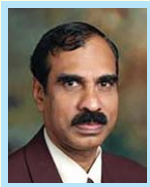




From the desk of
Hon. General Secretary
Indian Psychiatric Society

Indian Psychiatric Society NEWSLETTER



Message from **Hon. General Secretary**

Dear Colleagues,

With humble gratitude, I like to extend my warm greetings to the esteemed members of the Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) for confidence bestowed on me to take up the responsibilities as Hon. General Secretary of the largest body of psychiatrists and mental health professionals in the country. I am really blessed by senior members for all the guidance and suggestions in my journey with IPS.

We all can feel that it's kind of difficult to write, think, or talk about anything these days without focusing on how COVID-19 has changed us and certainly that is true with the Indian Psychiatric Society. As you all know, we lost many colleagues in the battlefield of Covid-19, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to their family members on behalf of all members of Indian Psychiatric Society. They will be sadly missed by all of us, as we all knew and worked with them.

The beginning of this Year-2021 brings the dawn of a new chapter in the Indian Psychiatric Society by celebrating first ever IPS Foundation Day on 7th January 2021 at Patna on the theme 'Mental Health Matters'. Many branches and zones of IPS and members as individuals and the institutions celebrated the first ever IPS Foundation Day. Indeed henceforth January 7th every year will be celebrated as the IPS Foundation Day with the specified themes. Though we had yearlong rough period of pandemic, but on 30th January 2021 we managed to have a wonderful annual general body meeting at Kolkata in first-ever hybrid (physical & online) mode, along with the Presidential Installation Program. On 20th March 2021, the whole team of office bearers and all the EC members with members of the Committees met physically and committed to erasing all the bad memories of the pandemic at the EC Meeting Bhubaneswar in hybrid (physical & online) mode. The Sub-Committees, Specialty Sections and Task Forces have been formed. This newsletter will update about the various activities performed from January to May 2021.

The office of Hon. General Secretary is providing platform to communicate within our society and keep each member informed about the latest happenings at Indian Psychiatric Society. We hope steps taken one by one for communicating through our website (www.indianpsychiatricsociety.org), WhatsApp Committee Members' groups, Bulk Email (generalsecretary@indianpsychiatricsociety.org) and Bulk WhatsApp messages at regular intervals. We are updating the Indian Psychiatric Society in the social media platform like in YouTube (IPS Official <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOP7fSo3EMtzFOvKZghViCg>) and in Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/>)

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Message from **President**

Dear Colleagues,

At the outset I pay my homage to the members who we sadly had to say our final farewell during this pandemic. I offer my pranam to the senior colleagues, all past Presidents of IPS and convey my best wishes and unconditional affection to all my junior colleagues. I am really grateful to all the members of Indian Psychiatric Society for showing immense solidarity, resilience and optimism during the most trying times of this century.

It is only because of your undying love for our society that The Presidential installation ceremony could be conducted beautifully in between the two waves of Covid-19 pandemic. I feel truly blessed that many of my seniors and junior colleagues attended this program from all over India to attend this specially organized programme on 30th Jan 2021. It was a great honour and an auspicious occasion for me as past Presidents like Dr. Gopal Kar, Dr. G. Prasad Rao, Dr. MSVK Raju attended the ceremony. When I accepted the office of the President of Indian Psychiatric Society, little did we realize that the second wave would deter us so profoundly and we will have another round of Lockdown restrictions.

In spite of the challenges and new ways of working enforced on us, all the Committee members of different Sub-Committees, Specialty Sections and Task Forces have been regularly organizing different activities under the aegis of IPS. I am touched, grateful and proud to be your President and firmly believe we will progress significantly in the field of mental health in this year and beyond.

We are already in limelight as International organizations are partnering with us to co-sponsor multiple academic programmes. Truly it was beyond all boundaries of my expectations. It is the future of IPS to be firmly on the International map and liaise with other national and international professional associations.

I would like to highlight a couple of major achievements which are a dream come true for me - A) this year the Academic Course and Certification from IPS has been introduced and very soon we are starting with a short course on Sleep. B) Introduction of Faculty Training in alliance with PG Updation - the committees are working collaboratively and playing a crucial role in involving PGTs from IPS faculty.

