

OTICON'2020-MUMBAI Jan.16-18, 2020



Lighting of the Lamp & Inaugural address for OTICON-2020 by the Chief Guest Mrs. Kishori Pedenkar - Mayor of Mumbai

President AIOTA's Crown of OT Award-2020

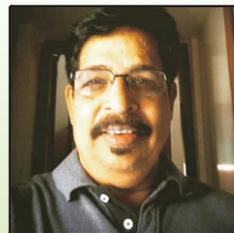


Late Mrs. Kamala V. Nimbkar
Mumbai
(Posthumously Presented)



Dr. Ms. Veena Slaich
New Delhi

Life Time Achievement Award-2020

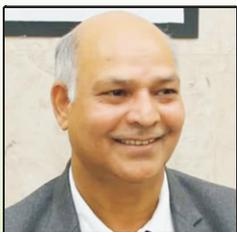


Dr. Madan S. Warhade
Nagpur



Dr. Subhash Apte
Ahmedabad

Professional Excellence Award-2020



Dr. Lalit Narayan Swarnakar
New Delhi



Dr. Manish Samnani
Gurugram



Dr. Raghuram
Chennai

Young OT Achiever Award-2020



Dr. Neeraj Mishra
New Delhi



Dr. Sumit Shinde
Navi Mumbai

Fellow of Academic Council of OT (FACOT) Award-2020



Dr. Shashi A. Oberai
Navi Mumbai



Dr. U. Ganpathy Sankar
Chennai



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Goa



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New Delhi



Dr. Hemant P. Nandgaonkar
Mumbai



Dr. Amitabh K. Dwivedi
Jaipur

Inaugural Function OTICON'2020-Mumbai Jan.16-18, 2020



Pre-conf. Continuing OT Education Program on "Advanced Occupational Therapy Practices in Mental Health : Micro & Macro Perspective" organized by Academic Council of OT.



OTICON'2020-Mumbai Jan.16-18, 2020



The 58th Annual National Conference of All India Occupational Therapists' Association



THE FIRST VIRTUAL

OTICON 2021

WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

Date : 6th & 7th March 2021

Theme :

Responding to Challenges in Pandemic:
Exploring New Horizons in
Occupational Therapy



Dr. Anil K. Shrivastava
Organising Chairman



Dr. Jyothika N. Bijlani
Organising Secretary



Dr. Lakshmanan Sethuraman
Scientific Programme Chairman

PRE-CONFERENCE COTE

Theme: Breaking through the OT practice challenges

Date: 5th March 2021 Time - 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Speakers-

DR. ATUL JAISWAL
PHD, CIHR HEALTH SYSTEM IMPACT POST-DOCTORAL
FELLOW IN VISION SCIENCE AT THE SCHOOL OF
OPTOMETRY, UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL, CANADA.



Topic: Role of Occupational Therapy in
Rehabilitation of Individuals with
Concurrent hearing and vision impairment

Topic: Computer Adaptive Testing in
Occupational Therapy: Innovative
Assessments for Telerehab.



DR. NAMRATA GRAMPUROHIT
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
JEFFERSON COLLEGE OF REHABILITATION SCIENCES
JEFFERSON (PHILADELPHIA UNIVERSITY + THOMAS JEFFERSON
UNIVERSITY) UNIVERSITY

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INR 500/- FOR NON REGISTERED CANDIDATES
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PANEL DISCUSSION:

SKILLS , CHALLENGES AND OT PRACTICES

- 1) BALAJI BHASKARAN
- 2) DISHA SNGHVI
- 3) SAIMA WASTI
- 4) OJASWITA SHARMA

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Dr. Joseph Sunny

Hon. Secretary, AIOTA
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Guest Speakers



DR. DENISE K DONICA
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MALAYSIA



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Faculty Speakers



DR. BHOOMIAH DASARI
UK



DR. HARSHWARDHAN
NEW ZEALAND

Keynote Speaker-

Marilyn Pattison
President WFOT



Special Guest Lectures -



Ritchard Ledger
Executive Director,
WFOT

Kit Sinclair

Former President WFOT
& Editor, WFOT Bulletin



All India Occupational Therapists' Association
Website:www.aiota.org
VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
(14th March, 2021)

Dear Members,

Wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year-2021.

I take pride to inform you all, the first of its kind, in the history of AIOTA, **Virtual Annual General Body Meeting of AIOTA** is scheduled on **14th March, 2021 (Sunday)** along with the **Virtual OTICON-2021 (6th & 7th March 2021)**. On behalf of President & Executive Committee of AIOTA, I invite you all for your active participation as per following schedule:

OTICON'2021: The 58th Annual National Conference of AIOTA- 6th & 7th March 2021.

Date of GB meeting- 14th March 2021

Time –

11.30 AM -1.30 PM

1.30 PM – 2.00 PM (Lunch Break)

2.00 PM – 4.00 PM

AGENDA

- Agenda 1** : Roll Call and Apologies
- Agenda 2** : Welcome & Opening Remarks by Dr. Anil K. Srivastava - President of AIOTA
- Agenda 3** : Confirmation of Minutes of the last G.B. Meeting held on 17th Jan 2020 at Mumbai
- Agenda 4** : Matters arising out of the Minutes
- Agenda 5** : **Submission of Annual Reports:**
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| 1. Honorary Secretary | 2. Honorary Treasurer |
| 3. WFOT delegate | 4. Dean ACOT |
| 5. Editor IJOT | 6. Convener of Council Act Committee |
| 7. Chairman Scientific Program - OTICON' 2021, | 8. Organizing Secretary - OTICON 2021 |
| 9. Convener AIOTA Website | 10. Coordinator International Chapter of AIOTA |
| 11. Coordinator AIOTA Branches | |
- Agenda 6** : Appointment of Auditor
- Agenda 7** : Constitutional Amendments if Any
- Agenda 8** : Invitation for 59th Annual National Conference of AIOTA-2022
- Agenda 9** : Discussion/Updates on the issues related to current professional issues
- Agenda 10** : Any other matters with the Permission of Chair
- Agenda 11** : Vote of Thanks – Vice President AIOTA

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, that only those matters that are submitted by members of AIOTA before the GB meeting to the Hon. Secretary, will only be taken up for discussion under the Agenda 11 'Any Other Matter'.
- 3) Members are requested to be brief in the discussions.
- 4) Kindly confirm your participation to the undersigned.

Thanking you,

Dr. Joseph Sunny

Hon. Secretary AIOTA.

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Date : Jan 1, 2021



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

It is my great pleasure to welcome the members in this annual GB Meeting of AIOTA at Mumbai

I congratulate organizing team for hosting **OTICON'2020** and turning it into a mega event with record no. of Delegates & Student Delegates participating in this conference at Mumbai. The 57th Annual National Conference as you all know is being organized to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of the First OT School at Seth G. S. Medical College, Mumbai, in the staid memory of the founder of the profession of OT in Asia- Mrs. Kamala V. Nimbkar.

I gratefully appreciate the sincere enthusiastic and dedicated efforts of Dr. Jayashri Kale in close cooperation with the faculty, staff and students of OT School & Center of G.S. Medical College and Mumbai Branch of AIOTA for this wonderful conference in cooperation with all OT Colleges and institutions of Mumbai & Navi Mumbai. I am aware that Dr. Kale has made extra efforts with personal involvement for the exemplary number of delegates for this conference. Very special mention of Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi and his team of scientific program for their commendable efforts in preparing a well-knit scientific itinerary enriched with multi disciplinary panel discussions.

Highlights in Brief during 2019

- AIOTA celebrated OT Day & OT India Month on 9th November at Mumbai in a grand way like in 2018 under the leadership of Dr. Shashi Oberai, by arranging about 3 KM walkathon around KEM, Mumbai with about 500 members and students under the leadership of President AIOTA Dr. Anil Srivastava with all EC Team followed with Street Plays by the students of OT colleges of Mumbai. For the first time a well- organized Press Meet was also arranged at Mumbai Press Club on the same day which resulted into wide coverage on Print and electronic media. The detailed report of OT Day celebration by AIOTA , State Branches , Institutions and Members may be found out in News letter 2018-2019, also available on AIOTA Website.
- The Gazette Notification Dated 11th March 2019 by Ministry of S.J.& E directing all States by notifying the structure of Boards with the inclusion of occupational therapist also as specialist in the medical board as an official signatory with other board members for assessment for issuance of Unique Identity Card for Disabled (UDID Card) in all categories of disabilities, and Delhi Govt. notification dated 1st October 2019 also issued directions to this effect. It is a praiseworthy achievement of AIOTA of this year, for the recognition of OT in Government sector. State Branches and Members are hereby requested to make efforts on priority for implementation of these provisions in their States too for depicting the valued contribution of OT in assessment of PWD's under various categories and also SLD certification. I specifically thank EC Member Dr. Lalit Narayan and members of Delhi Branch for very effectively working on propagating AIOTA's representations to this respect.
- 'Allied & Healthcare Central Council Bill – 2018 ' was introduced in Rajya Sabha on 12th Dec. and was referred to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health & Family Welfare.. Key Ministry official has called me in person to extend support for this Bill. AIOTA was invited for oral evidence before the Chairman and members of Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee at Parliament House Annexe on 11th October 2019. The meeting was attended under the leadership of President AIOTA Dr. Anil K Srivastava, EC Members Dr. R. K. Sharma, Dr. Neeraj Mishra and Dr. Lalit Narayan. We emphatically pleaded for Independent OT Council. DR Neeraj Mishra, Coordinator Allied & Healthcare Council Bill is regularly following up this issue. The Bill is likely to be abled in the parliament in Feb.2020. I am confident of positive outcome in this issue of our great significance too
- The Ergonomic Certification from AIOTA now has become mandatory in government and other tenders for seating, education and other furniture ranges.. AIOTA certification for Ergonomic Suitability of various Ranges of Furniture has been ssued in this year as per guidelines to Godrej, Geeken, Methodox, Durian and Bonton furniture industries. Many more furniture industries have also regularly approaching us for certification and the procedure. During inspections suggestions for further modifications and recommendation of appointment of Ot's having trained in Ergonomics is emphatically advocated. Members interested in the area of ergonomics are advised to undergo Ergonomic courses offered by ACOT for their placement in furniture and other industries, in accordance with AIOTA policy to popularize this least touched area of OT practice.
- In loving memory and grateful appreciation of an extraordinary vision, devotion & dedication for the development of occupational therapy in India, the very prestigious President AIOTA's Crown of OT Award has been posthumously presented to Mrs. Kamala V. Nimbkar, the founder of the profession of OT in Asia, during this conference being organized to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of the First OT School at Seth G. S. Medical College, Mumbai which was founded by her.
- AIOTA is pleased to re-publish the book authored by Mrs. Kamala V. Nimbkar with the title '**A New Life for the Handicapped: A History of Rehabilitation and Occupational Therapy in India**', as a token of honor to her from OT fraternity from India. The book containing 374 pages is impressively written and informs, about her coming to India from USA, founding of OT Schools in G.S. Medical College, Mumbai & Government Medical College, Nagpur, having her visionary approach in diversifying Occupational Therapy practice in various areas besides her unmatched vision for the future growth of OT in India This book is a must for all OT Schools for teaching the history of occupational therapy in India and a guide for future planning and actions by professionals. Very few know that the concept of rehabilitation of Physically Handicapped is brought to India by Mrs. Nimbkar.

AIOTA will provide free complimentary copies of this useful book to all AIOTA accredited OT Colleges in India till date, for younger generation occupational therapists to get motivated and inspired with her commendable work for development of occupational therapy in India. Later on this book may be made available on moderate cost. Thanks to the sustained efforts of Dr. Satish Maslekar who remained in constant touch with close kins of Mrs. Nimbkar and got them agreed for reproducing the book by Mrs. Nimbkar.

- Members are also advised to take short duration online courses on very moderate fee offered by OT Courses.com (USA) in collaboration with AIOTA, to get certified in chosen areas of OT practice.
- The vision, dedication and hard work of IJOT Editorial Team specifically the Associate Editor Dr. Punita Solanki is admirable. I am sure members must be appreciating the newly structured setup of IJOT developed by Medknow in consultation with Editorial Team.
- Thanks to Dr. Lakshmanan for impressively conducting paperless online election as the Chairman Election-2019, as was approved in the last GB Meeting.
- For the violation of Code of Ethics and forming a parallel national association of occupational therapists on baseless allegations on AIOTA with ulterior motives, two members from (Dr. Santosh Kumar and Dr. Durgesh Pathak) have been suspended from AIOTA membership. All stated significant achievements would not have been possible without the cooperation & trust from members of AIOTA on me and the AIOTA/ACOT & Executive Team who have worked with dedication with me during this tenure... I am thankful to each one of them and one and all members of AIOTA.

Thank You

Dr Anil K. Srivastava,

President, AIOTA

MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIOTA

VENUE : RAVINDRA NATYA MANDIR, MUMBAI: JAN.17, 2020

Roll call

Sr.No.	Name	Designation/Place	Sr.No.	Name	Designation/Place
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4	Dr. Pratibha vaidya	Hon. Trasurer	32	Dr. Pratibha Rege	Mumbai
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6	Dr. Jyothika Bijlani	Dean ACOT	34	Dr. Shalaka Nandgaonkar	Mumbai
7	Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi	EC member	35	Dr. Yogita Shendge	Mumbai
8	Dr. Joseph Sunny	EC member	36	Dr. Vaishali pai	Banglore
9	Dr. S.K. Meena	EC member	37	Dr. K. Sunita	Mumbai
10	Dr. Neeraj Mishra	EC member	38	Dr. Rashmi Yeradkar	Mumbai
11	Dr. R.K.Sharma	EC member	39	Dr. Parag Adsule	Goa
12	Dr. Lalitnarayan	EC member	40	Dr. Vivek vajratkar	Goa
13	Dr. Ganpathy Shankar	Chennai	41	Dr. Koushik Sau	Manipal
14	Dr. Lakshamanan	Bengluru	42	Dr. Vikram Kishan	Nasik
15	Dr. S,R, Apte	Ahemadabad	43	Dr. Sushant Sarang	Mumbai
16	Dr. Vasudeo Sawlani	Hyderabad	44	Dr. Varsha Pradhan	Mumbai
17	Dr. Veena Slaich	Delhi	45	Dr. Trupti Nikharge	Mumbai
18	Dr. Vijay Suple	Canada	46	Dr. Heena poatel	Mumbai
19	Dr. Shvani bharadwaj	Ghaziabad	47	Dr. Varsha Shinde	Mumbai
20	Dr. V.S. Bole	Delhi	48	Dr. Vaijanti jain	Mumbai
21	Dr. Meenakshi Batra	New Delhi	49	Dr. Sapna Mishra	Mumbai
22	Dr. Vijay Batra	New Delhi	50	Dr. Hansa Varsheya	Erode
23	Dr. Jayashree Kale	Mumbai	51	Dr. Jay Vijay Sonwane	Erode
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28	Dr. Sheeba Pravin	New Delhi	56	Dr. Divya Ramesh	Coimbtore

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58	Dr. Poonbam Sachdeo	Bhopal	103	Dr. Lognathan	Chennai
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63	Dr. Saifuddin Bijiwala	Mumbai	108	Dr. Kirti Patil	Chennai
64	Dr. Bhakti vanmahi	Mumbai	109	Dr. Deepa S	Chennai
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70	Dr. Shubangi lad	Mumbai	115	Dr. Saadiya Merchant	Mumbai
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72	Dr. Sanika Gawadi	Mumbai	117	Dr. Charmi Dave	Mumbai
73	Dr. Shilpsree palsule	Mumbai	118	Dr. Puja Mehta	Mumbai
74	Dr. Aarti Manghani	Mumbai	119	Dr. Saima Wasti	Mumbai
75	Dr. Kavita P. Mulgaonkar	Mumbai	120	Dr. Ashwini Vaishampayan	Mumbai
76	Dr. Sheela S. Rao	Mumbai	121	Dr. Anjali Joshi	Mumbai
77	Dr. Savita Savardekar	Mumbai	122	Dr. Nisha Bhanderi	Mumbai
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82	Dr. Vrushali Kulkarni	Mumbai	127	Dr. Rohini More	Mumbai
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95	Dr. Chandrashekar bagul	Mumbai	140	Dr. Sumit Shinde	Navi Mumbai
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101	Dr. P. Nanivannan	Chennai	146	Dr. Priyanka Raikar	Goa

Confirmation of last GB meeting minutes

Minutes are confirmed. Proposed by-

- 1) Dr Sushant Sarang
- 2) Dr Sankar

Carried unanimously

Matters arising out of the minutes

There were No matters.

SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS (2019-2020)

HON. SECRETARY REPORT

It gives me an immense pleasure to present the annual report of the office of the Hon. Secretary for the year 2019-2020. Following is a summary of all activities taken by Hon. Secretary Office.

This year we conducted Three EC Meetings and two Virtual EC meeting. The first EC meeting was at KEM, Mumbai and AIOTA National Headquarter, Nerul, Navi Mumbai.

Highlight of this meeting was outsourcing of appointment of Dr. Jayashri Kale as an Organizing Secretary of OTICON 2020 at Mumbai. Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi was appointed as Chairperson of Scientific Program of OTICON 2020. In this meeting, We have also decided to update AIOTA Trust deed which was not updated from 2000. Actually, It was desired work of our CA, but for unknown reasons, he had not updated. So, EC has given responsibility to Hon. Secretary and also consulted Ad Gargi Patole. After submission of all necessary documents and after two hearings at Charity Commissioner office through Ad Patole. Finally, AIOTA deed is updated up to 2020 by continues follow up by Hon. Secretary under the guidance of President sir.

AIOTA successfully organized Walkethan around KEM of 3km which was inaugurated by Dr Hemant Deshmukh, Dean, Kem, Mumbai. Dr Oberai madam was Coordinator of this mega event with the help of Dr Kale madam, HOD, KEM, and also staff of TNMC, nair, And LTM, Sion and all students., Hon. Secretary was media Coordinator for this whole mega event which was very nicely covered in media and on online media also.

Second Meeting We had at Mumbai, for finalizing the venue and related arrangements in respect to AIOTA Conference at Ravindra Natya Mandir. In this Meeting, EC unanimously decided to attend the WFOT Council Meeting at Hong Kong and deputed Dr Anil Srivastava, President and Dr. Satish Maslekar Hon. Secretary to attend the council meeting which is scheduled from 16th March to 21st March 2020. EC also decided to host next WFOT meeting.

Hon Secretary office with the guidance of President sir and with the help of Dr Neeraj Mishra, successfully communicated with Human Resource and education ministry for inclusion Occupational therapists in national Education policy which is soon going to be implement.

License Verifications were issued after confirmation from Hon. Treasurer.

