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Edamuttam, Thrissur, Keralam, India

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Jointly organised by

Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPC) & Alpha Palliative Care

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at Alpha Premises, Edamuttam, Thrissur, Keralam.

Day 1 – Programme

07.00 AM to 08.00AM
08.00 AM to 09.00AM
09.00 AM to 11.30 AM
09.00 AM
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: Breakfast
: Registration
: **World Day Walkathon 2026 & Seminar**
: **A Tour of Alpha Hospice**
: **Walkathon Flag-off**
: **Shri. Mohammad Nadeemuddin IPS**
District Police Chief, Thrissur Rural

Session-1

10.00-11.30 AM

Welcome Speech
Presidential address
Chair

Co-chair
Inauguration

Chief Guest
Additional Chief Guests

Vote of Thanks

: **Compassionate Youth Initiative : Youth Against Drug Addiction**

: Shri. Suresh Sreedharan, Community Director, Alpha Palliative Care
: Shri. K.M. Noordeen, Chairman, Alpha Palliative Care.
: **Prof. (Dr.) Mohanan Kunnummal**, Vice Chancellor,
Kerala University of Health Sciences
: **Dr. P. Raveendran**, Vice Chancellor, Calicut University
: **Shri. Ramesh Chennithala**
Hon. Minister for Home and Vigilance, Keralam
: **Shri. N. Shamsudheen**, Hon. Minister for General Education
: **Shri. Benny Behnan**, Hon. MP
: **Smt. Geetha Gopi**, Hon. MLA
: **Shri. K.K. Valsaraj**, Hon. MLA
: **Shri. K.M. Ashraf**, Sr. Depty. GM & Senior PRO, Manappuram Finance
: **Various Principals from Participating Schools**
: **Smt. K.A. Kadijabi**, Convenor, Alpha Governing Council

Session-2

11.30-12.30 PM

Welcome Speech
Chair
Inauguration

Main Speaker
Discussion

Vote of Thanks
12.30 PM to 01.30 PM

: **Topic: Compassionate communication in the community
– everybody's role.**

: Dr. T.P. Jameela Pareed, Member, Alpha Governing Council
: **Dr. Chitra Venkateswaran**, Founder, Mehak Foundation, Kochi
: **Dr. M.T. Bhatia**, Founder of Palliative Care in India &
Founder Secretary, Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPC)
: **Ms. Gilly Burn**, RGN, Founder Director, Cancer Relief India
: **Dr. E. Divakaran**, Director, Institute of Palliative Care, Thrissur
: **Dr. Seema Rajesh Rao**, Director & Consultant in Palliative
Medicine, Manipal Hospice
: **Dr. Neil John Deuchar**, Clinical Director, Alpha Hospice
: **Dr. Jose Babu**, Medical Director, Alpha Palliative Care
: Lunch

Session-3

01.30 PM to 02.30 PM

Welcome Speech

Chair

Inauguration

Main Speaker

Discussion

Vote of Thanks

: Topic: Role of Youth in Compassionate India

: Shri. Mohamed Rafi, Co-Director, Alpha Hospice

: Smt. Sikha Surendran IAS, District Collector, Thrissur

: Shri. P. Vijayan IPS, ADGP, Law & Order, Kerala Police

: Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Hon. MP, Author &

Former Asst. Secretary General of United Nations

: Prof. (Dr.) D. Mavoothu, VC, M.G. University

: Dr. T. Sajitha Rani, VC, Kerala Agri. University

: Prof. Ciza Thomas, VC, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit

: Shri. Girish Menon, President, Alpha Overseas Council

Session-4

02.30 PM to 03.30 PM

Welcome Speech

Chair

Co-chair

Inauguration

Main Speaker

Discussion

Vote of Thanks

: Topic: Inclusive Education

: CA. Ravi Kannampillil, Trustee, Alpha Charitable Trust

: Dr. Venkittaraman, Career Guru

: Dr. Sunny Kurian, Trustee, Alpha Charitable Trust

: Shri. T.S. Kalyana Raman, CMD, Kalyan Jewellers

: Shri. Roji M. John, Hon. Higher Education Minister

: Prof. Kusumam Joseph, Board Member, SAPC

: Dr. K. Jayanisha, Principal, Sree Keralavarma College, Thrissur

: Dr. C.T. Anitha, Principal, S.N. College, Nattika

: Dr. Fr. Jolly Andrews CMI, Principal, Christ College, Thrissur

: Dr. Sameena Kalathodi, Principal, MES Asmabi College, Kodungallur

: Various Principals from participating colleges

: Shri. V.J. Thomson, Member, Alpha GC

Session-5

03.30 PM to 04.30 PM

Welcome Speech

Chair

Co-chair

Inauguration

Main Speaker

Discussion

Vote of Thanks

: Topic: Life before Death

: Dr. Jose Babu, Medical Director, Alpha Palliative Care

: Dr. Nandini Vallath, Professor & HoD Pain and Palliative Medicine, St. Johns Medical College Hospital, Bengaluru

: Dr. Vineeth Thilakan, Associate Specialist Geriatrician, Kent Community Health, NHS Foundation Trust, UK.