IPS is in the process of forming the first ever Ethics Committee under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Ajit Avasthi and Dr. O.P. Singh to help our research team work more effectively. I wish to conduct in-person CME program with post graduate students, which may not be possible in the coming months of pandemic, but I am sure my successor Vice-President Dr. NN Raju will fulfill my dream of conducting the in-person PG program in his tenure as President next year.

In this context I request all the PGTs to become members of IPS and actively participate in the IPS programs and keep the flag of our society flying high. In fact, the mode of virtual professional activities has given us the opportunity to collaborate with the body of International psychiatrists in different online academic programs. With particular

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Obituary



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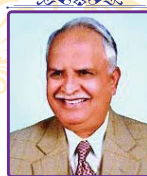
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Kumar Kanti Ghosh
Kolkata - 2 June 2021



Vimal Kumar Kochhar
New Delhi - 10 Dec 2020



Surinder Sihote
Agra - 29 April 2021



OP Gangil
Agra - 22 May 2021



B V Raja Rao
Tirupati - 11 May 2021

Message from Hon. General Secretary (Contd.)

IPSSocialMediaOfficial). I request and welcome you all to come and visit our Website, YouTube channel and Facebook page and please subscribe in large numbers, which will enable IPS to be much more visible and vocal to the society at large. IPS is collaborating very actively with various International Bodies – World Psychiatric Association, GAPIO, IAPA, BIPA and others on one hand and on the other with Central and State Governments. Very actively work is going on to have our own App to showcase the IPS. We intend to bring out a Year Book encapsulating all the vents by year end.

We have introduced new Email (ipsactivityreport@gmail.com) to receive all the reports of the activities of the Zonal, state, local branches and of the Sub-Committees, Specialty Sections and Task Forces in a segregated manner. In our website we have introduced IPS Calendar to showcase all the upcoming events of IPS and most interestingly, this event calendar can be downloaded and synchronized with your mobile / desktop calendar for ready reference. We have made IPS membership online with e-payment to ease the new applicants and existing members. Our Headquarters and the office at Gurgaon are being restructured to make them member-friendly and efficient.

We've learned a lot about virtual education and communications over the last one year, and although we intend to get back to more face-to-face meetings, there are certainly things that will stay with us, post COVID-19.

I invite your precious suggestions to make our society more vivacious and noteworthy. I am looking forward to having the continued support and cooperation of all the members.

Thanking you,
Sincerely Yours,

Dr. T.S. Sathyanarayana Rao
Hon. General Secretary, IPS

Message from President (Contd.)

reference I would like to mention the contribution of our respected senior member Dr. Mohan Issac from Australia who enthusiastically attends almost all the IPS programs. On this positive note I feel that in spite of innumerable limitations, we have remarkably organized and participated in a large number of virtual programs everyday.

I am grateful to the World Psychiatric Association under the leadership of President Prof. Afzal Javed for his brotherly warmth, undying support and professional help for all the members of Indian Psychiatric Society. It is for the first time two important member societies of WPA – Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) and Indian Association for Social Psychiatry (IASP) have joined hands to effectively deliver for the benefit of mental health services in India. I congratulate Dr. Pratap Sharan President IASP in forming the IPS – IASP Steering Committee with me, which all includes the Vice Presidents and General Secretaries of both the organizations.

It is a matter of great glory that our members are occupying coveted posts in the country. Prof Dr. B.N. Gangadhar is the President of the Medical Assessment and Rating Board of National Medical Commission and Dr. Pratima Murthy is the Director of NIMHANS.

I am extremely happy and exceptionally lucky to get a very cordial, active and highly qualified team of office bearers with Vice President Dr. NN Raju, HGS Dr TSS Rao, Hon. Treasurer Dr. KK Mishra, Hon. Editor (my friend) Dr OP Singh, Imm. Past President Dr. PK Dalal, Imm. Past General Secretary Dr. Vinay Kumar, Imm Past Treasurer Dr. Mukesh Jagiwal and all other members of the Executive Council and Extended EC.

