



MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF INDIA

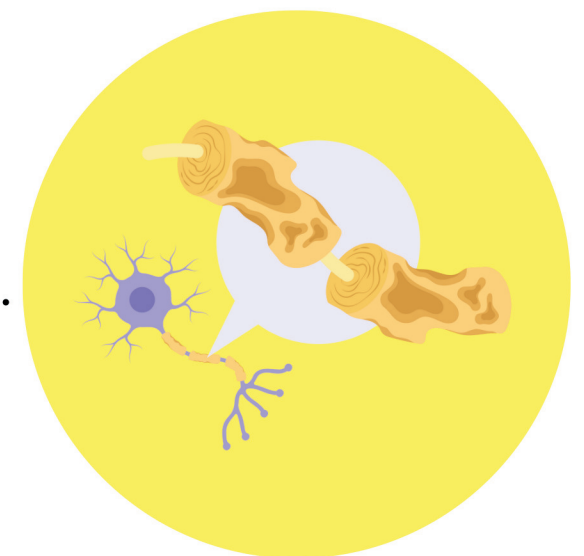
INSIGHTS TO MSSI

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF INDIA (MSSI)

Established in 1985, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of India (MSSI) is a national nonprofit organization affiliated with the global network Multiple Sclerosis International Federation (MSIF). MSSI is the sole patient welfare society dedicated to enhancing the lives of Persons with MS (PwMS) in India, prioritizing their rights and advocating for access to policy benefits and services at both national and regional levels.

WHAT IS MS?

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic neurological condition affecting the brain and spinal cord, resulting in varied symptoms such as vision, movement, and sensation issues. The impact varies among individuals, and with ongoing treatment and symptom management, most people with MS can lead a normal life.