: Fr. Julious Arakkal CMI, Director, Amala Medical College, Thrissur

: Dr. K. Suresh Kumar, Director, Institute of Palliative Medicine, Kozhikode

: Dr. Anilraj K.K, Principal, Govt. Medical College, Thrissur

: Dr. M.A. Andrews, Principal, Jubilee Mission Medical College Hospital, Thrissur

: Smt. V.S. Sheeja, Nursing Supervisor, Alpha Palliative Care

: Shri. Shafeer Karumathra, Member, Alpha G.C.

Session-6

04.30 PM to 05.30 PM

Welcome Speech

Inauguration

Main Speaker

Chair

: Topic: Corporate Social Responsibility

: Shri. Abdul Jabbar, Director, Alpha Hospice CMD, Hotpack Global, UAE

: Shri. Joy Alukkas, CMD, Joyalukkas Group

: Shri. Siddharth Balachandran

Chairman, Indian Business & Professional Council, Dubai

: Shri. O.V. Mustafa, Director, Norka Roots

- Co-chair
 - Discussion
 - Vote of Thanks
- : **Shri. C.V. Rappai**, Director, Norka Roots
 - : **Shri. Saleem V.I**, Executive Director, Lulu International
 - : **Dr. Nazeer Ahmed**, Urologist, Aster Group
 - : **Shri. Devanandan V.P**, Director, Gulf Ocean International Insurance Brokers LLC.
 - : **Smt. Suma Velekat**, Trustee, Alpha Charitable Trust
 - : **Shri. Ayoob Chekkintakath**, CEO, IMEA Technologies FZE, UAE
 - : **Shri. John Mathai**, CMD, Dhanya Group of Companies, UAE
 - : **Dr. Sirajudeen**, Director, Alpha Hospice

Session-6

- 05.30 to 6.30 PM
 - Welcome Speech
 - Inauguration
 - Main Speaker
 - Chair
 - Co-chair
 - Discussion
 - Vote of Thanks
- : **Topic: Business Leaders for Palliative Care**
 - : **Dr. K.K. Mohandas**, Founding Director, Alpha
 - : **Shri. V.P. Nandakumar**
CMD, Manappuram Group & Chief Patron,
World Hospice & Palliative Care International Conference
 - : **Smt. Sheela Kochouseph Chittilappilly**, Director, K Chittilappilly Foundation & Founder, V-Star Creations
 - : **Shri. P.K. Abdul Jaleel**, Executive Director, Best Group
 - : **Dr. Benny Joseph Neelankavil**, CEO,
Jubilee Mission Medical College & Research Institute, Thrissur
 - : **Shri. John Alukka**, MD, Jos Alukkas Group
 - : **Shri. V.S. Sugunan**, CMD, Al-Fal Travels, Qatar
 - : **Shri. Sanoj Herbert**, GM & Chief PRO, Manappuram Finance
 - : **Ms. Aneka Paul**, Palliative Care Consultant, Mumbai
 - : **Shri. Abdul Salam**, Vice President, Malabar Gold & Diamonds
 - : **Shri. Vinod Manjila**, CMD, Manjilas Food Tech Pvt. Ltd.
 - : **Shri. C.A. Shahul Hameed**, Vice Chairman, CII Thrissur Zone
 - : **Shri. Seejo Ponnore**, President, Thrissur Management Association
 - : **Shri. Suresh K. Warriar**, District Governor, Lions International, 318D
 - : **Shri. Joshy Chacko**, District Governor, Rotary International, 3205
 - : **Shri. Rasheed Athira**, Former Secretary, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Dr. Sunny Kurian**, Trustee, Alpha Charitable Trust