Lastly, I pray for the health, safety and wellbeing of all our members, their families and our patients. Please be careful as the expected third wave of Covid-19 is slowly moving forward. Let us stand united in this time of crisis with our eternal bond of fellowship. Please remember I am only a phone call away for any difficulties you may have and I promise to be with you as far as I may be allowed. May the Almighty protect us all.

Long live IPS!

Regards,

Dr. Gautam Saha
President, IPS



Presidential Installation Ceremony



Amidst the stringent protocols of Covid 19 pandemic, Indian Psychiatric Society hosted the Presidential Installation Ceremony in Hybrid Mode, with the venue in Kolkata, India hosting nearly 250 guests and there another 700 guests watched the programme live.

The ceremony marked the installation of Dr Gautam Saha as the President of IPS for 2021- 2022. He took over from Prof Pronob Dalal, who held the reins exceptionally well as President during the unprecedented times of the Pandemic. The occasion was graced by Prof B N Gangadhar , Padma Shri as the Inaugurator and Prof Afzal Javed, President of World Psychiatric Society as the Guest of Honour. Other dignitaries included Prof T S S Rao, Hon Gen Sec of IPS, Prof K K Mishra , Hon Treasurer of IPS , Prof O P Singh, Hon Editor of Indian Journal of Psychiatry and Mr Sanjay Singh, IPS, Additional DIG of West Bengal Govt.

In his welcome speech, Prof O P Singh, cited this as a historic occasion as Dr Saha was being installed as President in his hometown of erstwhile Kolkata, on the Birth Anniversary of Late Girindra Sekhar Bose, a great scientist, rich academician and a prolific writer who had introduced Psychoanalysis in India. This was followed by the Inaugural Song by Dr

Neelanjana Paul and the Virtual Lamp Lighting with Saraswati Vandana. In the Indian Tradition of offering our respect to our teachers (gurus) , a dance recital on Guru Vandana was performed by Dr Rajashree Ray and sung by Dr Sanchari Roy. The Annual Report of the Society was presented



by Prof TSS Rao and the evening proceeded with Presidential Remarks by Prof P K Dalal.

Prof Dalal went on to introduce the New President , with a 10 min documentary - A Walk down memory lane - Memoirs of Dr Gautam

Saha, following which the change of medallion and installation of the New President took place.

Dr Saha outlined the Action Plan for 2021 – 2022.

The Ceremony progressed with Felicitations of 5 Distinguished Achievers in the last year in Indian Psychiatric Society - Prof B N Gangadhar, Dr R Thara, Prof C Andrade, Prof K S Jacob and Prof O P Singh. All the Past Presidents, Honorary Secretaries, Honorary Treasures and Hon Editors of Indian Psychiatric Society were felicitated for their contribution to the society. The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Dr Amrit Pattojoshi.



First IPS FOUNDATION DAY Celebrations 2021



The Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) Foundation Day was celebrated at Hotel Maurya, Patna conducted on 7th January, 2021, organized by Indian Psychiatric society, Bihar state Branch. It was also connected through virtual platform (zoom, facebook, youtube). It was attended by more than 100 delegates from different states and union territories of the country mostly through virtual platform.

The welcome address of the Foundation Day celebration was given by Dr Pramod Kumar Singh, organizing chairman, Head of the Department of Psychiatry, PMCH, and Director Bihar State Institute of Mental Health & Allied Sciences, kailash.

The Inauguration was graced by Chief Guest, Dr. N R Biswas, Director IGIMS, Patna; Guest of Honor, president, IPS, Dr P K Dalal, President elect, Dr Gautam Saha; General secretary IPS, Dr. TSS Rao; immediate past general secretary, Dr Vinay kumar; present Treasurer of IPS Dr. K.K. Mishra; immediate past treasurer, Dr Mukesh P Jaggiwala; present editor, Dr. OP Singh; past president Dr. MSVK Raju.

Various dignitaries and seniors from our society were also present through virtual platform. Words of wisdom blessed by ten leading psychiatrists. Vote of thanks was addressed by Dr. Vinay Kumar, organizing secretary of the event.



