

TNAIOTA ANNUAL REPORT – 2018

Respected President,

For your kind notice the following activities are happened in the year 2018(Jan. - Dec.)

Activity 1:

The COTE & GB meeting organised by TNAIOTA in association with Saveetha College of Occupational Therapy (SCOT) was conducted successfully on 20/01/2018 at Saveetha College of Occupational Therapy, Thandalam, Chennai.

Meeting started with welcome address - by Dr.Arunkumar, Principal, SCOT.

Following that, lamp lighting ceremony by TNAIOTA Office bearers & Guest Speaker took place.

In the Centennial year of OT profession, Principal, SCOT-Dr. Arun Kumar, felicitated TNAIOTA Office bearers & Guest Speaker Dr.Balaji.

Following that, on behalf of Saveetha University, SCOT Principal felicitated SCOT first batch graduates namely Dr.Palnila, Dr.Gopalakrishnan, Dr.Ramakrishnan & others.

Then TNAIOTA felicitated registered clinic Owners namely Dr.Ilavazhagan, Dr.Zaheer, Dr.Sathyan, Dr.Karthick Rajaram & others.

Also we felicitated faculties and senior staff of other institutions namely Dr. Ramakrishnan, Dr.Sundaresan, Dr.Vandhiyadevan & others.

On behalf of TNAIOTA, we felicitated Principal, SCOT Dr.Arun Kumar for his valuable contribution for the upliftment of OT profession in our State.

CME was organised, on "ASD: - Current updates & Management"- presented by Dr.Balaji, Director, Buds to Blossoms.

Approximately 140 Participants attended the CME (Free Registration) and were benefited by Dr. Bajaj's informative and enthusiastic presentation.

Convener spoke about the importance of TNAIOTA & AIOTA to the college students.

TNAIOTA Student membership was introduced and the first 'Student ID- card' was given by Dr. Sathiavannan, EC member, TNAIOTA.

TNAIOTA was glad that 4 OT graduates from SCOT got recruited for TN Gov.post.

Video about SCOT was telecasted to the participants.

District Coordinators from other Districts were present for the program.

Our EC Dr.Shankar honoured Dr.Balaji for his excellent presentation.

Star Health Insurance- Official delivered a speech, explaining in detail about the new scheme for Autism.

TNAIOTA took sincere efforts to include Occupational Therapy services in the Star Health Insurance Scheme for Autism. Following which they heeded to deliver a presentation about the same in our TNAIOTA -COTE.

Lunch (Free) was provided to all the participants.

Post Lunch, GB started with welcome address & speech about the growth, achievements & success of TNAIOTA.

Convener presented the summary of the activities carried out by our TNAIOTA for the annual year 2017. As well as forthcoming agendas were discussed.

Account details were presented by our Treasurer/Co-convener.

Also in the GB meeting, member's queries were discussed and sorted out.

Dr. K.S. Gopalakrishnan appreciated TNAIOTA office bearers for the continuous efforts and achievements.

Finally the meeting ended with vote of thanks by Convener.

Special thanks to the students from Meenakshi, Annamalai , SRMC & SCOT.

I would like to extend my Special thanks to Principal, SCOT Dr. Arun Kumar for the extraordinary arrangements and for organizing the whole event splendidly.

Activity 2:

We would like to inform you that we (Dr.Mahesh Kawle, Dr.Shankar Dr.Ilavazhagan, Dr.Ramakrishnan, Dr.Zaheer, Dr.Karthick Mani & Dr.Raghuram) had attended AIOTA GB meeting on 17th Feb' 2018 at Nagpur.

We reported about TNAIOTA activities to all the members of AIOTA. Everyone appreciated TNAIOTA for the continuous effort for professional development.

Especially for the historical achievement of graduation as FACULTY OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY in Tamilnadu.

All over India, only in Tamilnadu Government it has happened.

We met respected President (AIOTA) and we conveyed our willingness to host the 2019 OTICON.

In the GB meeting most, of the members supported TNAIOTA to host the OTICON 2019 but in the concept of to" reach the unreachable" AIOTA body decided to organise the 2019 conference at Chandigarh by Haryana branch.

Also we met AIOTA treasurer Dr.Pratibha Vaidhya to handover new Life Membership & renewal application for our members.

Our Tamilnadu members/Faculties/ students presented paper/ handled session/participated in Culturals.