- 06.00 to 08.00 PM
 - Welcome Speech
 - Chair
 - Co-chair
 - Inauguration
 - Chief Guest
 - Vote of Thanks
 - 8.30 PM
- : **Cultural Evening**
 - : **Shri. Ramesh T.V**, Secretary General, Alpha Overseas Council
 - : **CA. Ravi Kannampillil**, Trustee, Alpha Charitable Trust
 - : **Shri. R. Balachandran**, Chairman, Buimerc India Foundation
 - : **Shri. Sathyan Anthikkad**, Film Director & Chief Patron, Alpha
 - : **Shri. Jayaraj Warriar**, Cine Artist
 - : **Prof. P.V. Krishnan Nair**, Former Secretary,
Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi
 - : **Shri. Chandramohan**, Governing Council Member, Alpha
 - : **Cultural Programme**
 - : Dinner

Day 2 Programme

- 07.00 to 08.00 AM
 - 08.00 to 09.00 AM
 - 09.00 - 10 AM
 - 10.00 to 01.00PM
 - Welcome Speech
- : Breakfast
 - : Registration
 - : **A Tour of Alpha Hospice Facilities**
 - : **World Hospice and Palliative Care Day International Conference Inaugural Session**
 - : **Shri. V.P. Nandakumar**
CMD, Manappuram Group & Chief Patron,

Chair
Co-Chair

- World Hospice & Palliative Care International Conference
- : **Dr. Geeta Joshi**, President, Indian Association of Palliative Care
 - : **Shri. K.M. Noordeen**, Chairman, Alpha Charitable Trust
 - : **Shri. Mohamed Ali Seashore**, Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Shri. Arif Sayani**, Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Shri. Devanandan V.P**, Director, Gulf Ocean Intl. Insurance
 - : **Shri. Ashraf Ali M.A**, Lulu International
 - : **Shri. Salim M.A**, Group Director – Global Operations, Lulu Retail
 - : **Shri. Saleem V.I**, Lulu International
 - : **Shri. Mohamed Althaf M.M**, Group Director, Lulu Retail
 - : **Shri. M.A. Shanavas**, Lulu International
 - : **Shri. Jacob Thomas IPS** (Retd.) Former DGP, Kerala Police
 - : **Dr. Sunny Kurian**, Trustee, Alpha Charitable Trust
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 - : **Smt. Thahira Noordeen**, Trustee, Alpha Charitable Trust
 - : **Shri. V.A. Hassan**, Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Shri. Shashidharan**, Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Shri. Abdul Jebbar**, Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Shri. Anees Moideen**, Hon. Architect, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Shri. Umakant Sanghal**, Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Shri. Davide Dondena**, Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Shri. Girish Menon**, Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Shri. T.V. Ramesh**, Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Dr. Sirajudeen**, Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Dr. Nazeer Ahmed**, Urologist, Aster Group
 - : **Shri. Faisal Riyas Noordeen**, Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Shri. Abdul Razak Puthiyaveetil**, Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Shri. C.V. Rappai**, Former Director, NORKA
 - : **Shri. Sugunan V.S**, Former Treasurer, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Smt. Kadijabi**, Governing Council Convener, Alpha
 - : **Shri. Thomson**, Governing Council Member, Alpha
 - : **Shri. Chandramohan Nair**, Governing Council Member, Alpha
 - : **Shri. Shafeer Karumathra**, Governing Council Member, Alpha
 - : **Dr. T.P. Jameela**, Governing Council Member, Alpha
 - : **Smt. Anita Bali**, CSR Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Prof. Kusumam Joseph**, Principal, Alpha Inst. of Pal. Sciences
 - : **Dr. Jose Babu**, Medical Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Dr. Neil John Deuchar**, Clinical Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Shri. Suresh Sreedharan**, Community Director, Alpha Hospice
 - : **Adv. V.D. Satheesan**, Hon. Chief Minister of Kerala
 - : **Shri. Suresh Gopi**, Hon.Minister of State Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt. of India
 - : **Shri. K. Muralidharan**, Hon.Health Minister, Kerala
 - : **Shri. O.J. Janeesh**, Hon. Youth Affairs Minister, Kerala
 - : **Shri. K. Rajan**, Hon. MLA & Former Revenue Minister
 - : **Smt. Geetha Gopi**, Hon. MLA, Nattika
 - : **Shri. K.K. Valsaraj**, Hon. MLA, Kaipamangalam
 - : **Shri. Thomas Unniyadan**, Hon. MLA, Irinjalakuda
 - : **Shri. N.K. Akbar**, Hon. MLA, Guruvayur
 - : **Smt. Mary Thomas**, Hon. President, District Panchayath, Thrissur
 - : **Dr. Niji Justin**, Hon. Mayor, Thrissur Corporation
 - : **Smt. Ranjila Giri**, President, Thalikulam Block Panchayat
 - : **Shri. T.K. Ramesh Babu**, President, Mathilakam Block Panchayat
 - : **Shri. P.K. Mohanan**, President, Valapad Grama Panchyat
 - : **Smt. Baina Pradeep**, President, Edathiruthy Grama Panchayat
 - : **Shri. Firosh Kalam**, Trustee, Alpha Charitable Trust
- : Lunch

