

# 9<sup>th</sup> InSPA International Conference on School Psychology:

**Empowering Professional Skills  
and  
Competencies**



**14 – 16 November, 2019**



**Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University,  
Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat, India**

## **Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat**

With the tag of the cleanest city in Asia, Gandhinagar is the administrative capital of the Gujarat located on the western bank of Sabarmati River around 25kms from Ahmedabad. Named after the father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, Gandhinagar is the second planned city of India, after Chandigarh. The city is divided into thirty organised sectors, each of them being pedestrian friendly and self-contained. It's more of a people-oriented city, with all the parks, monuments, gardens and grand civic buildings.

Tourists never miss a visit to the Akshardham Temple, built of pink stone and beautiful carving around it. Some of the other places to visit are Gandhi Ashram, Sidi Syed Mosque, Adalaj Ni Vav, Sun Temple at Modhera, Indroda Dinosaur and Fossil Park, Sarita Udyan and the latest addition The Majestic Sabarmati River front.

Gujarat is also very famous for its mouth watering Gujarati cuisine and for the people looking for traditional Gujarati Handicraft a visit to Law Garden and Gujarati Handicraft stores is a must.

## **Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gandhi Nagar**

Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University is located in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. It strives to broaden the opportunities for students with ever increasing industry-academia collaboration. PDPU comprises of four prominent schools namely, School of Petroleum Management, School of Petroleum Technology, School of Technology and School of Liberal Studies. School of Liberal studies offers a four year bachelor degree specializing in the domain areas of Management, Social Science, Humanities, Commerce and Science, Two years Master's programme in Public Administration, Political Science-International Relations, Psychology and English along with Ph.D programmes.

### **Location**

The nearest is the Ahmedabad airport which is 14 kms and the distance from Ahmedabad (Kalupur) railway station is 22 kms.

## **Faculty of Liberal Arts**

PDPU has launched School of Liberal Studies which currently offers a Bachelor degree, Master degree and Doctorate that equips a student to develop an array of intellectual skills, a variety of methodologies and ways of understanding our changing world, and a broad base of varied knowledge. In turn, such a Liberal Education establishes an invaluable foundation for more specialized study in one's major or in one of the professions, and for a life-long affinity for learning and continuing intellectual development. School of Liberal Studies offers Humanities and Social Science courses. Humanities include English and Mass Communication and Social sciences include Psychology, International Relations, Public Administration and Economics. The course imparts classical education in various fields like art, literature, languages, music, dramatics, philosophy, politics, history, law, mathematics, science and general studies. It emphasizes on the need to seek knowledge for promoting intellectual growth, creative expression and rational thought.

## **Indian School Psychology Association (InSPA)**

InSPA is a voluntary non-profit psychological service society. The primary aim of the Association is (i) to develop School Psychology as a sub-discipline, to promote value-based education and training to meet the needs of society, (ii) to promote communication among professionals who are committed to the improvement of the mental health of children in schools, and (iii) to establish Centres and promote high quality School Psychology programmes to meet the needs of specific groups, particularly children and teachers. InSPA is an affiliated association of the International School Psychology Association, USA and Indian Academy of Applied Psychology, India.

InSPA has raised its voice at various platforms to create awareness regarding the need for School Psychology training and services to the school teachers and children. With this mission, we have made a humble beginning by collaborating with like-minded teachers and psychologists who are trained in the field of educational, counselling and clinical psychology with the keen interest in School

Psychology.

The first InSPA national conference was organized at Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur from 26th to 28th November 2011, second national conference was held in Calicut University, Calicut in 2012, third national conference was organized at NIEPMD, Chennai in 2013, fourth international conference on School Psychology was held at Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam in 2014, fifth International conference was conducted at KBP College of Arts and Commerce, Mumbai in 2015, and 6thInSPA International conference was held at Pondicherry University on 13th - 15th October, 2016. 7thInSPA International conference was held at Mysore University on 09th - 11thNovember, 2017 and 8thInSPA International conference was held at Andhra University on 11th - 13th October, 2018. These conferences were conducted with concurrent scientific sessions, presentation of papers, keynote speeches, symposia, workshops, poster session, exhibition of products made by the special children, cultural programmes, social events, interactive sessions and children's assembly.