Our Special thanks to Dr.Mahesh Kawle, Dr.Zaheer & Dr.Karthick Mani for their valuable support to host the conference at Tamilnadu.

On behalf of TNAIOTA we would like to congratulate the KMCH - Faculties/ Students for winning trophies/Prizes.

We felicitated our President & Conveners of State branches in the Centennial year of OT profession with memento.

Finally we would like to thank our Student Member Mr.Aaditya, BOT 1st year (SRMC & RI) for his valuable contribution in the Pre Conference (For his technical support in Webinar from Chennai) at Nagpur.

Activity 3:

TNAIOTA in collaboration with ARISJUVADY MENTAL HEALTH TRUST participated in volunteer service of ASIA's biggest JOB FAIR - exclusively for Differently Abled held at LOYOLA COLLEGE on 25th Feb'2018.

Activity 4:

We would like to inform you that we had continuous meeting with DME -Director, Dr.Edwin Joe on 19th Mar'2018, April first week, 7th, 8th, 9th May 2018 to process the OT College at KK nagar, and to place a request to fill the vacant posts, to include OT in geriatric project in all the districts of Tamilnadu.

We had a discussion about OT College with respected Director for the past three days regularly and justified the need with proper documentation.

Again another follow up was done with Director, Deputy Director and TNAIOTA officials on 9th May 2018.

Deputy Director asked us to submit the utmost priority to start the college. We are going to submit it today.

Along with Director, deputy director we are going to inspect the place at KK nagar Government Rehab Medicine Institute most probably the next week of this month.

Director assured to start the OT college for this academic year itself with 20 or 25 seats at KK nagar Government Institute.

Note: In South India this is going to be the first State Government OT College.

It is going to be a **milestone achievement in our profession in Tamilnadu state.**

Activity 5:

TNAIOTA DONATION

Dear Dr Raghuram

On behalf of AIOTA , we thank you & TNAIOTA team for your valuable contribution of honoring your commitment made in GB Meeting, Nagpur, for purchase of fridge for AIOTA's National Headquarter at Vashi, Navi Mumbai. This gesture from you will be remembered for years to come. It further signifies your devotion towards profession of OT & AIOTA.

We sincerely appreciate it again.

Dr Jyothika Bijlani

Dean ACOT

Activity 6:

One of the predominant election vows of our team was to start Occupational Therapy colleges in many institutions/deemed Universities.

During the EC meetings also we had set this as one of the important agenda.

Since January 2017 we started to take steps to open OT colleges.

So far, by our team effort, 5 OT colleges were started in TN.

In continuation of the same, TNAIOTA office bearers met respected Registrar, Vice Chancellor and Chancellor, Dr.Jagathratchagan (Ex. Central Minister) of Bharath University to start BOT course.

On behalf of TNAIOTA we honoured the Chancellor.

We are also trying our level best to start OT colleges in other universities as well.

Hoping for best for our profession with sincere hard work and goodwill.

Activity 7:

This is to inform you that TNAIOTA office bearers had a meeting with DME -Director, Dr.Edwin Joe on 29th May 2018 to process the OT College at KK nagar, Chennai, Tamilnadu.

We discussed about OT College with respected Director regarding infrastructure inspection at Govt.rehabilitation medicine institute, KK Nagar.

Deputy Director, Director (GRMI), Dept.of PMR - HOD, Dept.of Orthopedic - HOD (KMCH) and TNAIOTA officials inspected the Institute at KK Nagar on Monday (4th June '2018).

DME instructed to prepare and submit report on infrastructure at KK nagar institute.

TNAIOTA will submit the report in the following meeting with DME - Director, Deputy Director and Vice Chancellor of The Tamil nadu Dr.MGR medical university, Guindy.

Hoping to start the course in this academic year if possible.

Activity 8:

This is to inform that TNAIOTA office bearers had an official meeting with DME - Director, Dr.Edwin Joe and Deputy Director (PME) - Dr.Indumathi on 10th July 2018 to follow the Govt.of college status.

Deputy Director, Director (GRMI), Dept.of PMR - HOD, Dept.of Orthopedic - HOD (KMCH) and TNAIOTA officials inspected the Institute at KK Nagar on 4th June '2018.

Due to feasibility issue it is unable to start OT College at KK nagar. Finally it is decided to start at KILPAUK MEDICAL COLLEGE with 10 seats.