Inauguration
Chief Guests

Felicitations

Vote of thanks
01.00 PM to 02.00 PM

02.00 PM to 5.30PM: Scientific Sessions

TIME	HALL A	HALL B	HALL C
2:00-2.30 PM	Common Plenary Session: Why Pain Management is a Human Right: Global Perspectives & Local Realities , Dr. Geeta Goshi, President Indian Association of Palliative Care.		
2.30 -3.00 PM	Parallel Focused Lecture- A Peaceful Death is a Human Right: Addressing the crisis of Anticipatory Medication Access at the End of Life in India . Dr. Vineeth Thilakan, Associate Specialist Geriatrician, Kent Community Health, NHS Foundation Trust, UK.	Beyond the Pain Score: Under-standing the whole person (Total Pain) . Dr. Sunil Kumar M.M, Dpty. Director of Education, Pallium India.	Nutrition at End of Life Dr. Amina Kamal, Medical Officer, Alpha Palliative Care
3.00-3.30 PM	Opioid Stewardship . Dr. Raghu S. Thota, Professor, Palliative Medicine, Tata Memorial Hospital (TMC), Homi Bhabha National Institute.	Beyond Pain: Practical Management of Breath-lessness, Delirium, Nausea & Vomiting . Dr. Vineetha Rijju, Pain & Palliative Care Physician, Head of Palliative Dept., Aster Medicity, Kochi.	Tool kit for a Palliative Care Nurse Linsa Selvaraj, Nursing Supervisor, Alpha Kodungallur Centre
3.30-3.45 PM	Tea Break		
3.45-4.30 PM	Common Panel Discussion - The Living will , Dr. Jose Babu, Medical Director, Alpha Palliative Care, Dr. Neil Deuchar, Clinical Director, Alpha Hospice, Dr. Sanghamitra Bora, Secretary, Indian Association of Palliative Care.		
4.30-5.00 PM	Bedside Diagnostics/point of Care Tests in High Dependency Palliative Care and Neuro-rehabilitation-How Far Can We Go Without Moving The Patient? Prof. Geeta Menon, National Clinical Director for Cancer and Diagnostics,NHS,England.	Beyond Analgesics: A Multimodal Approach session to Pain Management. Dr. PraveenKumar. K, Lead Senior Consultant, Pain & Palliative Care, Apollo Hospital, Hyderabad	Journey of a Palliative Care Volunteer: Shri. K.M. Basheer Nilambur
5.00-5.30 PM	The Role of Comprehensive Frailty Assessment and Point of Care Testing in Managing Frailty in a Community / Care Home Setting , Dr Vineeth Thilakan, Associate Specialist Geriatrician, Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust, UK	Beyond Medicines: Integrating Non-pharmacological Approaches to pain management. Dr. Raju Veereswara Head of Academics & Senior Consultant, Sparsh Hospice, Hyderabad	Care Giver Burnout Shri. Pradeep Koottanad President, IAPC, Kerala

06.00 PM to 08.00 PM

Welcome

Presidential Address

Inauguration

Keynote address

Chief Guests

Award Recipients

: Honouring the Pioneers

: Dr. Sangamitra Bora, Secretary, IAPC

: Shri. K.M. Noordeen, Chairman, Alpha Palliative Care

: **Shri. V.E. Abdul Gafoor**, Minister for Fisheries, Harbour Engineering & Social Justice

: **Dr. Geeta Joshi**, President, IAPC

: **Padmasree Azad Moopen**, Managing Director, Aster DM Healthcare

: **Shri. V.P. Nandakumar**, CMD, Manappuram Group & Chief Patron, World Hospice & Palliative Care International Conference

: **Dr. M.T. Bhatia**, Pioneer Palliative Care Physician in India

: **Ms. Gilly Burn**, RGN, Founder Director, Cancer Relief India

: **Dr. K. Suresh Kumar**, Founder IPM, Kozhikode

: **Ms. Harmala Gupta**, Founder-President, CanSupport, Delhi

: **Dr. Dinesh Chandra Goswami**, Med. Dir., Guwahati Pain & Palliative Care, Assam

