



**Mahatma Gandhi University**  
School of Gandhian Thought and  
Development Studies

UGC  
National  
Seminar on

# "Current Trends in Dementia Care"

International Speakers



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Inauguration



Dr. Babu Sebastian



**14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**  
Seminar Hall, SGTDS



Greetings from The School of Gandhian Thought and Development Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala!

This is to remind you of the UGC National Seminar on **"Current Trends in Dementia Care "** on **14-15 th November 2016**. In this National Seminar, we expect the participation of Academicians, Health care Professionals, Nurses, Activists, researchers, students from Social Work, Gandhian Studies, Development Studies and Social Science disciplines across India. We expect your academic contributions as well as institutional and individual participation for the successful conduct of the National Seminar. Please feel free to contact us for any clarifications.

Please find the seminar brochure & registration form attached.

The date for abstract submission for papers/posters has been extended to 8th November 2016. Please send in your abstracts at the earliest.

Please fill in the registration form and send it to [dementiacareugc@gmail.com](mailto:dementiacareugc@gmail.com) to confirm your participation/ paper presentation/poster presentation on or before 10th November 2016.

Sincerely

Dr. C.R. Harilakshmeendra Kumar  
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### Goals are:

- To provide fundamental education on dementia and dementia care.
- To enhance the quality of life of dementia patients through educating care providers.
- Foster sensitivity and respect for the dementia client.
- To teach communication techniques.
- To provide sensitive approaches for assisting patients with activities of daily living.

### Background

Dementia is a group of symptoms that can occur as a result of some diseases that damage the brain such as Alzheimer's Disease, strokes . The abilities of persons with dementia decline in many ways including memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem-solving . This affects them and everyone around them—family members, friends, colleagues, etc. As dementia is progressive, which means the symptoms will gradually get worse ; patients may forget things more often, they may have problems finding the correct words, normal activities become more difficult to do. Living with dementia can have a big emotional, social, psychological and practical impact on a person.

Persons with dementia can lead active and fulfilling lives if given ample support. Carers, friends and family, can help a person with dementia to feel valued, worthy and included in their community. Support should be sensitive to the person as a unique individual, and focus on promoting their wellbeing and meeting their needs... The person may be experiencing a world that is very different to that of the people around them. A better understanding of how the person might think and feel is necessary as these things will affect how they behave. It will help if the carer offers support while trying to see things from the perspective of the person with dementia, as far as possible. It is very important to focus on what the person still does have, not on what they may have lost. It is also important to focus on what the person feels rather than what they remember. We hope this will make the dementia care journey smoother and more effective for everyone.

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### Sub Themes

The Changing Face of Dementia  
Living with Dementia, Maintaining a Healthy Brain  
Living the Dementia Journey-Introducing Person-Centered Care  
Communication and problem solving of Person with dementia  
Coping and Caring -New challenges  
Mental Health of the carer - importance of quality care  
Social Needs and Activities & End of Life Care

### Registration details

Date of the conference: 14-15 November 2016

Time: 9.30 am to 4 pm

Venue: Seminar Hall, School of Gandhian Thought and  
Development studies

Fee: RS 300 (till November 10)

Rs 500 (after November 10 and spot registration)

Rs 200 for students

### Mode of Payment

#### DD/Cash/Cheque/Account Transfer

In Favour of Convenor, National Seminar on Dementia Care

Account Number : 67380004638

Name of the Bank : SBT, MGU Campus Branch,

IFSC Code : SBTR0000669

The registration fee includes participation in the conference, tea, coffee, lunch and conference materials. This is a two day conference and participants must make their own arrangements for the accommodation. The organizers will help to find out secure suitable places if required. Only 100 seats are available. This will be served as first come first basis. Payments can be in advance to secure a position early.

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