

International Conference on Advances in Dementia & XXI National Conference of ARDSI held at the Gateway Hotel, Kolkata on 22nd, 23rd & 24th of September 2017 under the auspices of ARDSI Kolkata



On 22nd, 23rd & 24th of September 2017 ARDSI Kolkata held the International Conference on Advances in Dementia & XXI National Conference of ARDSI at the Gateway Hotel, Kolkata. National and International speakers, Doctors, Care givers and people who are working with Dementia attended the conference. The program came out as a grand success through workshops, talks and cultural programs like Puppet show and Boul songs.

This International Conference on “Advances in Dementia” organized by Alzheimer’s & Related Disorders Society of India, Calcutta chapter was an endeavour to address the current year’s theme, Remember Me; Early diagnosis means I can live well for longer. With this conference we had an opportunity to engage all communities around the world and truly make Dementia a global health and social priority.



The conference started on 22nd of September with a rural perspective on Dementia in a rural setting, Chandernagore and



continued in Kolkata on 23rd & 24th by discussions on international & local perspectives. One explicit purpose of this conference in Kolkata was also to highlight the need for dementia assessment and care centres in rural areas of Bengal too. Parallel caring sessions were held for delegates, volunteers, care partners through music and yoga therapists and a puppet show was held to raise awareness and challenge stigma. The major highlight of the conference was a National Dementia Strategy Meeting organized by ARDSI Calcutta to put Dementia on the Central & State Government’s agenda,

making it a national priority of health. A separate report on the International conference on “Advance in Dementia” has been released by the chapter.

Although, the team Kolkata was engaged with international conference during the month of September, they have done the following programmes in order to observe the World Alzheimer’s month. The Kolkata chapter conducted a talk on all India radio 19th September and on 21st September followed by a seminar with Varistha Nagarik Mancha.