Felicitation

: Dr. Rohit Lahori, In-charge, Pain & Palliative Care Unit Govt. Hospital, Jammu

: Dr. Mami Parija, Founder-President, Amrit Dhara Palliative Care Trust, Odisha

: Dr. Gayatri Palat, Asso. Prof., MNJ Institute of Oncology and RCC, Hyderabad

: Dr. Chitra Venkatesh, Clinical Director, Mehac Foundation

: Ms. Aneka Paul, Palliative Care Consultant, Mumbai

: Dr. Neil John Deuchar, Clinical Director, Alpha Hospice

Vote of Thanks

: Gala Dinner & Cultural Programme

08.00 PM to 09.00 PM

Day 3 Programme

07.00 AM to 08.00 AM

: Breakfast

08.00 AM to 09.00 AM

: Registration

09.00 AM to 12.30 PM : Scientific Sessions

TIME	HALL A	HALL B	HALL C
9:00–9:30 AM	Common Plenary Session: Palliative Emergency Response Unit (PERU) - A Novel Approach to Urgent Palliative Care. Dr. Ann Elizabeth Martin, Lead Doctor (Quondam), Alpha Hospice; Mrs. Elizabeth Lidya D'Silva, Lead Nurse, Alpha Hospice; Dr. Neil Deuchar, Clinical Director, Alpha Hospice.		
9:30–10:00 AM	Psychological Approaches in palliative care. Anamika Pandey, Freelance Clinical Psychologist & Executive Committee member IAPC	Ethical Issues in Palliative care. Dr. Sanghamitra, Secretary, IAPC	"Ashis Thrive": A Pilot Project for an Evaluation of Psychosocial Interventions to Improve Wellbeing and Resilience in Elderly People with Frailty. Presented by Thahira Mujeeb, Manager, Ashis Care Home; and Azna Ismail, Lead Social Worker, Alpha Hospice.
10:00–10:30 AM	Communication. Dr. Biju Raghavan, Head Senior Consultant Palliative Medicine, Rajagiri Hospital, Kalamassery, Ernakulam	Spirituality. Col. Yashvant Joshi, NGO Chair Volunteer & Freelancer.	Intensive Care in Palliative Home Care Diji Varghese, Nursing Supervisor, Alpha Paravur Centre
10:30–10:45 AM	Tea Break		
10:45–11:00 AM	Video messages from Wayne de Leeuw, Chief Executive, Dorothy House Hospice Care, U.K, Rekha Vijayshankar, Specialist Palliative Care Lead, St Bartholomew's Hospital London, UK and Ros Alstead OBE, Former Director, Nursing and Clinical Standards, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, UK and Senior Nursing Advisor, Alpha Hospice.		
11.00–11.30 AM	Common Panel Discussion: An International Advisory Panel for Palliative Care (IAPPC) Multi-directional Learning for World - class Hospice and Palliative Care Prof. Geeta Menon, National Clinical Director for Cancer and Diagnostics,NHS, England and Dr. Neil Deuchar, Clinical Director, Alpha Hospice.		
11:30 AM–12:00 PM	Non-cancer Conditions-Heart Failure, COPD, CKD. Dr. Geeta Joshi, President, Indian Association of Palliative Care.	Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation Approaches. Shri. Jithin Mathew, Chief Physiotherapist, Alpha Palliative Care & Associate Professor, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences.	Dialysis: A part of Palliative Care Shri. Githun George & Team
12:00–12:30 PM	Compassionate Leadership. Prof. Geeta Menon, National Clinical Director for Cancer and Diagnostics, NHS, England.	Building Supportive Care Networks. Azna Ismail, Lead Social Worker, Alpha Hospice with Dr. Neil Deuchar.	Good Death Dr. Jose Babu, Medical Director, Alpha Palliative Care

01.00 PM

Welcome Speech

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Chief Guest

Felicitation

Closing address

Vote of thanks

02.00 PM

02.30 PM- 05.00 PM

: Closing Ceremony

: Dr. Sanghamitra Bora, Secretary, IAPC

: IAPC Theme Song

: **Shri. V.P. Nandakumar**, CMD, Manappuram Group & Chief Patron,
World Hospice & Palliative Care International Conference

: **Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan**

Hon. Speaker, Kerala Legislative Assembly

: **Shri. T. Narayanan IPS**, DIG, Thrissur Range

: Dr. Neil John Deuchar, Clinical Director, Alpha Hospice

: Dr. Geeta Joshi, President, IAPC

: Shri. K.M. Noordeen, Chairman, Alpha Palliative Care

: **Dr. Jose Babu**, Medical Director, Alpha Palliative Care

: Alpha Theme Song followed by National Anthem

: Home Care Visits (Optional)

Day 4 Programme

(Optional)

Recreational Activities:

To include sightseeing of local attractions, backwater tour, waterfall visit



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