



WORLD ELDERS DAY 2026
Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai
CENTRE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING (CLL)
Diploma in Gerontology | Batch of 2026

THEMATIC DIALOGUE | CELEBRATING WORLD ELDERS DAY

THE CARE ECONOMY: RETHINKING SYSTEMS FOR LONGER LIVES

Theme 2026: "The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives"

DATE

Saturday, 3rd October, 2026

TIMING

2:00 PM – 6:30 PM IST

VENUE

Quadrangle, Old/Main Campus, TISS,
Mumbai

PANEL DISCUSSION & KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Theme: Longevity & Care Systems

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM



MODERATOR

Dr. Rekha Bhatkhande

Founder, Dilasa • Session Chair

Pioneering gastroenterologist & advocate in supportive gerontological healthcare.



PANELIST

Prof. Siva Raju

Adjunct Professor, School of Development Studies,
TISS • Renowned Gerontologist • Ex-Dean, TISS

Retired Professor from TISS; seminal national researcher on demographic aging.



PANELIST

Mr. Valerian Pais

Joint Director-Program- Maharashtra & Goa, HelpAge India

Grassroots civil society leader in elder rights advocacy & protection frameworks.



PANELIST

Dr. Saigita Chitturu

Faculty, CLL, TISS • Ph.D. in Social Work

20+ years' expertise in social gerontology, intergenerational bonding & policy design.



SPECIAL SESSION • 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Primla Hingorani | Fondly also known as 'Google Aunt 72'

Celebrated marathon runner & fitness inspiration | An empowering talk on ageless vitality, mental resilience & active living.

INSPIRATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Inauguration & Welcome Welcome address, invocations, and introductory framing of World Elders Day.	CLL, TISS
2:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Panel Discussion: Longevity & Care Systems FEATURED Dr. Rekha Bhatkhande (Mod), Prof. Siva Raju, Mr. Valerian Pais, Dr. Saigita Chitturu	Expert Panel
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM	Special Session: Primla Hingorani (Google Aunty 72) SPOTLIGHT Inspirational address by Mumbai's iconic marathoner on lifelong fitness, vitality & mental resilience.	Special Guest
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Engaging Activity & Participatory Dialogue Interactive experiential sessions, quizzes, and intergenerational dialogue with elders.	Students of Gerontology
5:00 PM – 6:15 PM	Celebratory Cultural Event Performances by Senior Citizens, Gerontology class, Faculty members of TISS, etc. and Open Floor for Music & Dance celebration.	CLL, TISS
6:15 PM - 6:30 PM	Networking and Refreshments High tea, fellowship, and dialogue across generations.	CLL, TISS

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