

Post Conference Report

Summary:

5th World Congress On Women & Girl Child- 2017 having theme ““Social and Economic Equality” was organized by **BioGenesis Health Cluster** (Not for Profit) registered under Section 25 of Company’s Act 1956. The conference is supported by ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research), DBT (Department of Biotechnology), Department of Science and Technology (Science and Engineering Research Board).

The conference was scheduled from 15th – 17th of November 2017 at J.N.TATA Auditorium, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. The conference was supported by more than 40 countries and has hosted more than 100 speakers from various parts of the world.

The conference attracted 1000 participants from 40 countries. A diverse group of individual’s anthropologists, basic scientists, ecologists, environmentalists, economists, health economists, historians, human rights activists, information technologists, lawyers, midwives, doctors, nurses, nutritionists, physicians, politicians, sociologists, social workers participated and shared exciting knowledge, expertise and experience on protecting the Women and Girl Child. The scientific program will feature live workshops, interactive education sessions, B2B meetings, round-table discussions apart from the conventional plenary sessions, featured symposia, breakout sessions and oral presentation sessions for abstracts and challenging cases.



MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the 5th International Conference on Women and Girl Child is being organized by the World Congress on Gynaecology and Paediatrics on 15th November 2017 in Bengaluru.

I hope that the International Conference will witness productive discussions on the multiple aspects relating to the subject and come out with solutions that will help humanity.

Best wishes to all delegates and for the success of the Conference.

(Narendra Modi)

New Delhi
07 November, 2017

General Information:

The Conference was adorned with video message from SURESH PRABHU, MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY OF INDIA wishing success of the event.

Dr.V.P.RAO, Convener, 5th World Congress On Women & Girl Child- 2017, welcomed His Excellency, the delegates and faculty to the 5th World Congress On Women & Girl Child- 2017.

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DR.KAMINI RAO, chairperson- 5th World Congress On Women & Girl Child- 2017, Padmashri Awardee, Prof. MUR NAIDU, Former dean Nizam Institutes of Sciences, DR. K.S GOPINATH, Padmashri, Oncologist, Karnataka, DR. M.NATESH PRABHU , President, Indian Medical Pharmacologists Association, DR. DOMINIC .G. BENJAMIN , Consultant Geriatrician And Diabetic Specialist, Baptist Hospital, DR. LETICIA RAO, Director, Scientist, St Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Canada, DR. RAVI MEHROTRA, Director, ICMR- Institute Of Cytology And Preventive Oncology addresses gathering of more than 1000 delegates and 200 expert speakers.

The organizers of the 5th World Congress On Women & Girl Child- 2017 have taken the privilege to felicitate focused on learning about Pediatrics and its advances in making a better health for Women And Girl Child by Dr.Kamini Rao, Chairperson-5th World Congress On Women & Girl Child- 2017, Padma Shri Awardee, Prof. M.U.R Naidu , Chairman, Dr. Ravi Mehrotra, Director, ICMR- Institute Of Cytology And Preventive Oncology, Dr. K.S Gopinath, Padmashri, Oncologist, Karnataka, Dr. M.Natesh Prabhu , President, Indian Medical Pharmacologists Association, Dr. Dominic .G. Benjamin , Consultant Geriatrician And Diabetic Specialist, Baptist Hospital, Dr. Leticia Rao , Director, Scientist, St Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Canada.

The main learning objectives for conference delegates were the following:

- To cast light on Women's health on General Gynecology and Obstetrics
- Discuss and deliberate on advancements in Gynecological Surgery, Pediatric/Adolescent, Gynecology, Gynecologic Oncology, Cervical and Breast Cancer, Urogynecology And Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery, Infertility, Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery, Fatal Diagnosis And In Vitro Fertilization (IVF)
- Advancement in Women's Sexual Health, Pediatric Surgery, Gynecological Surgery
- It will provide platform to learn about and keep up to date with the rapidly progressing area of Gynecologic Oncology, Pediatric Surgery.

