



NATIONAL  
DEMENTIA SUMMIT

## National Dementia Summit:

# Release of the 'Dementia India' & World Alzheimer's Report World Alzheimer's Day Commemoration

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India Islamic Cultural Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

## *Invitation*

'DEMENTIA INDIA' - The Report for improving dementia care in India



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Alzheimer's & Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI)

Neuroscience India Group (NSIG) and the Institute of Neurological Sciences, VHS Hospital

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI), the pioneering organization for the care and support of people with dementia and their families cordially invites you to the "National Dementia Summit" on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2010, New Delhi. This landmark event in the history of dementia care will showcase the release of the Dementia India Document. This report will pave the way for the policy makers and the Government of India to develop the National Dementia Strategy. There will be simultaneous release of World Alzheimer's Report in New Delhi, New York and London marking the World Alzheimer's Day.

### **Dementia Facts and Figures**

- About 3.7 million elderly people in India have dementia
- Estimated figure of 7.2 million in 2030 and 14.4 million in 2050
- By 2025, developing countries will have 75% of the world dementia population
- New case of dementia every 7 seconds worldwide

ARDSI is a secular, non-profit voluntary organization dedicated to the care, support and research of dementia. Since 1992, it has been in the forefront to disseminate knowledge about dementia to the public and is actively involved in developing services like respite care services, day care centres, home based care services, setting up of memory clinics, conducting training programmes and promoting research throughout the country by the national office and the 14 Chapters spread across India.

### **Need for a Dementia Strategy**

- Lack of awareness and ignorance about dementia
- Promoting dementia as a health and social priority
- Advocating adequate policies and programmes for dementia care
- Including dementia in the key plans of nodal ministries
- Ensuring provision for early diagnosis, cost effective treatment and short and long term care

### **Formulation of Dementia India Report**

With the support from the Ministries of Social Justice and Empowerment and Health and Family welfare, ARDSI organized a series of consultative meetings last year

- Jamia Milia Islamic University, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January, New Delhi
- YMCA International, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April, Mumbai
- Jenny's Residency, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July, Coimbatore
- Hyatt Residency, 6<sup>th</sup> December, Kolkatta
- India Habitat Centre, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December, New Delhi

Experts from the medical, social, legal and allied fields as well as care givers and government officials took part in the deliberations. The primary aim of these meetings was to identify and bridge the gap between diagnosis, treatment, care and support for people with dementia in India. The final meeting at the India Habitat centre was graced by the Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Sri. Mukul Wasnik.

### **The Dementia India Report**

The end result of all the consultative meetings is the Dementia India report. It would serve as a road map and a policy guide to the Government of India in developing a national dementia strategy. This comprehensive document will throw light on the following areas

- Prevalence of dementia, national and state-wise figures
- Improving and spreading awareness
- Promoting healthy aging of brain and prevention of dementia
- Early and better diagnosis
- Improving quality of care and setting up of care services
- Economic costs of dementia care
- Legal issues
- Training for better dementia care
- Need for more research
- Making dementia a health priority for the elderly
- Suggestions for new policies and formation of an aging welfare department/ministry

The release of this important document will be an occasion to remember those who cannot remember, with the involvement and participation of high ranking officials in the government and dignitaries from all walks of life.

We look forward to your active participation in the National Dementia summit and we hope we can hold hands to take forward the movement to improve the welfare of the elderly people with dementia and their families.

With all good wishes,

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