

**Report of the 7th Annual Conference of The Telemedicine Society of India, Odisha Chapter (Oditelecon 2018) held at District Collectorate, Keonjhar, Odisha on 22nd April, 2018**

The 7th annual conference of The Telemedicine Society of India (TSI), Odisha Chapter (Oditelecon 2018) was organized by TSI, Odisha Chapter with support from District Administration, Keonjhar. The Indian Medical Association, Keonjhar branch also extended its support to organize the event. The venue for the conference was District Collectorate, Keonjhar. The conference was held on 22nd April 2018. The theme of the conference was “Use of telemedicine as a health care delivery tool”. 102 delegates attended the conference. Dr. B N Mohanty was the organizing chairman and Dr. A K Mohanty was the organizing secretary of the conference. Dr. S Gadanayak, CDMO, Keonjhar was the chairman of the reception committee.

A workshop on “Basics of Telemedicine” was held from 9.00am to 11.00am. Dr. S K Mishra, past-president of TSI was the convener of the workshop. VC System and its utility in telemedicine was explained by Mr. Heera Lal and Mr. Ankur Karanwal from Sony India Pvt. Ltd. Mr. S S Narwariya from CDAC, Pune spoke on telemedicine hardware and software. Mr. S K Behera, Sub Divisional Engineer (Enterprise Business Cell), BSNL, Odisha circle, Bhubaneswar talked on terrestrial connectivity for supporting telemedicine services.

The conference was inaugurated by Mr. Ashish Thakare, IAS, Collector & District Magistrate, Keonjhar. Mr. A K Sangal, President, Telemedicine Society of India was the Guest of Honour in the inauguration function. Dr. Sibananda Mohanty, President of Odisha Chapter presided over the function.

Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Joint Secretary-cum-Treasurer of TSI delivered a lecture over skype from Bangalore on “Remote care of Diabetic Foot”. The invited speakers for the conference were Mr. A K Sangal from Chandigarh, Prof. S K Mishra from SGPGIMS, Lucknow; Prof. S N Senapati from Regional Cancer Center, Cuttack; Prof. I B Kar from SCB Dental College, Cuttack and Prof. M K Mandal from VIMSAR, Burla.

For the first time in Oditelecon an Industry Session was introduced. Mr. Jayakishor Bhanja, CEO, Health Bot Pvt. Ltd. talked on ‘Improving Outreach and Outcome of Healthcare in Odisha Using Technology’. Dr. Sabahat S. Azim and Mr. Jayanta Basu from Glocal Healthcare Systems Private Limited, Kolkata spoke on ‘Digital Dispensary, the solution to primary healthcare-Odisha experience’. Dr. Sarthak Patnaik, from LyfLink, Bhubaneswar spoke on ‘Digital healthcare- simplified’.

. Dr. Sibananda Mohanty from Dist. Hqs. Hospital, Baripada, Dr. Ayan Roy from Tata Steel Hospital, Joda and Dr. Anusaya Das from Satya Sai Telemedicine Seba Kendra Bhubaneswar talked on their experiences on the use of telemedicine facility in their institutions.

A panel discussion on ‘Use of telemedicine as a health care delivery tool’ was held in the afternoon moderated by Dr. B N Mohanty, past-president of Telemedicine Society of India. The panelists were Dr. Biswajit Mohapatra from Rourkela representing Private Health Institutions of Odisha;

Dr.Prabeer Ch.Mohanty from AIIMS, Bhubaneswar representing Central Govt. Health Institutions in Odisha and Dr.Umesh Ch.Sahoo from Keonjhar representing Indian Medical Association in Odisha. .

There were 20 speakers in the conference from 20 different organizations. Medical professionals and paramedical personnel from Dist.Hrqs. Hospital, Keonjhar; Tata Steel Hospital, Joda; few other nearby hospitals; Indian Medical Association, Keonjhar branch and Badbil branch attended the conference in good number. Telemedicine nodal officers and telemedicine technicians from Govt. Medical College Hospitals & District Hrqs. hospitals also attended the conference. Govt. permission was granted to all of them with provision of TA for attending the conference.

The Annual General Body Meeting of The TSI, Odisha Chapter was held on the same day at 1.30pm.The following life members of TSI were unanimously elected as office bearers of the Odisha state chapter for the term 2018-2019.

President:	Dr.Surendra Nath Senapati, Cuttack
Immediate Past-President:	Dr.Sibananda Mohanty, Baripada
President-elect:	Dr.Prabeer Ch. Mohanty, Bhubaneswar
Vice-President:	Dr.Manoranjan Patnaik,Cuttack
Secretary:	Dr.Arun Kumar Mohanty, Cuttack
Jt.Secretary-cum-Treasurer:	Dr.Kaushik Mishra, Koraput
Executive Members:	Dr.Pranab S Dash, Baripada Dr.Srikanta Patnaik, Bhubaneswar Dr.Arпита Priyadarsini, Cuttack,

Oditelecon 2018 made the following recommendations:

1. The members of Indian Medical Association shall use more often ICT support/ mobile health applications to extend reach of health service to common man.
2. Telemedicine start-up companies/organizations working in rural areas are to be supported in all possible ways by the TSI,Odisha Chapter for promotion of rural telemedicine.

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