by Nagpur Pediatric Therapist Association to mark CP Day dated October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018
4. Guest Lecture by Dr. Shrikhand Chinchalkar Sir well known Hand Therapist from Canada on Recent trends and techniques of Hand Therapy Dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
5. OT School and Centre Conducted Rural Camp for CP Children at Hingna on occasion of World OT Day

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Dr. Deepak B.**

Convener

## KERALA OT ASSOCIATION

It is with immense pleasure that I present this annual report on behalf of the Executive Committee of Kerala Occupational Therapists' Association. The branch was enthusiastically involved in various professional activities by conducting workshops, seminar / lectures, awareness programs for its members as well as others and implementing programs for professional growth.

### **GENERAL BODY MEETING**

#### **1. 18/06/2017**

First GB meeting of this year was conducted at Prayatna Centre for Child Development Cochin on 18/06/2017. KOTA honored Ms.NirmalaVenkadeshwaran(Senior OT) and the Members were really blessed to listen to Ms.NirmalaVenkadeshwaran, she shared us with her experiences, knowledge and problem solving skills in the area of OT. She has 58years of experience in the different fields of OT

#### **2. 10/09/2017**

Second meeting was conducted at Hotel Sangamam, Medical College, Calicut on 10/09/2017. The main agenda was Electing office bearers of KOTA, Regarding clinical establishment bill ( if bill is passed without including OT, our work will be restricted to practice under physiatrist prescription only, can't even do private practice ) and Discussing about Govt. OT vacancies.

#### **3. 24/09/2017**

Third and final GB meeting of this year was conducted at Prayatna Centre for Child Development Cochin on 24/09/2017. Main agenda was to elect President, Secretary and Treasurer and discussing about OT day 2017 celebration plans.

### **WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY**

A seminar on “Autism awareness” on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 for teachers and parents at Pathnamthitta on behalf of KOTA. It helped to reach the awareness of role of Occupational Therapist in managing children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

### **WORLD OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DAY 2017**

1. Celebration of World Occupational Therapy Day -27th October 2017 by organizing a **Flash Mob** on “Occupational Therapy Awareness” in collaboration with Aster Medicity Ernakulum and Nest Software solutions Ernakulum at “Marine Drive” Cochin.
2. Awareness program, talk show by Visual Media conducted in Media One channel, Janam TV, leading television channels in Kerala, and in Club FM 94.3 leading radio channel in Kerala by Joseph Sunny, President KOTA.
3. School Awareness, one day camp conducted on 31/10/2017 at Government Lower Primary School Ponnurunny, Vyttila.

### **Academic and Professional activities carried out during 2017**

1. A workshop on **Essentials of being functionally independent** for parents of children with disability by Dr.ShovanSaha(Occupational Therapist &HOD department of OT, Manipal University) was organized on Saturday 6th May 2017 at Cochin.

2. A workshop on **Practical in low temperature plastic splints** for Occupational Therapists by Dr. Shovan Saha (Occupational Therapist & Associate Professor department of OT, Manipal University) was organized on Saturday 7th May 2017 at Prayatna Centre for Child Development, Cochin.
3. Workshop conducted on **Applied Behavior Analysis** for all rehabilitation therapists by Dr. Masilamani (Occupational Therapist and Certified Behavior Analyst) on 25 June 2017 at Cochin.
4. **Representations Submitted** to Government of Kerala regarding OT post creation in Government Mental health centers, OT pay scale increment in Government medical sector etc.
5. 25+ RTI (under right to information act 2005) submitted regarding OT posts available and new post creation.
6. Write shop conducted regarding PWD (Person with Disability) act for Speech Language Pathologists, Physical Therapists, and Psychologist along with Occupational Therapists.
7. **Clinical Establishment Bill**
  - **Meeting One.**  
Meeting conducted with Occupational Therapists to discuss regarding include OT in clinical establishment Bill.
  - **Meeting Two**  
Meeting conducted with government authorities to discuss regarding the same.
  - **Representations Submitted**  
Representations submitted regarding including OT in clinical establishment to Health Minister-Kerala, Health Secretary-Kerala, Department of Health services, and all members of Health subject committee.
  - **Outcome.**  
As an outcome for the representations submitted, Health subject committee called for a sitting to discuss regarding including OT in clinical establishment bill.
8. Throughout the year, The K.O.T.A regularly updated its members about various events and opportunities through **Facebook, website emails and blog posts.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Dr. Joseph Sunny**

President, KOTA

## **TELANGANA STATE BRANCH**

I am pleased to submit the Annual Report for the Telangana State Branch of AIOTA.

