



OOTCON 2026

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OBAIOTA, ODISHA

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Occupational Therapy Enabling Life Beyond Limitations

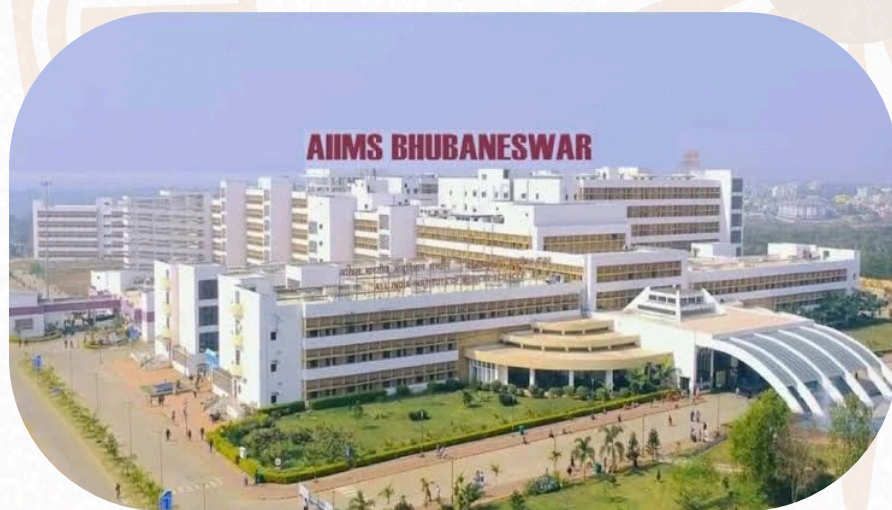


**ODISHA BRANCH OF ALL INDIA OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
ASSOCIATION, ODISHA**

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM BROCHURE

Venue:-

**AIIMS MAIN AUDITORIUM,
AIIMS, BHUBANESWAR**



**1st NOVEMBER 2026
(Sunday)**



OOTCON 2026

Call for Scientific Presentations

The Odisha Branch of the All-India Occupational Therapists' Association (OBAIOTA) has always been dedicated to advancing clinical standards, encouraging scholarly research, and empowering practitioners across Occupational Therapy discipline. The landscape of Occupational Therapy is undergoing significant evolution, driven by clinical innovations, assistive technology, and evidence-based interventions. The scientific deliberations of this conference will provide a platform to bring these advancements to the forefront and foster meaningful clinical dialogue.

In our shared journey towards professional excellence, we take immense pride in inviting you to the 1st Annual State Conference, OOTCON, 2026 organized by OBAIOTA, scheduled to be held on 1st November 2026 at the Main Auditorium, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar. Hosted at one of Eastern India's premier medical institutes, this conference will serve as a dynamic forum for clinicians, researchers, and aspiring scholars to exchange practical knowledge and bridge research with day-to-day practice.

On behalf of the Scientific Program Committee, we cordially call for original scientific papers for Oral and Poster sessions from delegates and scholarly innovations from undergraduate students in various events. We encourage submissions spanning empirical research, innovative therapy protocols, assistive technology solutions, and impactful case studies across core domains of Occupational Therapy in Neuro-Rehabilitation, Mental Health and Oncological Rehabilitation based on the themes.

We look forward to receiving your scientific work and welcoming you to an intellectually stimulating conference OOTCON, 2026 at AIIMS Bhubaneswar.

Dr. Kshanaprava Mohakud
MOT, Ph.D.

Chairperson, Scientific Program Committee – OOTCON, 2026

**1st Annual State Conference of OBAIOTA: OOTCON, 2026 at Main Auditorium,
AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, Odisha**

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE



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OOTCON- 2026 THEMES FOR DELIBERATIONS

Three interdisciplinary tracks



MENTAL HEALTH REHABILITATION

Theme : Reconnecting lives: Occupational therapy in mental health -from recovery to meaningful participation



NEUROSCIENCE REHABILITATION

Theme : Brain to occupation; translating neuroscience into occupational therapy



ONCOLOGICAL REHABILITATION

Theme : From surviving to thriving: the new era of cancer rehabilitation



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Faculty Participation : Faculty talk, Panel Discussion