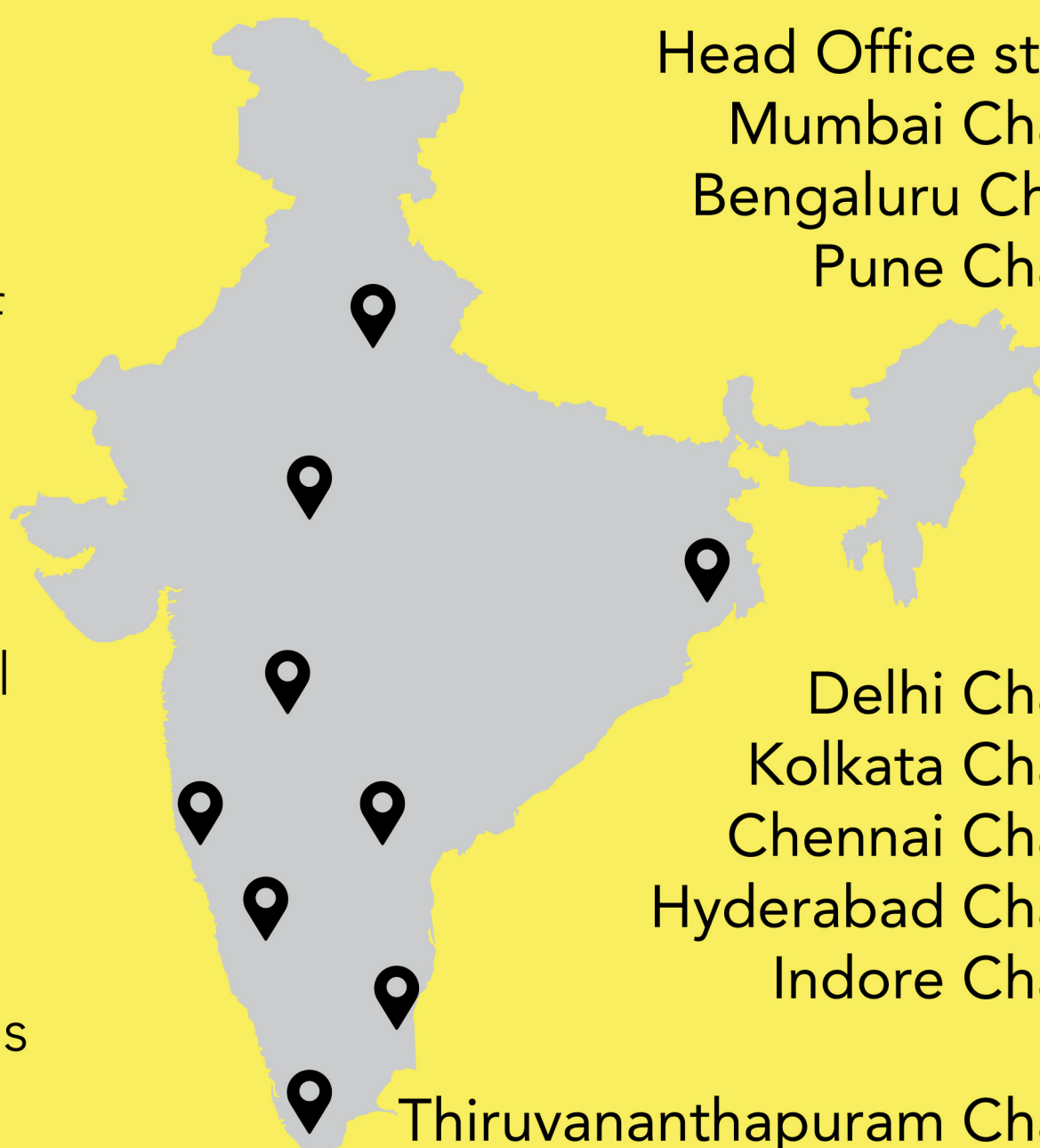


MSSI STRUCTURE

We operate at two levels. Head Office ensures regional issues and voices are brought to the national platform. We work in consultation with the Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee of leading neurologists. At the Chapter level, we provide services to our registered members to help cope with their condition better

INDIA MS MAP

The India MS Map, a crowdsourced initiative, aims to study MS prevalence in India. Lack of data hinders access to affordable treatment and policy formulation, leaving persons with MS unaccounted for in national health, insurance, and government policies. The India MS Map serves as a powerful advocacy tool to ensure no person with MS is left behind.



Head Office started : 1985
Mumbai Chapter - 1985
Bengaluru Chapter - 1987
Pune Chapter - 1989

Delhi Chapter - 1989
Kolkata Chapter - 1990
Chennai Chapter - 1997
Hyderabad Chapter - 2005
Indore Chapter - 2011

Thiruvananthapuram Chapter - 2021



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Head Office Key functions

- National level advocacy with multiple stakeholders : Government ministries & agencies, Public & Private sector
- Building awareness on MS
- Working with policy makers & implementers
- Sensitization workshops
- State level capacity building
- Fundraising
- Expanding the MS Community outreach

Chapters Key functions

- One to one counselling
- Periodic health check ups
- Online doctor-patient interactions
- Home nursing and physiotherapy
- Scholarships
- Creating livelihood opportunities
- Providing walking aids & diapers
- Yoga sessions
- State level advocacy
- Awareness and events

MSSI HEAD OFFICE

MSSI Head Office of seven National Office Bearers (1 President, 2 Vice Presidents, 1 Secretary, 1 Jt. Secretary, 1 Treasurer & 1 Jt. Treasurer) and 9 Governing Council Members (1 member from each Chapter). The national office bearers positions are elected for the period of 3 years, whereas, the governing council members are nominated by each Chapter for the same tenure. MSSI HO Team (2024-2027):

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Vice President
4. Secretary
5. Jt. Secretary
6. Treasurer
7. Jt. Treasurer

GC Member of:

- a) Bengaluru
- b) Chennai
- c) Delhi
- d) Hyderabad
- e) Indore
- f) Kolkata
- g) Mumbai
- h) Pune
- i) Trivandrum

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MSSI NATIONAL YOUTH WING (NYW)

The National Youth Wing (NYW) is an integral part of MSSI HO, operating under the guidance of the Governing Council Members. There is no set limit to the number of NYW members. The age limit for NYW members is under 40 years.



NYW, aligned with MSSI HO, focuses on national projects falling into three categories:

1. Awareness & Advocacy: NYW raises awareness about MS through social media campaigns and webinars. They also advocate for better government policies in accordance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act, 2016.



2. Rehabilitation & Livelihood: NYW recognizes the importance of self-sufficiency and well-being of MS Persons by increasing awareness of improved rehabilitation services and opportunities in the disability job sector, thereby empowering individuals with MS to lead fulfilling lives.

3. Fundraising: NYW raises funds to support its project activities through individuals, crowdfunding, or Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) proposals, working towards its goals to fuel the fight for a brighter future.



At present, the following tasks under the above national project categories are being undertaken by NYW:

1. Insights to MSSI: NYW aims to create a document that provides details about MS, MSSI, services, the Head Office, and the National Youth Wing.
2. Inclusion of MS in Health Insurance: NYW aims to bring MS into the purview of health insurance in the country, ensuring financial risk cover for persons with MS.
3. Supportive Therapies for MS: NYW aims at disseminating information on different therapies for MS, improving the quality of life for people with MS.
4. Disability Awareness Series: NYW aims to create awareness about different disabilities through webinars.
5. National Outreach Program: NYW aims to reach out to persons with MS beyond the boundaries of MSSI's existing Chapters.
6. Online Events: NYW aims to organize informative webinars, important events for effective advocacy, and other capacity-building sessions.



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