Dear Delegates,

Kerala has the highest proportion of elderly population in comparison to other states of India. The average life expectancy of any keralite is as high as around 72 years. This trend although portraying a better control of deaths, does not necessarily imply a healthy living. Despite the fact that the elderly population is encumbered with a multitude of ailments which necessitates the need for giving special attention to the ‘health care needs’ of elderly, the geriatric care services are still afforded low priority in health system. The ‘Vayomithram’ project implemented by Kerala Social Security Mission with active support from National Rural Health Mission providing geriatric medical services at the doorstep has proved out to be a suitable egress. This conference is intended to serve as a platform for people thinking along for a radical re-examination. We invite you to participate in the deliberations and actively indulge in the discussions to make this venture fruitful.

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Program

8:30 - 9:00 am : Registration and Inaugural Session
9:30 - 10:30 am : Technical session -1
Speakers : 1. Dr. K Vijayakumar
(Professor and Head, Dept of Community Medicine, Medical College, Trivandrum.)
Topic : Current Scenario of Ageing in Kerala

2. Dr. Sreenjith N Kumar, Diabetologist
(President IMADA, Trivandrum and Chairman, Indian Diabetes Education Association, Trivandrum)
Topic : Burden of Diabetes and ageing

10:30 - 11:00 am : Tea Break
11:00 - 1:30 pm : Technical session -2
Speakers : 1. Mr. Biju Mathew
(Joint Director and State Head, Help age India, Kochi)
Topic : Elder abuse facts and experiences

2. Dr. Mathuranath P S
(Addl. Professor, Department of Neurology, Sree Chitra Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology)
Topic : Alzheimer’s Disease – Care for the Patient and the Caregiver

3. Dr. M R Rajagopal
(Chairman, Pallium India, Trivandrum)
Topic : Palliative Care in elder persons
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1:30 - 2:30 : Lunch
2:30 - 4:00 pm : Open Forum (Venue: AMC Seminar Hall)
Topic : State policy for older persons, programs and its implications.

Presenter : Dr. P K B Nayar
(Chairman, Center for Gerontological Studies, Trivandrum)

4:00 pm : Valedictory function and Certificate Distribution