## **Conference Theme: School Psychology: Empowering Professional Skills and Competencies**

### **Objectives**

The main objective of the conference is to highlight the importance of school Empowering Professional Skills and Competencies among the professional and teachers. The conference structured around the following sub-themes:

- Scope of empowering professional skills and competencies.
- Recent advancements in school psychology competencies.
- Current approaches in skill development among teachers and children
- Curriculum designing for empowering Professional Skills and Competencies
- Best practices in Professional Skills and Competencies

- Empowering Professional Skills and Competencies suitable for Indian Schools
- Eastern and Western models of Professional Skills and Competencies

On each sub-theme of this conference, a team of invited speakers/experts will deliver keynote presentations.

## **Keynote Speakers:**

### **Dr. Barbara Hanfstingl:**

She is a Senior Assistant Professor, University of Klagenfurt, Austria. Her scientific work is directly related to the basic studies of psychology, where she worked in a research project addressing the developmental processes of families over more than 15 years. Her special emphasis is particularly on theory of science, especially of psychological constructs as personality constructs, motivation, and spirituality, and their effects on psychological research.

### **Dr. BalanRathakrishnan:**

He is an Associate Professor in Faculty of Psychology and Education, University Malaysia Sabah. He is specialized in youth and community development program in UMS. He is also the recipient of World Inventor Award from Korea in 2013 in field of research and education (social sciences). His research focuses on youth, creativity, innovation and intervention for social problems for youth.

### **Prof. K. Ramachandran:**

He is a Scientist and Director, Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR), New Delhi. He has acquired specialization in the areas of Experimental and Human Engineering, Aviation Psychology and Environmental Psychology. His vast experience and the credentials invited him to be a member in Human Engineering Panel and Aeronautical Development Research Board. He headed the Experimental & Human Engineering Division and Technical

Coordination Division for a substantially long period of time.

### **Prof. G.P. Thakur:**

He is the former President of Indian School Psychology Association and has three decades of experience in teaching, research and administration. He was the former Dean, faculty of Social Sciences, and Science and Technology at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi. He is presently the Director of Career Planning and Counselling Centre, New Delhi.

### **Prof. P. Jeyachandran:**

He is the member, Rehabilitation Council of India and resource person for School Psychology training programmes. He is the President of Vijay Human Services, Chennai and an expert in the field of mental health.

## **12<sup>th</sup> InSPA General Body Meeting**

The 12th General Body Meeting of the Indian School Psychology Association will held on 14.11.2019 at 12.00 noon at PanditDeendayal Petroleum University, Gandhi Nagar. Prof. B. Mukhopadhyay, President, InSPA will preside over the meeting. InSPA members are requested to send their proposals if any for consideration on or before 15th October, 2019.

## **Leadership Workshop**

The leadership workshop will be held on the first day of the conference between 02.00 and 05.00 pm. The participants are invited InSPA members only.

## **Pre-conference Workshop on School Psychology**

The purpose of this workshop is to enable a practitioner, researcher, or other educational professional/teachers to present specific innovative techniques, methods and tools for psychologists from a practical point of view in relation to the conference theme. This is a three-day workshop on School Psychology Competencies

on 13th November, 2019.

