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Meenakshi College of Occupational Therapy

In Collaboration with

Association of Neonatal Therapists (ANT)

invites you all to the

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NEONATAL THERAPY (NEOANT 2026)

Theme: 'Neonatal Therapy without borders'

Date: 08.10.2026 to 10.10.2026, Time: 9.30 A.M to 5.00 P.M
Venue: Auditorium, MAHER

Chief Guest
Dr. Anurag Joshi
Social Policy Specialist – Child Survival, UNICEF Office for Tamil Nadu & Kerala

Guest of Honour
Dr. Rema Chandramohan
Deputy CEO, Centre for Excellence for Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

With the blessings of Founder Chancellor
Thiru. A.N. Radhakrishnan M.A., D.Com

In the presence of

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Prof. Dr. Deepa Sundareswaran (OT)
Principal - MCOT

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INAUGURAL EVENT
(08.10.2026)

S. No.	Time	Event
1.	9:30 A.M - 10:30 A.M	Tamizh Thaai Vaazhthu
2.		Lighting of Kuthuvilakku
3		Welcome Dance
4.		Welcome Address **Prof. Dr. Deepa Sundareswaran (OT)** Principal, Meenakshi College of Occupational Therapy, MAHER
5.		Felicitation of Dignitaries
6.		Inaugural Address **Prof. Dr. C. Sridhar** Vice – Chancellor, MAHER
7.		Special Address **Prof. Dr. C. Krithika** Pro Vice – Chancellor, MAHER
8.		Address by **Dr. Hemant Nandgaonkar (OT)** President, Association of Neonatal Therapists (ANT)
9.		Address by Guest of Honour **Dr. Rema Chandramohan** Deputy CEO, Centre for Excellence for Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
10.		Address by Chief Guest **Dr. Anurag Joshi** Social Policy Specialist – Child Survival, UNICEF Office for Tamil Nadu & Kerala
11.		Conferment of Lifetime Achievement Award to **Dr. Jyothika Bijlani** Dean of Academic Council of Occupational Therapy (ACOT), All India Occupational Therapist's Association (AIOTA), Consultant Occupational Therapist, India
12.		Vote of Thanks **Dr. D. Jerose Rani (OT)** Assistant Professor, Meenakshi College of Occupational Therapy, MAHER
13.		National Anthem

DAY 1 | 8th October 2026

S. NO	TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
SCIENTIFIC SESSION – I			
4	10:45 A.M – 11.30 A.M	**Dr. Rema Chandramohan** Deputy CEO, Centre for Excellence for Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India	
4	11.35 A.M – 12.05 P.M	**Dr. Deepthi Jammi** Director and senior obstetrician and fetal medicine consultant, Jammi' scans, T nagar, Visiting consultant at Kauvery Hospitals, Anuradha Maternity centre, and Dr Humayun Multispecialty Hospital	Pre natal screening & diagnosis
5	12:05 P.M – 12:45 P.M	**Dr. Binu Ninan** Director, Neubon Healthcare, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India	Essentials in setting-up a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
6	12:45 P.M – 1:15 P.M	**Dr. Santhanam Sridhar** Professor, Department of Neonatology, CMC Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India	Neonatal Neuro radiology findings and functional outcomes
7	1:15 P.M – 2:00 P.M	LUNCH BREAK	
SCIENTIFIC SESSION – II			
8	2:00 P.M – 2:30 P.M	**Dr. Hima John (OT)** Occupational Therapist, NICU, CMC Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India	Therapeutic massage in Neonatal Care
9	2:35 P.M – 3:10 P.M	**Dr. Geetha M. Arora (OT)** Founder & Director, MOVE & GROW (Neonatal Pediatric Therapy Services), Noida, India	Sensory experiences in NICU

10	3:15 P.M – 4:45 P.M	**Panel Discussion** **Theme:** 'Beyond Survival: Thriving together'	**1. Dr Pooja Sanghvi** State Child Health Consultant - Tamil Nadu UNICEF **2. Dr. Meenakshi Jhandhyala** Director – Medical operations, Smrithi Healthcare and HOD, Department of Pediatrics, St. Isabel Hospital, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India **3. Dr. Porrselvi A.P., PhD** Psychologist (Specialising in Neuropsychology), Unified Brain health Care, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India 4. **Dr. Geetha Surendraj** Associate Professor, Meenakshi College of Occupational Therapy, MAHER, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India **5. Ms. Jane Emily Beatrice I** Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing, CMC, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India 6. **Dr. Ida Mary Siromani (OT)** **Moderator** Associate Professor, Meenakshi College of Occupational Therapy, MAHER, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
7	4.45 P.M	TEA BREAK	