After being sluggish in activities for some time due to ill health of our President Dr. V.G. Bodhankar, A.P. Branch, the General Body Meeting was called to revive the branch with new members in Telangana. The old body was dissolved owing to voluntary retirement of the President, Dr. V.G. Bodhankar. A.P. Branch name was changed to Telangana State Branch which was unanimously adopted. The new body was unanimously elected with the following Executive Body members.

Convener	..	Dr. V.T. Sawlani
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Co-Convener	..	Dr. Santosh Akulwar
Joint Co-Convener	..	Dr. Sunil Kumar
Treasurer	..	Dr. Arthi Rumale
E.C. Members	..	Dr. Arthi .J Dr. Mukesh .J
Ex. Officio Members	..	Dr. Mrs. S.P. Koratkar Dr. V.G. Bodhankar

The post of Vice President and Joint Secretary was elected for the convenience of the branch activities for co-ordination among all.

It was unanimously resolved to evolve some mechanism to create awareness of O.T. in the State. It was also resolved to submit representation to Director Medical Education and Govt. of Telangana for creation of posts of Occupational Therapists on line with Physiotherapists and filling up the vacant posts.

The new President insisted on Adhoc rules modifications, need to be priority before the new Pay Revision Commission of Telangana State. It was decided to file R.T.I. for Adhoc rules since it is pending for last (14) years with the Government.

Present Members were requested to motivate other O.Ts. working in Hyderabad and other parts of the State to become active members of the branch and AIOTA. The President requested all members to motivate other OTs. also to attend 55<sup>th</sup> OTICON at Nagpur from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.

Whatsapp Group AIOTA@TSB was also formed for professional communication.

World Day of Disabled was celebrated on small scale.

Dr. Mrs. S.P. Koratkar and Dr.V.G.Bodhankar were felicitated for their exemplary contribution towards the O.T. Profession since 50 years.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Dr. V.T. Sawlani**

Convener

## MUMBAI BRANCH

It gives me immense pleasure to present this annual report on behalf of the Executive Committee of Mumbai Branch of All India Occupational Therapists' Association. The branch actively involved itself in various professional activities by conducting seminar / lectures for its members and implementing programs for professional growth.

1. An Occupational Therapy seminar on 9th January 2017 at T.N. Medical College Auditorium which included following lectures:
  - a) **Task Analysis Work Measurement and Functional Capacity Evaluation** by Nathan Elijah- Consultant Occupational Therapist (Australia).
  - b) **Assistive Devices Program** by Abdul Razak-Consultant Occupational Therapist (Canada).
2. The Annual **General Body meeting** of Mumbai Branch of AIOTA was conducted following the seminar on 9th January 2017.
3. A **Webinar** on Ergonomics for Occupational Therapists was organised on Wednesday, 7th June 2017 from 2 pm to 4 pm. It included lectures on:
  - a) **Art of Ergonomics-need of the hour** by Dr. Mona Pankaj (Director - Ergocure) and
  - b) **Industrial Ergonomics-implementation & challenges.** By Dr. AmolSangekar (Ergonomist – INDIA ergo)

The Mumbai Branch of AIOTA celebrated the **World Occupational Therapy Month 2017** by organizing the following 3 events in collaboration with:

- 1) **Occupational Therapy Training School and Centre, LokmanyaTilak Municipal Medical College and General Hospital.**
- 2) **Occupational Therapy Training School and Centre, Topiwala National Medical College and B.Y.L Nair Charitable Hospital.**
- 3) **Occupational Therapy Training School and Centre, Seth G.S Medical College & K.E.M Hospital.**