The scientific content of the programme comprised of Invited talks which were a great academic feast. Theme talk (Mental Health Matters) was addressed by Dr Savita Malhotra setting the theme for this celebration.

Overall, the, Foundation Day celebration, 2021 conducted first time in the history of IPS. Such gathering has provided valuable opportunities among psychiatry fraternity especially early career psychiatrists. It is hoped that the deliberations and discussions gave a fair stimulus to budding psychiatrists and enabled networking of expertise, forging of new friendships and promotes future academic collaborations.



MEETINGS



Executive Council Meeting at Bhubaneswar



ANCIPS 2023 Bhubaneswar - venue visit on 20th March 2021



Pre-AGBM EC Meeting on 30th January 2021 at Kolkata



First Office Bearer's Meeting on 20th February 2021 at IPS Headquarters, Gurugram, Delhi NCR



Post-AGBM EC Meeting on 31st January 2021 at Kolkata



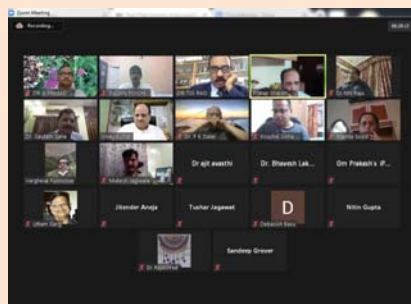
One of 11 Officer Bearers' Meeting held on Zoom Platform on almost alternative weeks during 2nd wave of Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown. Extended EC Meetings held online on 17, 18, 19, 25, 26, 31 May & 1 June 2021 with the members of all committees, ANCIPS & Mid-Term .



Annual General Body Meeting held on 30th January, 2021 in hybrid mode convened at 7.30 pm.



IPS with other associations



IPS IASP Meeting on 27th May 2021



IPS IASP & WPA Meeting on 5th June 2021



Annual National Conference of Indian Association of Biological Psychiatry on 6th February, 2021

Activities of Sub-Committees

UG Education – Sub-Committee

A Series of Internal meeting to discuss on lesson plans and strategies of CBME implementation was held on 9th and 16th March and 20th April.

“Sunday Special 60mins with Psychiatry Teachers” program started with Pan India platform to share experiences which was the joint initiative along with IPS Faculty Training Task Force and IPS PG Education Subcommittee. The Inaugural session was on 28th March in the presence of Honourable IPS office bearers.

Course and Certification – Sub-committee



The Sub-committee was constituted in the first week of March with the short-term objective of starting new certificate courses in psychiatry for qualified psychiatrists that target their felt needs and

gaps. The committee, have had a total of 6 meetings till date where various issues concerning needs, models, course structure, target audience, and logistics of conducting short courses have been discussed. As a first step, a google form survey for eliciting target audience perspectives on preferred course topics and duration was prepared and sent out. Due to insufficient responses, the form has been resent through the IPS office and thus the survey is still ongoing.

Media and Mental Health – Sub-Committee

A webinar on “The good, the bad, the ugly: Media matters and Mental Health” was held on 7th May 2021.

On the eve of World Schizophrenia Day, a panel discussion on “Schizophrenia and wandering mentally ill” was held on 24th May, 2021.

Beside some other activities held like distribution of awareness material to various media houses eg. letter to news editors and reporters to be sensitive about news of Covid deaths.

Young Psychiatrists – Sub-committee

Organised Grand Rounds webinar on Women’s Mental health Case Presentation Competition for PGs and SRs along with Women’s Mental Health Speciality Section of Indian Psychiatry Society on 23rd May 2021.

A national webinar on “How to get your article published” was organised on virtual platform.

Also books and educational tools were shared over Whatsapp and Telegram groups for young psychiatrists.

NGOS/Patient Carers Groups – Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee conducted the first program of the year on 18th April, 2021 – “FIGHT STIGMA” with the esteemed speakers like Dr Gautam Saha, Dr N N Raju, Dr TSS Rao, Dr Amarnath Mallik, Dr G Swaminath, Dr Vishal Indla. It was attended by around 50-60 participants, representatives of various NGOs like the Bipolar Society of India, Pankh, RFS.

An workshop on Grief Counselling Support Group Training was organised on 11th June, 2021 in virtual mode.