DME - Director assured that this academic year (2018 - 2019) they will start the BOT course at KMC.

Apart from this, we discussed about posting of OTst at Govt. School sectors and Early Intervention centers.

DME - Director is very much interested to start OT College in different zones of Tamilnadu at Govt.Medical College & Hospitals with 10 seats.

Also Director asked about the existing Govt. OT vacant post to fill it up.

Hoping to start BOT course in Govt. Medical College this academic year.

We are moving ahead with all best possible ways with consistent effort and hard work, in order to flourish Occupational Therapy in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Activity 9:

The CME & GB meeting organized by TNAIOTA was conducted successfully on 29/07/2018 at Salem.

Meeting started with welcome address - by Dr.S.Karthikeyan, District Co-coordinator, TNAIOTA.

Following that, TNAIOTA Office bearers & Guest Speaker preceded the program.

Dr.S.Karthikeyan felicitated TNAIOTA Office bearers & Dr. Sathiyavannan felicitated Guest Speaker Dr.Jeyachandran Vetrayan.

On behalf of TNAIOTA, we felicitated Dr.S.Karthikeyan & Dr.Kartheesan for his valuable contribution for the upliftment of OT profession in our State.

CME was Organised, on "Occupational Therapy Perspective in Dysphagia Management"- presented by Dr.Jeyachandran Vetrayan, Lecturer, King Saud University, Riyadh.

40 Participants attended the CME (Free Registration) and were benefited by Dr.Jeyachandran's informative and enthusiastic presentation.

Convener spoke about the importance of TNAIOTA & AIOTA to the members/students.

Our Co-convener, Dr. Arunkumar, spoke about the importance of OT clinics registration in CM's Health Insurance Autism Scheme, standardization of clinics and OT post status in state Govt.sectors.

District Coordinators from other Districts were present for the program.

Our Salem District Coordinator Dr.Karthikeyan honoured Dr.Jeyachandran for his excellent presentation.

Lunch (Free) was provided to all the participants.

Post Lunch, GB started with welcome address & speech about the growth, achievements & success of TNAIOTA.

Convener presented the summary of the activities carried out by our TNAIOTA from 2016 July till date. As well as forthcoming agendas were discussed and the resolutions were passed.

We had passed many note worthy agendas, amongst which, one important agenda was discussed and finalized. That is, the TNAIOTA office bearers will continue their tenure till 2020.

While we had a discussion about the agenda regarding office bearers, 21 members who attended the GB meeting said that TNAIOTA team has done remarkable activities and has to do many more follow ups as well.

So all the GB members supported and passed the agenda for the present office bearers to continue till 2020.

Once again all the members supported to pass the agenda regarding office bearer's tenure to be 4years like our parent body (AIOTA). Though we passed /decided in the year 2013 - 14 themselves. It's because our parent body started to follow 4 year as tenure from 2012 (which was decided in the GB meeting held at Kerala).

The only change is regarding EC members - among 4 EC members, instead of Dr.Shobana and Dr.Charulatha, two new EC members were selected in the GB meeting. All the members supported the nominated EC in the GB meeting.

Note: - Regarding the two EC - Dr.Shobana & Dr.Charulatha, the issue was: out of 5 GB meetings both ECs did not attend even a single GB meeting.

And so far they had attended only 2 EC- meetings.

So the members who attended the GB meetings held from 2016 till date have raised queries and asked us to act regarding this and to change both the ECs. That's the reason for the change.

The two new ECs are 1.Dr.Loganathan, (who lost the election by 1 vote in 2016).

2. Dr. Mohanraj, Faculty from JKKMMRF college of OT, who always supportive in the TNAIOTA activities and involved in increasing membership, organizing camp and assisting in other professional activities.

Also in the GB meeting, member's queries were discussed and sorted out.

Dr.Kartheesan, Dr. Karthick Rajaram and all others appreciated TNAIOTA office bearers for the continuous efforts and achievements.

Finally the meeting ended with vote of thanks by Convener.

Special thanks to the students from JKKMMRF /KMCH & our members from various districts of Tamil Nadu.

I would like to extend my Special thanks Dr.S.Karthikeyan & Dr. Kartheesan for the extraordinary arrangements and for organising the whole event splendidly.

Note: - Agreement between office bearers & TNAIOTA was already cancelled (In 2016 - 2017) and circulated to all the members. Kindly check it in the GB meeting minutes.