MB AIOTA continued communication with its members & Occupational Therapists through **Email,Blog, Facebook** page and **Whatsapp** group to reach out to an increasing number of Occupational Therapists.Throughout the year, members were regularly updated about various events and opportunities.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Dr Alok Patil**

Convener

## GUJARAT BRANCH

### ACADEMIC:

K.P. Patel college of Occupational therapy and Physiotherapy has been organized disability camp in ANAND village September 2017 in the guidance of Dr. Brajesh Mishra and team. K.P. Patel college of Occupational therapy and Physiotherapy has been conducted many campus interview for occupational therapy job.

Dr. Deepak Gnajiwale has launched the certificate course in splinting in Occupational therapy department at H.M.Patel centre for Medical care and Education, Shree Krishna hospital Karamsad, Anand, Gujarat in December 2017.

### CLINICAL:

An exclusive rehabilitation facility for elderly population has been launched on 14th June, 2017 (for 1 year) through a project titled "Elderly Rehab; Active Again"By Dr. Vivek singh. Various innovative splinting has been made in OT department in shree Krishna hospital by Dr. Deepak ganjiwale.

Many new Occupational therapy clinic have been opened in Gujarat during 2017. Various workshop has been conducted by Occupational therapist in Gujarat at deferent areas during 2017.

### RESEARCH:

Various research paper and project has been published and conducted during 2017 details are below:

- 1) Quality of life and coping strategies of caregivers of children with physical and mental disabilities.Ganjiwale D, Ganjiwale J, Sharma B, Mishra B.in J Family Med Prim Care(PubMed indexed )PMID:27843839.
- 2) Association of quality of life of carers with quality of life and functional independence of stroke survivors. Ganjiwale D, Ganjiwale J, Parikh S.J Family Med Prim Care. (PubMed Indexed)PMID:27453857.
- 3) A Novel surgical correction and innovative splint for swan neck deformity in hypermobility syndrome.Ganjiwale Deepak,karthik vishwanathan (Pub Med Indexed journal).

- 4) Dr. Vivek singh conducted a qualitative study to evaluate the rehabilitation project of Handicap International in North Korea in the month of Sep, 2017.
- 5) Various Research projects have been conducted in normal and special school in Gujarat during 2017.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
**Dr. Deepak Gnajiwale**  
Convenor

## **RAJASTHAN BRANCH**

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Rajasthan Branch of All India Occupational Therapists' Association, it gives me immense pleasure to present annual report of the functioning of Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA for the year-2017-18. Like past years of functioning; this year also Rajasthan Branch has tried in every possible way to provide new dimension to Occupational Therapy profession and professionals.

Thereafter; to provide the restructuring and organization to the branch; we organized 3 executive body and 1 general body meeting for the branch members.

This Year, Our one of the important milestone was the formation of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Council Act with has been cleared by the Law department. There were some objection raised by the Law department which has been resolved now by Medical & Health Department. Law Department has also given its acceptance and considered it for cabinet memo.

We are running behind every government official as well as ministers and doing regular corresponding with them to start an occupational therapy college at government sector and filling up of vacant posts and also creation of new posts for occupational therapists. Till now medical education department has prepared a final proposal to start Government Occupational Therapy College and hope fully the session will start from academic session-2018-19.

10 new posts of occupational therapists were created and successfully filled in Govt. Medical colleges in Rajasthan

On world Occupational Therapy day, Mahatma Gandhi Occupational Therapy College, in collaboration with The Mother Teresa Home organized various activities for special children like drawing, dancing and sports competition (the report has been already been submitted).

Also on behalf of Mahatma Gandhi Occupational Therapy College and Rajasthan Branch presentation was given to Boston University Occupational Therapy Post Graduate students about occupational therapy in India and about AIOTA and its functioning in the month of July and august, 2017.