DAY 2 | 9th October 2026

S. NO	TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
1	8:00 A.M – 9:00 A.M	BREAKFAST	
SCIENTIFIC SESSION - III			
2	9:00 A.M – 9:30 A.M	**Dr. Hemant Nandgaonkar (OT)** President, Association of Neonatal Therapist & Assistant Professor, KEM Hospital, Mumbai, India	Transforming NICU sensory care: Stakeholders driven protocols using INDIA-EBUS
3	9:35 A.M – 10:05 A.M	**Dr. Ida Mary Siromani (OT)** Associate Professor, Meenakshi College of Occupational Therapy, MAHER, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India	Transition from NICU to home
4	10:10 A.M – 11:00 A.M	**Scientific Poster Presentation** Chairpersons 1. **Dr. Pankaj Kumar**, Professor & Dean, SRM College of Occupational Therapy, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India 2. **Dr. Raghuram Pattusamy (OT)**, Principal and Head, Sri Ramachandra Faculty of Occupational Therapy, SRIHER, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India	
5	11:00 A.M – 11:15 A.M	TEA BREAK	
SCIENTIFIC SESSION - IV			
6	11.15 A.M – 12.45 P.M	**Scientific Paper Presentation** Chairpersons 1. **Dr. U. Ganapathy Sankar,** Dean, SRM College of Occupational Therapy, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India 2**. Dr. Arun Kumar Malaiyappan,** Professor and Principal, Saveetha College of Occupational Therapy, SIMATS, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India	
7	12:45 P.M – 1:45 P.M	LUNCH BREAK	
SCIENTIFIC SESSION - V			
8	1:45 P.M – 2.15 P.M	**Dr. Mohd Yoosuf (OT)** Senior Neonatal Occupational Therapist	Optimizing sleep in the neonates

		Delhi Newborn (Agarwal Hospital) PhD Scholar, Jamia Hamdard Director, Shama Foundation, New Delhi	
9	2:20 P.M – 3.20 P.M	**NEONATAL THERAPY PARLIAMENT**	
10	3:20 P.M – 3:35 P.M	TEA BREAK	
SCIENTIFIC SESSION - VI			
1	3:35 P.M – 5:00 P.M	**Dr. Geetha M. Arora (OT)/** **Dr. Hemant Nandgaonkar (OT)**	Cue-based Feeding

DAY 3 | 10th October 2026

S. NO	TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
1	8:00 A.M – 9:00 A.M	BREAKFAST	
		SCIENTIFIC SESSION - VII	
2	9:00 A.M – 9:30 A.M	**Dr. Shailaja Jaywant** Assistant Professor, LTMMC, Sion, Mumbai, India	Positioning of Neonates
3	9:35 A.M – 10:35 A.M	**Dr. Aarti C Rajaratnam** Psychologist, Renowned Author, Innovative Curriculum and Education Design Consultant, Salem, Tamil Nadu, India	Family Centered Care
4	10:35 A.M – 10:50 A.M	TEA BREAK	
		SCIENTIFIC SESSION - VIII	
5	10:50 A.M – 1:00 P.M	**Dr. Mahek Uttamchandani (OT)** Consultant, Department of Neonatology at Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Centre, Mumbai, India	Family centered developmental care
6	1:00 P.M – 2:00 P.M	LUNCH BREAK	
		SCIENTIFIC SESSION - IX	
7	2:00 P.M – 2:30 P.M	**Dr. Geetika Sood** Executive Committee Member – Association of Neonatal Therapist, Neonatal Highly Specialised Neonatal Occupational Therapist, Manchester University, NHS Trust Foundation, UK	Wrapped for a reason
8	2:35 P.M – 3:30 P.M	QUIZ COMPETITION	
9	3:30 P.M – 3:45 P.M	TEA BREAK	
10	3:45 P.M – 5:00 P.M	VALEDICTORY CEREMONY	

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