Worked with Madat trust (NGO working in grief and bereavement counselling) and planning an active collaboration with them.

Public Education & Awareness – Sub-committee

A webinar on mental stress in pandemic was organized. Talk was delivered to SIRTSP-Sagar Group of Institutions by Dr. Ruma Bhattacharya.

Webinar on How to Manage Stress during the corona virus outbreak to strategies of SAM college of pharmacy.

Schizophrenia Awareness Day program on May 24th, 2021 was organized.

Activities of Speciality Sections

Women & Mental Health Speciality Section - Specialty Section



On the eve of International Women's Day, a hybrid program of Women and Mental Health Specialty Section was organised on 7th March, 2021 at ITC Royal Bengal, Kolkata. Beside IPS Office Bearers, Executive Council Members and other members, many eminent women speakers like founder of India's premier suicide prevention centre Dr. Lakshmi Vijayakumar, renowned social worker and dancer Ms. Alakananda Roy, film director and activist Sudeshna Roy, lawyer Ms. Ruchira Goswami, police superintendent Ms. Indira Mukherjee made their gracious presence.

Also there were two grand round webinar were organized on 16th and 23rd of May, 2021 which were Case Presentation Competition for PG and SRs.

Transactional Analysis - Specialty Section

An workshop was organised on 5th and 6th June, 2021 with the theme “Transactional Analysis” at Aurangabad. The inauguration of workshop was organised in virtual mode with the presence of IPS office bearers.



Activities of Speciality Sections

Community Psychiatry - Specialty Section

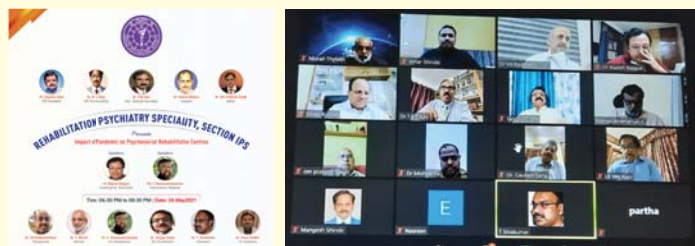
A webinar was organized on "Community Matters: Exploiting community Psychiatry in India & Australia" conducted by Community Psychiatry Specialty Section of Indian Psychiatry Society (IPS) on 28th April, 2021. Professor (Dr) Mohan Isaac (University of Australia) and Professor (Dr) Jagadisha Thirthalli (NIMHANS, India) highlighted different aspects of mental health services, challenges and opportunities in India & Australia.

Technology & Psychiatry - Specialty Section

A survey on "Digital Practice pattern among Psychiatrists across India" was planned and questionnaire for the same and protocol are ready. They will be sent to Hon. General Secretary, IPS for further action.

Rehabilitation Psychiatry - Specialty Section

Rehabilitation Psychiatry Specialty Section organised a webinar "Impact of



the pandemic on Psychosocial Rehabilitation centres" on 26th May, 2021. The speakers were Dr. C Ramasubramanian from Madurai and Dr. Rajesh Nagpal from New Delhi. Ninety-eight participants across the country attended the program.

Sexual Disorders - Specialty Section

A webinar was organized on 23rd April, 2021 on "Let's start talking: The Basics of Sexual History taking". The chairperson was Dr Gautam Saha, President, IPS. Among the speakers were Dr TSS Rao, Hony. Gen. Secretary, IPS and Dr Rajiv Anand. The moderator was Dr Neena Sawant. Nearly 200 delegates attended the webinar to make it a great success.

School Mental Health - Specialty Section

Dr Ruma Bhattacharya: Participated in TV Talk Show: Handling: Stress and depression in kids during pandemic.

Dr Kersi Chavda: May 9th - Triumph organization: pandemic and mental health of children, April 28 and April 30 - Beacon School: Dealing with pandemic parents of grade 1 to 4, grade 5 -10, April 24 - Class 10-12 Unlocking your potential

Dr Avinash Desousa: April 12 - School and new frontiers of mental health. Parents and teachers workshop of Oakbridges school Mohali.