Also we have submitted new recruitment rules and pay scale to medical & Health Department, Govt. of Rajasthan, both for Clinical and Academic.

We had the privilege of conducting the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of AIOTA in Feb. 2017 and also celebrated 100 years of the profession of Occupational Therapy

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
**Dr. S .K. Meena**  
Convener

## **DELHI BRANCH**

Delhi branch of AIOTA has been involved in various activities of professional development and upgradation throughout the year.

Main highlights are:

1. CME on role of OT in ICU was organised at GIPMER, New Delhi on 11th Feb 2017.
2. World OT DAY was celebrated with great enthusiasm all across Delhi by the entire team of Delhi branch of AIOTA. The main highlights of the program were a large scale public awareness rally which was organized at ITO, one of the busiest places in Delhi. This was followed by an awareness walk from ITO CROSS SECTION TO PDDUIPH gate. More than 150 participants who included Occupational Therapy Professionals and students from various institutions of Delhi, namely PDDUIPH, Jamia Hamdard and ISIC participated in the event. World OT day celebrations were also carried out at GIPMER , LNJP Hospital .  
The event was covered for the first time on National Television, AAJ TAK , INDIA NEWS and Delhi AAJ TAK news channels apart from print media coverage in JANSATTA and RASHTRIYA SAHARA news papers.  
Also the Delhi branch team actively supported the fantastic Public awareness program conducted at Delhi haat by OT 4 KIDS under the leadership of Dr Arpan Kumar.
3. Delhi branch has been working continuously in Collaboration of AIOTA for Inclusion of OT in various medical Certifications for disabilities (SLD, Autism and other conditions) and other activities of professional relevance
4. Meetings were held with Mr Mukesh Jain, CEO National Trust, for inclusion of Occupational Therapist in the ongoing training programs of National Trust for Children with CP,MR,Autism.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
**Dr Ramesh Arya**  
Convener

# A BRIEF REPORT ON THE KERALA FLOODS OF 2018 AND AIOTA INTERVENTION

Submitted by the Kerala Branch of AIOTA (KBAIOTA)



This year was marked by heavy rains in Kerala in late July 2018, severe flooding affected Kerala state in India due to unusually high rainfall during the monsoon season. Kerala's worst floods in nearly a century, over 373 people died within a fortnight, while at least 280,679 people were evacuated. All of the 14 districts of the state placed on red alert.

Heavy rains in Wayanad and Idukki have caused severe landslides and have left the hilly districts isolated. A state official told AFP that 370 people have died, while the *The Economic Times* in India has reported that 33,000 people have been rescued. The Kerala State Disaster Management Authority has placed the state in a red alert as a result of the intense flooding. A number of water treatment plants were forced to cease pumping water, resulting in poor access to clean water, especially in northern districts of the region. Over 5,645 relief camps have been opened at various locations to accommodate the flood victims. It is estimated that 12,47,496 people have found shelter in such camps. The flooding has affected hundreds of villages, destroyed an estimated 10,000 km (6,200 mi) of roads and thousands of homes have been damaged or destroyed.

While army, navy and NDRF were all dedicatedly engaged in the rescue mission, another group of people were there at the disaster front, determined to save the last life caught in the flood. They were fishermen, who travelled over 120 kilometers with their boats to the disaster-struck areas. Fishermen from the coastal towns and villages of the state were the pivotal force of rescue operations. Instead of waiting for instructions, they gathered their oars and set out to pull Kerala out of the havoc. 1200 fishermen and 460 outboard engine boats could do far more than the trained task forces. They succeeded in rendering help across all the inundated narrow lanes, when the army failed to take their rescue boats in.

As an initiative to help the affected rebuild their lives, the Government of Kerala started a donation website under the name Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF) which is fully administered in an electronic platform. As of 28 August 2018, an amount of approximately US\$100 million) was collected from the public. Chief Ministers of almost all the states and Union Territories have pledged monetary aid from their respective state funds in addition to dispatch of various relief materials such as potable water, blankets, packed food, rice, water-purifying machines, daily-use and healthcare products. During the initial phase, rescue and evacuation was given utmost importance, followed by provision of food and shelter for the displaced. The current concern involves providing rehabilitation and financial assistance to the flood victims..

