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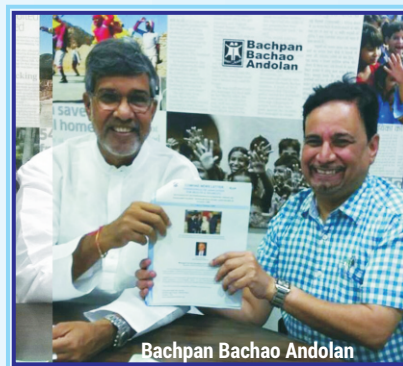


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## REPORT

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COMHAD, CHPA & IAP 2015

The International Conference of COMHAD, CHPA and IAP Nagpur 2015 along with UNICEF, DMER, MUHS, India & Bangladesh Chapter of COMHAD was organised at Nagpur on 5th & 6th December 2015 at Hotel Centre Point Ramdaspath Nagpur.

It has been a great success to hold the most prestigious International Conference of COMHAD, CHPA & IAP 2015 at Nagpur, India. We had a gathering of about 700 delegates from all over India and Bangladesh consisting of general practitioners, paediatricians, therapists, counsellors, parents, NGOs, lawyers, and special educators.

The theme of the conference was "Global Empowerment and Inclusion of Special Children". Following topics were discussed in the conference.

In addition to the main conference, there was pre conference workshop on "Surgical Insight in managing the Spasticity" and two parallel workshops one on "UNICEF Workshop on IYCF, SAM & F-IMNCI" and the other on "Autism: Challenges & Beyond" for the attending delegates.

About 100 parents participated in "Autism: Challenges and Beyond" workshop. About 75 therapists attended one day pre-conference workshop on "Surgical Insight in managing the Spasticity" by Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Viraj Shingade. Thus the total delegates exceeded 700 approximately.

The deliberations of key International and National faculties were a rich fare for the attending delegates. Topics discussed were – Autism spectrum disorders, Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, Specific learning disability, Global developmental delay, Hearing and speech disorder, Psychopharmacology, Do's and Don't adolescent issues, Mixed bag, Surgical intervention in disability, Recent advances in rehabilitation, Ophthalmic disability, Adaptive devices, Recent advances in therapy – Gene/Stem cell therapy.

Honorable Shri Nitinji Gadkari Union Cabinet Minister of Road transport, Highways & Shipping, Govt Of India was the Chief Guest. Shri Nanasahab Badole Cabinet Minister of Govt Of Maharashtra in Social justice & Empowerment, Prof Sirajul Islam past International President COMHAD, Prof Sam Lingam President elect COMHAD (UK), Dr Milind Mane MLA were the guests of honour.

A melodious & soulful rendition of an orchestra "Swaranand" was given by 100 differently abled children from Anandwan, Warora, on the first day of conference. Hon. Dr Vikas Baba Amte is the inspiration behind this orchestra.

Dr Uday Bodhankar International President COMHAD, Dr Yashwant Patil Organizing Chairman, Dr Suchit Bagde Organizing Secretary, Dr R G Patil President IAP Nagpur, Dr Prakash Sanghavi National President COMHAD India, Dr Vasant Khalatkar National EB member IAP, Dr Jayant Upadhye Ex EBM IAP, Dr Urmila Dahake, Dr Girish Charde Secretary IAP Nagpur, Dr Umanjali Damke, Dr Sofia Azad, Dr Shailesh Pangaonkar, Dr Avinash Gawande, Dr Kush Jhunjhunwala, Dr Anil Raut, Dr Shubhada Khirwadkar, Dr Jaya Shiwalkar, Dr Manjusha Giri, & all the organising committee members worked hard for the success of the international conference.

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# ACTIVITY SNAPSHOT COMHAD 2015-2016



**Hon'ble Union Minister Shri. Nitin Gadkari inaugurating International COMHAD Conference 2015**



## Research is the key element in solving health problems: Nitin Gadkari



Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport, Highways and Shipping, Maharashtra, inaugurated the 5th International Conference of COMHAD & CHPA on 5th December 2015 at Hotel Centre Point, Nagpur. He emphasized that research is the key element in solving health problems, particularly in the context of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). He noted that NCDs are a major public health concern and that research is essential to understand their causes and develop effective interventions. He also highlighted the importance of collaboration between governments, academia, and the private sector in addressing these challenges.



## Intl conference of COMHAD, CHPA IAP-2015 to begin on Dec 5

The International Conference of COMHAD & CHPA IAP-2015 is set to begin on December 5th at Hotel Centre Point, Nagpur. The conference is organized by COMHAD (Commonwealth Organisation for Mental Health and Disability) and CHPA (Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance). It aims to bring together experts from various fields to discuss the latest research and developments in mental health and disability. The conference will feature a series of workshops, seminars, and panel discussions. The organizing committee, led by Dr. Rajkumar Badole, Minister of Social Justice, Government of Maharashtra, is committed to making the conference a success.



The conference will be held at Hotel Centre Point, Nagpur, from December 5th to 7th. It is a two-day event that will attract participants from around the world. The conference is expected to be a valuable opportunity for participants to share their knowledge and experiences and to develop new strategies for addressing mental health and disability. The organizing committee is looking forward to a successful conference and to the participation of all delegates.

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## COMHAD SYMPOSIA IN PEDICON 2017 BANGALORE

Date : 21/1/2017 From 4pm to 5pm

### GLOBAL BURDEN OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY INDIAN SCENARIO.

Faculty : Dr Satish Girimaji

Chairperson : Dr Uday Bodhankar, Dr Vasant Khalatkar

### Panel discussion

Moderator: Dr K Jayoji Rao, Dr Madhu

Faculty : Dr Satish Girimaji, Dr Suresh Rao Aroor,  
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### Panel Discussion

### DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER NEW VISTA

Moderator: Dr. Urmila Dahake

Panelist: Dr. Yashwant Patil, Dr. R. G. Patil, Dr Suchit Bagade

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