



# 35th International Congress on Occupational Health



 **14th - 19th February, 2027**



 **JIO World Convention Centre, Mumbai, India**

**Congress Theme: "Occupational Health, Safety & Environment –  
Growth and Sustainability in Changing Times"**

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# WELCOMES YOU...

## Message from the **ICOH President**

### ***A Journey Toward Global Responsibility for Workers' Health and Safety***

Dear esteemed colleagues in occupational health, safety and environment, The International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH), the oldest scientific association in the field of occupational health and safety, has been at the forefront of advancing occupational health and safety since its establishment in 1906. Today, ICOH has over 2,000 individual and collective members across more than 100 countries, making it a leading global voice in the promotion of health and safety in the workplace. As a non-governmental organization (NGO) recognized by the United Nations, ICOH maintains a close working relationship with esteemed international organizations such as the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).



The ICOH Triennial Congress, a hallmark event since the organization's inception, serves as a comprehensive, diverse and professionally enriching conference, reflecting the latest advancements in the field of occupational health and safety. This esteemed event is supported by 37 specialized scientific committees, ensuring that every aspect of occupational health and safety, from traditional areas such as accident prevention, toxicology and epidemiology to emerging issues like psychosocial risks, informal sector employment, and global health inequities, is explored.

The ICOH Congress provides a platform for professionals from all areas of occupational health and safety to come together, share knowledge, and collaborate. Participants include physicians, nurses, epidemiologists, safety specialists, hygienists, toxicologists, psychologists, ergonomists, economists, social workers, human resources staff, government officers, and many others who are working to improve the health and safety of workers worldwide. The integrated and up-to-date knowledge disseminated at the Congress greatly enriches the professional development of all attendees.

The Congress proceedings are published in prominent international journals with high Impact factor, contributing to the ongoing advancement of occupational health, safety and environment research and practice.

As the President of ICOH, I would like to extend a warm invitation to all professionals working in the field of occupational health, safety and environment –regardless of their specific discipline or background—to join us at the ICOH 2027 Congress in Mumbai, India, from 14th to 19th February 2027. This will be an invaluable opportunity to meet, share wisdom, and collaborate on improving the health and safety of workers globally.

***We look forward to seeing you in Mumbai!***

**Professor Seong-Kyu Kang**

President of ICOH

Professor of Gachon University Gil Medical Center, Incheon, Republic of Korea

## Scientific Programme

The six-day programme will include all the traditional features of ICOH Congresses: plenary, semi-plenary, special and oral sessions, the policy forum, poster presentations, workshops and symposia.

Participants will share and discuss present and future challenges and opportunities in the fields of occupational health.

## Message from the Organizing Chairperson

The Indian Association of Occupational Health (IAOH) cordially invites you to participate in ICOH 2027 – 35th International Congress on Occupational Health, which will be held from the 14th to 19th February 2027 at the JIO World Convention Centre in Mumbai, India. This will be a significant event for the 5th largest economy in the world – India, as this will be the first time that this event will be hosted by India in more than 120 years history of ICOH. The Indian Association of Occupational Health (IAOH), which is affiliated to ICOH, is the largest not for profit professional organization in India.



IAOH is active in the discipline of occupational and environmental health and is committed to the promotion of health & safety at work. Established in 1948, IAOH has 21 branches and more than 3000 members.

The Congress will deliberate on the theme “Occupational Health, Safety & Environment – Growth and Sustainability in Changing Times”. Global experts from research and practice will gather together with the primary objective of sharing their knowledge and experiences as well as learning and implementing the latest developments in the study, practice and research in the Occupational Health, Safety and Environment (OHS&E) domain.

The six-day Congress will bring together an interdisciplinary group of scholars, graduate students, researchers, experienced professionals, decision-makers, managers and global OH, S&E leaders including experts who will share their best practices and research discoveries that will certainly shape the future of our field and help raise the standards of Occupational Health, Safety and Environment.

The scientific programme will address key occupational health, safety and environment issues including Occupational Illnesses in organized and unorganized sectors. Topics like NCDs and occupational health and safety, mental wellbeing at the workplace, HSE and occupational hygiene standards as also UNSDGs and ESG & the use of AI in OH are being planned.

The ICOH 2027 Congress will offer the opportunity to reunite with your colleagues and to expand your network globally to equip you to be effective in your practice.

“Incredible INDIA” which is known for its legendary hospitality where guests are treated as Gods (*Atithi Devo Bhava*), is waiting to welcome you warmly to our country.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Mumbai, the financial & commercial capital of India which has a diverse population covering the cultures of the various Indian States. You will experience a scientific extravaganza and the culinary feast and diversity of India.

**Mumbai awaits you.**

Sincerely yours,

**Dr. Shrinivas Shanbhag**

Chairperson, ICOH 2027 Congress



# ABOUT INDIA

India is a diverse and vibrant country in South Asia, known for its rich cultural heritage, history, and traditions. The country has a mixed economy, being one of the fastest-growing in the world, and is known for its contributions to technology, science, and arts. Its National capital is New Delhi, and its Financial capital is Mumbai.