Many of the Occupational therapists themselves were affected by the floods directly or indirectly. The Occupational therapists in many parts of Kerala were still able to render their services to the victims through multiple ways. The transport of the rescued people from their homes to the camp was an arduous task in which the occupational therapists played an important role. The Occupational therapists from Kerala living abroad as well as those in other parts of India took a collaborative approach in funding and communicating to the government agencies and helplines through telephonic and social media which helped in reaching out to the stranded population and providing them with resources and rescue measures. Many occupational therapists actively participated in the rescue mission by visiting camps along with other members of the association and various philanthropists. Awareness programs were initiated through social media in alliance with the electricians about necessary precautions to be taken. Suggestions for home and environment modifications for the people with disability as well as help in cleaning were undertaken in many areas. The therapists were available for counseling and therapy which was provided free of cost. The Occupational therapists, not yet being a part of the disaster management team of India especially Kerala, is a matter of major concern. Therefore, it is essential that this is brought to the notice of the central and state governments with the adjuration of WFOT, WHO and the national associations in order to take necessary actions. The relief work by Kerala Branch of AIOTA (KBAIOTA) is still going on. The statistics are given below:



Number of deaths	Around 373
Number of displaced	More than 1 million
Number of landslides	537
Crops destroyed	54,000 hectares
Roads damaged	10,000 kms
Number of camps	5645
Total estimated loss	More than 20000 crore (3 billion USD)

With initiative from Dr. Anil Srivastava, President of All India Occupational Therapists Association (AIOTA) members of the Kerala Branch of AIOTA with the team of occupational therapists of the State are working with dedication for the relief and rehabilitation work.

**Dr. Joseph Sunny**

EC Member AIOTA &

Convener Kerala Branch of AIOTA, Cochin

# Therapy centres set to become more transparent

Social Justice Officials Meet Stakeholders To Formulate Guidelines

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**India:** With high court asking the state government to come into the procedure for certifying/validating of therapy centres in these months, Social-Justice NGO "Together We Can (TWC)" is hoping that the government will become more proper and transparent with the enforcement of regulations. The NGO was formed by parents of autistic children.

A division bench of chief justice Emmanuel, Jay and Justice A. K. Jayaprakash Narayan had noted the concern of petitioners that children with autism were vulnerable to exploitation and that therapy centres may be managed by untrained medical professionals.

"We have been fighting for regulation of therapy centres for some years. The PIL went in order - which says state guidelines - but it has been overruled. Our demand is that parents must be involved in therapy and that they should be trained for adding their own," said petitioner and

## FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Regulate rehab centres for special kids: Child right to action yet to regulate child therapy centres



TWC had carried a series of reports on child therapy centres

TWC coordinator Shilpa Nambkar said, "Keeping parents outside when a child is seeking help is not to be allowed. The right to open and to regulate therapy centres is a constitutional right and it is not a medical procedure. Therapy centres are about understanding a child and finding a way together. It should be professional, child and parent inclusive. An individualised education plan

(IEP) must be evolved but for the parent, IEP should mean a respect program," she said.

Social Justice department officials have begun conducting meetings with the different stakeholders to formulate guidelines for therapy centres. "We had discussions with various organisations and will soon be meeting representatives of therapist groups. The

draft of the guidelines will be ready next month," said director of social security missions, Dr. Mahamood Ahmed. Meanwhile, parents said that in the age of abuse and child sexual exploitation, ensuring safety of children, many of whom don't even talk. The demand is to regulate therapy centres. "Therapy has the right to see what happens inside and it is a legal duty to ensure the work is ethical. We need to be supportive," she said.

The struggle began when a parent found that her son had been sexually abused during a therapy session. She was sitting outside when her child's cries reached her and she realised that she had witnessed a crime. As the incident unfolded, she realised the importance of having a professional group together. "Together We Can, TWC was the first to report on the issue. The then minister of Social Justice department was impressed and a report was then submitted to the state government."