Thanks to Dr Anil Sir, Dr Oberai madam, Dr Neeraj Mishra and All EC for their all-round cooperation throughout the year under report..

Respectfully submitted,

Dr Satish S. Maslekar,

Hon. Secretary, AIOTA

Proposed by-

- 1) Dr Koushik Sau
- 2) Dr Sanjeev Padankatti

Dr. Rajkumar enquired that, why two members are necessary for WFOT Council meeting at Hongkong. Dr Srivastava replied that, second person is just to learn the formalities and functioning of WFOT. But GB differed and suggested that only one person should be permitted to attend WFOT Council meeting. Dr Srivastava replied that, we honor GB opinion, either one will go for WFOT meeting.

Dr Sanjeev asked, why three members are suspended, Dr Srivastava informed that, in my address I have already informed.

Carried unanimously.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Annual Report of AIOTA for the Financial Year : 2019 - 2020

Status of Membership Applications:

Life membership enrolled till Jan. 2020	237 + 15 + 252
No. of student members enrolled till Jan 2020	383
No of Renewal of membership	37
Request by members for change of Name	00
Request by members for Id Card	00
Provisional Membership	07

Duplicate ACOT/LM certificate	03
Request of members for License Verification / Good Standing	41

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 03/01/2020	Rs. 71, 01,896 /-
Balance Savings Bank A/C at Bank of Baroda Nerul as of 03/01/2020	Rs. 98, 994 /-

AIOTA Conference Matters

Not received Audited Accounts from both Dr. S.K. Meena 2017 and Dr. Sofia Azad 2018 Annual National Conferences
Accounts for OTICON 2019 (Chandigarh) has been Audited along with other accounts of AIOTA

AIOTA Income & Expenses at a glance

INCOME

Received Rs. **1, 50,000** each from Mrs. Solanki and Dr. Mugdha Wagh Shaan for instilling Award for Scientific presentations during AIOTA conference.

Received Rs. **2, 25,000** from Godrej towards ergonomics certification of their product.

Received Rs. **50, 000** from Geeken Seating Pvt. Ltd for renewal for ergonomic certification.

Received Rs. **1, 00,000** from Methodax Pvt. Ltd for ergonomics certification.

Received Rs. **1,50,000/-** from Durian Industries

Received Rs. **1, 50,000/-** from Bonton Pvt. Ltd towards Ergonomic certification and Rs. 45,000/- as registration fee.

Received Rs. **25,000/-** as sponsor from Dr. Bhavnani

Received Rs. **10,000** from Deash Trade Net Pvt Ltd as Sponsor

Received Rs. **70,000** from Pearson's India Company

Received Total of Rs. **60,000/-** towards FACOT award from 6 candidates

Received Rs. **1, 60, 000** from Mahatma Gandhi University for Occupational Therapy for M. O. Th. AIOTA Accreditation.

Total Collections towards the nomination for various post of AIOTA Rs. **1,20,000/-**.

ACOT Activities

12 candidates paid for Fellowship program in Neurorehab Total collection Rs. **5,20,000+ 9000**

Total collection from Hand splinting, Neuro Rehab and SLD workshop Rs. **1, 22, 000/-**

Received **Rs. 25,997 + Rs. 12, 500/-** from OT courses.com

Received Rs. **51,200** from UP branch as 10 % registration fee for PAMOT

Total Collections Ergonomics Workshop 29 Participants Rs. **1,57,000/-** Expenditure Rs 81,488 Balance Rs. 75,512

Total Collection from SLD workshop Mumbai Headquarters Rs. **1.25.100/- Expenditure Rs. 33,501/- Balance 91,599/-**

Total Collection towards ACOT Exam for Provisional Membership for 8 students Rs. **1, 20, 000** (Rs. 15, 000/- per student).

Total collection from Industrial Ergonomics workshop Module 1 and 2 Rs. **1.45.000/-** (Expenditure 89,731, Balance Rs. 55,969/-)

Received Rs. **10,500/-** (20% of registration fee neonatal workshop held in Delhi Genesis Neurogen)

Expenditure at a Glance

Paid RS. **27,054/-** to Intertoons Internet services for Web hosting server and G suit Implementation (Rs.9204/- + Rs.17850/-)

Paid Rs.8260 Conference Badges for the Organizing committee

Paid Rs.**4696/- for Domain renewal of CC Avenue**

Paid Rs. **28,000/-** for Notarization of Sale up gradation documents on urgent basis

Paid Advocate Gargee Patole Rs. 1,00,000/- for updating the trustees list with charity commissioner wef 1998 to 2016 (Rs. 90,000 + 10% TDS Rs.10,000/-)

Paid Rs.23,600/- to V.R. Raheja Consultation Fee

Paid Rs. 25,000/- to Raheja Associates CAAudit Fee
Total Expenditure Rs. 1,95,851/- (OT Day Celebration Awareness Program on 9th November 2019)

IJOT

Received total amount towards IJOT subscription for 2019 from Different organizations **Rs.64000**
Paid Walter Kluwer Pvt Ltd Medknow Publications Rs. **2,34,600** (Rs. 2,29,908+TDS Rs.4692 + Interest on TDS Rs 194) (Vol 50 Issue 3 and 4; Vol 51 Issue 1 and 2)
Paid Walter Kluwer Pvt Ltd Medknow Publications Rs. **70,672** /- (Annual Maintenance 24,780 + IJOT July to September 2019 Rs. 5456 + Print 41 copies Rs. 47,355) Vol 51 Issue 3
Paid Advance of Rs. 50,000 for printing and postage of News letter

Income Tax and Auditors

Paid to Prakash Raheja Accountant for the year 2017-2018 (30,000) and 2018-2019 (Rs 35,000) and Rs 2500 Balance of 2016 - 2017
Paid Rs. **3,540**/- to Vishal Raheja CA for application of TAN No. and for consultation, Preparing and filling Quarterly TDS returns
Income Tax Returns for the Year 2018-2019 filed in October 2019
Paid Rs. **23,600**/- to Vishal Raheja CA as consultation fee.
Paid Rs. 25,000/- to Raheja Associates for Audit.

Office Related Expenditure

NAME	AMOUNT	DATE	CHEQUE NO.	BANK
Property Tax	26543 + 25522 =	18/02/19 and 24/06/19	514529 & 539243	CBI
MSEDCL payment (April to December 2019)	1550+1570+1890+ 2520+570+236+580+960	25/04/19, 15/11, 5/12	514557 & 514555,	CBI
MTNL (February 19 to December 19)	734+366+366+366+366+ 362+362+366+358+366	18/02/19, 01/05, 29/05, 29/06, 30/07, 29/08, 29/10, 29/11, 30/12	514530,	CBI
Maintenance Business Bay	56,736 + 37,824 =	25/02/19 24/06/19	514531 & 539244	CBI
Furniture Expense	44,500	25/04/19	514558	CBI
Business Bay Premises (proposed)	12,608	03/05/19	514554	CBI
Dvois Communications Internet	18,000	04/10/19	539262	CBI

VOTE OF THANKS

Dr. Anil Srivastava - President AIOTA
Dr. Shashi Oberai - Vice President AIOTA
Dr. Satish Maslekar - Secretary AIOTA
Dr. Jyothika Bijlani - Dean ACOT
Dr. Zarine Ferzandi - Ex Officio
Special thanks to All the EC Members
Mr. Sachin Naik for errands and miscellaneous work
All AIOTA members
Thanks to Dr. Jayashri Kale – Organizing Secretary OTICON' 2020 & All the Team Members of OTICON 2020
Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Pratibha M. Vaidya

Hon. Treasurer

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 31/03/2019

FUNDS & LIABILITIES		Amt Rs.	ASSETS & PROPERTIES	Amt Rs.
TRUST FUNDS OR CORPUS Balance as per Last B/s Adjustments during the year			IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES Office at 801 Kamadenu, Sargada, Navi Mumbai	1,26,52,176.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES Balance as per Last B/s Addition during the year	1,76,27,936.54 16,42,000.00	1,92,69,936.54	INVESTMENTS FIXED ASSETS Typewriter Office Equipments Water Purifier Furniture & Fixtures CCTV Camera Air Conditioners Refrigerator Television Laptop and Printer	5,827.00 13,050.00 10,190.00 13,65,050.00 1,64,200.00 2,55,729.00 10,990.00 80,990.00 1,00,880.00
INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C As per Last Balance Sheet Add: Excess of Income over expenditure	24,19,504.82 11,07,531.63	35,27,036.45	LOANS ADVANCES To Trustees To Employees To other TDS MTNL Deposit	5,59,013.00 1,000.00
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	CASH & BANK BALANCE (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	98,984.54 45,97,379.87 5,70,531.00 20,06,807.34 3,89,557.00
LOANS Secured Loans Unsecured Loans				
LIABILITIES For expenses Imprest accounts - Dr. Bhavinder Singh Election Deposits Balance as per Last B/s Addition during the year	6,960.00 63,400.00	6,960.00 63,400.00		
		2,28,82,314.75		2,28,82,314.75

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

Chartered Accountants
 FRN 127951W

B. M. G.
 Bharat M. Gale
 (Partner)

M No 040208

Place: Mumbai

Date: 30 September 2019

UDIN : 19040208AAAAAT7982

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.

[Signature]
 (President)

(Secretary)

[Signature]

[Signature]
 (Treasurer)

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



REPORT FROM WFOT DELEGATE

I am pleased to submit the report as WFOT Delegate on the issues during the year under report.

WFOT: Review cycles for education programs in India: The WFOT review cycles now are revised to every **5 years for the programs with duration of 3.5 years or less and every 7 years for programs with duration of 4 years or more.** The differences in the WFOT and AIOTA review cycles will entail some difficulties because with the new WFOT website, once a program re-approval is confirmed, the system will automatically calculate the next review date according to the WFOT review cycle. AIOTA informed that it will continue with its own review cycle by giving justifications. It was accepted. The updated information of AIOTA/WFOT accredited OT Programs from India has been regularly monitored with assistance from Dean ACOT Dr. Jyothika Bijlani

APOTRG's SATO lectureship nomination: The nominations of Dr. Shovan Saha, Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi and Dr. Jaya Kale were sent.

WFOT Bulletin October 2020: Mental health and occupational therapy: It was circulated to all concerned for information and onward circulation to members through emails, branches and institutions. The deadline for submission of Theme Manuscripts is July 1, 2020.

WFOT: Human Resources Project 2018/19: It was taken care of in assistance with Dean ACOT Dr. Jyothika Bijlani.

WFOT Council Meeting 2024 and Congress Cycle: WFOT is developing a proposal to increase the frequency of the WFOT Congress from a four-year cycle to a two-year cycle commencing in 2024. A decision to this effect will be taken in Council Meeting in March 2020 in Hong Kong.

WFOT Council Meeting 2020: will take place on 16 - 20 March, 2020 in Hong Kong. WFOT Council Meeting website has been developed. Personal telephonic invitation is also received to President AIOTA from Kit Sinclair formerly WFOT President and key organizer of this Council Meeting Council Meeting remains unattended since 2008, which has been brought to the notice of WFOT Delegate by Executive Director WFOT Mr. Ritchard Ledger. EC decided that WFOT Delegate and Second Alternate Delegate should attend this Council meeting in the nearby country Hong Kong. EC already resolved that WFOT Council Meeting must be attended by the Delegates to effectively represent the country at the international forum.

World OT Day Report in WFOT E-News letter: Executive Director WFOT Ritchard Ledger wrote that as always, it is sincerely appreciated and fantastic to read all the events that took place in India by AIOTA itself, Branches, institutions & members.. The report in its totality as appeared in AIOTA Newsletter is uploaded onto the WFOT website by including a link in the WFOT e-newsletter.

WHO Package of Interventions for Rehabilitation - This WHO project is in fulfilling the objective of Health For All by 2020. They have made developmental groups for intervention strategies for 20 Communicable and Non-communicable Diseases. The 1st Alternate Delegate Dr. Shashi Oberai has been nominated for Ischemic Heart Disease. The project is going on.

SI Courses in India by USC: AIOTA strongly resented to USC by informing them that AIOTA is not against the SI courses by USC in India but certainly is not in favor of training to those who ethically are not qualified for assessment and intervention of children with Autism /SPDs, ADHD, SLD, Intellectual disability & also other developmental disorders. AIOTA stressed to reconsider this decision to USC, failing which further strategies will be formulated against the controversial USC policy that may also include a legal course of action for diluting the discipline of OT and for providing safe and quality therapeutic intervention of children with sensory processing disorders, which happens to be their right. After a long interaction USC ultimately agreed to it and made provision that in India these courses will be exclusively for OT's.

APOTC Abstracts Review: Asia Pacific OT Congress is being organized in Nov. 2020 at Manila. AIOTA has recommended the nominations of experts from different areas of OT Practice for reviewing the Abstracts.. Nominations of Dr. Shashi Oberai, Dr. Kamal Arya, Dr. Vinita Acharaya, Dr. Sebastina D'souza, Dr. Shovan Saha, Dr. Punita Solanki, Dr. Lakshmanan, Dr. Shaiza Jayvant, Dr. Neeraj Mishra & Dr. Nitesh Shrivastav were sent from AIOTA. It was sincerely appreciated by APOTC Scientific Team. All were advised to register through the congress link. Many of them have registered.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Anil K. Srivastava

WFOT Delegate

Proposed by-

- 1) Dr. Vijay Batra
- 2) Dr Sushant Sarang

Carried unanimously

REPORT FROM DEAN ACOT

It gives me great pleasure to present ACOT report for the year 2019-20

COTE Activities in Year 2019-20:

Following workshops/seminars/ courses were organized by /in collaboration of ACOT during 2019.

- **March 29 to 31** : Certificate course on “PAMOT” held in GBPIPMER, Delhi organized by UP branch of AIOTA in collaboration with Santosh OT college, Ghaziabad, ACOT of AIOTA & GIPMER, Delhi. Total no of candidates 53.
- **April 6 to June 29** : 12 weeks- Post graduate certificate course in “Advanced Occupational Therapy in Neuro & Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation”, Jupiter Hospital, Thane, Mumbai commenced on 6th April 2019 to 29 th June 2019 with 3 admissions.
- **April 20 to 21** : AIOTA’s certificate course in “Introduction to office Ergonomics: Module 1, was held in LTMMC, Sion, Mumbai. Total no of candidates : 29. **Faculty** : Dr. Bharati Jajoo (Bangalore)
- **June 22** : Workshop on “Upper Extremity splinting in Neuro-rehabilitation” was organised by ACOT at GIPMER, Delhi. **Faculties** : Dr Shovan Saha (Manipal) & Dr RK Sharma (Ghaziabad). It was Followed with Plenary session on Entrepreneurship in OT. The **Panellists were** : Dr Shovan Saha, Dr RK Sharma & Dr Manish Samnani. Total no of candidates: 42
- **June 23** : Workshop on “Hands on techniques for motor re-education” was conducted by ACOT of AIOTA at ” GIPMER, Delhi. **Faculties** : Dr Maya Nanavati (Mumbai) & Dr Kavita Mahamankar (Mumbai). Total no of candidates:19
- **June 25** : Workshop on “AIOTA’s advanced assessment module in SLD was held in GIPMER, Delhi. **Faculties**: Dr Jyothika Bijlani, Dr Shailaja Jayavant & Dr Neeraj Mishra. Total no of candidates: 31
- **June 24 to 26** : **FAOT : NR-** The concluding part III. 2nd. AIOTA’s Annual Fellowship in Advanced Occupational Therapy: Neurorehabilitation (India) (FAOT: NR) 2018 was organised at GPMER, Delhi. Lectures, seminars by various faculties from Delhi were organized. The exams were also conducted during that period. 10 out of 12 candidates qualified.
- **June 26** : **Valedictory function of FAOT : NR.** Chief guest Dr Gupta, Registrar of Santosh Deemed to be University, Dr. Raheja , Medical Superintendent, GIPMER, Dr. Anil Srivastava, President AIOTA, Dr Lalit Narayan, Convener, Delhi Branch & Dr Sunita Pasricha HOD, OT Dept ,GIPMER were present at the valedictory function of FAOT : NR held in PGMER, Delhi. The completion certificates were handed over to the candidates by the chief guest.
- **August 3** : Live & Webinar “AIOTA’s advanced assessment module in SLD” was organized at AIOTA headquarter, Navi Mumbai. **Faculties** : Dr Pratibha Vaidya (Mumbai) Dr Shailaja Jaywant (Mumbai) & Dr Neeraj Mishra (Delhi). Total participants : 71 (40 for online & 31 for live)
- **Dec 7 & 8** : Neonatal Therapy Workshop was organized by Genesis Neurogen, Delhi in collaboration with Academic Council of Occupational Therapy of AIOTA & Swami Dayanand Hospital, Delhi. **Faculties** : Dr. Jyothika Bijlani, Dean ACOT & Neonatal Occupational Therapist, Mumbai & Dr Shailaja Jaywant, Assistant Professor, OT school & Centre, Mumbai, The dignitaries present during valedictory function were Dr Piyush Jain, President, Association of Pediatricians, East Delhi & Chairman, Genesis Neurogen, Delhi , Dr S.S. Bhisht, Neonatologist & in charge of Neonatology unit, Swami Dayanand Hospital, New Delhi, Dr RK Sharma EC member of AIOTA & Dean, Allied Health Sciences, Santosh, deemed to be University, Ghaziabad & Dr Charu Arora, HOD Occupational Therapy Dept, Amar Jyoti charitable trust & Genesis Neurogen, Delhi.
- **Dec 13 to 15** AIOTA’s certificate course in “Office Ergonomics: Module 1 & 2, was held in LTMMC, Sion, Mumbai. Total no of candidates: 22. **Faculty**: Dr Bharati Jajoo (Bangalore).
- **Jan 16 2020** Preconference COTE on “Advanced Occupational Therapy in MENTAL HEALTH at OTICON 2020. **Faculties** : Dr Vinita Acharya (Manipal) & Dr Raviraj Shetty (Mumbai). It was Followed with panel discussion: “Changing with Changing Times: Occupational Therapy in Mental Health in India”. **Panellists** : Dr Prasad Nayak (Psychiatrist, Mumbai), Dr. Zarine Ferzandi (OT, Mumbai), Dr Sushant Sarang (OT, Mumbai) , Dr Vinita Acharya (OT, Manipal) and Dr Raviraj Shetty(OT, Mumbai). **Moderator** : Dr Shriharsh Jahagirdar.
- **January to December (All days)** : Online courses of OT courses.com from US have been conducted in collaboration with AIOTA.