Dr Sanjay Garg: March 24th impact of mental health on physical health: an interactive session with young minds.

Dr Anweshak Das: April 10th - Teachers and Principal workshop on improving attitudes and personality of school students

Preventive Psychiatry - Specialty Section

Various articles in print and electronic media focused on mental health issues during pandemic were published.

Military Psychiatry - Specialty Section

"Digital Mental Wellness" app based module for young adults under the aegis of Office of Principal Scientific Advisor, Government of India - Module developed and user testing of the App is in progress.

Developing of "Mental Health Capsule Course" for new entrants in various training centers of armed forces is in progress. Mental Health Capsule Course for new entrants is being developed. Presently, Mental Health Awareness focusing on COVID situation being delivered through virtual platform.

Youth Mental Health - Specialty Section

Dr. Debjani Bandyopadhyay (Chairperson) – a program for college teachers of Burdwan University of Recognition and primary management of mental health issues in students was organized.

Mental health awareness program for girls of Government Women's College, Bardhaman was organized.

Dr. Ruma Bhattacharya (EC Coordinator) – Several webinars for college students of Madhya Pradesh on youth mental health awareness was organized. More than two dozen TV programs on youth mental health awareness was attended.

Several newspaper articles and columns regarding mental health awareness during COVID19 pandemic by different members was published.

Activities of Task Forces

Homeless Persons with Mental illness - Task Force



Andhra Pradesh Chapter of Task force on Homeless Mentally was inaugurated. There is a plan to develop a rescue centre at Nellore.

Participated with Dr. Basanth Vatwani & Dr. Harish Shetty on a panel discussion on homeless persons with mental illness on the eve of World Schizophrenia Day which was organised by Indian Psychiatric Society Telangana

Chapter. They have promises to start a rescue centre.

Doctor for Doctors [D4D] - Task Force

A webinar on "Mental wellbeing and support for healthcare workers" was organised by South Asian Health Foundation, UK on 17th May 2021.

Faculty Training - Task Force

For the first time all the three – IPS UG-PG- Faculty Training Task Force Jointly Working together. A national webinar on "Teachers Make A Difference -Sunday Special 60 Minutes with Psychiatry Teachers" was organized on 28th March, 2021 which was inaugurated and addressed by IPS office bearers and alongwith all through the year program was also announced. Prof Nohan Isaac and all three committee presented the topics. For the first time UGs & PGs were also given same platform to express the need.

The second webinar was on 25th April 2021 Second Webinar - The Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry. Innovative Teaching Learning & Analogies in Teaching – CMC Vellore & SCARF.

The third webinar was on 30th May 2021. The Simulation Based Learning – St John's.

Combat Schizophrenia - Task Force

Combat Schizophrenia taskforce has carried out three consecutive online CMEs on 24th March, 7th April and 21st April this year involving PG students and practicing psychiatrists. The speaker in all CME was Dr. Sandip Grover.

On the eve of World Schizophrenia Day, a webinar was organised on 23rd May, 2021. Prominent researcher Prof. Matcheri Keshavan had delivered an enriching lecture on this occasion, which was attended by more than 240 mental health professionals across the country.

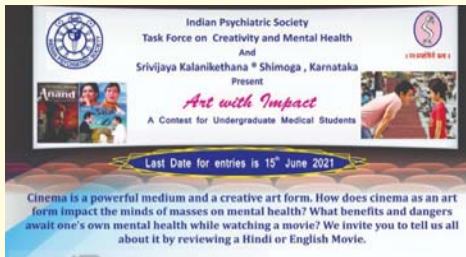
Mind-Body Medicine - Task Force

Mind-Body Medicine Task Force organized SYNAPSE 2021 International Conference on Mind-Body Medicine in Endocrinology & Diabetes on March 27-28, 2021, co-organized with Endocrine Society of India and enriched by presentations of IPS knowledge leaders. The post-conference Workshop of SYNAPSE 2021 was also held on 3rd April 2021.



