

# DemCon'24

## International Conference

### Bengaluru

# Dementia Care: Reaching the Unreached

9:00am - 5:00pm | 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Nov  
JN Tata Auditorium  
Indian Institute  
of Science

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ASLI  
Association of Senior Living India  
Empowering Senior Living and Care in India



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National Accreditation Board for Hospitals &  
Healthcare Providers (India)



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## INTRODUCTION

DemCon'24 is an International Dementia Conference focused on addressing the significant gaps in awareness, diagnosis, research, and care within the dementia space.

This conference offered a platform for collaborative discussions between family carers, government bodies, corporate leaders, NGOs, researchers, and healthcare professionals. It aimed to promote meaningful solutions that improve the lives of persons with dementia and their caregivers.



## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

### ORGANIZED BY

Dementia India Alliance

### COLLABORATORS

1. Department of Health and Family Welfare, Karnataka
2. NIMHANS
3. Centre for Brain Research
4. CommonAge
5. Ramaiah Hospitals

### KNOWLEDGE PARTNERS

1. Vayah Vikas
2. Association of Healthcare Providers India (AHPI)
3. St Johns Medical College and Hospitals
4. Assisted Living Federation of India (ASLI).

### KEY SPONSORS

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### DATE

29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Pre-Conference Workshops on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov

### VENUE

National Science Seminar Complex (JN Tata Auditorium)  
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

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## OBJECTIVES

- Identifying and bridging gaps in dementia care, from diagnosis to research and advocacy.
- Promoting partnerships across sectors—government, corporates, NGOs, academia, and service providers—to enhance support for individuals with dementia and their families.
- Providing participants with a platform to share insights, challenges, and innovations in dementia care.
- Utilizing the expertise of policymakers and advocacy groups to shape inclusive dementia care policies in India.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Preconference workshops on memory screening and early identification of signs and symptoms and cognitive stimulation therapy.
- Dynamic plenary sessions led by distinguished national and international speakers.
- Insights from over 120 expert speakers.
- Featured sessions by organizations like the International Federation of Ageing, CommonAge, Global Brain Health Initiative, and the Asian Society Against Dementia.
- Latest research updates from NIMHANS and the Centre for Brain Research.
- A total of 31 stalls were occupied by organizations making significant contributions in areas such as dementia and elder care, residential care, eldercare products, longitudinal studies, tech startups, and more.
- The Dementia Tech Thinkathon was organized in collaboration with IIIT-B and Nucleus Software Engineers. This first-of-its-kind event had tech start-ups and students to design and develop innovative technology solutions aimed at improving the quality of life for individuals living with dementia and their families.
- Best practices and experiences from long-term care service providers.
- Practical tips and innovations in dementia care.
- Action oriented workshops on topics such as dementia-friendly hospitals, philanthropy in dementia care, and developing a dementia-capable workforce.
- Over 75 poster presentations and free papers, showcased by researchers, medical professionals, and students.

DemCon 2024 witnessed overwhelming participation, bringing together a diverse group of attendees: 875 people participated

1	Students	159
2	Senior Citizens	51
3	Family Caregivers	27
4	NGOs and Old Age Homes	39
5	Researchers	23
6	Mental Health Professionals	144
7	Paramedical Staff	47
8	Nurses	43
9	Doctors	64
10	Corporate Service Providers	22
11	Special Invitees	15
12	Representatives at Stalls	71
13	Speakers	139
14	Volunteers	31
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>875</b>



DIA is honored to receive a message from Our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi



प्रधान मंत्री  
Prime Minister  
MESSAGE

Congratulations to the Dementia India Alliance (DIA) on the organisation of the DemCon - International Dementia Care Conference.

The theme of this conference, "*Reaching the Unreached in Dementia Care*," underscores a resolve to raise awareness and accelerate solutions. The conference exemplifies a collective commitment to address issues faced by dementia patients and caregivers.

As we work towards building a *Viksit Bharat* by 2047, holistic health and wellness is a cornerstone of our developmental strategy.

Over the last decade, our nation has worked to make healthcare accessible and affordable. At the same time, there have been relentless efforts to foster a culture of awareness and sensitivity around issues that affect mental health. In fact, for the first time ever, a document as crucial for policymaking as the Economic Survey 2023-24 has acknowledged mental health, its significance and implications.

Our focus on early detection of potential mental health issues as well as raising awareness about their management has been strengthened by lakhs of Ayushman Aarogya Mandirs nationwide. It is well known that these centres conduct crores of screenings to detect health conditions including diabetes, hypertension and various cancers. However, it would make the people attending this conference happy to know that these centres also focus on screening and basic management of mental health ailments. When awareness reaches grassroots, action follows.

Such conferences that involve experts and various stakeholders are important for an enlightening exchange of ideas that create a supportive environment for persons with dementia and their families.

I am confident that such initiatives will play an impactful role in building a healthier future.

Together, we can ensure that compassion, care, and collaboration remain at the heart of our nation's progress.

My best wishes for the success of DemCon 2024.

(Narendra Modi)

New Delhi  
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28 November, 2024

## INAUGURATION

The Inaugural Ceremony of DemCon'24: International Conference on Dementia Care – Reaching the Unreached was held at the JN Tata Auditorium, IISc, Bangalore. The keynote address was delivered by Shri Graeme Prior, President of the International Federation of Ageing, who highlighted global challenges and innovations in dementia care. Recommendations on Dementia Care Standards were submitted, outlining key strategies for improving care practices. Guest of Honour Dr. Rajinder K Dhamija addressed the integration of dementia care into public health policies, while Chief Guest Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao, Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Karnataka, underscored the government's commitment to strengthening dementia support systems.



## VALEDICTORY

The Valedictory Ceremony brought the conference to a close with reflections on its success and outcomes. A highlight of the session was the release of the Commonwealth Report by Shri Andrew Larpent, which offered valuable insights into dementia care practices across Commonwealth nations. Guest of Honour Dr. Pratima Murthy, Director of NIMHANS, emphasized the need for a multi-disciplinary approach to dementia care, focusing on its mental health aspects. Chief Guest Shri Prathap Rao Jadhav, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, reaffirmed the government's dedication to advancing dementia care policies and integrating them into the national healthcare framework through the video message.

The ceremonies set the stage and concluded the conference on a high note, reinforcing the importance of collaboration among policymakers, healthcare professionals, and caregivers to address the unmet needs of persons with dementia and their families.





## OUTCOMES

1. Dementia India Alliance (DIA) and the Institute of Human Behavioural and Allied Sciences (IHBAS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on academic, outreach, and research initiatives in dementia care. This partnership aims to enhance geriatric care through clinical outreach, training programs, advocacy, and joint research efforts to improve the quality of life for persons with dementia and their caregivers.
2. Dementia India Alliance (DIA) and CommonAge signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) to establish a collaborative partnership in promoting healthy ageing and dementia care. This sets a framework for joint initiatives in training, advocacy, knowledge sharing, and community awareness, aiming to improve the quality of life for older adults. Both organizations committed to leveraging their expertise to co-develop resources, organize events, and advocate for policies supporting ageing populations and dementia care systems.
3. Letter of Intent Signed between Alzheimer's WA and DIA in the areas of capacity building, dementia care service audits and co-creation of resources.
4. Dementia India Alliance (DIA) and GreenXt Technology Solutions (Future Proof) signed an Indication of Interest (IOI) to collaborate in raising awareness, enhancing caregiver knowledge, and improving the quality of dementia caregiving through micro-training.