### **i. Three-day Training on School Psychology Competencies (13 – 15 November 2019)**

**Convenor: Dr. Panch. Ramalingam, Pondicherry University,  
Puducherry**

India is a nation depicting unity in diversity. It is the largest democracy with a huge number of students' population. It is a multi-cultural and multilingual fast developing country in the Asian subcontinent. It has multifaceted schooling systems, which cater to the needs of the children. In India, the schools run by the state governments, both in urban and rural areas differ in many respects from the private English-medium schools that draw children largely from economically prosperous families. Thus, the Indian setting today characterized by the existence of schools of various standards, which may be distinguished based on a number of indicators, including teaching methods, physical infrastructural facilities, and policies of administration. Children of these schools need proper psychological guidance to learn and acquire skills and abilities. We strongly believe that School Psychologists alone can provide the necessary professional guidance to children in schools. In this background, the InSPA is moving ahead of setting up its Institute of School Psychology for the purpose of research and training in School Psychology. This a major initiative of InSPA to conduct training programmes by inviting International experts to India. This three-day training is to provide hands on training on school psychological competencies.

#### **Training modules**

- Module I : Theoretical framework of School Psychology
- Module II : Role of school psychologists, Overview of ISPA standards and Code of Ethics
- Module III : Knowing the world of school settings in India, Rules, Acts, Policies and knowing the school settings in India

Module IV : Safe School and friendly accreditation

Module V : Psychological Assessment and Intervention Techniques

Module VI : Yoga and Meditation for school children

## **ii. One-day workshop on Game Based Therapy on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**

**Convenor: Dr. Sarah Manickaraj, Presidency College, Chennai**

Game-based therapy facilitates learning by laying its foundations upon the game: the process more easily followed while the concepts assimilated. The game creates a virtual environment that recreates realistic situations (simulations). This way, users (students) learn to function in a safe context, but with rules, interactivity and feedback. The student accepts rules more easily in a playful environment: following certain rules, students can advance and succeed in the game. If they don't play by those rules, however, they won't beat the levels. It is an efficient training tool because it incorporates gaming elements: challenges, fantasy, motivation, easy achievement metrics (levels, ranking, score), as well as satisfaction by the achievement of goals. The progress through levels, characteristic of game-based therapy and strategies, allow for an increase in the difficulty of achieving certain goals.

## **iii. One-day workshop on Learning Disabilities on 13th November, 2019**

**Convenor: Dr. Lalitha Subramanian, Sri Ramachandra Medical University, Chennai**

Poor academic performance of school children could be due to their inability to attain adequate literacy skills especially related to reading and spelling. Such difficulties could also be an indication of learning disabilities such as dyslexia. Early identification of learning disability demands for timely and effective remedial intervention. Such intervention enables students to cope with academic challenges

better and can make the difference between failing to achieve desired academic outcomes and substantially improved academic performance. School teachers and special educators play an important role in identifying students' learning difficulties, due to their frequent and close classroom contact and observation of students.

### **Children's Assembly**

This is a special event of the InSPA to help and motivate the children. The Children's Assembly will held on the second day of the Conference between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. The children from various places in and around Gandhi Nagararea will assemble and interact with the School Psychology experts. A new concept Memoroid will be introduced to the children. Maximum 300 students between the age group 14 -17 years will be admitted to this session.

Expert: Prof. V.S.R. Vijayakumar. He isFormer Professor, Chairperson- Research & PhD in the Institute of Management Technology, Nagpur. His area of specialization is Organizational Behavior and Psychometric tests.

### **Cultural Event**

Cultural programmes will be arranged in the evening of the first day (6.00 p.m.) followed by dinner.

### **General Assembly**

This is a special event of the InSPA to help and motivate the parents and teachers. The General Assembly will held on the second day of the Conference between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon.

**Expert: Mr. Gunapathy Arumgam, Parenting Educator, Malaysia**

## **InSPA Awards**

To promote School Psychology in India and to acknowledge the contributions and yeoman services by individuals / Institutions, InSPA has instituted some awards, which will be presented annually. Any InSPA member may submit nominations of individuals/ institutions with valuable documents on or before 30th August 2019 for the following awards:

### **i) InSPA Educational Excellence Award**

This prestigious award is conferred on an educational Institution for its remarkable services to the field of School Psychology. The award has been instituted in collaboration with Gujarat Law Society, Ahmadabad.

