

NEWSLETTER

From the desk of Hon. General Secretary



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Message from General Secretary

Dear friends,

It is really an honour and pleasure to keep communicating with you friends! Our major focus lies on research in mental health and to improve bilateral communication among professionals and the common public.

First, we would like to pay our deepest condolences to the bereaved family on the sad demise of our pioneer Psychiatrist, Late Dharendra Nath Nandi who was our Past President, IPS.

Secondly, we would like to congratulate all our members – chairpersons; co-chairpersons and conveners on their last year's activities and achievements. Also, congratulations to all who have received awards in annual conference or have been recognised for their work in and outside India.

We extend a warm welcome to our newly elected Vice-President: Dr. Ajit Bhide, Direct Council Members: Dr. Abdul Majid, Dr. Kishor Gujar, Dr. Neelanjana Paul and Election Officer: Dr. Prabir Paul.

During the last three months period, IPS has done certain important activities. We, office bearers visited Ranchi on 28-29 January and had productive discussions with the ANCIPS 2017 organizing committee related to the progress and issues related to various accommodations of participants. We also attended CMEs at Mumbai on School Psychiatry; at Kolkata on Insurance in Psychiatry, neuropsychological rehabilitation; at Ahmedabad on addiction & depression.

We take this opportunity to congratulate all active members for their efforts they made in developing the IPS position statement on Mental Health Care Bill and initiatives towards this issue to our MPs and Government officials. Even the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step, and we look forward to your support at each step of the way. Together, we can shape a better tomorrow!

We have tried to incorporate news from all corners of India and efforts are being made that each and every branch & zone of IPS gets due representation in the "IPS NEWS". We are happy to share snapshots of the IPS activities which happened in the first quarter of this year.

We would also like to thank all members of the society and the Executive Council for their continued support for my work during the year, particularly President Dr. (Brig) MSVK Raju, Vice President Dr. Ajit V. Bhide, Hon Treasurer Dr. Mukesh Jagiwal and Hon. Editor Dr. TSS Rao.

Please visit our newly designed website www.indianpsychiatricsociety.org and kindly send us your valuable comments.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family a safe and healthy year ahead and we look forward to catching up with all of you in the month of August at Visakhapatnam for our national Mid-Term CME.

Dr. Gautam Saha
Hon. General Secretary, IPS



Message from President

My dear friends,

Three months vanished into space-time since we last met at Raipur. It is time to look back a bit and look ahead hard in right earnest.

I will be an ingrate if I do not congratulate team ANCIPS 2017 in full measure for the stupendous efforts they made to squeeze out stellar performances from the small bunch of Chattisgarh colleagues. It was because of their strong sense of self efficacy they could showcase a well run conference and in the process took psychiatry into yet another developing area of our country.

Now another region in the heart of the country is getting set to go to give a perspective of Indian Psychiatry. Ranchi and Indian Psychiatry is not story – it is history! I visited Ranchi along with office bearers of our society to get a first hand impression of the ground situation up there. Prof. Daya Ram and his team are making literally earth shaking efforts to give an appropriate setting to ANCIPS 2018. It is heartening to see that they are working hard to iron out things.

Over the past few months we stretched our sinews hard to bring the Mental Health Care Bill to an acceptable form. We met a few cabinet ministers, put across our point of view to people's representatives belonging to all shades of opinion. The bill is now passed without our suggested improvements. It really rankles to find all our efforts were in vain. But there is a brighter side to the temporary setback: we learnt some lessons in the process. I would like to reiterate that our determination and efforts, to see that a citizen- patient and profession friendly Mental Health

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OBITUARY



Prof. Dharendra Nath Nandi

13th August, 1918 – 26th March 2017

Prof. D.N. Nandi graduated in Medicine from University of Calcutta in 1945. He did DPM (Scotland 1961) and MRCP (Edinburgh 1963). Dr. Nandi was President of Indian Psychiatric Society. His contribution towards advancement of Psychiatry and psycho-analysis has been immense. In his demise, we have lost one of our greatest teachers and researchers. May the Almighty give enough strength to the family in this hour of grief.

Message from President

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Care Act and the connected rules emerge, will not flag. I think we are passing for the first time in our history a lot of legislative activity in relation to mental health. We cannot afford to have the luxury to let go the idea that we need to be together to achieve any goal. Our efforts need to be more coordinated and concerted.

For the first time we are focussing on the first citizens of our country. Nothing is beyond us if we apply ourselves: we reached the moon, didn't we? I have no doubt that the Tribal Psychiatry Speciality Section will progress rapidly. All over the world Complimentary and Alternate Medicine is gaining currency significantly because people are accepting it. I think the new speciality Integrative Psychiatry will give a new direction to our clinical practice and research effort. People are watching us.

It was indeed a heart warming experience to interact and exchange views with professional colleagues of the SAARC countries. We carried forward our agenda, in relation to other countries, that was spelt out by me in my presidential address this year at Raipur. At the SAARC executive committee meeting presided by me, I found our colleagues from other countries were quite responsive to our initiatives. We are going to organise the SAARC Psychiatric Federation Conference this year. We also will have the inaugural Commonwealth Psychiatric Federation core committee meeting at the same venue.

It will be a while still to see our website coming out in the shape which we deserve and we desire. I am monitoring closely its progress as well as that of our national headquarters. With so much Intellect and enthusiasm around I do not see why we cannot gambol around at the top of the committee of psychiatric societies and associations before long.

Long live Indian Psychiatric Society.

Dr. (Brig.) M.S.V.K. Raju
President, IPS

From Hon. Treasurer's office:

The membership number of IPS Life Fellow will be **changed from 5 digits to 10 digits**. The nomenclature of new membership number: e.g. **Dr. Harjeet Singh LF 08003 will now be LF 0800032000**. First two numbers (08) denotes first alphabetical letter of the first name; Third to Sixth number (0003) denotes the serial under H series; last four digits (2000) denotes the year of election in IPS. You can check your new membership number in IPS website.

Dr. Mukesh Jagiwala
Hon. Treasurer, IPS

IPS National Body Activities

ANCIPS 2017, Raipur



The 69th Annual National Conference (ANCIPS 2017) in Raipur from January 5–8, 2017 organized by the IPS Chattisgarh State Branch, under the able leadership of Dr. PN Shukla as Organizing Chairperson; Dr. Manoj Sahu as Organizing Secretary; Dr. Mainak Deb Sikdar as Joint Organizing Secretary; Dr. Pramod Gupta as Treasurer and their hard working team left no stone unturned to make ANCIPS 2017 a runaway success, overcoming all the limitations. The Conference was inaugurated by Shri Raman Singh, Chief Minister of Chattisgarh.

AGBM Meeting – Raipur



Office Bearer's Meeting, Ranchi

On 28th–29th January, President Dr. (Brig) MSVK Raju, Vice-President Dr. Ajit Bhide, General Secretary Dr. Gautam Saha visited ANCIPS 2018 venue and had meeting with Organizing Committee



members – Organising Chairperson Prof. Daya Ram, Organizing Secretary Dr. Sanjay Munda, Joint Organizing Secretary Dr. Nishant Goyal and others who briefed the action plan and progress of the national event.

Office Bearer's Meeting at IPS HQ, Delhi

President Dr. (Brig) MSVK Raju, Hon Treasurer Dr. Mukesh Jagiwala visited IPS HQ to discuss the progress of the work of IPS HQ. The IPS appointed office executive Ms. Eureka Kashyap on part-time basis to look after the office work of HQ and society.



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