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Chapal Khasnabis, a Prosthetics and Orthotics Engineer holding a Masters degree in Rehabilitation Science from Strathclyde University, UK and in the process of completing PHD from Trinity College Dublin.

In 1979, started his career with the Ministry of Health and then Ministry of Social Welfare (Government of India).

In 1994, he founded Mobility India, Bangalore to enable, empower and include people with disabilities, everywhere.

Since 2003, he is working in the World Health Organization (WHO). He worked in 10 countries and his work took him to more than 100 countries.

Since 2014, he is leading the WHO's Global Cooperation on Assistive Technology (GATE) initiative to improve access to assistive technology for everyone, everywhere.

In 2018, he facilitated formation of the Global Partnership for Assistive Technology: ATscale.

His current role includes developing the first WHO-UNICEF Global Report on Assistive Technology, very relevant to Gerontechnology.

Chapal Khasnabis will give the opening speech at ISG 2020. It has the title "**Technological and social innovations in products and services for older people**", and ISG 2020 matches the beginning of the WHO initiative "*Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020-2030*" and WHA resolutions on ageing and technology very well.