Future Planned Activities

- **January to December** - Online courses of OT courses.com from US collaboration with AIOTA
- **March/April** : PAMOT & Office Ergonomics in NCR Delhi in collaboration with Santosh OT College & UP branch of AIOTA
- **Sept 2020** - 9 months- Part I “3rd AIOTA’s Annual Fellowship in “Advanced Occupational Therapy in Musculoskeletal

disabilities & Ergonomics” affiliated by Santosh Deemed to be University, Ghaziabad

AIOTA Accreditation

- Bachelors program at Goa OT College has been accredited by AIOTA till Dec 2024
- Masters program at JKKMMRF, Tamil Nadu has been accredited till Dec 2020
- 11 new colleges have been started in academic year 2016-17, 17-18 & 18-19- 1) RMMC OT college, Tamil Nadu 2) Saveetha OT College in Tamil Nadu 3) OT college of Sri Ramchandra university, Tamil Nadu 4) NIPMED OT college, Pondicherry 5) Meenakshi OT Schools, Tamil Nadu 6) JSS University in Mysore 7) OT college, Amity University in Noida 8) SCI Centre in Delhi 9) MG College of OT, Jaipur 10) Civil Medical College, Ahmedabad 11) OT College in Varanasi affiliated to Banaras Health University.
- OT Colleges to be started in year 2019-20: Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru and Kerala university of Health Sciences

FACOT Award : 6 candidates had applied for “Fellowship in Academic Council of OT” Dr. Ganpathy Sankar , Dr. Ona Vyas, Dr. Vivek Vajratkar, Dr. Shashi Oberai, Dr. Hemant Nandgaonkar & Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi. Their applications along with their required documents were sent to Reviewing Committee of ACOT who recommended their names for FACOT Award which were then subsequently approved by AIOTA Executives.

World OT Day/OTIndia Month : The theme on World OT day & AIOTA’S OT India month was conveyed to all the Heads of the department of OT Colleges for celebration from 27th Oct. 2019 to 26th Nov 2019 in their respective institutions & they were asked to send the brief report along with some photographs. With great pleasure I congratulate AIOTA Members & OT Institutions in India for making World OT Day & AIOTA’S OT India Month 2019 a great success. On behalf of ACOT executives I thank all the heads of OT colleges who have taken keen interest in celebration of world OT day/month for promotion of OT profession in India & globally & also sending the report in time.

SLD Certification : The committee of Occupational Therapists working in state/central govt or corporation hospitals & involved in the “assessment & intervention of children with SLD” & their disability certification is working on establishing reliability & validity of AIOTA’s “Check list & Comprehensive Assessment in SLD” .

Training & Research Programs with Pearson of India : MOU has been signed between AIOTA & Pearson regarding training program on i) Beery VMI & ii) Sensory Profile2 & iii) BOT 2 iv) Baileys scale of infant development (BSID) The masters training team for these training program has been formed: The team consists of Dr. Anil Srivastava (Chairman) Jyothika Bijlani (convener) & Dr Pratibha Vaidya, Dr Shailaja Jaywant & Dr Sanjeev Padankatti (the Master Trainers). Research program on establishing the norms on Indian population for i) Beery VMI & ii) Sensory Profile2 & iii) BOT 2 iv) BSID will also start soon in few months.

August 2019- Clinical Establishment Act & NMC : The necessary representations has been sent and President Dr. Anil Srivastava and the team is working hard for a positive outcomes on these issues of professional significance.

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. Neeraj Mishra & Dr. Lakshmanan S , Dr Sunny Joseph and all the national & international faculty & mentors for their extensive & selfless support for my ongoing fellowship programs & I am sure they would continue the same in future programs.

Respectfully submitted.

Dr. Jyothika Bijlani

Dean ACOT

proposed by-

- 1) Dr. Shriharsh Jahagirdar
- 2) Dr. Odette Gomes

Dr Ravi Vattamvar asked that, can we shift duration of PG course from 3 years to 2 years..Dr. Jaya kale informed that, we should not make it for 2 years. However AIOTA can’t take stand on this issue, and also informed that, we will discuss in next BOS meeting of MUHS. Dr. Anil Srivastava informed that, for PG course duration, AIOTA is not the platform and this issue is not in preview of AIOTA.

Carried unanimously.

Executive Chairman Dr. Anil Srivastava informed that the election of ACOT in ACOT GB meeting was successfully conducted

ELECTION RESULT - ACOT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2020-2024)

Following were declared elected-

Dean - Dr Jyothika Bijlani

EC members -

- 1) Dr Zarine D. Ferzandi**
- 2) Dr Kamal N. Arya**
- 3) Dr Vijay Batra**
- 4) Dr Shailaja Jayawant**

REPORT FROM EDITOR IJOT

IJOT Meetings Held: 10 meetings of IJOT Board were held since April 2016.

8th IJOT Meeting. Decisions in brief are as under -

- Subscription and Advertisement matters related to IJOT were discussed.: it was decided to share the subscribers list with Medknow Wolters Kluwer India Private Limited for future subscriptions. Advertisement Amount: 70%:30% clause will be applicable. (70% to AIOTA and 30% to WK-Medknow). it was also decided to share the list of advertisers from across India, if any, whom WK-Medknow may approach for prospectively getting advertisements. Currently the Editor-in-Chief Sir Dr. Anil K. Srivastava, is been active in getting advertisements annually for the IJOT.
- Associate Editor expressed the difficulty in handling the workload of editorial work and the need for more members in editorial board. It was decided that performance of review board members and editorial board members will be discussed by the new editorial board which will assume office from April 2020.
- Issue of delay in providing access to EBSCO was discussed. It was decided to have a meeting with concerned people of Medknow Publications to sort this issue and other indexing/abstracting and subscription related issues.
- It was decided to appreciate the editorial board members and best performing review members during the upcoming conference.
- Issue of listing IJOT UGC Care list was discussed in detail. First step towards the same will be short profile the editorial board members by 31st October 2019. The form will be circulated by the assistant editor (Promotion) to the editorial board members.
- Conference and award information should be included in the paper only if it is available.
- The manual entry grid for the total number of manuscripts processed, reviewed and published was submitted to the Editor-in-Chief Sir in Word file print. The individual reviewer performance grid as documented manually in Word file and as downloaded in Excel Sheet from online system was submitted and discussed with the members present in the meeting. The concern was expressed about the timeline delays from the review board members that further delayed the entire publication process of each issue. It was suggested to appoint new experienced reviewers with rich research and technology expertise. It was discussed to add more review board members from April 2020 onward and to restructure the editorial board as per the UGC CARE guideline application form's credentials and requirements for editorial board members.
- Also it was discussed that the UGC CARE application will be initiated in April 2020 via Santosh Occupational Therapy College Dean Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma Sir's desk. It was informed to all the present members that indexing procedure will be initiated in late 2020 or early 2021 after discussion with Wolters Kluwer India Private Limited - Medknow Group Executives.

Information of Significance :

- From January, 2019 to January, 2020, about 45 manuscripts were processed for peer review and publication procedure in online system, with documentation of timeline from the date of submission of fresh, revised manuscript to the date of official online acceptance to the authors.
- April 2016 to date (Jan. 2020): about total of 100 submissions (99 manuscripts and 1 letter to the editor) were processed (as per manual Word file documentation by Associate Editor + IJOT online system documentation of editor-in-chief, editor and associate editor work). Of the total of about 100 processed papers list: about 4 to 5 submissions were rejected.
- Backlog of OTICON'2017, OTICON'2018 and new submissions of OTICON'2019 were reviewed. The papers found below publication standards and some papers on author's request, were released. There were submissions of papers in online system from outside OTICON list as well.
- News, Information and Announcements were compiled by the Editor-in-Chief, Editor and Associate Editor for IJOT 2019,

Volume 51, Issues 1 to 4. Currently IJOT 2020 Volume 52 Issue 1 (January - March) is in process.

- IJOT details and new documents upload in the IJOT subdomain website of AIOTA's main domain website (<http://aiota.org/publications/ljot>) is up-to-date.
- IJOT work has been taken over by Wolters Kluwer India Private Limited - Medknow Publication House from IJOT 2018, Volume 50, Issue 3 onward and they have published till date 6 issues. Till date the current editorial board has processed and published 13 issues (September - December 2016 onward) and are working on the 14th issue (January - March 2020)
- New website has been updated by Wolters Kluwer India Private Limited - Medknow Publication House viz. <http://www.ijotonweb.org/> along with the online management system on Journal on Web (JoW) Page viz. <http://www.journalonweb.com/ijoth/> for online editorial and peer review work by the editorial and review board, for online submission by authors and for online management by the administrators of the publication house.
- Many new reformations have been introduced by Wolters Kluwer India Private Limited - Medknow Publication House viz. new print layout, new cover designs, revised editorial statement, revised subscription rates, bar code for each article, digital object identifier (DOI) for each article, open access in html, introduction of new indexing and abstracting sites, introduction of JoW information page in IJOT etc. Discussions are still on, for adding many more reformations in 2020 and to proceed with international indexing applications.
- Current indexing and abstracting status: The journal is registered with the following abstracting partners: Baidu Scholar, CNKI (China National Knowledge Infrastructure), EBSCO, Publishing's Electronic Databases, Ex Libris - Primo Central, Google Scholar, Hinari, Infotrieve, National Science Library, Pro Quest, TdNet, Wanfang Data. The journal is indexed with, or included in, the following: Indian Citation Index
- The journal has to be included again in UGC journal list by new application in April 2020 as per new UGC's CARE guidelines and international indexing application needs to be initiated in 2020 or 2021.

Respectfully submitted

On Behalf of the IJOT Editorial Board

Dr. Punita V. Solanki

Associate Editor

Proposed by-

- 1) Dr Odette Gomes
- 2) Dr Puja Mehta

Dr. Alok Patil expressed that contribution of IJOT Board is priceless. Dr Dasari also informed that, quality of IJOT is excellent and very much impressed.

Carried unanimously.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT AIOTA

OTICON'2020: THE 57th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AIOTA

Mumbai, Jan. 16, 2020

It indeed is an honor 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 Mumbai.

The 57th Annual National Conference of All India Occupational Therapists' Association [OTICON'2020] is being organized from Jan. 16-18, 2020 by Occupational Therapy School & Center, Seth G.S. Medical College, Mumbai Branch of AIOTA in support with OT Colleges of Mumbai & Navi Mumbai. This conference is being organized to commemorate the platinum jubilee of Occupational Therapy School & Center, Seth G.S. Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbai.

AIOTA and occupational therapy professionals in India have fond memories of most respectful and visionary lady Mrs. Kamala V. Nimbkar, the founder of the occupational therapy profession and concept of rehabilitation in India. Mrs. Kamala V. Nimbkar, nee Elizabeth Lundy was an American Lady, who laid the foundation of OT at KEM Hospital Mumbai in 1950. All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) was also funded by her in 1952. She introduced occupational therapy and rehabilitation in India. This conference is being organized to commemorate the platinum jubilee of Occupational Therapy School & Center, Seth G.S. Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbai.

In grateful appreciation of an extraordinary vision, & dedication for the development of occupational therapy and rehabilitation in India, the very prestigious President AIOTA's Crown of OT Award is being posthumously presented to Mrs. Nimbkar today in this conference.

AIOTA is also pleased to re-publish the book authored by Mrs. Kamala V. Nimbkar with the title 'A New Life for the Handicapped: A History of Rehabilitation and Occupational Therapy in India' It in fact is her autobiography. This book is a must for all OT

Schools for teaching the history of occupational therapy in India and a guide for future planning and actions by professionals.

I am elated to welcome Ms. Manjiri Nimbkar the close kin of Mrs. Kamala Nimbkar for her generous presence on this occasion.

I congratulate enthusiastic Organizing Secretary of OTICON2020 Dr. Jayashree Kale and the organizing team for superbly creating the conference platform, here at Mumbai. I also sincerely appreciate the dedicated efforts of Chairman Scientific Program Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi & his associates for making commendable efforts in making the well-knit scientific itinerary. I appreciate Dr. Kale for her innovative move for inclusion of Aayush and the eminent professionals of multidisciplinary areas of medical system Ayurveda Homeopathy and Yoga in this conference. It indeed is a novel venture introduced for the first time in AIOTA conference.

The Theme chosen for this conference is- 'Cognition, Mobility, Agility, Stability - Ability: Towards Functional Independence'. It is impressively reflecting the unique contribution of occupational therapy by enabling occupation to optimize human activity and participation in all life domains across the lifespan, and thus promote the health and well-being of individuals, groups, and communities. I am confident that the presentations supported with evidence based research in various areas of clinical practice would promote knowledge dissemination to enhance the further growth of occupational therapy practice in India.

AIOTA is regulatory body to control and maintain academic standards and the standards of practice in the country. AIOTA accredited, 30 OT Education Programs of the country which are considered as recognized programs for employment and/or higher studies in the country and overseas. The institutions in government and private sector are also offering Masters in OT and even Ph.D. programs for graduates from AIOTA accredited programs. Academic Council of OT, a constituent body of AIOTA which has been made responsible for maintaining uniformity and standards of Education of the UG/PG courses and updating the clinical practitioners with new advancements and techniques by offering short and long duration continuing OT Education programs and fellowship in vivid areas of OT practice.

AIOTA's official publication Indian Journal of Occupational Therapy is peer reviewed journal with international acceptability. 51 Volumes have been published till date carrying evidence based research studies. The journal is now outsourced to reputed international publisher Wolter Kluwer Medknow since the year.2019.

Occupational Therapy (OT) is nationally & internationally recognized advanced discipline in the modern healthcare system. Occupational therapy is fully equipped with a solid background in both the medical and social sciences. We help people across the lifespan, participate in the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities or 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: the basic concept of this unique profession.

The landmark achievements of the year 2018 & 2019 had been inauguration of AIOTA's first national headquarter in a grand function on 20th April 2018, at Nerul, Navi Mumbai and the valued recognition of occupational therapy in the government sector by inclusion of occupational therapist as one of the healthcare authorities of the constituted medical board, for issuance of certification to persons with specific learning disabilities (SLD and inclusion as specialists in the medical board as an official signatory for issuance of Unique Identity Card for Disabled (UDID Card) in all categories of loco motor disabilities including Hemophilia. Gazette Notification by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India dated 8th March 2019 has already been issued to this effect.

Lack of proper avenues and facilities in government sector, occupational therapists have led to massive so-called "brain-drain" to avail lucrative opportunities available there and it is considered a big challenge for the profession which needs to be addressed by the government on priority basis. The need of today is to create posts of occupational therapists in various schemes for children, adult and elderly with special needs including disabling conditions of social justice & Empowerment Ministry. AIOTA will extend all necessary cooperation to fulfill this genuine requirement to cater the needs of special children and challenged population of the country.

I urge to Governments of India and all State governments to look into the genuine basic issues of the profession, like, minimum of one post of OT per hundred bed strength in government hospitals in urban areas and inclusion in community based schemes for catering the needs of the major population living in rural India. The need is also for re-designating the posts of occupational therapists in government sector as occupational therapy officers on the basis of their professional qualifications, duties and responsibilities.

The utmost requirement is for establishing at least one OT College in Government Sector in all States, which currently have no such provision.

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 infused with rich academics.

Good luck and best wishes to you all.

Thank You

Dr Anil K. Srivastava

President AIOTA

OTICON'2020-MUMBAI

Jan.16-18, 2020

OTICON 2020 -the 57th, Annual National Conference of the All India Occupational Therapist's Association was very successfully organized on 16th -18th January 2020 at Mumbai. The event was hosted on account of Platinum Jubilee Year (1950-2020) of Occupational Therapy School & Centre, Seth G.S Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbai, which also happened to be the First school of Occupational Therapy in Asia. Dr. Jayashri S. Kale, Professor & Head of OT School, SGSMC, Mumbai, was the Organizing Secretary and Dr. Amitabh K. Dwivedi, Professor & Dean Jaipur OT College, Jaipur was the Chairman of the Scientific Program of this prestigious event. Dr Kale informed that, 800 delegates are registered, 17 sponsors.

REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN OF SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Following is the Scientific Schedule of 3 days OTICON2020 carrying information about Pre-conf. COTE, Key Note Speakers, Guest Speakers, Special Lectures and Research paper presentations from members of AIOTA and other information.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DAY 1(16/01/2020)	
Venue/ Time	Main auditorium
07:30 am to 8.30 am	Registration
08:30 am to 11.30 am	Pre-Conference COTE “Advanced Occupational Therapy Practices in Mental Health: Micro & Macro Perspective” 08.30 - 08.40 - Introduction - Dr. Jyothika Bijlani , Dean ACOT 08.40 - 08.45 - Welcome - Dr. Anil Srivastava , President AIOTA & Executive Chairman ACOT 09.30-10.00 - Dr. Vinita Acharya (Manipal) : Psychosocial Occupational Therapy : Where We stand & the Way Ahead 10.00 - 10.30 - Dr. Raviraj Shetty (Mumbai) : Partnering with Communities as Co-experts : Occupational Therapy in Mental Health 10.30 - 11.30 - Panel discussion : Changing with changing times : Occupational Therapy in Mental Health in India” Panellists : Dr. Vinita Acharya (OT), Dr. Raviraj Shetty (OT), Dr. Zarine Ferzandi (OT) , Dr. Sushant Sarang (OT), Dr. Prasad Nayak (Psychiatrist) Moderator : Dr. Shriharsh Jahagirdar Vote of Thanks : Dr. Jaya Kale, Organizing Secretary & EC Member ACOT
11:30 am to 12:10 pm	Keynote Address-1 Dr. Lalit Shah (Dean, New Jersey University of Health Sciences, USA) Evidence Based Practice in Pediatric Occupational Therapy”
12:10 pm to 12.30 pm	Guest Lecture: Dr. Kuldeep Raj Kohli: (Director AYUSH) “Panchakarma Therapies of Ayurveda”
12:30 pm to 01.00 pm	Guest Lecture: Dr. Alok Sharma (Director & Consultant NEUROGEN Brain & Spine Institute, NaviMumbai): “ Clinical results of Stem Cell Therapy combined with Comprehensive Rehabilitation in Neurological Disorders”
01.00 pm to 02.00 pm	LUNCH
02.30 pm to 04.00 pm	Inauguration of OTICON' 2020 : Chief Guest : Hon. Shri T. C. Gehlot , Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India
04.30 pm to 04.45 pm	High Tea