The seminar was accompanied by Oral and Poster Presentation by the ecologists, environmentalists, economists, health economists, historians, human rights activists, information technologists, lawyers, and midwives across India. In the opening session, presided over by Dr. Rajan R Patil, Sr. Epidemiologist, SRM University, and Tamil Nadu. He talks on "Effect Of Lwe - Naxalism Oÿ Indian Public Health System With Special Focus On Maternal And Child Health"

Padmasri Dr. Kamini Rao, Medical Director Milann - The Fertility Center, Karnataka talk on "Recent Advances In Infertility Management".

In post lunch session, Dr.Nayana Patel, Medical Director, Akanksha Hospital & Research Institute, Gujarat. Deliver her lecture on "**Surrogacy- Empowering women**" she detailed Surrogacy can be defined as the process by which a woman carrying a pregnancy gives birth to a child for another. This arrangement can be either voluntary or gratuitous, as well as, paid as any commercial transaction

according to the agreement between the commissioning couple and the woman who agrees to bear the child.

Dr. Suman Chahar, Senior Vice-President International Academy of Environmental Sanitation & Public Health, New Delhi explained about the *“Women : Sanitation & Health – Sulabh Approach”*. Dr. Jayastri Kurushev, Professor in Nursing, Mother Theresa PG & Research Institute of Health Sciences, Puducherry, explains *“Women and Mental Health”*.

Dr. S ABINAYA, Department of OBG, Sri Venkateshwaraa medical college hospital & Research Centre, Puducherry explains *“Diagnostic Laparoscopy- A retrospective study”*.

The second day morning session, presided over by Dr. Thilgavathi Ramamoorthy, Lecturer, Division of Biostatistics, School of Public Health, SRM University, Tamil Nadu on *“Performance Index for assessing ICDS - Anganwadi Centres”* she said The dimensions and the indicators for the index has been finalized by the experts which captures all the facets of AWC functioning and performance in terms of input, process and output. The theoretical framework aimed to capture an interrelated set of factors that represent the primary elements which combine to produce ICDS progress and performance.

Data was being collected from 1600 AWC's across 32 districts in Tamil Nadu during April to September 2014 as part of independent evaluation of ICDS programme commissioned by Government of TamilNadu and carried out by School of Public Health, SRM University.

Dr. Dominic Benjamin, Consultant Geriatrician & Diabetic Specialist for older adults, Bangalore Baptist

Hospital, Karnataka talked about *“Vaccination for Women”*. He said Vaccination plays an important role for the health of mother and the baby. Vaccination before, during and after pregnancy helps protect women from serious Infections. An added benefit to immunizing during pregnancy is the potential for disease prevention in newborns by way of passive antibody transfer to the foetus. There is a benefit for women to be immunized to reduce their chances of morbidity and mortality from vaccine-preventable diseases. Coverage of vaccination during pregnancy is very good as it is in the national programme. Vaccination for young non-pregnant women and older women is not very clear to our physicians and the coverage is poor.

The morning session of the last day of the symposium devoted to women empowerment and was praised by Dr. Anuradha Sathiyaseelan, Associate Professor of Psychology & Prof. Sathiyaseelan B, Associate Professor, OB & HR, Christ University, Karnataka, Dr. Anita Mani, Director and Consultant IVF Specialist, Gyno Specialty Hospital, GIFT IVF Center, Kerala and Dr.Sarita Aggarwal, Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Consultant Aggarwal clinic Patiala on *“Women's as a leader : A journey from past to present – Symposium on women mental Health”*

In the afternoon session, presided by Dr. SURESH KISHANRAO, Public (Child) Health Consultant, New Delhi gave an interesting account on *“DO Urban Poor Delay the Urban Universal Health Coverage”*