Activities of Task Forces

Creativity and Mental Health - Task Force



15.03.2021 - Female jail betterment centre at Shimoga performing group performing Akka for the inmates of Akka Mahadevi University with the honoured presence of Prof Tulasimala and Prof

Vijayadevi and other administrative officers of prison connecting dance and life. An initiative supervised by Dr. KS Pavitra on behalf of IPS task force on Creativity and Mental Health (IPSTFCMH).

19th March 2021 - First Creativity and Mental Health Task Force presentation of proposed plans and future thoughts on IPS platform.

9th April 2021 - Different aspects of Mental Health and creativity discussed and aired at 12 noon in All India Radio Mangalore, Karnataka by Dr. KS Pavitra. Songi Hok Sur-An initiative taken by



eminent music maestro Debojyoti Mishra to bridge music with pandemic angst of which IPSTFCMH becomes a part under supervision of Dr. Suddhendu Chakraborty. 29th April 2021 - An article published in Prajavani with a plea to save art fraternity amidst Covid crisis on behalf of IPSTFCMH by Dr. KS Pavitra.

1st May 2021 - Corona Samvad Helpline started by Ahmedabad Rural SP Office with

special mentioning of psychological counselling under the supervision of Dr. Bhabesh Kumar as a representative of IPSTFCMH.

5th May 2021 - A column in mysepik.com Bengali online portal started by Dr. Suddhendu Chakraborty on behalf of IPSTFCMH with special emphasis on creativity and mental health.

10th May 2021 - An interview on how creativity can be used for mental health awareness and education at www.bookbrahma.com by Dr. KS Pavitra on behalf of IPSTFCMH.

13th May 2021 - Mann Geeth-poster launched on behalf of IPSTFCMH on creativity and mental health in association with Srivijaya Kalanikethana, Shimoga, Karnataka targeted for aspiring vocalists between the age group 18 to 25 years in attempt to bridge Music and Mental Health.

13th May 2021 - Seeing the suffering-poster launched on behalf of IPSTFCMH targeted for post graduate medical students bridging probable avenues between art, creative literature and suffering.

Art with Impact - A contest for under-graduate medical students. Poster launched on behalf of IPSTFCMH. An initiative on writing review for a movie in Hindi or English.

15th May 2021 - IPS Booklet on Mental health awareness recirculated under the banner of IPSTFCMH in Bengali vernacular under joint initiative of Dr. Abhiruchi Chatterjee (art) and Dr. Suddhendu Chakraborty (poetry).



Professional Protection Scheme - Task Force



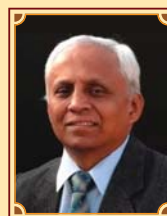
Final Draft of Professional Protection Scheme launched - The final draft of the Professional Protection Scheme (PPS, IPS) was launched by Dr. Jaisukh M. Parmar, founder and coordinator of the scheme along with team, Prof. (Dr.) Indira Sharma (Senior Legal Director, PPS), Dr. B N Raveesh (Legal Director), Dr. Suresh Gunapalli (Zonal Director - South) and Dr. Ganesh Shanker (Zonal Director - Central) at Crystal Hall, Hotel Mayfair, Bhubaneswar on 20th March, 2021 during the Sub-Committee meeting by the hands of Dr. Gautam Saha, President, IPS, Dr. TSS Rao, Hon. General Secretary, IPS, Dr. K K Mishra, Hon. Treasurer, IPS and Dr. O P Singh, Hon. Editor, IPS.

Yoga & Meditation & Spirituality and Mental Health - Task Force



Yoga & Meditation with Spirituality & Mental Health Task Force celebrated World Yoga Day and Conference on Spirituality and Mental Health in association with World Psychiatric Association, Asian Federation of Psychiatric Association and American Academy of Yoga & Meditation. on 20th June, 2021. The conference was held in hybrid mode with limited physical presence at Mon Niye Garden, Barasat, West Bengal. The programme was inaugurated by Swami Atmapriyanandaji, Vice Chancellor of Ramkrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Belur Math.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS



Dr. B N Gangadhar appointed as the President for Medical Assessment & Rating Board at the National Medical Commission.



Dr. Pratima Murthy has taken charge as Director, NIMHANS, Bangalore



Dr. Basudeb Das taken charge as Director of Central Institute of Psychiatry (CIP), Ranchi.



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