Venue/ Time	Main auditorium
04:45 pm to 05:45 pm	<p>Scientific Session -1 “Mindfulness in Mental Health” Chairs :Dr. Odette Gomes, Dr. Subhash Apte, Dr. Prasad Nayak Faculty Talk : Dr. Deepa Sudareshwaran, 'NIEPMD', Chennai : Occupational Therapy : Making a Difference in Mental Health</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perception and experiences of individuals with Mental Illness about vocational rehabilitation in India : An exploratory study- Dr.Vinita Acharya 2. Effect of Occupational Therapy Action Research on Vocational Profiles of Youth with Intellectual Disabilities - Dr. Aishwarya Swaminathan, 3. Effect of Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Occupational Therapy (MBSROT) Program in parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder - Dr. Sushant Sarang 4. Family centered approach in Ehlers Danlos Syndrome - A case study - Dr. Shrutika Patil
06.00 pm to 07.30 pm	<p>Mega – Cultural Event : Mumbai MeriJaan : The Entertainment of the Day - A Musical Show Hosted by GSMC KEMH Staff and Students by - TNMC, LTMC and DY Patil Schools of OT -</p>
07.30 pm onwards	Banquet: at Surya Vanshi Hall, Dadar, Mumbai
DAY 2 (17/01/2020)	
07.30 am to 08.30 am	Breakfast
08.30 am to 09.45 am	<p>Scientific Session II Neurosciences - Impact of Neuro - cognitive Components on QOL Chairs : Dr. SanchalaSen, Dr. Leena Deshpande, Dr. Girish Soni,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effect of Rhythmical Activity on cognition and quality of life among elderly : Dr. Akshay Kumar Joshi 2. To study the Effectiveness of Balance Training on Functional Independence in Guillain Barre Syndrome (GBS) : A Randomized Control Trial : Dr. Ashwini Sangar 3. Effectiveness of functional activity based virtual reality training to improve voluntary motor control amongst Stroke Patients : a pilot study : Dr. TribhuvanS rikanth 4. The effectiveness of Static balance and Coordination rehabilitation exercises, on serving skills of students with special educational needs undergoing vocational training in hospitality and catering department : Dr. Deepa Udiaver 5. Neuro - diversity at Workplaces - A Q - Methodology Study : Dr. Aishwarya Swaminathan 6. The effect of quality of sleep and level of fatigue on the breast feeding efficacy in postpartum lactating mothers : Dr. Dnyaneshwari Giri 7. Power issues in family - centered occupational therapy practice: a secondary analysis of qualitative data. - Dr. Sumita Rege
09.50 am to 10.35 am	<p>Keynote Address-2 Dr. SanchalaSen(Faculty, Occupational Therapy, North Carolina University, USA) “Neuro-rehab- the Critical Pathway”</p>
10.40 am to 11.40 am	<p>Scientific Session III Neurorehab : From Womb to Tomb Chairs : Dr. Shashi Oberoi, Dr. PratibhVaidya, Dr. Neelu Desai</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Patterns of Sensory Processing among Preterm Infants : A Cross-Sectional Study : Dr. Esther Helena 2. Exploring social participation in families of individuals with Down syndrome : A scoping review : Dr. Florance Newton 3. Parents experiences of their extended families' support for them and their child with Autism Spectrum Disorder : A phenomenological study: Dr. Vigya Smriti 4. Effectiveness of standing wheelchair in achieving functional independence in patients with Spinal Cord Injury : Dr. Monalee Niphadkar 5. Sensory Deficits in Stroke : A Hidden Challenge for Rehabilitation : Dr. Kamal Narayan Arya

Venue/ Time	Main auditorium
11:40 am to 11.55 am	Faculty Talk Palliative Care: Dr. Odette Gomes (Ex. HOD, TNMC & BYL Nair Hospital, Mumbai)
11.55 am to 12.25 pm	Guest Lecture Yoga & its applications in Physical Fitness : Dr. Prachi Dalvi , Faculty, Ayurveda (AYUSH)
12.25 pm to 01.00 pm	Faculty Talk Do Approaches To Learning Affect Academic Performance of Occupational Therapy Students : Dr. Bhomiah Dasari (UK)
01.00 pm to 02.00 pm	LUNCH
02.00 pm to 02.50 pm	Scientific Session- IV Clinical approaches in Occupational therapy : Overcoming Musculoskeletal Disorders Chairs Dr. Shovan Saha, Dr. Smita Jaywant, Dr. S. K. Srivastava <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prevalence of Cold Intolerance among patients with Traumatic and Non - traumatic Hand Injuries in Mumbai : Dr. Aishwarya Parmar 2. Cumulative Trauma Disorders Trend in Computer-Users over a Decade : Dr. Pooja Mehta 3. Effectiveness of Positional Release Technique (PRT) as an adjunct to Conventional Occupational Therapy Treatment in Upper Trapezitis : Dr. Sheetal Sureshbhai Patel 4. Tapping Lumbo - Pelvic Rhythm for Modulating Pain Behavior in Lumbar PIVD : Dr. Vijay Batra
02.50 pm to 03:05 pm	Faculty Talk Global development in SI assessment : Evaluation of Ayres Sensory Integration (EASI) tool : Dr. Manish Samnani , Gurugram
03:05 pm to 03:20 pm	Faculty Talk Accessibility for Wheel chair Users : Dr. Vijay Suple (Canada)
03:30 pm to 05:00 pm	GB meeting in Mini theatre
05:30 pm onwards	Competitive Cultural Evening
07:00pm onwards	WELCOME DINNER
Day 3 (18/01/2020)	
07.30 am to 08.30 am	Breakfast
08.30 am to 09.45 am	Scientific session V : Mastering Environmental Challenges : Ergonomics & Orthopaedics Chairs Dr. Veena Slaich, Dr. Vijay Suple, Dr. Anil Kumar Gaur <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aim of the study was to see the effectiveness of four stage ergonomic based model in nursing staff: Dr. Parag Adsule 2. Use of Jebsen Taylor Hand Function Test to compare the hand functions in people with Carpal Tunnel Syndrome and healthy individuals : Dr. Joshini Sara John 3. Implementation of Environmental Barriers in Reducing Fear of Falling and Studying its Relationship with Activity Level and Activity Restriction among Community dwelling Older Adults living in Old Age Home : Dr. Hansa Varshneya 4. Assessment of change in posture using upper back brace with auditory feedback for Forward

Venue/ Time	Main auditorium
	<p>Head Rounded Shoulder Posture (FHRSP) in MCGM Clerks with Chronic neck pain - A Pilot Study : Dr. Jyotsna Bankhele</p> <p>5. Comparative study of effectiveness of Installing ergonomic equipment alone Vs Ergonomics training (individual and group) for prevention against Musculo - skeletal disorders (MSDs) : Dr. Mona Pankaj</p> <p>6. Role of an Occupational Therapist in Driving Rehabilitation : Dr. Veena Slaich</p>
09.45 am to 10.00 am	<p>Faculty Talk Office of Tomorrow: Dr. Bharti Jajoo (Founder/Chief at Body Dynamics, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India)</p>
10.00 am to 11.00 am	<p>Lecture & Panel Discussion: Management of Haemophilic Synovitis - An interdisciplinary Approach : Dr. Tapas kumar Kundu (<i>Professor and H.O.D. of Medicine, Motiwala Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital, Nashik</i>) Panelists : Dr. Tapas Kumar Kundu, Dr. Jayashri Kale, Dr. Mohan Desai, Dr. Chandrakala Moderator: Dr. KirtiPatil</p>
11: 00 am to 11:20 am	<p>Guest Lecture: Dr. Poornima Karia(USA)</p>
11.20 am to 12.30 pm	<p>Scientific Session VI: Empowering Education through Intervention Chairs : Dr. Jyotika Bijlani, Dr. Shailaja Jaywant, Dr. Sunil Karande</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feeding and Maternal Self-efficacy for NICU Mothers : a scoping review : Dr. Pratikshya Mohanty 2. Motor Proficiency of Children with Developmental Speech and Language Disorder (DSLDD) and Typically Developing Children Aged 4 -7 years - A Comparative Study : Dr. Rupali B. Prajapati 3. The Development and evaluation of Intervention Module on Sensory Processing Disorders as a part of comprehensive Autism Intervention Package : Dr. Vivek Vajaratkar 4. Preferential laterality based on posturo-motor behavior in children with developmental disabilities : Dr. Meenakshi Batra 5. Effects of use of the Ratuber Exercises to improve speed and legibility of handwriting : Dr. Mugdhawagh Shaan
12.30 pm to 01:00 pm	Felicitation of the Superannuated Faculties and Clinical Therapists from parent institutes.
01.00 pm to 02.00 pm	Lunch
02.00 pm to 03.00 pm	<p>Competitive Street play - 'Reaching the Unreached' Chairs: Dr. Anil K. Srivastava, Dr. R. K. Sharma,</p>
03.00 pm to 04.30 pm Onwards	<p>Valedictory Function Vote of Thanks: Dr. Jayashri Kale, Organizing Secretary OTICON'2020</p>
04.30 pm	Tea

AIOTA Trophies For Scientific Presentations In OTICON'2020 - Mumbai

Following are the recipients of Awards and Trophies under Members and Students categories of presentations -

Members' Category

- **Kamala V. Nimbkar Trophy for the Best Oral Scientific Paper** : Cumulative Trauma Disorders Trend in Computer - Users over a Decade - **Dr. Pooja P. Mehta, Mumbai**
- **AIOTA Trophy for the Best Oral Scientific Paper in Neurosciences** :The Effectiveness of Static Balance and Coordination Rehabilitation Exercises, on Serving Skills of Students with Special Educational Needs Undergoing Vocational Training in Hospitality and Catering Department - **Dr. Deepa Udiaver, Mumbai**
- **Vijay Suple Trophy for the Best Oral Scientific Paper in Mental Health** : Perception and Experiences of Individuals with Mental Illness about Vocational Rehabilitation in India : An Exploratory Study - **Dr. Vinita Acharya, Manipal**
- **Gazala Makda Trophy for the Best Oral Scientific Paper in Pediatrics** : AVAZ App (Trial Version) : Voice for the Non-Verbal Autism Spectrum Disorder Children - **Dr. Jay Vijay Sonawane, Erode**
- **M. M. Sangoi Trophy for the Best Oral Scientific Paper in Ergonomics, Environment and Access** : Implementation of Environmental Barriers in Reducing Fear of Falling and Studying its Relationship with Activity Level and Activity Restriction among Community dwelling Older Adults living in Old Age Home - **Dr. Hansa Varshneya, Erode**
- **Nirmala Venkateswaran Trophy for the Best Mini Movie** : Theme: Novel Ways Of Marketing OT Service - **Dr. Gandhi Poovarasam & Dr. N. S. Krishna, Coimbatore**
- **N. Swaroop Trophy for the Best Innovative Technology Display** : INDIA EBUS - **Dr. Hemant Nandgaonkar, Mumbai**
- **AIOTA Trophy for the Best Scientific e Poster** :The Effect of Person-Environment-Occupation Model in Improving Social Skills : A Case Study - **Dr. Deepak Kumar Shrivastava, Mumbai**
- **Best Delegate OTICON '2020 Award** - By Kerala Branch of AIOTA - **Dr. Hetali Shah, Mumbai**

Students' Category

AIOTA Trophy for Best Poster

Theme : OT from Clay to Computer

Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute of Person with Physical Disabilities, New Delhi

AIOTA Trophy for Best Innovative Technology

Theme : Table Top Cognitive/ Dexterity Aid

Goa Medical College, Goa

AIOTA Trophy for Best Street Play

Theme : Reaching the Unreached

Government Medical College & Hospital, Nagpur

OMG Provo Trophy

Theme : Best Humorous Poster Display of OT India

Goa Medical College, Goa

Gold Medal Award for Best OT Graduate of 2019 by Orissa Branch of the AIOTA

Dejul Rajesh Dedhiya, Mumbai

Best Student Delegate of OTICON' 2020 by Karnataka Branch of the AIOTA

Prateek Kar, Orissa

Submitted By

Dr. Amitabh K. Dwivedi

Chairman, Scientific Program Committee, OTICON'2020, Mumbai

Professor & Dean, Jaipur OT College, Jaipur

REPORT FROM COORDINATOR AIOTA BRANCHES

All the branches of AIOTA have organized The World Occupational Therapy Day & OT India Month celebration with great enthusiasm by organizing different events, to promote the occupational Therapy among the public including Divyang Jan the specific events organizes by different branches are:

Bihar Branch

- 1) The faculty members & students of BCPO & Members of AIOTA Bihar Branch of AIOTA readers of the contents of the IJOT Carrying articles discussed five topics in 2019 with academic depth and we tried to imbibe useful innovations as given therein.
- 2) "Fundamentals of Brain Gym Activities"- Dr (Mrs) Namita Singh MOT (Orthopaedics) HOD Occupational Therapy, Mata Bhagwati Chadda Niketan, Noida.
- 3) Therapeutic Decision making in ICU - Dr. Neeraj Mishra, MOT (Ped), Sr. Occ. Therapist, GIPMER, Govt of NCT of Delhi New Delhi.

Uttar Pradesh Branch

- 1) Co-Convener Dr. R.K. Sharma, Principal and Dean Allied Health Sciences and Paramedical at Santosh University, Ghaziabad is awarded with Ph.D from Jaipur.
- 2) UP Branch is organizing COTE in form of 'Advanced Certificate Course on Physical Agent Modalities in OT' in close collaboration with Santosh OT College and GIPMER, New Delhi from 29-31 March, 2019 at GIPMER, New Delhi.

Telangana Branch

- a) Webiner on SLD organized by AIOTA was conducted at Hyderabad wherein 13 members attended.
- b) Dr. V.G. Bodhankar was congratulated and felicitated for receiving Lifetime Achievement Award at Chandigarh OTICON-2019
- c) Whatsapp Group is being utilized by OTs for their professional communication.

Tamilnadu Branch

OT salem.com & United care in collaboration with TNAIOTA is organised a WORKSHOP on "SENSORY INTEGRATION" on 5th & 6th Jan' 2019 at Salem. Dr.Sujata Missal, Principal & HOD, KMCH (OT) participated as a resource person. To commemorate the WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY, on 5th April'19 TNAIOTA in collaboration with MEENAKSHI FACULTY OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, organised COTE on Autism at MAHER UNIVERSITY, Virugambakkam, Chennai. Guest Speaker - Dr.Raghuram.P & Dr. Arun Kumar.M; total no.of students participated was 115.

REPORT FROM COORDINATOR OF INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER OF AIOTA

It has been two years now since the chapter was established at OTCON 2018 at Nagpur. The vision of AIOTA was to create a common platform for Indian Occupational Therapists working overseas; increase interaction between AIOTA and Overseas Occupational Therapist.

During first years I have consulted occupational therapists from various countries such as Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Canada, United States of America, Norway and Middle East. We discussed about future plan and nature of this chapter. Some of the members felt that we should form independent group and create for-profit organization. This was not in the line with AIOTA's ideology as well as my own strong feelings. After few months of consultation, it was decided that International Chapter will be part of AIOTA.

Thereafter, we managed to create web page for the chapter and the time and efforts were donated by post graduate student of computer sciences, University of Windsor, Canada. During OTCON Chandigarh 2019, we announced the Web Page creation.

Another challenge was and still is getting occupational therapist from different countries/different schools on committee. Currently, we have Gazala Makada (UK) Harsha Vardhan (New Zealand) Karthik Mani (US), Dina Ashok (Dubai), Jayasree Chandramouli (Doha, Qatar), Saba Kamal (US) Vaithiamanithi Perumal (UK) and I represent Canada. We are still looking for OTs from Australia.

All members are trying to net work with their friends and make them aware of chapter and it's activities. Personally, I had meetings with OT group in New Jersey area in June 2019 and recently I met group of OTs in Doha in January 2020. We are trying our best to contact as many OTs as we could do for this cause and our message is getting across. This will be ongoing project for us.

Some of the board members are mentoring Indian Occupational Therapists moved recently out of India.

A have also consulted Placement Coordinator of University of Western Ontario London Canada. We will have six occupational therapy schools from India, recognized for post graduate placement. As part their training program OT students have to go through four placements during their training. Under this scheme, they can opt for placement in India. This may open new avenues for knowledge transfer between Canadian Programs and Occupational Therapy programs in India.

Prior to my arrival here in India, I have consulted my board members and we all are in agreement that International Chapter would like to host AIOTA annual conference (OTCON) possibly in 2023, in collaboration with Nagpur Occupational Therapy School. We are hoping to have oversea OTs from UK; USA; New Zealand; Middle East; Canada and other countries participating in OTCON 2023. All board members have zeroed down on NAGPUR, city in central India, as conference destination.

I feel that International Chapter of AIOTA is slowly building the infrastructure, making its present felt in various countries.

Thanks

Dr. Vijay Suple

Convener, International Chapter

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Proposed by-

- 1) Dr Odette Gomes
- 2) Dr Naresh babu

REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN ELECTION COMMITTEE

General Body Meeting at Chandigarh elected me as election chairperson and provided the responsibility of conducting the first ever online elections. As the discussions were on about online elections for sometime by then, requests for the proposal and request to members to update the contact was sent immediately.

I reported to the EC in April with proposals from the 3 service providers after having discussions with them about the requirements. Executive committee finalised with a service provider from Karnataka. Also Ensured the non renewed members list was available on the AIOTA website.

Even Though requests were made to update the contact details for 3 years through google forms- In 2018, request was made to the members to update their profile directly on the AIOTA website. Request was made from the election office to update the contact details and categorically informed that they will not be able to vote if they are updating the contact details by 31st May. Information was published on the official Website, IJOT and official social handle. Deadline was extended to 30th June. 15 more days were extended again and a Draft voter list was uploaded in the aiota website with a request to the members whose names were missing to write to the election chairperson. All these notifications explicitly included the information that the members who miss to update the information will not be able to vote in this election.

Clauses in Bye Law VII changed to accommodate online elections instead of paper ballots and the same was approved by EC.

1283 members were finalised as eligible voters. Nomination process happened between 16th october to 15th november. One nomination each was applied for the positions of the President, Secretary and Treasurer. Two nominations received for vice president position. Online election was well received by the members which was evident with the record number of 19 Nominations were received for EC member positions. INR one lakh twenty thousand was collected as a non refundable election deposit. All the nominations were accepted. Final list of candidates were notified on 7th December 2019. Voting phase of the election was between 20th to 29th December 2019. 521 members cast their valuable vote. Election office also released three videos to demonstrate the process of login, voting and to check their eligibility to vote. Couple of videos were viewed by more than 150 unique viewers and one video was viewed by more than 200 unique viewers.

Feedback received/Difficulties faced:

1. Most of the members were left out of the voter list - the Election office tried its level best to get as many members to update its best. Few contestants wrote to the President of AIOTA about the same -to allow updating of contact details of members on 18th and 19th of december. To ensure the fairness of the election the same is turned down by the election office.
2. On the second day of voting, Couple of complaints received from the eligible voters about the vice president page were not loading properly. Issues were escalated to the developers and ensured such difficulty was not faced again. One of the contestants felt that he lost a few votes citing the issue. Election chairperson personally called up all the individuals whose names were raised by the contestant and ensured that they voted based on their choice.



