

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS, ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES; NEW DELHI

AUTISM AWARENESS PROGRAMME AND WAY FORWARD

## Empowering the child with autism and their families

Date: 17/04/14

Venue: Conference hall (JLN Auditorium)

*Chief Guest: Shri Lov Verma, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,  
Government of India*

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- ❖ 9:30 a.m.: Lamp lighting
  - ✚ Welcome song by children with Autism and their siblings
  - ✚ Inauguration program (coordinated by Dr. Sheffali Gulati)
  - ✚ Prof V. K. Paul, HOD, Department of Pediatrics, AIIMS, New Delhi: Welcome address
  - ✚ Prof M. C. Mishra, Director, AIIMS, New Delhi: Address
  - ✚ Shri Lov Verma, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India: Inaugural address
  - ✚ Shri T. D. Dhariyal, Deputy Chief Commissioner for person with disabilities & Member Secretary, Rehabilitation Council of India; Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Government of India: Government strategies for empowering these children with special needs
  - ✚ Prof D. K. Sharma, Medical Superintendent, AIIMS, New Delhi: Address
  - ✚ Mrs. Poonam Natrajan, Chairperson, National Trust: Role of National Trust in supporting children with special needs and their families
  - ✚ Group performance (Dance) by siblings of autistic children
  - ✚ Address and release of DVD and patient information material on Autism & other Neurodevelopmental Disorders
  - ✚ Vote of thanks: Dr. Savita Sapra
  - ✚ National Anthem
- ❖ 10.30 am TO 11.00 am: Tea
- ❖ 11:00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m: Panel Discussion
  - ✚ Moderator: Dr. Sheffali Gulati and Dr Savita Sapra
  - ✚ Panelists: Dr. Madhulika, Ms. Merry Barua, Ms. Madhumati, Ms. Manavi Jalan, Ms. Radhika Alkazi, Dr. Sandhya Gupta, Dr. Biswaroop, Dr. Neerja Gupta
- ❖ 12.30 pm. to 01:00 p.m.: Sibling perspective (Dr. Savita Sapra, Ms. Sumita, Mr. Raqib Ali)
- ❖ Way forward.....

*Requesting for your esteemed presence:*

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