Member Deligation : Oral paper Presentation

Students : Street Play, Poster & Reels

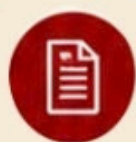
For Members & Scientific programme participants



MEMBER GUIDELINES

1. Language of deliberations and written communications : American (US) English.
2. Original scientific papers (individual and collaborative) from OBAIOTA members are welcome for presentation.
3. A generalized presentation should preferably be avoided.
4. Registration is mandatory for submission in all categories of presentations in the conference.
5. Oral papers which do not confine to the standards will not be accepted.
6. Participants will be allowed to present only those research papers which are accepted and not any other paper at the last minute.
7. Total time allotted for each oral paper presentation is only **8 minutes**.
8. Paper presentation in-absentia will not be allowed. However, in circumstances beyond control, the Chairperson of the Scientific Program Committee can use her discretion and may grant permission to the co-author, to present the paper.
9. Scientific papers under the competitive category will be peer reviewed by two experts in the specified field prior to the conference.
10. All abstracts are submitted in Competitive category.
11. Presenters should contact the scientific committee to display/upload their presentation for oral/Poster on the day of the conference at 8.00 am.
12. The decision of the Scientific Chairperson shall be final regarding the allocation of oral presentation. The Chairperson reserves the right to reassign submissions to a different category if deemed necessary. Additionally, oral presentations may be reassigned across interdisciplinary themes based on the number of submissions received.
13. The design of the scientific program shall be final and binding in respect to acceptance of Abstracts/Full Papers and also regarding allotment of time and duration of presentation. Correspondence should be addressed to the Chairperson, Scientific Program Committee OOTCON-2026 via **scientificchairpersonootcon@gmail.com**

Instruction for submission of Research Abstracts



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

1. Abstracts of oral papers should be submitted to email id **scientificchairpersonootcon@gmail.com**
2. Members interested in participating in more than one category should submit an abstract for each category.
3. Members will not be allowed to participate in categories for which abstracts have not been submitted.
4. Authors should submit a structured abstract with headings :
 - A. Title -
 - B. Authors (Full Name) along with details of Institution(s) -
 - C. City -
 - D. State and Country -
 - E. Background, Objectives and Study Design -
 - F. Methods-
 - G. Results -
 - H. Conclusion -
 - I. Trial Registration, if any -
 - J. Funding -
 - K. References (not more than 2 latest citations) -
 - L. Keywords (3 to 5) -
5. The abstract structure should not exceed 350 words.
6. The content of the abstract should be accurate, brief, clear, organized, self-contained, and in American (US) English language.
7. Abstracts will be submitted in Competitive category. It should follow the IJOT guidelines.
8. The equator conference abstract checklist and sample abstract are available at :

https://journals.lww.com/iopt/Documents/2.%20IJOT_Author%27s%20Guidelines_19.03.2025_Final.pdf

Instruction for Submission



SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Scientific papers are invited, which describes and emphasizes the development in areas of education/academics, clinical practice, and policy decision making in occupational therapy.
2. Registration for the conference is mandatory for presentation.
3. The research work to be presented should be novel with sound scientific reasoning and pertaining to occupational therapy.
4. Preparation of the scientific paper should be based on "Guidelines to Authors for Submission" that can be obtained from IJOT website : www.ijotonweb.org/contributors.aspx
5. All papers should include self-checked plagiarism report from authentic Plagiarism Check Software such as: iThenticate a product of Turnitin or any other reliable & authenticate software available with the authors' institution.
6. Total time allotted for each oral paper presentation is only **8 minutes.**

Preparation for Oral Scientific Paper Presentation



SLIDE DESIGN & FORMAT

1. Set the slide size of the page to “On-screen show” and landscape orientation. Use standard slide size (4:3). Presentations should be in Microsoft Office PowerPoint version 2010-2013 in .ppt or .pptx format only or higher version.
2. Use high-contrast but minimal colors for lettering; do not place too much text on each slide. Prefer info-graphics, tables, graphs, flowcharts and short key messages.
3. Presentations can be text, figures, charts, tables, images, and artwork.
4. Do not use special fonts which are not part of the standard PowerPoint package.
5. Total number of slides should not exceed 20 slides. Font style can be Times New Roman/Arial/Cambria with at least 1.5 line spacing. Title 32 or 36; main headings 28; sub-headings 24 or 20; footnotes/references 10 to 14.