Message from President AIOTA

WORLD OT DAY & OTINDIA MONTH- 2020

[Oct.27-Nov.26,2020]



On behalf of AIOTA Executive officials, I am pleased to congratulate members of AIOTA, OT Colleges, State Branches of AIOTA and the institutions with OT set up in government and private set up on **WORLD OT Day (Oct.27) and AIOTA's OTINDIA Month (OCT 27-Nov.26)**. I wish that this year too, it will be celebrated with great enthusiasm for multidimensional growth of the profession in the country. However due to COVID Pandemic the celebrations should only be based on the technology in place of physical interactions. The Theme given by WFOT for OT Day-2020 is REIMAGINE DOING, The theme chosen is relevant, recognizing the significance of occupational therapists in helping people to unlock themselves from lockdown situation, and aid individuals to adapt to the new normal life.

We need to heighten the visibility of occupational therapy in the community. We need to make the common man aware by informing that occupational therapists can assist individuals with special needs to live as independently as possible in the community, by modifying the environments for participating in day-to-day life in family and the community, fulfilling a range of social roles, and

making decisions that lead to the minimization of physical and psychological dependence on others.

AIOTA's OTIndia Month- 2019 was celebrated for the first time by AIOTA itself on 9th Nov. 2019 at Mumbai in collaboration with Mumbai Branch of AIOTA and G.S. Medical College, Mumbai with enthusiastic support of all OT Colleges of Mumbai. It was an exemplary success.

World OT day & India OT month-2020 is being organised as **E-Scientia on 27th & 28th Oct.**The E- FEST for OT students has also been planned. The Theme of the event E-Scientia is '**Reimagine Doing: The Innovations in Occupational Therapy**'. Galaxy of the learned resource faculties from India and overseas have consented for academic deliberations on this occasion. The event has been arranged by AIOTA in collaboration with UP Branch of AIOTA & Santosh Deemed to be University, Ghaziabad/NCR/Delhi.

We would eagerly wait to receive your OT Day/OTIndiaMonth activities reports with photographs (Maximum 3) on/or before Nov. 30, 2020 for inclusion in AIOTA/WFOT Newsletters. You are also requested to share & promote on print and social media to meet out the specific purpose of this annual global event.

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Message from President AIOTA

World OT Day Celebrations by AIOTA and UP Branch of AIOTA

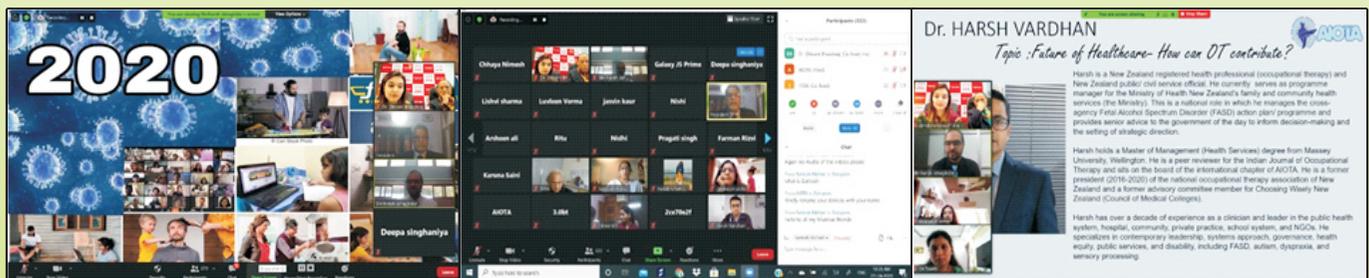
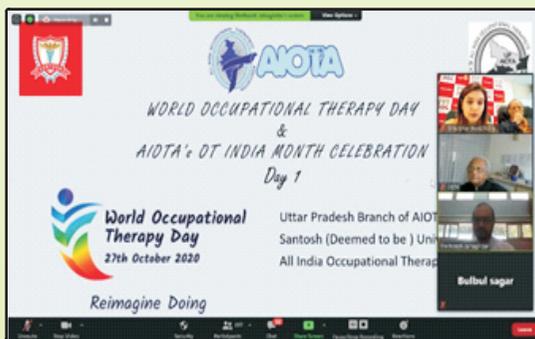
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'Reimagine Doing : Innovations in Occupational Therapy'



To commemorate the World OT Day (Oct. 27) and AIOTA's OT India Month - 2020 (Oct. 27-Nov. 26), UP Branch of AIOTA & Academic Council of OT in collaboration with Santosh OT College, Santosh University, Ghaziabad successfully organized E-Scientia on 27-28 October 2020. It was attended by 915 participants from Occupational therapy, medical and Allied Healthcare areas. President AIOTA Dr. Anil Srivastava delivered inaugural address.

The Theme of this e-event was **'Reimagine Doing: Innovations in Occupational Therapy'**. Dr. Nathan Vyatlingam (Malaysia), Dr. Harsh Vardhan (New Zealand), Dr. ShovanSaha (Manipal), Dr. Ravi Raj Shetty, Dr. ManjushaWagal, Dr. PriyaTawde & Dr. PratibhaVaidya (Mumbai) Dr. Manish Samnani (Gurugram) and Dr. Neeraj Mishra (Davangere) were the resource faculties on various areas of post pandemic occupational therapy intervention. Dr. Jyothika Bijlani-Dean ACOT was Principal Coordinator and Dr. Shivani Bharadwaj, Asst. Prof. Santosh OT College; Ghaziabad was the Organizing Convener of E-Scienti

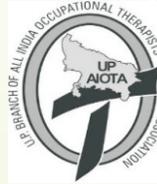




**World Occupational
Therapy Day**
27th October 2020
Reimagine Doing



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WORLD OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DAY & AIOTA'S OT INDIA MONTH CELEBRATION 27 - 28 OCTOBER 2020

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**E-Fest
"SURTAL"**

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OT DAY PRESENTATION 20'20

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S.No.	NAME & DESIGNATION	TITLE OF PRESENTATION	
Inauguration 27th October 10.00 am			
1.	Prof Dr. Nathan Vytialingam Dean of the Perdana University School of Occupational Therapy (PUScOT) Consultant Occupational Therapist EX-Vice-President of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists	Healthy ageing new era 27th October 10.40 a.m.	
2.	Dr. Manjusha Vagal, MOT, CLT (USA), F.A.C.O.T, PhD Officer In-charge Dept. of Occupational Therapy, Tata Memorial Hospital,	Occupational Therapy in Lymphedema Management: Breast Cancer Perspective 27th October 11.10 a.m.	
3.	Dr. Shovan Saha, MOT, PhD Associate Professor Dept. of Occupational Therapy Manipal College of Health Professions President, Society for Hand Therapy, India	Can indigenous low technology Make in India devices clinch the deal for Occupational Therapy.	
4.	Dr. Manish Samnani Director, SOCH Convenor, Haryana Chapter of AIOTA	Executive functions in Children: Role of OT 27th October 12.10 p.m.	



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CULTURAL EVENT BY STUDENT E-Fest "SURTAL" 2 PM ONWARD			
5.	Dr. Harsh Vardhan clinician (occupational therapy) and healthcare manager former president (2016-20) of New Zealand's OT association	Future of Healthcare : How can OT contribute? 28Tth October 10.00 a.m.	
6.	Dr. Raviraj Shetty Occupational Therapist & Training Lead Mental Health	Title: Doing Mental Health: Intersection of Occupational Therapy and Social Justice. 28th October 10.40 a.m.	
7.	Dr. Priya Tawde, Rehab Coordinator & Senior Occupational Therapist, Jupiter Hospital.	Advanced technologies in neuro & MSK rehabilitation: OT perspective 28th October 11.10 a.m.	
8.	Dr. Pratibha Vaidya Associate Professor and In-Charge, T. N. Medical College & B. Y. L. Nair Ch. Hospital	Continuing Occupational Therapy in COVID : TNMC OT Model 28th October 11.40 p.m.	
9.	Dr. Neeraj Mishra Head of Department, Occupational Therapy, Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, MSJ&E, Govt. of India	All India Occupational Therapists' Association's response to the challenges of COVID 19. 28th October 12.10 a.m.	
CULTURAL EVENT BY STUDENT E-Fest "SURTAL" 2 PM ONWARD			



Message from President AIOTA

West Bengal Chapter of AIOTA



West Bengal Chapter of AIOTA celebrated the World Occupational Therapy Day-2020 on 27.10.2020. Being prevailing situation of COVID-19, the program was conducted online.

The World Occupational Therapy Day-2020 program was organized on 27.10. by welcome address and reading the message of Dr. Anil K. Srivastava, President of AIOTA on the occasion by Dr. Pankaj Bajpai, Convener of the WB chapter. Key note Address was delivered on the theme “Reimagine Doing...” by Dr. Smita Jaywant, Director, PDDUNIPPD, New Delhi.

A webinar was conducted on “Use of digital technology by OTs for intervention in Children with Sensory Processing Disorder. The resource person of the webinar was Dr. Anurupa Senapati, Assistant Professor (OT) and Head, Dept. of OT, SVNIRTAR, Cuttack, Odisha. Occupational therapy professionals also presented dance performances and instrumental (Guitar and Harmonica) play performances as part of cultural program. About 105 OTs have attended the program and appreciated it.

Dr. Pankaj Bajpai,

Convener, WB Chapter of AIOTA

JKKMMRF- College of Occupational Therapy B. Komarapalayam, Namakkal District, Tamilnadu

World Occupational Therapy day celebration on 27th of October 2020, the community awareness program about Occupational Therapy for general public in villages of Namakkal District in Tamilnadu were arranged. Occupational Therapy awareness videos on the theme Positive Parenting, Injury Prevention and Occupational Therapy in Gynecology were displayed for rural population. The awareness camps by Community Rehabilitation team with COVID Safety measures in were conducted in seven villages and 650 participants attended it. Occupational Therapy in gynecology camp was conducted for women working in textile industry. All the videos were uploaded in you tube and visible to every one. 15OT Intern students volunteered in the community awareness camps.



T. Jegadeesan

Principal & HOD

JKKMMRF College of Occupational Therapy Komarapalayam

Occupational Therapy School & Centre T. N. Medical College & B. Y. L. Nair Ch. Hospital, Mumbai

The world OT week was observed at O T School & Centre, T. N. Medical College & B. Y. L. Nair Ch. Hospital in an incredibly unique way. A 4 Day skill sharing program was instituted for all the corona warriors, paving their way to stress relief, diversion,





mindfulness, and positive coping. The instructors were therapists and faculty from the Department and the skills taught were Photography (Flowers and Faces), Mandala Art, Crochet Mask holder making, and Zumba Dance. Each session was well designed to teach each skill in Occupational Therapy Style. The sessions were conducted with stringent infection control measures. Each session lasted for 60-90 minutes. All the participants were overwhelmed to learn the skills and expressed need for more such sessions. Dr. Shriharsh Jahagirdar, Assistant Professor (OT) was the Organising Secretary of the event in cooperation Dr. Pratiha Vaidya, Associate Prof. & Head with other faculty members, interns and students.

Dr. Pratibha M. Vaidya

Associate Professor (OT) & Head

Maharaj Vinayak Global University Jaipur Occupational Therapy College, Jaipur

On this occasion of AIOTA's OTIndia Month -2020, Haryana Chapter of AIOTA conducted "Researcher's Week" and invited Dr. Amitabh Kishor Dwivedi, Dean, Jaipur Occupational Therapy College, Jaipur as a guest speaker to deliver an online lecture on "Importance of Conducting Research in Occupational Therapy" on 15th November 2020. His lecture was widely circulated on social media & was live on Facebook.

The schedule of the activities focused on ADL training activities conducted at Jaipur Occupational Therapy College was as follows:

S.No.	Day & Date	Activity
1.	Tuesday, 27/10/2020	Dressing lower body with non-dominating hand
2.	Saturday, 31/10/2020	Dressing upper body with non-dominating hand
3.	Wednesday, 04/11/2020	Poster making
4.	Friday, 06/11/2020	Jumbled word activity (in a word puzzle which is played by scrambling the letters to make an anagram, based on some clue)
5.	Monday & Tuesday, 9/11/2020-10/11/2020	Video on "Prevention from COVID "
6.	Thursday, 12/11/2020	Video on OT awareness
7.	Saturday, 15/11/2020	Online Lecture on "Importance of Conducting Research in Occupational Therapy" delivered by Dr. Amitabh Kishor Dwivedi.
8.	Saturday, 21/11/2020	Shoe lace tying by non-dominating and one hand should be used
9.	Wednesday & Thursday 25/11/2020-26/11/2020	Solo Dance



Dr. Amitabh Kishor Dwivedi
Dean : JOTC



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Occupational Therapy School and Center, Government Medical College, Nagpur

Post-Covid syndrome is presently taking a toll on the Mental and physical health of citizens who were affected and even those who are not affected by it. To overcome these conditions the Occupational Therapy Department at Govt. Medical College has come up with a series of audio-video presentations on varied rehabilitation measures on 27th Oct. the World OT Day. The presentations included Mental health rehab, Neuro Rehab, Cardio-Pulmonary rehab, Ergonomics ,etc. and were made in simple Hindi language so that the common man can take maximum benefits.

The audio-video presentations were released at the august hands of Collector of Nagpur Shri Ravindraji Thakre. ShriThakre who has recently overcome Covid-19, stated that these presentations will also be helpful for him toobesides thecommon man..

The program was conducted by Dr. Leena Deshpande Dr. Lokpriyasakhare, Dr. Sachin Sangode, Dr. Nilesh Harde, PG and final year UG students worked hard to prepare the audio-video presentations.Dr. Sofia Azad head of Occupational Therapy Department, gave a brief account of, contents of the videos wherein simple ergonomic measures, breathing techniques, brain Gym exercises Tai-Chi, activities for children, etc have been highlighted.

Dr. Sofia Azad

Head of Occupational Therapy Department



Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Davanagere, Karnataka

The entire efforts were focused to raise awareness about occupational therapy and its benefits amongst the various professionals, MRW's,VRW's, caregivers and clients residing in this rural District of Karnataka. The programs were done in collaboration with the District Disability Welfare Office. ShShashidharRao ,DDRW Officer was instrumental in conducting Occupational Therapy awareness camps at all 6 Talukas of DavangereDistrict.More than 230 VRW,MRW , Panchayat members and beneficiaries participated in these camps.

An online webinar on “ Awareness about Occupational Therapy” was also conducted at CRC Davangere for caregivers and professionals of CRC Davangere during AIOTA's OTIndia Month.

Dr. Neeraj Mishra,

Lecturer & HOD, Deptt. of Occupational Therapy,
CRC Dvngere, Karnataka



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The Dept. of Occupational Therapy , Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education & Research, Chennai and Tamil Nadu Branch of AIOTA



To uplift the knowledge of Occupational Therapy Professionals and Students, 2 webinars were organised

1. International Webinar on 27/10/2020, Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The webinar was on the topic SOAP notes-Occupational Therapists' perspective. Our guest speaker Dr. Senthil Vadivel, who is a lecturer at King Saud Bin Abdul-Aziz University for Health Sciences, Saudi Arabia took an informative session on documentation using SOAP notes. 458 registered participants attended this webinar and it was successful by the efforts of faculties and students of Dept. of Occupational Therapy.
2. National Webinar on 26/11/2020, Thursday at 11:30 a.m.: The webinar was on the topic : Importance of Hand Splints in Occupational Therapy. Dr. S. Senthil Kumar, Principal-FAHS was the Keynote Speaker. Chief Guest of the event was Dr. Anil K. Srivastava, President of All India Occupational Therapists' Association. The Guest speakers were Dr. Shovan Saha (Associate professor-MCHP) & Dr. Vinoh Kumar, Founder, Ignite Rehab Care.

Competitions

National Level Competitions were organized for U.G students. In this Pandemic time, when students are repeatedly attending online classes, these competitions were Barnstormers and fun for them. Students from various OT Colleges in India participated enthusiastically in these competitions. Details regarding competitions:

- E-poster Competition - 9th Nov 2020: Guest Speaker for the Competition was r. Jyothika Nand Bijlani , Dean of ACOT. 21 participants presented their E-poster on the theme 'Re-imagine Doing'
- Connections - 19th Nov 2020 6 participants competed in this event.
- Evirbhav (Singing contest), El Cambio (Create from Trash), Colour Splash, Nirtya Natika, Chase to Cut (Short Film Competition) . Around 50 Participants competed in these events.

Mentoring Session

A mentoring session was conducted for the first year students to enlighten them about the history of Occupational therapy.The Guest speaker for the mentoring session was Dr. V. G. Bdhankar one of the senior most Occupational Therapists in India.



Awareness Through Social Media

To create awareness about Occupational Therapy Profession and its scope on various medical specialties and rehabilitation , we collected Talks from around 30 extinguished physicians who are also the Head of their specialties at Sri Ramachandra Hospital and released it on our Youtube Channel throughout the OT India Month.

<https://youtu.be/3PLBEkP6U8w>

Dr. Raghuram P.

HOD OT, SRIHER, Chennai & Convener T,N, Branch of AIOTA



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Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi

To celebrate World Occupational Therapy Month, the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences organized a series of **Online Occupational Therapy Events** during OT India Month- 2020.

The Celebrations started with the **Online Occupational Therapy Competition** for students of Occupational Therapy. The competition included events such as E-poster for Undergraduate and Post-graduate students, Rock Painting Competition and online OT video competition. E-certificates were provided to the winners and participants.

The Department of Rehabilitation Sciences also organized an interactive **Webinar** on “**Re-imagine Doing**” on 06th November, 2020 aiming to celebrate the expertise of occupational therapy for reimagining participation in occupations that provide value and meaning to everyday life. The webinar was formally started with the address by Dean, SNSAH, Prof. Ona P. Desai, where she welcomed all the participants and speakers. Dr. Richa Kapoor, Dr. Manish Samnani and Dr. Santosh Kumar were the Speakers for the Webinar.

Lastly, **Roundtable Workshop** was organized on Tuesday, 24 November, 2020 at Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi to evolve Standard Operating Procedures in Clinical Occupational Therapy Practice. The Round Table Workshop constituted experts from the field of Occupational Therapy who are working in the Clinical settings and Hospitals. Participants representing Occupational Therapy from the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences including the Head, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors, and External experts like Dr Anita Gupta (Head OT Dept, AIIPMR, Mumbai), Dr Nishu Tyagi (Research Associate & Coordinator, Dept of Rehab & Telehealth, ISIC, Delhi) and Prof. (Dr) Manju Chhugani (Head, School of Paramedical Sciences, SNSAH, Jamia Hamdard) took part in this event.

