



**5th InSPA International Conference on
“Developing Life Skills and School Development in India”
(20 – 22 November, 2015)
K B P College, Sector 15, Vashi, Navi Mumbai, India**

INDIAN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATION (InSPA)

India is a multi-cultural and multilingual 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 by and large from economically prosperous families. Thus, the Indian setting today is characterized by the existence of schools of various standards, which may be distinguished on the basis of a number of indicators, including teaching methods, physical infrastructural facilities, and policies of administration. The 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 the children in schools. At present Indian schools are badly in need of such professional school psychologists to create an ambiance to teach and learn so as to provide desired high quality school education in the country.

In India, academic psychology is predominantly dominated by the Western concepts and principles. The psychology graduates mostly get training on educational and clinical psychology. School Psychology is a new area to study and research based on International models. The competency requires both knowledge and skills in a particular domain. To provide a platform to get these inputs in School Psychology, a six member team of psychologists met under the guidance of the renowned psychologist Prof. B. Mukhopadhyay and evolved the Indian School Psychology Association. The national level association is expected to take an initiative at the policy making levels of the State and Central governments to introduce School Psychology as a subject in the curriculum and to appoint at least one trained school psychologist in each school by creating the post of school psychologists all over the country to develop school education more effective. There is a pertinent need for school psychologists to propagate the basic concepts of School Psychology and to impart proper training on the basis of the guidelines issued by the International School Psychology Association, USA and the National Association of School Psychologists, USA.

The Indian School Psychology Association is the need of the hour to help young and energetic psychologists to promote school psychology. To initiate the process the association has been started in Puducherry on 15th August, 2009. Registered Office: No.17, 14th Street, Krishna Nagar, Puducherry - 605 008, India. Base of Operation: Its base of operation shall be India.

Character: The Indian School Psychology Association shall be a voluntary non-profit educational service society. All its income shall be applied solely for the promotion of its aim and objectives and no part of it shall be distributed to any of its members.

Aim and Objectives:

The primary aim of the association is to develop and promote School Psychology, Human Values-based education and training to meet the needs of society and particularly to elevate the poor from poverty through school education. To realise the aim, the following are the objectives:

- To promote the use of sound psychological principles within the context of education, internationally.
- To promote communication among professionals who are committed to the improvement of the mental health of children in schools.
- To encourage the training and employment of school psychologists in India.
- To promote the psychological rights of all children throughout the country.
- To initiate and promote cooperation with other organizations working for causes similar to those of ISPA in order to help children.
- To establish and promote high quality School Psychology Programmes and Centres to meet the needs of specific groups, particularly the children and teachers.

The InSPA is an affiliating association of the International School Psychology Association, USA and Indian Academy of Applied Psychology, India.

Conference theme: Developing Life Skills and School Development in India

Conference Venue: K B P College, Vashi, Mumbai



Rayat Shikshan Sanstha

Rayat Shikshan Sanstha, Satara was founded by Late Padmabhushan Dr. Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil in 1919 with the mission of taking education to the poor and downtrodden. Education to all, social justice, humanity, dignity of labour and equality are the ideologies on which Rayat Shikshan Sanstha works. "Education through Self Help is Our Motto". Rayat Shikshan Sanstha is the largest educational institute in India with more than 5 lac students taking education in various school and college. At present, Sanstha run 674 branches including 41 degree colleges. Rayat Shikshan Sanstha is spread across 12 districts of Maharashtra and 01 district of Karnataka state.

K B P College, Vashi, Mumbai

Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil College, Vashi is one of the most flourishing branches of Rayat Shikshan Sanstha and well reputed in Mumbai University. Since its inception in 1979, the college has been galloping towards academics, quality education and infrastructural accomplishment.

Today, the college imparts quality education in various faculties viz. Arts, Commerce, Science, B.M.S, B.B.I, B.A.F, B.Sc.IT, Biotechnology, Computer Science at degree level and organic, inorganic Chemistry, Microbiology, Bioanalytical Science, Computer Science, I.T. and Mathematics at P.G. Level affiliated to University of Mumbai. Beside these courses, the college provides the other courses viz. B.Lib., M.LIB. and M.B.A. which are affiliated to Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nasik.

The college has formulated a long term as well as short-term plans for the academic, curricular, co-curricular, extra-curricular and extension activities in accordance with holistic development of students.

Special Features of InSPA International Conference 2015

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Keynote Speakers:

Invited speakers from USA, Australia, The Netherlands, Bulgaria, Serbia, and other countries will be speakers for the plenary sessions based on the specific themes of the conference.

