

## India Autism Center organizes International Conference on Autism in Kolkata

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India Autism Center (IAC) is hosting an international conference on Autism on and from January 10 to 12, 2019 at Swabhumi, Kolkata.

Autism, or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects about ten million Indians. As per the data released by World Health Organisation in 2017, nearly 1 out of every 160 children are suffering from ASD globally. It refers to a range of conditions characterized by some degree of impaired social behaviour, communication and language.

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Suresh Somani, Managing Trustee & Chairman, India Autism Center, stated, “The 3-day conference is an effort to answer one of the most pressing public health questions of our time - how to effectively treat individuals with Autism. Experts were specially invited to help care-givers, families and service providers with behaviorally based interventions like applied behavior analysis, behavioral psychology, and positive behavior support that have the most empirical support to autism. The speakers highlighted several key areas for continued focus. These included how quickly a child receives an autism diagnosis, the need for early intervention, and ensuring that families have accurate information about effective treatments.”

The Conference includes subject experts, professionals, researchers, educators and parents from the around the world exchanging ideas on Autism Spectrum Disorder, behaviour therapy, applied behaviour analysis, speech and language therapy, social skills therapy and occupational therapy which can help reduce the difficulties of individuals suffering from Autism while helping them learn new skills and make the most of their strengths.

Around 28 speakers from around the world, globally acclaimed researchers from the medical fraternity like are part of this conference.