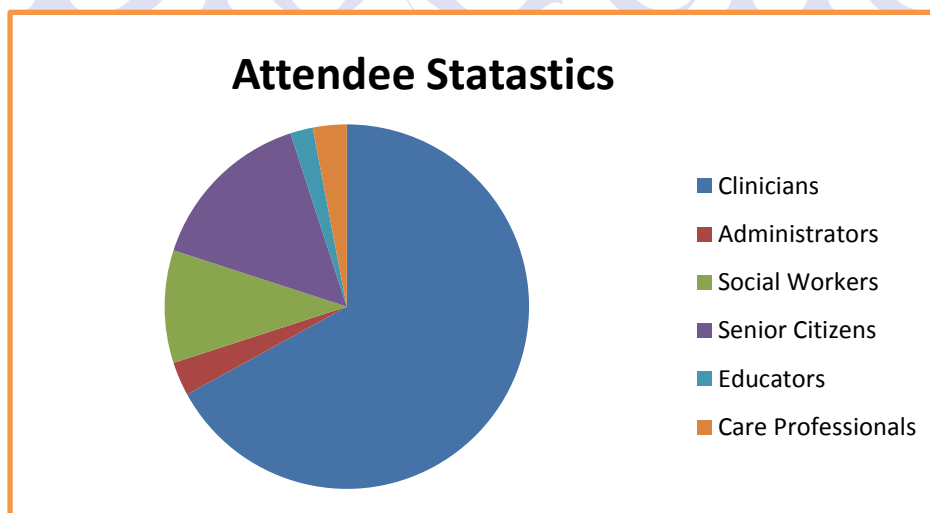
In the Plenary Session, Dr. Salma Begum, Department of OBG, Sri Venkateshwara Medical College Hospital & Research Center, Pondicherry Summed up by explaining *“Health care access deprivation to women and girl child in rural India”*.

Overall, The 5th World Congress On Women & Girl Child- 2017 has set an educative platform in the field of protecting Women and Girl Child with 6 hrs. Of CME (Continuous Medical Education) providing educational and informative updates on psychiatric, behavioral and complex health components specific to individuals and showcase best practices in the field. Specifically, the conference focused on approaches to complex clinical problems in elderly, contributing medical issues and new developments in medication and treatment. In addition, the conference addressed important physical and mental health issues and reviewed common genetic syndromes. It engaged health care providers and educators from a wide range of professional disciplines in knowledge transfer and inter professional collaboration in order to maximize health and wellbeing so as to minimize health issues and improve quality of life. The format included plenary sessions, breakout sessions and close to 150 poster & 200 oral sessions.

The Conference ended on the 17th of November, 2017 with the valedictory speech by Dr. Leticia Rao , Director, Scientist, St Michael'S Hospital, Toronto, Canada.

Attendee Statistics:

The conference was well-attended with 1000 individuals attending the main conference. The majority of participants (60%) were clinicians. Please refer to the chart in the bottom for a breakdown of attendees by category. We also welcomed international delegates from China, New Zealand, Poland, U.S.A, Australia, Korea and more than 40 countries all across the world. The conference was highly inter-professional in nature with more than 14 professions represented. Major professional groups included: Administrators/Managers, Social Workers, Registered Nurses, Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Educators, Occupational Therapists, Physicians, Behavioral Therapists, Family Members, Geriatricians, Direct Service Professionals, Counselors, Researchers, and Case Managers/Planners.



“The most valuable part of the conference was meeting professionals from other areas and discussing common challenges, information and discussion stemming from speakers/presentations.”

Participants Feedback:

We are pleased to report that the overall rating of the program was highly positive based on the responses provided by our participants in the evaluation questionnaires. This year's agenda offered a wide variety of topics. It was clear from participants' feedback that the lectures they attended enabled them to extract new ideas and innovative approaches in order to facilitate the health and wellbeing of elderly. Participants often reported that the conference inspired them to collaborate and partner with other programs in the community. Many attendees voiced their appreciation for shared knowledge, skills and resources that can be taken back to their workplace or community and applied in practice. Delegates were engaged with an array of sessions.

“I was impressed by how many disciplines and organizations were represented at this conference. Interdisciplinary collaboration needs to happen between systems, not just within them, and this conference was a great way to form connections and awareness. I also appreciated that families were included. They have the most powerful voice that speaks to the needs of people with developmental disabilities.”

Media Coverage:

The minutes of the conference were telecasted by Doordarshan News, Doordarshan, Prajavani, who were the Media Partners for the conference. The conference was also mentioned on All India Radio who were the Radio Partners for the conference. The conference drew considerable media attention, including NDTV, News 9, TV9, Public TV, CNN IBN emphasizing the importance and relevance of the conference themes to the public. Most conspicuously, more than 15 articles were published in various leading newspapers and media on November 15th, 2017 highlighting the conference.

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