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Dr. Nazia Ali

for Prof. Ona P. Desai

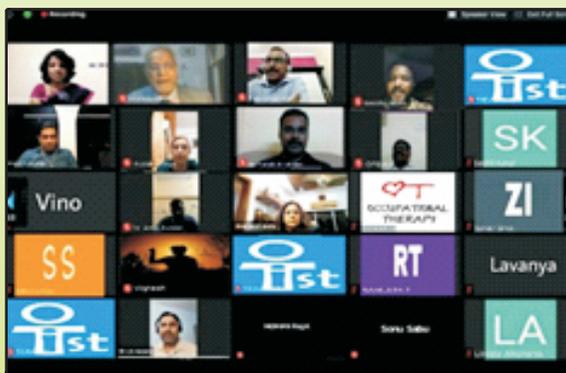
Assistant Professor (OT)

Head, DRSc

Dean, SNSAH



Team O.T Chennai



On the Occasion Of World International Occupational Therapy Day 27th October 2020 and OT India Month, we have conducted various Programs.

- On the occasion of International World Occupational Therapy Day (27th October 2020), Tamil Nadu Occupational Therapist Clinics Directory was published. The Clinical Directory was released online by the Chief Guest : Dr. Anil K. Srivastava President, AIOTA in presence of AITOA Executives, and Chennai OT team members. He addressed the participants and shared his valued opinion on many of the current professional issues of significance <https://youtu.be/wmhaqoheCII>



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Webinars : More than 400 participants via zoom meeting attended webinars which were also telecasted live in You Tube and Face book. Many skillful, Versatile Medical Professionals have come forward to share their well- informed knowledge to gain a better perspective about different topics of our field.

On 31st October 2020 - Dr. G. D. VANDHIYADEVAN had presented a webinar on the Topic “An overview of Behavioral Frames of reference - OT Perspective”

On 7th November 2020 - Dr. A. Somasundaram had presented on the Topic “Early Intervention Strategies in Developmental and Behavioural Problems”.

On 21st November 2020 - Dr. T. Jegadeesan had presented on the Topic “Development of Adaptive Skills”.

On 27st November 2020 - Dr. E. Joseph Prabhu had presented on the Topic “Enriching Journey of OT In School Setup”.

<https://youtu.be/LpZHJdbgPS8>



- Team OT also Met Doctors in Tamil Nadu and handed over Clinical Directory, All Doctors expressed their views regarding importance about occupational therapy in various field
- Team OT met Program /Scheme Director of Disabled and Welfare Officer, Chennai and given request to appoint occupational therapists for All Disability services (DIEC, Autism multimodal Therapy, Rehabilitation home, Ect), and continue to Allow OT clinics to Treat Autistic children Under Tamil Nadu Chief minster Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme
- Parent's awareness Video about Occupational Therapy : Parents of children with special needs shared their views about Occupational therapy and their respective occupational therapists who worked for their children's well being; physically, psychologically and

socially. Parents expressed their thoughts about the importance of occupational therapy for children with special needs and also others.

Dr. M. Arun Kumar

EC- AIOTA(2020-24)

TEAM-OT

Puducherry

The stress management programs (aerobic exercises, deep breathing exercise and Jacobsen's technic) was introduced by an Occupational Therapist during the celebration of world OT day for the tempo travel employees. This is the part of health education. They showed interest in learning the few techniques, practicing these technics for few minutes daily to strengthen their body mechanism.

M. Ramakrishnan (MOT- Mental Health)

Occupational Therapist



OT INDIA MONTH
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Saveetha College of Occupational Therapy, Chennai

Students from Saveetha College of Occupational Therapy (SCOT) celebrated the World Occupational Therapy month by enhancing the value of occupational therapy to people by making awareness of the vital role of Occupational therapy by conducting various programs, events and competitions.



- As a small step towards the creating awareness about occupational therapy to the community our students stepped into the process of planting 80 samplings at their own places. <https://youtu.be/yTSJXCXBPkBQ>
- To make people understand the ROLE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS IN COVID-19 our students released a short film named "I'm a COVID recovered person" in the Youtube Channel. This video featured the difficulties of COVID recovered person and the methods to overcome fear post treatment in this pandemic. https://youtu.be/Q5_5qRXg-F8
- SCOT conducted online video Presentation Competition on the Topic 'Why do we need Occupational therapy?', more than 16 videos received from various colleges and centre throughout India and the results was announced on 13 Nov 2020.
- To create bigger view of occupational therapy SCOT Students started a Series of Episodes by presenting a video on various aspects and role of occupational therapy in different fields and posted it in the all the official social media pages of SCOT

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/scot.scot.5437923>

Instagram: https://instagram.com/s_c_o_t_official?igshid=aarrfhg5z2ch

Twitter: https://twitter.com/clg_ot?s=21

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj_-Pgfb45JBWkqdT3zKMg

Awareness about Occupational Therapy and the Role of Occupational Therapy in medical team

29 Oct 2020- 2nd - Awareness about why we fail to Diagnose Autism in Girls

1st Nov 2020- 3rd - Awareness about Visual issues in Children.

2nd Nov 2020- 4th - Awareness about Eye Hand Coordination.

3rd Nov 2020- 5th - Awareness about The role of OT in mental health.

4th Nov 2020- 6th - Awareness about occupational therapy in Geriatrics.

5th Nov 2020- 7th - Awareness about Working on Core strength.

6th Nov 2020- 8th - Awareness about Occupational therapy in Orthopedics.

8th Nov 2020- 9th - Awareness about Role of occupation Therapy in Anxiety Disorder.

11th Nov 2020- 10th - Awareness about Role of Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics

13th Nov 2020- 11th - Awareness about Role of occupational therapy in Fine Motor

coordination.

16th Nov 2020- 12th - Awareness about Role of occupational Therapy in Play.





- An Article Published about OT Necessity for Person with Disability at leading News Hook (Newz Hook Changing Attitudes towards Disability with a Special Focus on Disability related News) magazine .<https://newzhook.com/story/drm-arun-kumar-principal-saveetha-college-occupational-therapy-disabled/>

Dr. M. Arun Kumar

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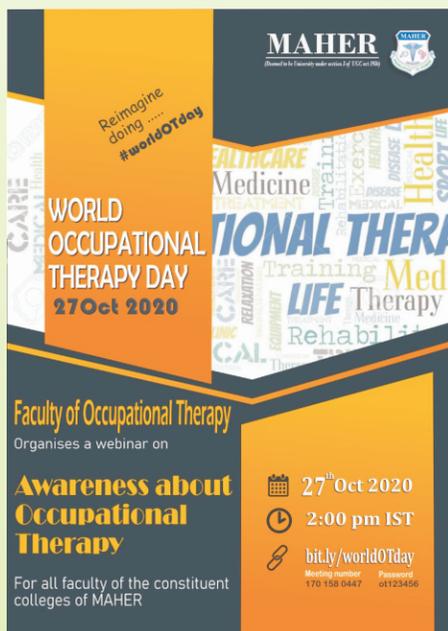
Principal

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Department of Occupational Therapy, Manipal College of Health Professions (MAHE), Manipal, Udupi, Karnataka



A three-day event 'OT Euphoria' was organized by the Department of Occupational Therapy, MCHP, Manipal from 27-29 October 2020 on the occasion of World Occupational Therapy Day.. In line with the theme “Reimagine Doing” given by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists for this year, we organized our programs virtually for students and OT's globally, with the theme “Refocusing on Independent Living Skills”. The following activities were conducted across the three day-programs.

- 1. Webinars :** We organised webinars with both national and international speakers from our collaborative organisations such as Ummeed Child Development Center, Mumbai, Flinders University, Australia and Pittsburgh University, USA. The webinars were with the aim of increasing the awareness and knowledge of budding occupational therapists about the interventions related to activities of daily living in paediatric, neurological and community practice.
- 2. Outreach Programs:** Besides the webinars, several outreach programs and projects were conducted by the students of Occupational about pertinent issues among the general population, This was done through developing infographics, e-posters, videos and print media articles.
- 3. Newsletter Release:** On this day, the department also released its annual e-newsletter 'OT chronicle' which highlighted the activities of the department through various sections such as articles by students, faculty achievements, alumni corner, creative section etc. The newsletter was circulated to all the constituent colleges and departments of the university along with occupational therapy students and alumni as an e-copy.
- 4. Student activities:** In addition, various fun learning activities such as dumb charades, Pictionary, sequencing games, and quiz were conducted on occupational therapy related topics. Through the online platform, we were able to celebrate the professional identity and reach out to many individuals globally.





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The three-day program concluded with a valedictory function on 29 Oct 2020. Approximately 200 participants took part in various activities conducted by the department.

Dr. Vinita Acharya

Associate Professor and Head,
Dept. of Occupational Therapy,
Manipal College of Health Professions,
Manipal, Karnataka

Bihar Branch of AIOTA



WORLD OT A DAY is annually organized with great alacrity at College of Occupational Therapy, PMCH, Patna. Only this year, it turned out to be a damp squib due to the COVID Pandemic. Besides our own sense of responsibility as being members of the medical world, we were constrained to abide by the restrictions, and because of that, making it a one-day function; hence the report:

- Lightning of the lamp and inaugural speech by Dr. Kishor Kumar HoD & Controlling officer followed by cake cutting.
- Presenting of the history of our college and the Institutions functioning under it;
- Speeches with objective of dissemination of our motto of awareness by Dr. Abhay Kumar Jaiswal Academic I/C, Dr. Priyadarshi Alok I/C HoD OT, Dr. Uday Kumar Internee I/C, Dr. Manoj Kumar, Dr. Umesh Kumar.
- Quiz contest conducted and participated by our students & Interns
- Cultural program.

Dr. Abhay Kumar Jaiswal

Convener, Bihar Branch of AIOTA

Occupational Therapy Training School & Centre Seth GS Medical College, KEM Hospital, Mumbai

The department of Occupational Therapy celebrated the world Occupational Therapy day on the 27th October 2020. The Theme for this day was "Reimagine, redoing". Keeping in mind the relapse of Covid 19, we prepared the patients to take care of their health. Exercises at home, techniques of breathing for improving lung capacities, types of breathing for relaxation, and energy



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conservation techniques, postures for energy conservation, to circumvent a situation of breathlessness during continuous work were demonstrated to Patients. Patients coming to our musculoskeletal outpatient department, psychiatry and de-addiction, neurology, paediatrics OPD were trained for the above. Keeping in mind the long term goals for prevention of Covid 19, they were explained to follow the Covid advisories

Following two activities were held at Seth GS Medical College, KEM Hospital, Mumbai on the occasion of World Occupational Therapy Day 2020.



1. We organized relaxation training for the person with mental health issues. They were taught Shavasana, breathing exercises and other strategies to improve pulmonary health and manage stress. About 20-25 patients benefited from the activity.
2. We also organized Awareness campaign about the safety precautions for the OPD patients. About 15-20 clients from community actively participated in discussions of new normal and reimagining doing. Ergonomic advice was given to children who were attending online classes at home. Sitting posture, stretching exercises and furniture adjustment were few of the topics discussed with parents for avoiding cumulative trauma disorder. They were also advised against overexposure to screen.
3. Informative video of “Occupational Therapy in Covid 19” and “Appeal by Maharashtra State Council of Occupational Therapy & Physical Therapy” were displayed on the monitor in the Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai for the entire month of October & November. This was available to everyone for viewing.
4. The post graduate students of our OT school ran month long social media statuses about Occupational Therapy to create maximum awareness among their friend and colleagues from different fields.

Goa Branch of AIOTA and Goa Medical College, Goa

To mark the occasion, an essay competition was held titled “A Quest for Awareness of Occupational Therapy” to promote awareness of Occupational Therapy with 12 entries from the faculty and students of various departments of Goa Medical College.



- The event included felicitation of Prof. (Dr.) S. M. Bandekar, Dean of Goa Medical College for his immense contribution and support towards the development of the Occupational therapy profession in the state of Goa. Mahesh Sanzgiri, B.O.T. graduate of GMC was also felicitated for securing All India Rank #1 in the PG entrance exam held by TATA memorial center, Mumbai and also the students for their academic achievements.

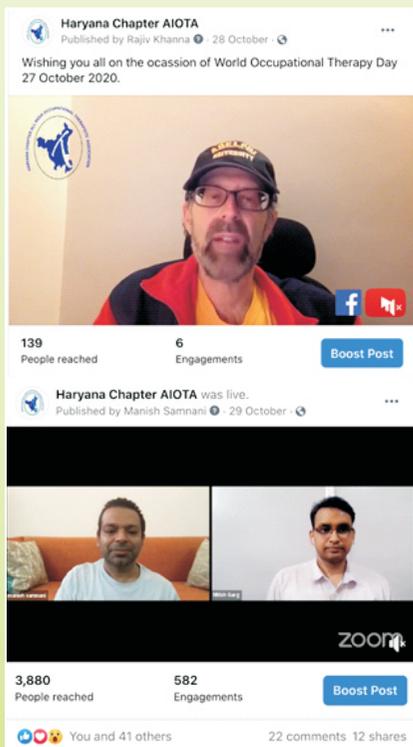


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- An event was also organized at Sanjay School of Special Education, Goa. The event commenced with talks given by Dr. Mahera Kantawalla, Convener, Goa Branch of AIOTA, Dr. Alok, Manager of Mom's Belief, Ms Yati Dhume, President of Rotaract club, Panjim and Mr. TatuKudalkar, Headmaster of Sanjay School highlighting the significance and role of Occupational Therapy in promoting optimal health and well-being. 20 parents of children with special needs attended this event.



Dr. Mahera Kantawalla, Convener, Goa Branch of All India Occupational Therapists' Association



Haryana Branch of AIOTA

Haryana chapter AIOTA FACEBOOK page has been active in organizing educational programs for Occupational Therapy professionals and educating masses about the field of Occupational Therapy through various Facebook live webinars. On the occasion of “World Occupational Therapy Day” which is celebrated on 27th October every year, a lot of professional in India and overseas have sent their greetings to the Haryana chapter AIOTA.

The Haryana Chapter AIOTA also organized a live webinar on the topic “Importance of Core muscle activation in children” presented by Nitish Garg a pediatric Occupational Therapist, on the occasion of World OT day.

Manish Samnani

Convener, Haryana Branch of AIOTA



3. Members tried voting from their smartphones- instead of scrolling down to see the profiles of other contestants - moved to the preview page and submitted their vote.
4. Order of display of the contestants- There were requests received to the order should be based on alphabetical order/ seniority of membership But Election office decided the order of display will be based on the timing the contestant clicked on file nomination.
5. Issues were raised on moral code of conduct such as use of AIOTA Logo and conflict of interest. Requests were sent to contestants to ensure fairness in the election. Fairness: Election Office ensured that No Preferences were provided to any candidates at any point of time during the entire election process. System generated credentials were directly sent to the specific mail IDs. Separate OTPs were ensured to enter the voting portal and to confirm the voting. Votes were saved in separate tables anonymously in an encrypted format to ensure fairness. Transparency: I hope it is the first time a draft voter list was updated on the website. Technology helped us to make everyone aware of who filed nomination from the moment they filed it. All the candidates had a chance to put forth their profile and campaign message on the election portal itself. A separate webpage was provided as an audit page which automatically displays any change in any user being added/deleted or any update in contact details of any user.

I recommend the new office bearers of AIOTA to form a committee to frame specific rules and moral code of conduct for the upcoming elections.

I thank the entire AIOTA fraternity for their cooperation for the successful completion of this process. I thank each member who came to know that they are being left out of the process for understanding the process of how they got missed out and registered with AIOTA portal for participating in future events. I acknowledge the cooperation extended by the developers during the entire process. I would like to thank for the cooperation received from each one of the current office bearers and ECs during the entire process with the special mention to the President of AIOTA.

Dr. LAKSHMANAN S.

Chairman, AIOTA Elections 2019.

Proposed by-

- 1) Dr Shivani
- 2) Dr Sugumar

Carried unanimously

AIOTA ELECTION RESULTS

18th January 2020

Dear Friends,

Greetings.

I am indebted to thank each one of you for making this first ever online election successful. I hereby furnish the details of the members elected for next term i.e 1st April 2020 to 31st Mar 2024.

President - **Dr. Anil K Srivastava**
 Vice President - **Dr. Surendra K.Meena**
 Secretary - **Dr. Joseph Sunny**
 Treasurer - **Dr. Pratibha M.Vaidya**

EC Members -

Dr. Amitabh K. Dwivedi
Dr. Punita V. Solanki
Dr. Muralikrishnan S. Dr. Arun KumarM.

Hearty Congratulations to each one of them with the hope they will take the organisation to new heights.

Regards,

Dr. Lakshmanan Sethuraman

MOT., PhD

Chairman, AIOTA ELECTIONS -2019

REPORT FROM CONVENER, COUNCIL ACT COMMITTEE

I am pleased to submit the report and updates on central council of occupational therapy. We were continuously in follow up in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare at Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi . A series of discussion with the officials within the Ministry of health and Family Welfare was undertaken time to time by team of AIOTA regarding formation of Central council of Occupational Therapy. Also subsequent to the representation submitted by AIOTA on the Allied and Healthcare Council Bill, a team of AIOTA was called for submitting their oral evidence on the above mentioned bill at Parliament House Annexe on 11th October 2019. A team of Three members from AIOTA headed by Dr Anil K Srivastava, Hon'ble President AIOTA , Dr R K Sharma EC AIOTA, Dr Neeraj Msihra EC AIOTA presented their views and demands in front of the Parliamentary Committee. It was clearly indicated that AIOTA was not happy with the current bill in its current format and suggestions for modifications in the existing bill along with demand of Separate Central council of Occupational therapy was stressed upon.

Now the Bill is at Rajysabh for final drafting and We are in continues follow up with concern officials. If things will be not in favor of the OT profession, we may opt for a legal course of action.

I am grateful to President AIOTA Dr. Anil Srivastava, for all his efforts, dedication and guidance and sincere cooperation of Dr. Neeraj Mishra and all EC's for central council issue.

Respectfully submitted.

Dr. Satish S. Maslekar,

Convener, Council Act Committee,
AIOTA.

AIOTA WEBSITE REPORT - 2019

IJOT:

IJOT Promotional files have been updated. We have uploaded IJOT issues from 2001 Vol. 33 to 2018 Vol. 50 on website.

User Credentials Change

We have changed the login username from life membership number to registered email id (existing in AIOTA records).Henceforth members can login with their registered email address.

Online Payment

Much awaited Online Payment option has been activated. Members can now make online payment for below mentioned

Categories:

- i. Life Membership
- ii. Renewal of Membership
- iii. Associate Membership
- iv. License verification

Changes with regard to Forms & Formats

Updated Provisional Membership Form and Life Membership Form in download.

Updated fellowship forms.

Removed Google indexed files.

AIOTA Election Tabhas been created and voters list has been updated

Uploaded new AIOTA bylaw and constitutions.