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## Kamalabai Nimbkar : An Extraordinary Person

This is a short biographical sketch of Kamalabai Nimbkar written by Dr. Sanjeevani Kulkarni. It is based on Kamalabai Nimbkar's autobiography, *A New Life for the Handicapped*. Kamalabai Nimbkar is primarily known for her pioneering work in the field of occupational therapy and rehabilitation in India. She also did pioneering work in education - especially at the pre-primary stage. Kamala Nimbkar Balbhavan is named after her.

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### 'Allied & Healthcare Central Council Bill 2018'

Dear Members of AIOTA,

I take immense pleasure in informing you that Union Cabinet under the potential leadership of Honble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji has approved the 'Allied & Healthcare Central Council Bill 2018 Bill' today. We have been informed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare that AIOTA's submissions put forth in various meetings in the Ministry, which includes Independence Status, Structure, Scope of Practice and the Definition, etc has been appropriately incorporated in L.

It looks like that it is beginning of a new era of OT profession in India. I sincerely admire the dedicated work by our pioneers since last more than 40 years on the issue of Central Council of OT in India. I also take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the each and every member of the Executive Committee of AIOTA and members of AIOTA for their never ending faith and confidence on AIOTA which has given us strength and the motivation to work tirelessly on the Central Council Issue since last many years.

We need to wait for further 3-4 weeks when it is likely to be tabled in the winter session of the parliament beginning on Dec. 11, 2018, for an enactment. Let's hope that the bill is friendly to the profession of occupational therapy in India. We will carefully look at all of the provisions of the Bill in wider interest of the profession in the country before accepting it in its totality.

Good luck and best wishes

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## Move to regulate allied healthcare professionals

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet has approved the Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018 for regulation and standardisation of education and services provided by professionals in the healthcare sector.

The Bill aims to bring in high quality, multi-disciplinary care in line with the vision of Ayushman Bharat, moving away from a 'doctor-led' model to a 'team-based

model' and team-based model, noted an official statement.

### State-level councils

The Bill covers 15 major professional categories, including 53 professions in allied and healthcare streams.

It also provides for setting up of an Allied and Healthcare Council of India, and corresponding State Allied and Healthcare Councils which will play the role of a standard-setting and facilitator for professions of Allied

and Healthcare. "The Bill provides for structure, constitution, composition and functions of the Central Council, and State Councils like framing policies and standards, regulation of professional conduct, creation and maintenance of registers, provisions for common entry and exit examinations among others," according to a government statement.

The Central Council will comprise 47 members.

## GMCH issues unique identity certs to haemophilia patients

Special  
Correspondent



The new sign card for the GMCH leaves the holder of the card safe in the hands of various schemes

**Aurangabad:** The Government Medical College (GMCH) became the first facility in the state on Thursday to issue Unique Identity ID (UID) or Aadhaar card only to haemophilia patients.

The UID certificates were issued to six haemophilia patients in the presence of Dr. Anand Wilson, head of department of orthopaedics, Dr. Prasad and Anand seated.

The new sign card for the GMCH leaves the holder of the card safe in the hands of various schemes

work to haemophilia patients. While the GMCH was the only agency issuing UID certificates, it said that it has been able to do so because of the co-operation of the state health department in making it possible for the holder of the

**Through the kind help of the state government, the GMCH has issued the UID to the patients of haemophilia, sickle cell disease, multiple sclerosis, and other chronic and autoimmune diseases.**

Occupational therapist of GMCH, Satish Maslekar, said that for the 16 haemophilia patients, "All haemophilia patients on new get their UID. They need to visit <http://www.aadhaar.gov.in> and get their Aadhaar card and register GMCH to the UIDAI portal."

"We have already started issuing UID for other chronic diseases including sickle cell disease and people with hearing disabilities. The patients of sickle cell disease and sickle cell disease will also register to UIDAI through the GMCH portal."

