

1st IPOTCON 2026

**IPOTCON 2026 – Detailed
Conference Report**

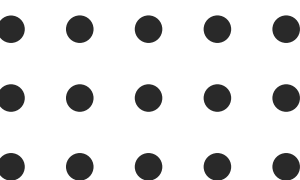


INTRODUCTION

IPOTCON 2026 was successfully organized as a two-day national conference bringing together distinguished professionals, academicians, researchers, and students from the field of Occupational Therapy and allied health sciences. The conference served as an important platform for knowledge exchange, professional networking, and discussions on emerging practices and innovations in rehabilitation and occupational therapy.



The conference was held at Auditorium, IFA – Indian Academy, Sector-62, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from professionals, researchers, and students from across the country. The scientific program focused on key themes such as pediatric occupational therapy, autism intervention, NICU care, evidence-based rehabilitation practices, and the integration of technology in healthcare.



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INAUGURAL CEREMONY

The event formally began with Ganesh Vandana performed by Ms. Kruti Gupta and the Inaugural Ceremony was conducted in the presence of the Chief Guest Ms. Ummul Kher, IRS, Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Delhi. The ceremony was also graced by distinguished dignitaries including Dr. Priyadarshi Alok Controlling officer BCPO Patna, Proff (Dr.) Sheffali Gulati Paediatric Neurologist, AIIMS Delhi, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Trivedi Vice President of Ayush, Dr Joginder Singh Bhati Organizing secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Scientific Chair Person, Dr Preety Vashisht Co- Organising Secretary.

The inaugural session included traditional Saraswati Vandana, ceremonial lamp lighting, and recognition of distinguished contributors through an award ceremony. The dignitaries highlighted the growing importance of occupational therapy in healthcare and rehabilitation, especially in pediatric and developmental conditions.



SCIENTIFIC SESSION-I

Keynote Speaker

·**Dr. Brij Maliya**, delivered an insightful lecture on “Functional visual system for learning and participation: Evidence based OT Approach to Assessment and intervention of Oculomotor visual perceptual and visual motor skills in pediatrics.”

·**Dr. Sheffali Gulati**, a renowned pediatric neurologist, delivered an insightful lecture on “Pathophysiology of Autism Spectrum Disorder and its Implications for Occupational Therapy Intervention and Current Research.”



·**Dr. Amrapali Lahiri**, delivered a highly informative session on “Role of Occupational Therapy in the School System.” The session focused on how occupational therapists can contribute to inclusive education by supporting children with learning, developmental, and sensory challenges within school environments.

The conference continued with scientific paper presentations highlighting recent research and innovative clinical practices in occupational therapy.



SCIENTIFIC PAPER PRESENTATIONS

These presentations demonstrated the growing emphasis on evidence-based practice and interdisciplinary approaches within occupational therapy research.

SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS- II

Keynote Speaker

•**Dr. Sanjay Verma** delivered a keynote presentation on “Revisiting Primitive Reflexes in Autism: Expanding the Occupational Therapy Perspective through Developmental Primitive Reflex Therapy (DPRT).”

The lecture explored developmental reflex integration and its significance in therapeutic intervention strategies.



SPEAKER

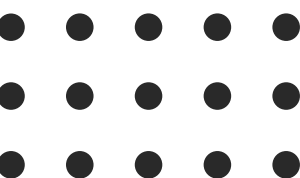
•**Dr. Abha Pradhan** delivered a keynote presentation on “Understanding Cerebral Visual Impairment (CVI) and its Management.”

CULTURAL EVENT

The cultural evening on the conference added vibrancy and enthusiasm to the event, providing participants with an opportunity to showcase their talent, creativity, and cultural spirit. Various performances were organized under different categories, making the evening engaging and memorable for all attendees.



The performances were highly appreciated by the audience and contributed to creating a lively and interactive atmosphere during the conference.



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DAY 2 PROCEEDINGS

The second day of the conference began with breakfast followed by Scientific Session III, continuing the academic momentum of the event.



SCIENTIFIC SESSION-III

Keynote Speaker

• **Dr. Richa Kapoor** delivered a keynote presentation on “Impact of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare Practice.” The session explored how artificial intelligence and digital technologies are transforming healthcare systems and rehabilitation practices.

• **Dr. Deepak Gupta** delivered a keynote presentation on “Biomedical Treatment in Autism and Other Developmental Delays,” which highlighted medical and therapeutic approaches for developmental disorders.



The session included several research presentations focusing on clinical practice and therapeutic outcomes



SCIENTIFIC PAPER PRESENTATIONS



SHORT MOVIES AND POSTER

Educational short films and awareness videos were also presented to promote greater understanding of occupational therapy and early intervention practices.



SCIENTIFIC SESSION-IV

Keynote Speaker

•**Dr. Sharuja Sarap Garmode** delivered a presentation on “Immersed in Integration: How Aqua Therapy and Brain Gym Create a Movement Language for Children.” The session emphasized the therapeutic value of movement-based interventions and their role in enhancing child development and participation.



•**Dr. Richa Kapoor** delivered a presentation on “The role of occupational therapists in NICU”.



Speaker

- **Mr. Ravi Sekhar Singh** delivered a keynote presentation on “Innovations in the Therapy Business Model,” which explored entrepreneurial approaches and sustainability in therapy practice.
- **Dr. Mohd Yusuf** delivered a keynote presentation on “Neuro-cognitive developmental outcomes through OT intervention in NICU”.
- **Dr. Rashida Begum** delivered a keynote presentation on “Therapeutic modalities for internet gaming disorder”.



These sessions emphasized the evolving role of occupational therapists in specialized healthcare settings.

The conference concluded with the Valedictory Ceremony, which was graced by Chief Guest Mr. Ashish Kumar Singh, Zila Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Adhikari, Gautam Budh Nagar.

The souvenir was officially unveiled by our esteemed guests during the valedictory session of IPOTCON.



VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

The ceremony was also graced by distinguished dignitaries including Dr. Rajesh Kumar Trivedi Vice President of Ayush, Dr Joginder Singh Bhati Organizing secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Scientific Chair Person, Dr Preety Vashisht Co-Organising Secretary.

Representatives from **Abley's (All things Special)** delivered an informative presentation showcasing their therapeutic and assistive solutions designed to support individuals with developmental and rehabilitation needs.



SPONSOR PRESENTATIONS

1 Another engaging presentation was delivered by **Clear Read** (Designed for Clarity- Built for Inclusion) introducing their innovative reading tools developed to assist individuals with reading difficulties and learning challenges. The session highlighted how assistive technology can enhance learning efficiency and accessibility for individuals with dyslexia and other reading-related difficulties.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

The following professionals were honoured with Awards of Recognition for their dedication and contributions to the profession:

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**CLINICAL LEADERSHIP IN
PEDIATRIC OT AWARD**

**DR. SHIKHA KAPOOR
SAWHNEY (OT)**



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**LIFETIME CONTRIBUTION TO
PEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
AWARD**

**DR. MRS. VIJAYALAKSHMI S.
BOLE (OT)**



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**MENTOR & EDUCATOR
EXCELLENCE AWARD**

DR. SANTOSH KUMAR



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Vote of Thanks



The conference concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. Joginder Singh Bhati, Organizing Secretary. He expressed sincere gratitude to all the dignitaries, speakers, delegates, organizing committee members, volunteers, and participants for their valuable contribution and support in making the conference a grand success.