



# AUTISM 360

A 360° view of Autism Across the Life Span

## Scientific Programme



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### Session 1: Keynote - Autism in 2026:

#### What Clinicians Need To Know

By Dr. Shoba Srinath

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### Session 2: Early Clues And Hidden Patterns: Through A Developmental Lens

Speaker

**Dr. Maya Thomas**

Professor & Head

Paediatric Neurology Unit

Christian Medical College Vellore

Chair

**Dr. Sumita Danda**

Professor & Head

Department of Medical Genetics

Christian Medical College Vellore



### Session 3: Hidden In Plain Sight:

#### Comorbidities in Autism (Child & Adolescent)

Speaker

**Dr. John Vijay Sagar Kommu**

Professor & Head

Department of Child and Adolescent  
Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru

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**Dr. Priya Mammen**

Professor & Former Head

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Unit  
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### Session 4: Hidden In Plain Sight: Comorbidities in Autism (Adult)

Speaker

**Dr. Varghese P. Punnoose**

Principal & Professor

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### Session 5: What If Your Next Autism Research Paper Is Already In Your OPD?



Speaker  
**Dr. Suhas Chandran**  
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**Dr. John Vijay Sagar Kommu**  
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### Session 6: Panel Discussion Autism Beyond 18: The Road To Adulthood



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