Uploaded ergonomic certification form and guidelines in the website

All awards of the previous years has been updated

Branch details has been added
OT council details has been added
World OT day 2018 and 2019 has been uploaded
President message has been added
OT India month 2019 details has been uploaded
AIOTA round up 2019 details has been added
NMC BILL has been uploaded
Clinical Establishment Bill has been uploaded
Photographs of OTICON 2019 have been uploaded in AIOTA website.
Website Link for OTICON 2020 has also been added.

Dr. Joseph Sunny

Convener AIOTA website &
Asstt. Editor IJOT (Website)

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

G.B. unanimously decided Raheja Company as Auditor for the year 2020-2021.

INVITATION FOR NEXT CONFERENCE - 2021

Dr Raghuram informed that, two years back, we with Dr Illavajagan has invited for the conference at Pondecheey. Dr Apte has invited for Ahmadabad by Gujrat branch of AIOTA.

Dr Vivek vajratkar has proposed for Goa.

Dr Jaiswal proposed at Patna.

G.B. unanimously decided next AIOTA conference will be at Pondecheery and 2022 at Patna.

Dr Shrihar suggested that, there should be a protocol for food and accommodation arrangements.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Dr Shivani asked that, in last conference at Chandigarh, She presented a paper in ergo category. There were four papers, but only one was presented. But she didn't received award for that and she was informed that, her paper was not up benchmark. Dr Punita replied that, she had already replied to President sir in this regard. As per AIOTA norms, if paper is below 60% of marks by the preconference and post conference judges and review board member, then it can't be considered for award.

Dr. Koushik has raised the issue of Data Flow group, Dr. Maslekar has replied that, We have communicated many times with data flow group and submitted all documents which they have demanded, But Dataflow group was not agreed. So EC decided not to issue good standing certificate for Data flow Group.

VOTE OF THANKS

Vice President Dr. Shashi Oberai on the behalf of President and all EC thanked all members for attending G.B. meeting and observing decorum during the meeting. She also thanked Dr. Jaya Kale for providing impressive venue and all arrangements for this GB meeting.

Dr Satish S. Maslekar,

Hon. Secretary, AIOTA.

COVID-19 & AIOTA

Message from President AIOTA



The deadly COVID-19 has spread around the planet sending billions of citizens into lockdown. The conventional saying in medical arena is 'Prevention is better than Cure'. The most important factor in preventing the spread of the virus locally is to empower the citizens with the right information and taking precautions, as per the advisories being issued by Ministry of Health, which broadly include primarily the social distancing, besides frequently sanitizing/washing hands and strictly avoiding the crowded places. Occupational Therapist should also contribute in their districts in the prevention by observing AIOTA Guidelines for intervention under supervision of State Administrative / Health Authorities or as directed by Government of India. We understand the vital need to access and use infection control measures combined with the need to sustain good

physical, psychological, mental health and stamina during the period of self-quarantine and long shut down of the cities.

All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) & Occupational Therapy Professionals from all across the country are with the Government in its fight to eradicate the effects of this Pandemic. I am extremely grateful to the members of AIOTA for selflessly volunteering their expertise and services to Government of India to combat the serious challenge of this century, having a profound impact on the lives, health and well being of individuals, families and communities world wide. Their valued contribution and professional dedication towards serving the humanity at this crucial time is unique and will be recorded in the history of AIOTA.

Dr. Anil K. Srivastava
President AIOTA



Dear Members & Occupational Therapy Professionals of India ,

It is desired by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India from AIOTA, for the voluntary participation of Occupational Therapists, in the fight against the ongoing serious threat of the country :
The deadly COVID-19 Pandemic

Its time to contribute and prove your expertise as

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CORONA WARRIORS

VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION OPEN BY VISITING THE URL

[HTTPS://DOCS.GOOGLE.COM/FORMS/D/195H2GKI6FQ8DCOSXWHH2MQC8XIVVCZUN_UW59VCJOD8/VIEWFORM?EDIT_REQUESTED=TRUE](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/195h2gki6fq8dcosxwhh2mqc8xivvczun_uw59vcjod8/viewform?edit_requested=true)

KINDLY NOTE: the Ministry would prefer to accept the specialized services of Occupational Therapists between the age group of 30-50 years

* INFORMATION GATHERED WILL BE SHARED WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

COVID-19 : ADVISORY FROM AIOTA

Dear Members, Student Members, OT Education Centers and OT Practitioners

You all are aware that WHO has declared COVID-19 as a pandemic on 11th March 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic is having a profound impact on the lives, health and well being of individuals, families and communities worldwide.

Statistics as on today due to Corona Outbreak in India and Government Response : (223rd March, 2020) : Confirmed Cases (415), Recovered (30) and Deaths (7). Looks like that in coming few days Stage 3 i.e. Community Transmission is at the door steps in India, but fortunately government response under the potential leadership of Honorable PM Sri Narendra Modi is fast and impressive to contain community spread. If the statistics continue to show a relatively low infection rate as on today, in relation to our large population, the second highest after China, then India will likely to succeed in containing the coronavirus pandemic.

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) : The Simple Prevention Strategies : The disease is infectious causing respiratory illness (like flu) with symptoms such as a dry cough, high fever, and in more severe cases, difficulty breathing. It spreads primarily through contact with an infected person when they cough or sneeze. It also spreads when a person touches a surface or objects that has the virus on it, and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth. The most important factor in preventing the spread of the virus locally, is to empower the citizens with the right information and taking precautions, as per the advisories being issued by Ministry of Health, which broadly include frequently sanitizing/washing hands & face after touching the surfaces, person and objects and avail of 24x7 helpline nos. besides avoiding crowded places.

We can protect ourselves by simply washing and sanitizing hands & face frequently, avoiding touching the face, and avoiding close contact (1-2 meter or 3-6 feet) with people who are unwell.

Are we prepared ? AIOTA officials are seriously concerned about good health and well-being of the members, their families and the community. The key to overcome the challenge is Protection and Primary Prevention. The Protection should be in 3 phases: Self Protection, Family Protection followed with Community Protection. All are hereby advised to strictly follow the guidelines by Union and State Governments, which are freely made available on print and electronic media, by sensitizing self, family and community, as under:

The other most significant globally advised directions are :

Social (Physical) Distancing : Staying at least six feet away from other people to lessen the chances of infection, working from home instead of at the office, switching to online classes in place of institution premises, communicating with loved ones by electronic devices instead of in-person and cancelling or postponing conferences and large meetings. The elderly's with underlying medical conditions risk the severest consequences, hence they should be cared for, at home.

Self-quarantine for 14 days: People who have been exposed to the new corona virus and who are at risk for coming down with COVID-19 must practice **self-quarantine** for 14 days at home. It provides enough time to know whether or not, one will become ill, and be contagious to other people.

COVID-19 and Occupational Therapists Role :

We as occupational therapist professionals recognize the consequences and changes that are occurring, in how people access and undertake their occupations, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We also understand the vital need to access and use infection control measures, combined with the need to sustain good psychological, mental health and stamina, in order to stay safe and healthy. Occupational Therapists are in the best position to determine what is essential in their specific practice settings. In making decisions regarding the reduction or elimination of non-essential and elective services

Occupational Therapy professionals should be guided by the following principles:

- 1. Proportionality :** Decision to eliminate services should be proportionate to the real or anticipated limitations in capacity to provide those services. All Therapy Centers and Private Clinics should avoid Therapeutic services till 31st March, 2020, or more in accordance with the national/state policies in this respect. Those working in Government Services or as a part of the mandatory healthcare team should strictly practice proper sanitization and distance protocols while prescribing/executing therapy to in-bound patients.

2. **Reciprocity** : Certain patients and patient populations (Especially Children with special needs and Elderly) should have the option to have their health monitored, receive appropriate care, and be re-evaluated for emergent activities, should it be required. Decisions regarding the reduction or elimination of non-essential and elective services should be made using processes that are fair to all patients.
3. **Tele-Health Services** : All Occupational Therapists especially working in the private sector and self-owned Therapy Centers should be readily available on the Phone, WhatsApp and or Email so that any specific queries or apprehensions of the caregivers /clients can be addressed, as and when needed.
4. **Consultation Services during Physical Distancing and/or Self-Quarantine** : As occupational therapists we are in a strong position to advise people on how to stay well, while when physical distancing by mode of Tele-health, Phone, Social Media and Internet etc. During this period of physical distancing and/or self-quarantine, It is essential to look after mental and emotional well-being as well as the physical health considering the age and gender of every patients and their caregivers. Occupational Therapists can formulate strategies for daily goals of activities of daily living, healthy food including milk & fruits for good immune system and home cooked meals, regular physical exercises, talking to family, friends and neighbor on phone & social media etc. which is essential to avoid staying still for long. A good sleep routine is must, to stay healthy, during physical distancing, and whilst at home, for developing good immunity, to combat the viral threat.
5. **Consultation for Elderly** : The elderly's with underlying medical conditions, risk the severest consequences. We must make sure they are protected. They should be advised to learn new technology like Emails, Skype, Facebook, Zoom and Twitter etc. to stay connected. They may also be advised to interact with community, family and friends from home for prevailing their emotional and mental health. Kindly understand that social-distancing should not be considered as social isolation.
6. **Government Directives** : Members are advised to follow the guidelines as above and also take self-decisions, as and when required as responsible professionals, to extend necessary assistance, for the timely need of the community and abide by the central and state government policies as and when desired from us all, whether working in public or private sector, to combat with the serious challenge of this century. Also, remember that the protection of self is essential to assist others.
7. **Self-Engagement** : The AIOTA urges its members, and thereby their near and dear ones, peers and colleagues and fellow citizens of India, to productively utilize “stay at home” and “work from home”, by engaging in purposeful and meaningful occupations to remain “healthy” as defined by WHO (not just mere absence of illness, but by being fit physically, mentally, socially and emotionally) and also by following physical distancing and self-hygiene protocols, thereby, to also build immunity against the viral threat. Remember, “You cannot pour from an empty cup” Therefore, it is vital to remain healthy first, to enable us to help others around us.
8. **During Long Shutdown of Cities** : as preventive measures to check the spread of Covid-19, the citizens living in your vicinity and also known to you, should be advised to stay happy, communicative but careful, by religiously following the guidelines with a positive approach. The COVID-19 pandemic is a serious threat, to our people in India; hence, it should not be taken lightly, and we all together must help lessen the spread by responsibly performing our deeds, to make a big difference to our health, and that of others around in the community at a state, national and global level. AIOTA is looking forward to get informed of your contribution to combat this serious challenge posing threat to our people at large.

Sincerely

Dr. Anil K. Srivastava

President, AIOTA

Acknowledgement :

The valuable inputs from AIOTA officials- Vice President -Dr. Shashi Oberai, EC Member -Dr. Neeraj Mishra and Associate Editor -IJOT Dr. Punita Solanki is gratefully acknowledged

COVID-19 & AIOTA RESPONSE

March 23 : Revised Advisory on COVID-19 with additional information was further sent to Members, Branches and institutions'. It was also sent to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. Ministry official appreciated this document on personal phone call.

March 24 : On telephonic request from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, an appeal from President AIOTA for Voluntary Registration to strengthen the government to fight the Covid-19 Pandemic **along with the guidelines for rendering expertise by occupational therapists** was circulated to the members of AIOTA by mails and social media groups. **Occupational therapy COVID-19 Volunteer form was made available on**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/195h2GKi6fQ8dcOSxWhH2mqC8XIVvcZuN_UW59vCJoD8/viewform?edit_request_d=true.

March 29 : The list of about 325 OT Corona Warriors was sent which was gratefully acknowledged by the Ministry of Health.

March 30 : A DO Letter sent to National Associations in respect to PradhanMantriGaribKalyan Package: Insurance Scheme for Health workers Fighting Covid-19. Comprehensive Personal Accident Cover of Rs. 50 Lacs for 90 days for those who will be rendering expertise/services through direct /indirect contact in care of COVID -19 patients who may be at risk of being impacted by this was circulated to members. The scheme was effective from 30th March, 2020.

March 30 : The Letter from AIOTA and Advisory and Appeal for Voluntary Registration by members were sent in soft copy to Prime Minister's office.

April 7 : Office Memorandum Dated April 7, 2020 reg. **IGOT (Integrated Govt. Online Training Courses) by DIKSHA Platform on COVID-19 Pandemic** issued by the Ministry of Public Grievances and Pensions, Deptt. of Personnel and Training, Government of India received from the Ministry of Health & FW was circulated to members. It aimed **to undergo online courses to combat the challenge of COVID-19 Pandemic in India through our valued expertise and services** on flexi time and onsite basis using URL Link **<http://igot.gov.in>** through our valued expertise and services.

April 7 : WHO has designed a short online survey available at **<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PHH8ZYT>** to obtain input from occupational therapists and other healthcare professionals regarding the development of digital learning applications required in relation to the COVID 19 outbreak. The information was received from WFOT which too was circulated to members, branches and institutions across the country.

April 10 : Updated compiled list of more than 500 OT Corona Warriors was sent to Ministry with their contact details as was requested by the Ministry.

April 15 : **PPT on 'Occupational Therapy Intervention in COVID-19'** In response to request letter dated April 8 and WhatsApp messages from Ministry of Health & FW, a PowerPoint with narration on **'Occupational Therapy Intervention in COVID-19'** for about 25-30 Minutes presentation prepared by All India Occupational Therapists Association (AIOTA) as a teaching/ training module for OT Volunteers and the professionals to assist the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, in combating this challenge of humanity not only in India but globally. This module was prepared by Dr. Neeraj Mishra (New Delhi) in cooperation with Dr. Lakshmanan (Bangalore), Dr. Jyothika Bijalni (Mumbai) and Dr. Anil Srivastava (Lucknow).

The PPT on **'Occupational Therapy Intervention in COVID-19'** was also forwarded to WFOT Officials which was appreciated by them all with an assurance that it will also be uploaded on WFOT Website. The PPT will be used as training for trainers and is also made available on AIOTA Website.

EC Decision: Donation for Relief efforts against COVID-19 in India

AIOTA EC has taken decision to donate a sum of INR 100000.00 (Rupees one Lac) to PM's Care Fund (Prime Minister's Citizen

Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situation Fund) for combating, containment and relief efforts against the COVID-19 outbreak in India'.

April - May 2020 : AIOTA's COVID - 19 E - LEARNING MODULES

AIOTA has also launched COVID-19 e-Learning Modules on medical and psycho-social issues being faced by the persons of all age groups, including those with dysfunctions and disabilities, during long stay in home, to prevent the spread of corona virus chain. The following training modules to combat the challenge of the disease prepared by the learned expert faculties chosen from all over the country are proved to be useful tool for professionals, masses and the care givers-

Occupational therapy intervention in COVID 19

Safe Practice Guidelines during pandemic

Psychosocial Management: Impact of COVID 19

Tele Rehabilitation: Occupational Therapy Perspective during COVID-19

The Short modules were also prepared in two languages, English and Hindi for both professionals and the public-

Handling, Self Help and Safety Skills for Children with Special Needs

Relaxation Techniques and Stress Management

Ergonomics and Posture Management during Work from Home

Care of Elderly and Managing Physical Health during the pandemic

E- Learning modules are open access resource material and available at AIOTA official website www.aiota.org

May 2020 : Preparedness for Future Outbreaks : SMART EDUCATION PLAN

The Pandemic has given an opportunity to establish a framework of readiness and strengthen our preparedness for future responses. The Academic Council of Occupational Therapy of AIOTA realized this aspect of great significance and worked hard to develop a "Smart Clinical Occupational Therapy Educational Plan during Covid-19 Lockdown". It aimed to create various platforms of e-Learning, modes of instructions & ways of preparation to ensure educational goals for occupational therapy students do not suffer in such circumstances in future that prevent direct access to academic institutions and clinical training setups. It was welcomed by all OT Heads. The document was also made available on AIOTA/WFOT Websites.

May 2020 : Collaboration in "ICHA MITRA Project : From Fear to Care"

The Indian Council of Healthcare Accreditation (ICHA) is the National multi-stakeholder Confederation of National Associations/ Institutions for establishing validated excellence in healthcare in India. The AIOTA is the founder member organization of ICHA since its inception in 2004. The Council launched its ICHA-MITRA (Friend) project to help the Corona Warriors - From Fear to Care. It aims to generate a city wise and region wise database of volunteers/nodal coordinators who would be able to render help to any Corona Warrior seeking help and support. National association is working along with ICHA to ensure the greatest needs of front line health care workers which include access to care, financial support, proper nourishment, and physical activity (ICHA, 2020). ICHA MITRA Banner with the information link is made available on AIOTA Website for information to occupational therapy corona warriors.

August 2020 : An Article titled '**Covid-19 Pandemic: The All India Occupational Therapists' Association's Response to the Challenges**', is published in World Federation of Occupational Therapists Bulletin, **Volume 76 Issue 2**. It is authored by me with Dr. Neeraj Mishra and Dr. Lakshmanan S. as co-authors. This article was prepared on the request of Kit Sinclair Editor WFOT Bulletin due to remarkable work of AIOTA during Covid Pandemic.

Dr. Anil K. Srivastava

President AIOTA

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P. Veeraraghavan	Erode, Tamil Nadu	Vikas sharma	Noida, UP
Dr.T.Jegadeesan	Erode, Tamil Nadu	Nikhil saini	Noida, UP
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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY COVID WARRIORS APPRECIATION AWARD

Dear Occupational Therapy Professionals and Students,

Greetings on behalf of All India Occupational Therapists' Association. On behalf of AIOTA Executive Committee, I would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to all the Occupational Therapy COVID warriors who had volunteered for the AIOTA OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY COVID WARRIORS INITIATIVE.

We also gratefully acknowledge the efforts of all those Occupational Therapy Warriors who have rendered their expertise and services for the COVID pandemic, in their hospitals and areas. This dedication and gesture of yours is extraordinary and deserves appreciation and recognition. AIOTA has therefore decided to felicitate all OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY COVID WARRIORS during the upcoming OTICON 2021 as a small token of appreciation to your exemplary courage and service to mankind.

In order to register yourself for this kindly send in the following details to oticon2021@gmail.com along with the following details:

1. NAME
2. DESIGNATION
3. PLACE OF POSTING
4. DETAILS OF THE SERVICES RENDERED DURING COVID PANDEMIC
5. EVIDENCES TO SUPPORT THE ABOVE CLAIMS

Kindly register before Jan 15, 2021.

Note: All those who had already volunteered for the AIOTA OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY COVID WARRIORS INITIATIVE, need not register again.