Activity 10:

"OUR DREAM CAME TRUE"

BOT program at *" Kilpauk Medical College" (KMC)*

"Another MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT" in the history of TNAIOTA.

Our State Govt. issued Government Order (G.O) to start BOT program with 10 seats for this academic year onwards at KMC, Chennai.

This is the *First State Govt. OT college in South India*(Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra, Telangana, Pondicherry - UT & Tamil Nadu).

We tribute this milestone achievement to OTst to celebrate forthcoming WORLD OT DAY as more special.

Really we are gifted to have BOT program at Kilpauk Medical College.

Next *OT Council.*

Activity 11:

This is to share with you all that TNAIOTA office bearers decided to felicitate the Govt. /Non - Govt. higher officials, who will always be remembered in our Tamil Nadu History of Occupational Therapy. Without them the following achievements would not have been possible in our State.

1. Chief Minister Health Insurance scheme (So far only in TN).
2. Faculty of Occupational Therapy (So far only in TN).
3. BOT program in both State Govt. /Central Govt.Sectors (Only in TN in the whole South India).
4. Tamil Nadu is the only state in India, which has the highest number of OT colleges (10 Institution namely CMC, KMCH, SRM, JKKMMRF, Annamalai, Saveetha, Meenakshi, Sri RAMACHANDRA, NIEPMD & Kilpauk Medical College).
5. In Indian Education, Tamil Nadu always holds the top most position, especially in health sector.

So we feel proud to be an Occupational Therapist from Tamil Nadu on this Special day. Also to mention, TNAIOTA is ascending in the right direction, achieving success so far in all its endeavors.

6. TNAIOTA has planned to collaborate with many Institution/Organization/Trust/Clinics/ Schools to celebrate WORLD OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DAY from Oct 27th - 26th Nov'2018 to create awareness/importance/Promotion/Represent and register to uplift our Profession in our State.

So far we have felicitated some higher officials and yet to felicitate the rest in this OT month.

On this OT day, we take immense pleasure in thanking our dear TNAIOTA members for your continuous support and contribution.

Activity 12:

Faculty of Occupational Therapy, MAHER University in collaboration with TNAIOTA had organised an awareness program to observe WORLD OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DAY on 31st Oct'2018 at MAHER University, Virugambakkam, Chennai.

Topic Presentation by Dr.Raghuram & Dr.Jothikumar. Total no. of participants - 200 students.

Activity 13:

Buds to Kidz clinic's - 10th Anniversary & Children's Day Celebrations on 14th Nov'2018 along with World Occupational Therapy Day Celebration was organized in collaboration with TNAIOTA. Nearly 50 parents are benefited.

Activity 14:

"DREAM CAME TRUE" -
(Great Achievement)

JKKMMRF college of Occupational Therapy had organised STATE LEVEL CME, INTER COLLEGE SPORTS & CULTURAL MEET supported by TNAIOTA at T.N.Palayam, near Gopichettipalayam from 22 to 24th Nov.2018.

Seven OT colleges participated (KMCH, SRM, JKKMMRF, ANNAMALAI, SAVEETHA, SRI RAMAMACHANDRA & NIEPMD).

Nearly 700 participants were registered.

It's the first time in the history of Occupational Therapy in Tamil Nadu and also all over India for such a massive inter college meet to take place amongst OT colleges.

TNAIOTA officials spoke about the importance of AIOTA in the inter college meet.

State level meet will be organized every year with support of TNAIOTA. It was one of the agenda we had passed in EC/ GB meetings.

Activity 15:

NIEPMD (Govt.of India) in collaboration with SWASTIK TRUST (NGO) had organized NATIONAL CONFERENCE supported by SCOT & TNAIOTA as Knowledge partner at SAVEETHA UNIVERSITY.

Health & Rehab Professionals, college students had participated (MEENAKSHI, SAVEETHA, SRI RAMAMACHANDRA & NIEPMD).

Nearly 550 participants were registered.

Poster presentations & Culturals for students from Meenakshi, Saveetha, and NIEPMD & SRI RAMACHANDRA were organized.

On behalf of TNAIOTA we appreciated the OT students whoever participated in the poster presentation and Culturals.

Activity 16:

TNAIOTA Organised EC / GB meeting in the regular interval in the year of 2018

**Regards,
Dr. Raghuram.P
Convener - TNAIOTA**