General Guidelines for Student Events



STUDENT PARTICIPATION

1. Student Members from OBIAOTA recognized OT colleges only can participate in the competitive category.
2. Students' sessions are exclusively for undergraduate students and participation by postgraduate students in any form will disqualify the team from the competitive category & the team may then continue to participate in non-competitive category.
3. Entries are encouraged from each OT College in Poster, reels and Street Play categories.
4. Registration for the Students' events is mandatory in respective competitive categories i.e., Poster, Street play and reels.
5. Faculty in charge from the respective college should send the list of participants in Students' event with the conference registration numbers of the students duly signed and stamped to
scientificchairpersonootcon@gmail.com
6. The number of student participants for poster/street play/reels in each category should not exceed 10. Only 2 participants from the team shall be allowed to present the Poster.
7. Each institute should nominate a staff coordinator for the student events. Nomination is to be done by the HOD of the institute.
8. All communication with the institutes will be strictly via official mail id of the institute.
9. WhatsApp communications will not be entertained.

Poster • Street Play



STUDENTS' POSTER

1. The poster should be in portrait orientation with the size of 4 feet (height) × 3 feet (width).
2. The poster should be **2 dimensional** on a plain chartcard paper. Pop-ups or any hangings from the poster will not be allowed.
3. Theme for Poster : **RESTORE, REHABILITATE & RECONNECT**
Occupational Therapy: Enabling Life Beyond Limitations
4. Three dimensional Posters will be disqualified.
5. Participants are encouraged to present evidence-based information to showcase the poster theme.
6. In case of any violation of rules, the team shall be disqualified from the competition. However, the team may be allowed to present the poster under the non-competitive category.
7. The poster should be self-made and use of manual drawings, paintings or photographs. Copyrighted materials from the Internet will not be allowed.
8. Each student can participate in one poster group, not in multiple groups.
9. A maximum of **5 Posters** can be submitted by a College/institution.



STUDENTS' STREET PLAY

1. Street play should be composed, based on the theme of **"Reconnecting lives : Occupational therapy in mental health – from recovery to meaningful participation."**
2. The street play should be in English or Hindi or Odia.
3. Use of local slang and common expressions are allowed.
4. The use of placards is allowed.
5. A Maximum of **2 entries** from College/Institution is **encouraged**
5. No props allowed.
6. Street play should be composed, based on current evidence-based knowledge, gelled with creativity and extravaganza. The time limit for each street play is **7 minutes**.
7. In case of any violation of rules, the team shall be disqualified from the competition. The decision of the comparison/scientific program committee will be final.

General guidelines for Reels Competition



REELS

1. The reel should be based on the theme **"From Surviving to Thriving: The New Era of Oncological Rehabilitation"** and should creatively highlight Oncological rehabilitation and the role of Occupational Therapy.
2. The reel should be original, evidence-based, and relevant to the theme, incorporating creativity, awareness, and meaningful messaging.
3. The duration of the reel should not exceed **3 Minutes** and should be recorded in vertical/portrait format (9:16) with good audio and video quality.
4. Maximum entries from a College/Institutions should not be more than **4**.
5. Participate you are storytelling, role play, demonstrations, animation, voice-over, music, costumes, props, or placards, provided they are appropriate and relevant to the theme.
6. The use of copyrighted music, photographs, videos, or other materials without appropriate permission is not allowed. Previously published or submitted reels will not be considered.
7. The reel should not contain vulgarity, offensive language, discriminatory content, insensitive portrayal of individuals with cancer, or any patient-identifiable information without appropriate consent.
8. In case of any violation of the rules, the entry shall be disqualified from the competition. The decision of the Chairperson, Scientific Programme Committee regarding eligibility, rule violations, and final results shall be final and binding.



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FINAL DATE SUBMISSIONS

1	Research abstracts	5 th October 2026 (Extended)
2	Confirmation of Institute participation	10 th October 2026
3	Full scientific papers	15 th October 2026
4	Students' Poster & Street Play, Reels- Registration	15 th October 2026

Contact Details for Further Information and Enquiry

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