With best wishes

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THE ALLIED AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS BILL-2018'

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		53	4.2.27 "Healthcare professional" include a scientist, therapist or other professional who studies, advises, researches, supervises or provides preventative, curative, rehabilitative, therapeutic or promotional health services and who has obtained any qualification of degree under this act, the duration of which shall not be less than three thousand six hundred hours spread over the period of 3-5 years divided into specific semesters.
		59	4.3.14 The Committee understands the concern of the stakeholders and strongly believes that the need of hour is to raise the status of allied healthcare professions and bring forth the profession out of medical dominance by standardization of its education and practice.
29	3.10 The Association raised their concern over clubbing of Occupational Therapy Profession with heterogeneous group of about 70-80 professions that does not at all match with qualification, work and responsibilities with that of occupational therapy profession. They stated that the dilution of significance and valuable contribution of profession of occupational therapy in the entire Bill is not acceptable. The definition of occupational therapy is incomplete and does not portray scope of the profession in respect to Indian context. The bill is Contrary to basic premise that a council should be by the profession, of the profession and for the profession. AIOTA, therefore, strongly objected to inclusion of other categories listed under Occupational Therapy under schedule 6.	83	4.4.11 The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends for insertion of a clause that provides for constitution of the following eight Councils under the National Commission on Allied and Healthcare Professions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Council for Physiotherapy Professionals; ii. Council for Medical Radiology, Imaging and Therapeutic Technology Professional; iii. Council for Medical Laboratory Science Professionals; iv. Council for Ophthalmic Sciences; v. Council for Occupational Therapy Professionals; vi. Council for Medical Technologists; vii. Council for Life, Nutrition and Behavioural Health Science Professionals; viii. Council for Health & Information Management, Physician Associate/Assistant, Primary, Community and other Miscellaneous professional.
59	4. All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) submitted that the list of professions under Healthcare should be clearly specified and annexed as schedule. It also submitted that the duration of OT should be minimum course duration of 5000 hours as it is of 4 years and 6 months (internship)	60	4.2.26 The Committee understands the apprehension of some professionals that claim to have more than 3600 hours of course duration. As per the submissions of the Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, the time duration for completion of these courses is more than four years excluding the internship duration. However, the Committee also notes that 3600 is the minimum requirement and in the healthcare professional category, there can be

	duration.		professions that have course content spanning more than 3600 hours. The Committee strongly recommends that the time duration should also be rationalized in the calendar year and divided into semesters for the healthcare professionals as well. The Committee, therefore, recommends that the degree for "Healthcare Professional" should strictly be obtained as a result of a study at a higher educational institution for a duration which shall not be less than 3600 hours spread over a period of 3-5 years divided into specific semesters.
66	4. Physiotherapist Association of Uttarakhand submitted that this clause should be deleted. This Association as well as All India Occupational Therapists Association submitted that if the members from existing regulatory bodies representing in the Council should be removed as the rights of the professionals cannot be protected if there is inclusion of other professions	68	The Committee, therefore, agrees with the views of the stakeholders that representation from the Dental Council of India, Indian Nursing Council, and Pharmacy Council of India is unwarranted and should be removed. However, the Committee recommends retaining the representation from National Medical Commission.
		108	4.18.16 The need of the hour is to raise the status of the allied health sector from medical dominance; the Committee is therefore, of the view, that the Ex-officio membership from Dental Council of India, Indian Nursing Council and National Medical Commission (Medical Council of India) should be removed from the State Allied Council. 4.18.18 The Committee agrees with the view of the Ministry that Dentists and Pharmacists are regulated by Dental, Council of India and Pharmacy Council of India; therefore there is no need to add Dentists and Pharmacists in the State Allied Council
69	3. All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) suggested including Occupational Therapy professionals not below rank of Senior. Occupational therapist/head/in-charge of OT services from the institutions mentioned in 3 (k). It also suggested to include OT professionals not below rank of Assistant Professor from - Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities, Delhi ; National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities, Kolkata, SVNIRTAR, Cuttack, and PGIMER Chandigarh.	81	4.4.5 The Council of Occupational therapy may consist of nominated members from recognized institutions of National repute at the level of Director/Deputy Director/HOD, namely, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities, New Delhi; National Institute of Locomotor Disabilities, Kolkata; Swami Vivekananda National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research, Cuttack. The members may also be nominated from the existing councils of Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy from different States. Members may also be nominated from existing National level associations in Occupational Therapy.
72	10. All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) suggested that the composition of the Council must include OTs in the clause, with minimum 6 or equal number of representation as of other professions. At least 4 or as in other professions, members from institutions/organisations of report representing OT may be nominated by the Central Government apart from those mentioned above.	73	4.3.34 The Committee also notes the observations made by the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee in its 31st Report on the Paramedical and Physiotherapy Central Council Bill, 2007 with respect to Occupational Therapy that differentiates the profession of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy as two independent professions with entirely different course of study, mode of treatment and approach in treatment and rehabilitation of patients, wherein the Occupational Therapists are responsible for detailed assessment, planning and implementation of treatment regimen. 4.3.35 In view of the above observations, the Committee notes that

			the Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy are two different independent professions that are at equal footing, The Committee observes that the Ministry, during the course of clause by clause consideration of the Bill, has already agreed to the proposal of enhancing the number of Occupational Therapists in the proposed Commission to two. The Committee, therefore, recommends increasing the representation of Occupational Therapists to 2 at par with the Physiotherapists and keeping in view the vital role of OTs in patient care and safety.																												
75	5. All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) suggested that National Institutes or Other Government institutions of repute can be included instead of charitable organization. (as this clause does not solve the representation purpose and can lead to unnecessary misuse of authority)	80	6(b) Two persons each representing the recognised categories, namely, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Medical Radiology, Imaging and Therapeutic Technology, Ophthalmic Sciences, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy; and one person each representing the rest of the recognised categories listed in the Schedule, to be nominated by the Search Committee having such qualifications and experience as may be prescribed by the Central Government																												
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87	4.8.2 All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) submitted that no action or proceedings that affect a given profession will be taken by the Council before hearing the comments from the member who represents specific profession.	87	4.8.4 The Committee, therefore, recommends the Ministry that in such instances when there is no representation from that particular profession in the Commission, the Ministry must give the professionals an opportunity to be heard when any decision affecting that profession is made.																												

91	2. All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) also submitted that there should be separate entry examinations and counselling for healthcare professionals of OT and PTs alone and separate each for other healthcare and allied professionals	95	4.11.2 (1) There shall be a uniform Common Entrance Test for admission to the undergraduate courses in each of the professions of the recognized categories in all the allied healthcare institutions governed under this Act:
93	4. All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) submitted that separate exit and licensing examinations for each profession as the qualification, training and curriculum of each profession is unique and different from others.	93	4.10.20 The Committee agrees with the view of the Ministry that the Commission will have to conduct a separate exit and licensing examinations for each profession. The Committee acknowledges the fact that each profession follows a specified curriculum and deals with different technical skill, therefore conducting a uniform single licensing exit exam for all the professions is not quite possible. The Committee, therefore, recommends the Ministry to conduct separate exit exams for each profession to assess the quality of students graduating from the allied institutes/colleges.
107	4.17.2 The following are the suggestions on clause 19 1. The Indian Association of Physiotherapists, All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) and Indian Society of Radiographers and Technologists (ISRT) submitted that the tenure of Interim council should be fixed and within that tenure a regular council should start functioning. The tenure of Interim Council should not be more than 2 years	108	4.17.5 The Committee is in agreement with the views of stakeholders that tenure of interim Commission should have a fixed tenure. The Committee, therefore, recommends the Ministry to specify, in the Bill, that the tenure of the proposed interim Commission should not be more than two years. The Committee also recommends the interim Commission to devise a quality control mechanism for the allied health professionals and ensure standardization of education and institutes. The Committee, therefore, recommends that this interim Commission should complete all its entrusted task within that stipulated period and the National Commission must convene its functions, thereafter, it should stand dissolved after two years. The Committee, therefore, stand dissolved after two years. However, in exceptional circumstances, the tenure of Interim Commission may be extended by the Central Government for one year but not beyond that period.
109	2. All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) submitted that the representation of OTs must be included in the interim council in the following manner:- (i) At least 4 OT members nominated by the existing Government bodies, and (ii) Minimum 2 nominated from existing national association – AIOTA	111	4.17.12 The Committee notes that this Commission is set to regulate the allied and healthcare professionals but none of the professional groups have been given representation in the interim Commission. The Committee agrees with the concerns of the stakeholders that professionals from different allied and healthcare professions should be part of the Interim Commission. The Committee therefore recommends the Ministry to add representation from each recognised category. The Committee also recommends adding two persons each representing the recognised categories, namely, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Medical Radiology, Imaging and Therapeutic Technology, Ophthalmic Sciences, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy; and one person each representing the rest of the recognised categories listed in the Schedule. These members should have the required expertise and experience as may be prescribed by the Central Government. The Committee also recommends the Ministry to explore the addition of experts in other fields whose experience will benefit the Interim Commission in better discharge of its responsibilities.
		112	(j) Two persons each representing the recognised categories, namely,

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		116	4.18.19 The Committee also recommends adding representation of two from Occupational Therapy in clause 20(3)(d) considering the number of Occupational therapists on the pattern of representation in National Commission.
124	4. All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) submitted that the chairperson of the healthcare professional groups, should only be from the same profession for which the advisory body is constituted and also composition of the professional advisory bodies should only contain individuals belonging to the specific healthcare professional group, specifically in case of OTs and accordingly sub-clause 3 should be modified.	125	4.23.6 The Committee also recommends that the Professional Advisory Board thus formed should be chaired by the professional of that recognised category. In case of multiple professions in the category, the chairperson should be appointed on rotation from each category.
134	8. All India Occupational Therapists Association (AIOTA) suggested for constitution of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Profession.	136	4.40.9 The Committee, therefore, finds merit in constituting an overarching Commission for the Allied and Healthcare Professions on the lines of National Medical Commission, National Commission on Indian System of Medicine and National Commission on Homeopathy that makes necessary regulations for respective medical field. 4.40.11 The Committee therefore recommends renaming the Bill from "The Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill 2018" to "National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2020" on the lines of National Medical Commission Act 2019, National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Bill 2019 and National Commission for Homeopathy Bill 2019.
		146	4.48.3 On suggestions of IMA: The Committee agrees with the view of the Ministry and is of the view that main aim of this Bill is to establish independent footing for allied & healthcare professionals. Addition of "under the supervision of a modern medicine doctor" in the schedule would place allied and healthcare professionals under the shadow of the medical doctors. The Committee is of the view that the doctors and allied & healthcare professionals have to work in sync with each other for establishing robust healthcare delivery system in the country. The other suggestions submitted by IMA need not be included in the different category of schedules.
146	4.49.2 All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) also submitted that the definition of physiotherapy includes „functional dysfunction' which overlaps the domain of OT. Since the PT definition already has terms like movement disorder, malfunction, disorder and disability. Therefore, the term „functional dysfunction' should be deleted to avoid confusion and overlap.	147	4.49.5 The Ministry is of the view that current definition of Physiotherapy must be continued as it is globally accepted definition. The Committee also recommends the Ministry to re-examine the definition of Occupational Therapy based on global definitions and existing State Councils of Delhi, Maharashtra.

147	<p>4.50.1 All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) submitted that the Definition should be adopted from either AIOTA or the existing State councils of Delhi and Maharashtra. All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) is of the view that the category of OTs should be independent as in case of Physiotherapy, and Occupational Therapy should not be included with other group of professions some of which are not even in existence. AIOTA further submitted that Occupational Therapy is a fully developed, research and evidence based practice. The UG program is of 4.5 years with internship and PG program is of 2-3 years duration. There are no Diploma programs in Occupational Therapy.</p> <p>4.50.2 President, AIOTA, New Delhi suggested to modify definition of Occupational Therapy- Add "The Occupational Therapist can practice independently or as a part of a multi-disciplinary team and has a minimum qualification of a baccalaureate degree" in the definition mentioned in Schedule. President, AIOTA, New Delhi suggested that Categories mentioned under Occupation Therapy profession i.e. Movement Therapist or Recreational Therapist or Podiatrist rarely exist in our Country, and hence may be kept in another column. Their basic qualification, course curriculum, syllabus, job profiles, duties, skills, responsibilities and rights are not as of an Occupational Therapist.</p>	147	<p>4.50.4 The Committee recommends that the occupational therapists in line with physiotherapists must be given the opportunity to practice independently or as a part of a multi-disciplinary team. The Committee, therefore, recommends addition of "The Occupational Therapist can practice independently or as a part of a multi-disciplinary team and has a minimum qualification of a baccalaureate degree" in the definition mentioned in Schedule No 6.</p> <p>4.50.5 The Committee recommends the Ministry to re-examine the different professions under the recognized category of Occupational Therapy and place the other professions under suitable category. The Committee, therefore, recommends that Movement Therapist (including Art, Dance and Movement Therapists or Recreational Therapist) and Podiatrist may be kept in another category.</p>
		153	<p>The Committee feels that all the allied health professionals including physiotherapists and occupational therapists play a crucial role in the field of medicine and physical rehabilitation. The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends that their legitimate interests should be taken care of and their existing pay structure may be revised according to their qualifications and duration of the course they have to put in before entering into a Government job.</p>

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 Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 Department of Health and Family Welfare
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Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi- 108
 Dated the 21st December, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Proposal for Amendment in Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) Act, 1992

The undersigned is directed to refer to your public Notice on the above subject and to forward herewith following comments of this Ministry:

- i. The following professions are already covered under the proposed National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) Bill, 2020 (introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 15.09.2020) and other Acts and, therefore, may be considered for removal from the proposed RCI Bill.

Professions	Regulatory Framework
i. Psychologist	National Commission for Allied & Healthcare Professions Bill, 2020
ii. Behavioural Counsellors	
iii. Social Workers including Psychiatric Social Workers	
iv. Optometrist and Orthoptist	
v. Physiotherapist	
vi. Occupational Therapist	
vii. Respiratory Therapist	
viii. Recreation Therapist/ Movement Therapist	
ix. Dietician	
x. Psychiatric Nurse	Indian Nursing Council Act
xi. Rehabilitation Nurse	

- ii. It is also suggested that the term 'Paramedics' used in Section 13(2A) of the RCI Bill may be replaced by the term 'Allied and Healthcare Professionals'.

iii. In order to ensure greater coordination with the concerned regulatory bodies, it is suggested that the proposed Council as per the RCI Amendment Bill may also have a representation from concerned regulatory bodies of medical (National Medical Commission), nursing (Indian Nursing Council) and allied & healthcare personnel.

iv. The proposed NCAHP Bill regulates 'Allied Professionals' with qualification of not less than 2000 hours spread over a minimum period of two years and 'Healthcare Professionals' with minimum qualification of 3600 hours spread over a minimum period of three years. Also, as per the proposed NCAHP Bill, short term courses of

duration less than 2000 hours are to be coordinated by the MSDE. Hence, it is suggested that the DEPwD may also like to re-examine the minimum qualifications of professionals/personnel proposed in their Bill to ensure minimum necessary qualification suitable for clinical work.

2. This issues with the approval of Secretary(HFW).

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Tiruchy youth with autism turns web designer

■ SJ MICHAEL COLLINS

TIRUCHY: Defying all odds, a 25-year-old youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) from Tiruchy has turned into a first coder and professional web designer.

Prem Sankar, diagnosed with ASD at the age of three, did his schooling from Sri Sivananda Balalaya, Corporation Middle School and the Dolphin Special School in Tiruchy. Despite him showing a keen interest in computers since the age of 11, his parents were hesitant to let him use it much fearing a worsening of his speech impairment. However, Sankar's keen knowledge of computer games and puzzles, his typing skills with zero error, changed his parents' minds and he underwent data entry when he was 15.



Sankar with Manu Sekar (L) and during a workshop (R)

"We put him in an inclusive school under the supervision of Sri Sivananda Balalaya and offered him training in skating, swimming and occupational therapy," said his mother Mangal Arwar, an ex-employee of a PSU. Mangal said the family moved to Chennai in order to address his communication difficulties and here they met

Manu Sekar, the founder of Hash-HackCode (HHC) at a job fair workshop. "We took a risk by admitting him in the HHC programme. And of course, he was the first such student to register and given the code name 'User01 in HHC. Prem enjoyed his coding classes right from the very beginning," Mangal said. Thereafter, Sankar's parents

and mentor Manu Sekar noticed Prem's keen interest in creative coding. Subsequently, he designed three websites. "He designed a website for the 'arangetram' of my friend's daughter in Chennai and they are his first clients," Mangal said and added that Prem had launched his own website code-withprem.in as a freelancer which would offer services through small businesses and celebrations.

"We gave him assignments to code actual examples such as classified ads in a newspaper with which he had to guess the HTML structure and CSS codes and Sankar excelled in them. Later, we asked him to create small HTML pages and he thoroughly enjoyed working on it, enabling us to identify his potential which would pave way towards a bright career," Sekar told *DT Next*.

SOON, A 1ST FOR MUMBAI: FREE ALL-PURPOSE REHAB CENTRE FOR SPECIAL-NEEDS KIDS

There is good news for parents of children with special needs. BMC's standing committee has cleared a proposal to set up a unique centre where children with special needs will get free or subsidized rehabilitation services under one roof. It will be BMC's first such standalone neuro rehabilitation centre, reports Vijay V Singh



10-20%

Proportion of children and adolescents who have special needs, as per WHO

Skateboards will form a methodological rehab component

WHO WILL BENEFIT

Examples | Children with autism will get access to occupational therapy to strengthen muscle-eye coordination. Children with dyslexia could get one-to-one sessions from a special educator. Children with cerebral palsy will get access to physiotherapy and/or other services as per the extent of their disability. **Facilities** | Rehabilitation of disabled children, referral system for access to higher centres, psycho-social intervention for children and families, coordination with education facilities, advocacy



18 months
Age at which rehabilitation of such children should ideally start

CENTRE'S USP

It will be different from other BMC-run institutes. Pvt experts of repute will work under CSR. Management of centre will be with Nair Hospital, but BMC will hire technical and other staff on contractual basis

Private clinics charge ₹800-1,600 for a 30-min sitting. This centre will make treatment available at just Rs 10 (user fee)

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Pic: Architect's design

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5-storey centre will be in a partly BMC-owned bldg on Bellasis Rd, Mum Central, 1km from Nair Hosp

₹6Cr is cost of setting up the centre

Architect **Hafeez Contractor** has done pro bono work in designing it

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Parents start online petition for more occupational therapists in Tamil Nadu government schools

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The State government, when it decided to appoint an occupational therapist in every district headquarters hospital's psychiatry department, designated them as technicians in low pay grades. As a result, only 11 of 18 posts were filled, pointed out a therapist.

P.Raghuram, convener of the Tamil Nadu branch of All India Occupational Therapists' Association said, "We expect to get a council for OT by this year. We have urged college principals to register their graduates. In the next few years, each school will definitely have OTs. We are also trying to get the government to designate us as therapists," he said.

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