### **ii) ISPA-InSPA Leadership Award**

This award is conferred on an individual for his/her remarkable leadership services to the field of School Psychology. The award has been instituted by Prof. Janet Muscutt, Secretary, ISPA, United Kingdom.

### **iii) InSPA School Psychology Services Award**

This is bestowed on an individual for his/her remarkable School Psychology services. The award has been instituted with the honour of Indian Institute of School Psychology Research and Training.

### **iv) InSPA - P. K. Subbaraja Trust Best Performance Award**

This prestigious award is given to those who have contributed extraordinarily for the promotion of School Psychology services. The award has been instituted by the P. K. Subbaraja Trust, Rajapalayam, Tamil Nadu.

### **v) Dr. Barbara Hanfstingl - InSPA Best Paper Award**

This award is given annually to the best research paper submitted for presentation in the InSPA annual conference. This

award is instituted by Dr. Barbara Hanfstingl. The best paper(s) will be selected by Dr. Barbara Hanfstingl (Chairperson) and the two nominees of InSPA (Members) based on the conference papers submitted for presentation.

**vi) Prof. Manju Thakur Leadership Award for School Teacher**

This is bestowed on an individual for his/her remarkable School Psychology services in schools. The award has been instituted by Prof. G.P. Thakur, Former President, InSPA, New Delhi.

**vii) Prof. Erika Voigt Young Scientist Award in School Psychology for PhD Research Scholars**

This is bestowed on an individual PhD/MPhil Research scholar for his/her remarkable School Psychology research work/publication/field work. The award has been instituted by Prof. Erika Voigt, School Psychologist, Germany.

**viii) Shri. P. Panchalan – InSPA Best Paper Award**

This is bestowed on a best paper published in the book/journal of the Indian School Psychology Association. The award has been instituted by Dr. Panch. Ramalingam, Secretary, InSPA in memory of his father. A three-member committee consisting of one Governing Council member of the InSPA, Dr. Panch. Ramalingam or his nominee and a member nominated by the Governing Council of InSPA will select the suitable paper of the year for the award.

**ix) Shri. P. A. Sharma Best School Psychology Trainer Award**

This is bestowed on an individual best trainer of the school psychology. The award has been instituted by Prof. Kiran Devendra, New Delhi in memory of her father.

**X) Prof. Devendra Choudhry School Psychology Award for Best School**

This is bestowed on best school of the school psychology services. Prof. Kiran Devendra, New Delhi in memory of her husband, has instituted the award.

## Proposal for Presentation

Proposals invited for symposia (90 minutes), round tables (45 minutes), workshops (90 minutes), individual paper (15 Minutes) and poster presentations (Poster size-30 x 20 inches).

## Submission of Papers for Oral Presentation / Publication

Delegates are requested to submit their abstracts/ papers following APA style on any of the listed sub themes. To ensure a consistent high quality of all the presentations, participants are requested to submit the abstract in 100-200 words. The full text around 5000 words can be sent by email: [inspaindia@gmail.com](mailto:inspaindia@gmail.com).

## Important Dates

• Early bird submission of Abstract/Full Paper Submission	:	31.05.2019
• Last date for submission of Abstract/Full Paper Submission:	:	31.08.2019
• Pre-conference Workshop	:	13.11.2019 between 10.00 am & 5.00 pm
• Three-day Training on School Psychology Competencies	:	(3 days) 13.11.2019 to 15.11.2019
• Inauguration	:	14.11.2019 at 10.00 am
• Leadership Workshop invitees only:	:	14.11.2019 at 2.00 pm
• Cultural Programme	:	14.11.2019 at 6.30 pm
• Children's Assembly:	:	15.11.2019 between 10.00 and 12.00 noon
• Closing Ceremony	:	16.11.2019 at 3.00 pm

The abstracts received on or before 31.08.2019 will be published and distributed to the delegates on the first day of the conference. Selected papers will be published in the form of a book and a separate

notification will be sent to the concerned authors.