Leadership Workshop:

It will be held on first day of the conference between 02.00 pm and 05.00 pm. The participants are invited members and State Convenors of InSPA.

Workshop on School Psychology:

The purpose of workshop is to enable a practitioner, researcher, or other educational professional/teachers to present specific new techniques, methods and tools for psychologists from a practical point of view in relation to the conference theme. (Three day workshop involving interactive and co-operative activities and discussions among a limited number of participants. The participants need to register for workshop separately in advance).

Children Assembly:

This is a special event of the InSPA to help and motivate the children. The children assembly will be held on second day of the conference at 10.00 a.m. The children from various places in around Mumbai region will assemble and interact with the School Psychology experts.

A new concept Memoroid will be introduced to the children

Maximum 120 students will be admitted in this session between the age group 14 -17 years.

Expert: **Prof. V.S.R. Vijayakumar**

Cultural Event:

It will be arranged on the first day evening at 7.00 p.m. followed by Dinner.

InSPA Awards

To promote School Psychology in Indian and to acknowledge the contributions and yeoman services by individuals / Institutions, InSPA has instituted the following awards which are presented annually:

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 collaborations with Gujarat Law Society, Ahmadabad.

ii) 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.

iii) 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.

iv) 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 the Dr. Barbara Hanfstingl – Senior Assistant Professor, School of Education, Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt, Austria).

Guidelines

- For the first three awards, any InSPA member may submit the nominations of individuals/ institutions with valuable documents on or before 30th September of each year for consideration. The Governing Council will select the name of the institution based on the merits and confer the award during the annual conference of the year.
- For the Dr. Barbara Hanfstingl - InSPA Best Paper Award, the last date for submission is in accordance of the annual conference brochure of the respective year. The best paper(s) will be selected by Dr. Barbara Hanfstingl (Chairperson) and the two nominees of InSPA (Members).

Proposal for Presentation

Proposals for symposia, workshops, individual paper, and poster presentations are invited. Today, school communities are challenged with many psycho-socio issues of children from different ethnicities, races, languages, religions, abilities, and disabilities. The School

Psychology should be promoted in India to cater to the needs of the parents, teachers, school administration and policy makers.

Papers: The purpose of a paper presentation is to present research findings and innovative practices. (20 minutes for each paper, including questions from participants). Papers should report on recent developments in applied educational or School Psychology in relation to the theme of the conference.

Posters: The purpose is to offer a visual display of presentation, in an attractive way on a given poster space. Presenters should also offer additional information (leaflets, or brochures) to take away.

Symposia: A symposium permits discussion of a main topic from various points of view. A coordinator is responsible for inviting presenters to speak (Format: one coordinator and two or more invited presenters, with 20 minutes each for presentation).

Submission of Papers for Oral Presentation/Publication:

Delegates are requested to submit their abstracts/ papers following APA style (refer website: www.inspa.info) 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 and full text around 5000 words can be sent on or before **15th October, 2015**. Abstract and full paper should be sent in MS-Word format only by email to rjsolomon@gmail.com

Important Dates

Abstract/Full Paper Submission:	15.10.2015
Leadership Workshop for InSPA invitees only:	20.11.2015 AN
InSPA Annual General Body Meeting	21.11.2015
Workshop on School Psychology:	21 to 23.11.2015 (3 days)
Children Assembly:	22.11.2015 at 11.00am

Keynote Speakers

Prof. G.P. Thakur, New Delhi

Prof. G.P. Thakur, 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 also the Director of Career Planning and Counselling Centre.

Prof. B. Mukhopadhyay, Chennai

Dr. B. Mukhopadhyay, President of Indian School Psychology Association, Former Professor and Head, Department of Educational Management & Applied Psychology, National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Chennai. He is also the Secretary, IAAP; President, PPA, Vice-President, InSPA and presently the Emeritus Professor Psychology in Toc H Institute of Science and Technology, Arakunnam, Kerala and is a great resourceful in areas of Psychology and Education.

Prof. P. Jeyachandran, Chennai

Prof. Jeyachandran, 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.

Registration

Regular Registration fee payment closes on 15 November and there on delegates may opt for spot payment.

Details of the Registration fee to be remitted:

InSPA Members:	Rs.3500
Non Members:	Rs.4500
Local participants	Rs 2500
Student/Research scholars	Rs.1500
Spot registration	Rs.5000
3 days Training Programme fee	Rs.3000

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