## India: The Ideal Destination for ICOH 2027

India, the world's fastest-growing major economy and an emerging global superpower, is the perfect destination for ICOH 2027 - 35th International Congress on Occupational Health. With its strategic location, world-class infrastructure, excellent connectivity, and diverse cultural heritage, India promises an unparalleled experience for international delegates.

## Ideal Weather in February

India enjoys pleasant weather in February, with Mumbai experiencing temperatures between 20-30°C (68-86°F). The cool and dry climate ensures a comfortable and enjoyable experience for attendees, allowing for smooth travel and outdoor networking events.

## Tourism in India

From the majestic snow-capped peaks of **North India's serene hill stations** to the **sun-kissed beaches of Goa** buzzing with vibrant nightlife, India offers diverse travel experiences. **Kerala's backwaters** promise tranquil houseboat cruises amidst lush greenery, while thrilling jungle safaris provide **unforgettable wildlife** encounters in dense forests. Meanwhile, **the grand forts of Rajasthan** echo tales of valor and royalty, showcasing the country's rich heritage and architectural brilliance.

## A Culinary & Cultural Delight

India's diverse cuisine offers a unique culinary experience, from Mumbai's famous street food to luxurious fine dining. The country's rich cultural heritage, traditional dance forms, and vibrant festivals create an immersive experience for international visitors.



## Indian OHS Context

India is one of the fastest-growing economies and is currently the fifth-largest economy in the world, projected to become the third-largest economy by 2030. India's population crossed 1.21 billion according to the last government census carried out in 2011 (current unofficial estimates are 1.44 billion+). Of these, 833 million reside in rural area and 377 million reside in urban area. The urban population has been on rise.

Those in working age group are estimated to be 63.6%. More than 92% work in the informal economy, mainly agriculture and services. Less than 8% have jobs in the organized sector. There are more than 400 million active workers with women being a significant and rising contributor. In 2021, 43.96% workforce was working in agriculture, 30.7% in services and 25.34% in industry sector.

India has 16 Laws related to working hours, conditions of services and employment. The major legal provisions for the protection of health and safety are contained in two acts: the Factories Act (1948) and the Mines Act (1952). All these laws have been merged into an OSH code in 2019 which is to be implemented shortly. Indian government has adopted a National Policy on Safety, Health, and Environment at Work.

Currently, respiratory and musculoskeletal health issues are dominating the occupational health spectrum in India. However, diseases like non-communicable diseases and mental health issues are rising and will dominate the workplace scenario in future. There is a gross shortage of occupational health experts in India. The nodal institute in India conducting occupational health research in India is the ICMR-National Institute of Occupational Health, Ahmedabad. In addition, several other institutes including medical colleges contribute to occupational health research.

The most important OSH needs in India are: 1. Legislation to extend OSH coverage to all sectors of working life & the unorganized sector; 2. Spreading the awareness about OSH among stakeholders; 3. Development of OSH infrastructure and OSH professionals. 4. Integration of occupational health with primary health care.

# ABOUT MUMBAI

Mumbai, the capital city of Maharashtra, is India's financial and entertainment hub. Located on the west coast, it's known for its bustling streets, iconic landmarks like the Gateway of India, vibrant culture, and Bollywood film industry. As a major port city, it's also a key commercial centre, blending colonial architecture with modern skyscrapers.



## Connectivity & Transportation

- **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai** is one of India's busiest, offering extensive domestic connectivity to major cities like Delhi, Bangalore, and Kolkata. **Internationally**, it connects to key global hubs, across **North and South America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia, with major airlines like Air India, Emirates, and British Airways** operating frequent flights, ensuring seamless access for international attendees.
- **App-based cabs like Uber and Ola** offer convenient commuting across the city.
- Mumbai's transportation network includes **local trains** linking suburbs to commercial hubs, with **Metro and Monorail**, providing rapid transit on selected routes and coastal areas.



## Safety & Security

India has made significant strides in ensuring the safety and well-being of international visitors. Mumbai, as one of India's safest cities, offers 24/7 surveillance, a strong security system, and dedicated tourist support services. The country has implemented robust health and safety protocols, making it a secure destination for large-scale international events.



## VENUE

# JIO WORLD CONVENTION CENTRE

**JIO World Convention Centre**, located in Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), Mumbai, is one of India's largest and most advanced convention centres. It features state-of-the-art facilities, including expansive exhibition halls, conference rooms, and a grand auditorium. Known for hosting international events, conferences, and cultural shows, it combines modern architecture with premium amenities.



### Where Events Come To Life

With an area totalling 1,03,012 sq. m., Jio World Convention Centre is India's foremost venue for best-in-class exhibitions, conventions, meetings and social events.



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Modular Halls



**25**

Conference Rooms



**1**

Ballroom

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