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National Conference
on
Ageing in India

Emerging Realities, Evolving Responses

1st August 2025 | 9.30 am onwards
Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre

Programme



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Time	
9.30 am – 10.00 am	Registration
Inaugural Session	
10.00 am – 10.03 am	Lighting of the Lamp
10.03 am – 10.05 am	Felicitation of Dignitaries
10.05 am – 10.10 am	Welcome remarks and agenda setting by Mr. Devendra Kumar Nim , Director (Programmes), Sankala Foundation
10.10 am – 10.12 am	Release of report titled ' Ageing in India: Challenges and Opportunities '
10.12 am – 10.20 am	Keynote address by Mr. Bharat Lal , Secretary General and CEO, National Human Rights Commission, India
10.20 am – 10.30 am	Special address by Dr. Vinod K. Paul , Member (Health, Nutrition and Education), NITI Aayog
10.30 am – 10.45 am	Inaugural address by Justice V. Ramasubramanian , Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission, India
10.45 am – 10.48 am	Presentation of Mementos
10.48 am – 10.50 am	Vote of Thanks by Dr. Malvika Kaul , Director (Research and Communications), Sankala Foundation
Session – I Strengthening Elderly Welfare: Policy and Practice	
10.50 am – 12.00 pm	<p>Chair: Mr. Amit Yadav, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment</p> <p>Distinguished speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Amarjeet Sinha, Retd. IAS, former Secretary, Department of Rural Development and former Advisor, Prime Minister's Office • Mr. Vijay Nehra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Arun S. Nair, Director, Social Justice Dept., Kerala • Mr. Mathew Cherian, Global Ambassador for Ageing, HelpAge International • Mr. Jaydeep Biswas, Chief of Policy, Advocacy, and Partnerships at UNFPA India
12.00 pm - 12.30 pm	Tea
Session – II Health and Mental Wellbeing of the Elderly	
12.30 pm - 1.40 pm	<p>Chair: Ms. Preeti Sudan, former Chairperson, UPSC and former Secretary, MoHFW</p> <p>Distinguished speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sanjay Wadhwa, Professor and Head, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, AIIMS, New Delhi • Dr. Manohar Agnani, Professor, Public Health, Azim Premji University, Bhopal, former Addl. Secretary, MoHFW • Dr. Rajendra Pratap Gupta, Founder, Health Parliament, former Advisor to the Union Health Minister, Govt. of India • Dr. Sivakumar Palanimuthu Thangaraju, Professor of Psychiatry and Head, Geriatric Psychiatry Unit, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS • Mr. Yudhistir Govinda Das, Director of Communications, ISKCON India
1.40 pm - 2.30 pm	Lunch
Session – III Leveraging Ageing for Growth and Development	
2.30 pm - 3.40 pm	<p>Chair: Mr. Amitabh Kant, former G20 Sherpa, India and former CEO, NITI Aayog</p> <p>Distinguished speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kiran Bedi, former Lt. Governor of Puducherry • Mr. V. Srinivas, Secretary, DARPG and Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, Govt. of India

- **Mr. Manoj Yadava**, Director General, Railway Protection Force, former DG, National Human Rights Commission, India
- **Prof. T. V. Sekher**, Department of Family and Generations, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai

Session – IV

Shaping Futures: Preparing for an Ageing Society

3.40 pm - 4.50 pm

Chair: **Dr. Vinod K. Paul**, Member (Health, Nutrition and Education), NITI Aayog

Distinguished speakers:

- **Mr. S. Krishnan**, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- **H.E. Mr. Lim Sang Woo**, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Korea in New Delhi
- **Prof. Irudaya Rajan**, Founder, International Institute of Migration and Development, Kerala
- **Ms. Pavithra Reddy**, COO, Vayah Vikas, Bengaluru
- **Mr. Asheesh Gupta**, Founder and MD, Samarth Elder Care

Closing Session

4.50 pm - 5.00 pm

- Summing up by **Mr. Bharat Lal**, Secretary General and CEO, National Human Rights Commission, India
 - Way Forward by **Dr. Vinod K. Paul**, Member (Health, Nutrition and Education), NITI Aayog
 - Vote of thanks by **Dr. Abha Jaiswal**, Visiting Fellow, Sankala Foundation
- Followed by Tea



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