

Srinagar Document 2026 on Supporting Trainee Thesis

Adopted on 3 July 2026

Venue: Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Srinagar

Members Worked		
Geriatric Psychiatry	Consultation Liaison Psychiatry	Forensic Psychiatry/ MHCA
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Agreed in the presence of: Dr TSS Rao, President, IPS Dr Arun Marwale, Honorary Secretary, IPS Dr Vijaykumar Harbishettar, Chair, IPS Trainee Thesis Support Task Force 2026-27 Dr Abdul Majid, Organising Chair of Medi-Synapse & Expert Meeting, EC Coordinator, IPS		

A national meeting of experts was held on **3 July 2026** at **Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Srinagar**, under the Chairmanship of Dr Vijaykumar Harbishettar, representing the IPS Trainee Thesis Support Task Force. The meeting was preceded by 2–3 weeks of collaborative work, including multiple online meetings and expert consultations, culminating in an intensive one-day in-person consensus workshop. Experts worked collaboratively in three thematic groups and unanimously adopted the following resolutions, which constitute the **Srinagar Document 2026**.

The meeting brought together distinguished academicians, clinicians, and postgraduate training experts who worked collaboratively in three thematic working groups throughout the day. Following extensive deliberations and consensus-building, the participants unanimously adopted the following resolutions, collectively known as the **Srinagar Document 2026 on Trainee Thesis Support**.

Consensus Statements

1. Research Idea Banks:

Develop a national **Research Idea Bank to assist in developing theses protocols** to support postgraduate Psychiatry theses in response to rapid increase in trainees

2. Thesis Ideas Template:

Developed a structured **Thesis Ideas Bank Template** to promote quality, feasible, and clinically relevant research protocol

3. Priority Disciplines:

Using the common template, Research Idea Banks initially were prepared for: Geriatric Psychiatry, Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry & Forensic Psychiatry

4. National Access:

Upload these Research Idea Banks to the **Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS)** website for access by Psychiatry postgraduate trainees and Thesis Guides

5. Acknowledgement:

Trainees using these resources may contact the **IPS Trainee Thesis Support Task Force** to use it and acknowledge their contribution in their protocol, dissertation, publications, and presentations under acknowledgements

6. Promoting Research Excellence:

Recommend that the **Indian Psychiatric Society** consider instituting **three annual "Most Impactful Thesis Awards"** to recognise outstanding trainee research and strengthen the research culture among Psychiatry postgraduate trainees.

Commitment

The participants reaffirm the commitment of the Indian Psychiatric Society to advancing postgraduate trainees' research theses through collaboration, mentorship, and innovation. The **Srinagar Document 2026** reflects a shared vision for improving the quality and impact of research by Psychiatry trainees across India.

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