### Registration Fee: Regular Registration closes on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019

Sl. No	Category	Dates	Early Bird 31.05.2019	Regular 31.08.2019	Spot
<b>InSPA Members</b>					
1	Faculty and Professional	14-16 Nov 2019	Rs.2000	Rs.3000	Rs.4000
2	Research Scholars and Students	14-16 Nov 2019	Rs.1000	Rs.1500	Rs.3000
3	Three day training on School Psychology Competencies	13-15 Nov 2019	Rs.2000	Rs.3000	-
4	Pre-conference One-day workshop on Game Based Therapy (Dr. Sarah Manickaraj)	13 Nov 2019	Rs.1000	Rs.1500	Rs.2000
5	Pre-conference Workshop on Learning Disability (Dr. Lalitha Subramanian)	13 Nov 2019	Rs.1000	Rs.1500	Rs.2000
6	Accompanying person	14-16 Nov 2019	Rs.1500	Rs.2500	Rs.3500
<b>Non InSPA Members</b>					
1	Faculty and Professional	14-16 Nov 2019	Rs.2500	Rs.3500	Rs.5000
2	Research Scholars and Students	14-16 Nov 2019	Rs.1500	Rs.2000	Rs.4000
3	Three day training on School Psychology Competencies	13-15 Nov 2019	Rs.2500	Rs.3500	-
4	Pre-conference One-day workshop on Game Based Therapy (Dr. Sarah Manickaraj)	13 Nov 2019	Rs.1500	Rs.2000	Rs.2500
5	Pre-conference Workshop on Learning Disability (Dr. Lalitha Subramanian) (Dr. Sarah Manickaraj)	13 Nov 2019	Rs.1500	Rs.2000	Rs.2500
6	Accompanying person	14-16 Nov 2019	Rs.1500	Rs.2500	Rs.3500

7	Accommodation Charges for double sharing	Afternoon of 13 <sup>th</sup> to afternoon of 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 (3 Nights)	Rs.2000	Rs.3000	Rs.3500
8	International Delegates (including accommodation)	Afternoon of 13 <sup>th</sup> to afternoon of 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 (3 Nights)	USD 200	USD 250	-

### Payment of Registration fee

The registration fee along with other fees can be paid by demand draft or online payment to the bank details given below:

Name : **Indian School Psychology Association**

Bank : **Indian Bank**, Lawspet Branch,  
Puducherry - 605 008, India.

Savings Bank account Number is **865221062**

IFSC Code: **IDIB000L007**

### General Instructions

1. Conference presentation of paper will be confirmed, subject to submission of full paper or power point (PPT) to [inspaindia@gmail.com](mailto:inspaindia@gmail.com) on or before 31.08.2019.
2. However, oral presentation does not require to submit full paper. PowerPoint presentation will be accepted.
3. Registered delegates are most welcome to display their posters at the venue of the conference.
4. All suitable full papers would be considered for publication by the InSPA journal/ book and the corresponding authors would be intimated about signed agreement for publication along with the review comments of the papers.
5. A registered delegate alone is permitted to present one paper at a time allotted during the conference and will get

the certificate of presentation at the concerned session of the conference. Presentation of additional papers if any by the same author(s), Rs.1000/- (per paper) has to be paid.

6. Participation certificate will be given for individual delegates. Title of the paper presentation certificate purely based on the book of abstracts. Each paper with the name(s) of the author(s) will be given on one certificate.
7. The accompanying delegate if interested to participate in the conference has to pay accompanying delegate fee.
8. Participation in all the three days are mandatory. There is no provision for one or two-day participation.
9. Transportation facilities are not arranged from airport/ railways station and bus stand. Registered delegates are requested to reach the accommodation venue on their own. On the day of the conference, transport arrangements will be made.
10. The delegates who make online registration payment are requested to produce original receipts of payment for getting the receipt by post or at the specified registration counters. Soft copies and Xerox copies are not accepted.
11. Payment of registration and other fees paid once will not refunded at any cost and will not be adjusted with other delegates.

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