GMCH, Aurangabad issues unique identity cards to haemophilia patients. <http://toi.in/6YFNDA/a19li>



National Award to **Dr. Subrata Kumar Haldar**, Sr. OT cum Junior Lecturer, SVNIRTAR, Cuttack for Development of New Cost Effective Product Aimed at Improving the Life of PWD's, 2018



Dr. Joseph Sunny EC Member AIOTA & Convener KBAIOTA meeting with Hon'ble Health Minister Kerala reg. SLD Certification



Convener & Members of TNAIOTA felicitating President AIOTA Dr. Anil K. Srivastava at Nagpur.

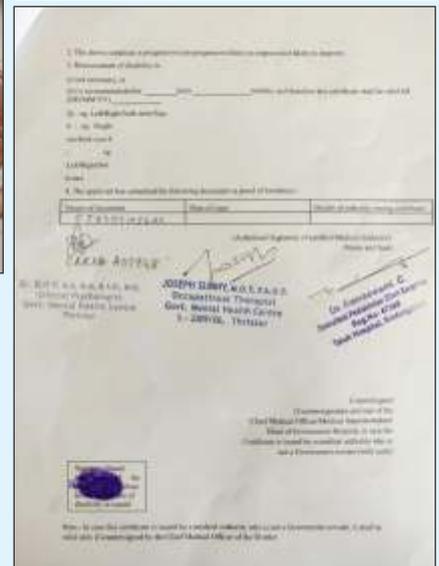


**Dr. Satish Maslekar**  
Hon. Secretary AIOTA &  
Sr. Occupational Therapist at  
Govt. Medical College & Hospital , Aurangabad  
becomes the first OT Signatory  
for issuance of Disability Certificate.



First SLD medical board in India Started in Government Mental Health Center  
Thrissur (Kerala) after Amendment of RPWD act. 2016.

**Dr. Joseph Sunny**, EC Member AIOTA becomes the first signatory as an Occupational  
therapist in the medical board for certification of SLD.





**Dr. Neeraj Mishra**, EC Member AIOTA was invited at WHO headquarters for the task force of Assistive technology meeting on Dec. 7, 2018



COTE Workshop on "Driver Rehab" at AIIPMR, Mumbai on March 10, 2018



Dr. Raghu Ram Convener TN AIOTA felicitating Hon'ble Minister Dr. Saroja in Chennai



(OT4KIDS) has started Occupational Therapy unit at SMC, AF Palam, New Delhi for children with special needs. The unit was Inaugurated by President AFWWA (R) HQ WAC.  
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1954: Mrs. Kamala V. Nimbkar attended First WFOT Council Meeting at Edinburgh as Indian Delegate.



Inauguration of the First Annual Workshop on 'Science and Ethics of Research Methodology & Art of Writing Research' at AIOTA National Headquarter, Navi Mumbai on April 22, 2018. It was also the first academic activity organized at AIOTA National Headquarter from 22-25 April, 2018, which was inaugurated by President AIOTA Dr. Anil Srivastava.



Inauguration of AIOTA's 2nd Annual Fellowship in Advanced OT on Neuro Rehabilitation by Vice President AIOTA Dr. Shashi Oberai on Sept. 25, 2018 at AIOTA National Headquarter, Navi Mumbai.



The participants of the Certificate Course on Wheelchair -Seating and Mobility under COTE on Sept. 29, 2018 at All India Institute of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Mumbai with Dean ACOT Dr. J. Bijlani, Resource Faculty- Dr. Anita Gupta and others



The participants of the First Annual Fellowship in Advanced OT on Neuro Developmental Disorders with President AIOTA Dr. Anil Srivastava, Dean ACOT Dr. Jyothika Bijalni and Hon. Treasurer Dr. Pratibha Vaidya in closing function on June 6, 2018 at Hotel Avion, Mumbai.



With an initiative from Government of Kerala the 2 days' Workshop on "Preparation of Comprehensive Resource Book with Special Reference to Sensory Dysfunction issues in ASD" at CDC Trivandrum was organized on Oct. 10-11, 2018, which was participated by OT's and others.



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