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**5th – 7th
AUGUST
2026**

N.K.T. National College of Education for Women, Chennai Schedule of Events (5 – 7 August 2026)

Date and Time	Event	Dignitaries	
Inaugural Ceremony			
Wednesday 5th August 2026 9.00 am	Invocation		Tamil Vazhthu InSPA Anthem
9.05 am	Welcome Address		Dr. M. Arumugam Secretary NKT National College of Education for Women, Chennai
9.10 am	Scope of the Conference and Launching RCI- CRE Programme		Prof. T. Santhanam Director SDS Academy of Behavioural Sciences, Chennai
9.15 am	Report of the InSPA Activities		Dr. D. Rajendran Secretary, InSPA

9.20 am	Keynote Address 1: How Japanese Researchers and Teachers Think About and Implement AI-Based Learning—Education and Understanding Humanity in the AI Era—		Prof. Ishikawa Michiko Professor of Psychology Tokyo University and Graduate Studies in Social Welfare, Tokyo, Japan
9.30 am	Special Address		Prof. Wael M.F. Abuhasan, PhD., Clinical Health Psychologist, Department of Health Sciences, Faculty of Allied Medical Sciences, The Arab American University of Palestine- AAUP.
9.40 am	Presidential Address and Theme Address		Prof. Panch Ramalingam President of Indian School Psychology Association
10.00 am	Release of the 16th InSPA Conference Book of Abstracts, Distribution of InSPA Fellowships and InSPA Awards 2026, Launching of a Website and Inaugural Address		Chief Guest Shri. N. Anand Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Water Resources, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai
10.20 am	Special Address		Guest of Honour Shri. P. Rajavelu Hon'ble Minister of Puducherry
10.30 am	Special Address		Dr. Chandrika Subramaniyan Senior Advocate Founder President, Sydney Tamil Valarchi Manram Sydney, Australia
10.40 am	Special Address		Shri. T. Ganesan Malaysia School psychology Association, Malaysia

10.45 am	Keynote Address 2		Prof. Kiran Devendra Former Head of the Department of Elementary Education at the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi
10.55 am	Keynote Address 3		Prof. Rakesh K. Srivastava, Past Sectional President, ISCA, Mumbai
11.00 am	Felicitation		Dr Chamundeswari Rajendran Former Principal NKT College of Education for Women, Chennai
11.05 am	Felicitation		Ln. Prof. Ratna Natarajan Thiruppathur
11.10 am	Vote of Thanks		Dr. A.H. Komala, Principal In-charge, N.K.T. National College of Education for Women, Chennai
Main Auditorium 12.00 Noon	23rd InSPA General Body Meeting		All InSPA Members
12.15 pm	Chair		Dr.T.V. Venkatasubramanian Director Manasika Chennai
	Special talk on Mind your Heart		Dr. V. Chokkalingam Senior Cardiologist, Chennai

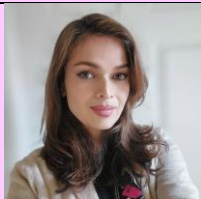
12.45 pm	Invited Talk 1: Beyond Protection: Rethinking Agency through the Life of Kiyoshi Yamashita		Kayo Sawada is an Assistant Professor at Nihon Fukushi University, Japan
01.00 pm	Invited Talk 2 : Introducing Trajectory Equifinality Approach (TEA).		Ms. Hitomi Kuyawama from Japan is actively engaged in the field of education and youth development
01.15 pm	Invited Talk 3 : Providing a “Third Place” for Children Refusing School Attendance		Prof. Takashi Wakayama, Certified Public Psychologist / Clinical Psychologist Representative Director, The Kiyosu Youth Support Room Association Counselor, Student Counseling Office, Seijoh University Research Fellow, Faculty of Rehabilitation Sciences, Seijoh University
	Vote of Thanks		Dr. S. Suresh, Treasurer, InSPA
01.30 pm	Lunch Break		
	Concurrent Sessions		
Main Auditorium 2.00 pm	Chair		Prof. Purna Puri Head, Department of Psychology Rajasthan University, Jaipur
2.10 pm	Invited Talk 4		Prof. R.N. Anantharaman, Professor of Management (Rtd), Multimedia University, Melaka. Malaysia. Professor of Management (Retd), Indian Institute of Technology Madras ,Chennai, India.

2.30 pm	Panel Discussion on Empowering Neurodiversity among children Chair		Prof. G. Venkatesh kumar University of Mysore Mysuru
2.40 pm	Panellist		Dr. V. Vithya Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur
2.50 pm			Dr. Ashwini B P Associate Professor Maharani Arts College Mysore
3.00 pm			Dr. Suresh Kumar Associate Professor Maharaja College Mysore
3.10 pm			Dr. Somesha. C Asst Professor University of Mysore, Mysuru
3.20 pm			Mrs. Rupeshwari Asst Professor University of Mysore, Mysuru
3.30 pm	Chair		Dr. Chetna Jaiswal Assistant Professor, Department of Psychological Sciences, School of Social Sciences, Central University of South Bihar, Gaya, Bihar
3.30 pm	Invited Talk 5		Dr. V. Surendran Professor and Head of Psycho-oncology and RCTC Adyar Cancer Institute, Chennai

3.45 pm	Special Address: Inclusive Education: As an Essential Catalyst to Celebrate Neurodiversity		Dr Nov Rattan Sharma , Former Professor & Director, AIBAS, AUMP Gwalior
4.00 pm	Workshop Chair		Prof. Janet Fernandes Professor of Psychology St. Xavier's College, Goa
4.00 pm	Workshop on Beyond Rewards and Consequences: Building Effective Classroom Behaviour Systems		Dr. Sandhya Binu Ninan Ed.S School Psychology (Rider University, USA) Nationally Certified School Psychologist (USA) and Coordinator for Neubon Child Development Centres, Chennai.
4.30 pm	Best papers presentation		Dr. A. Seethalakshmy Associate Dean , School of Liberal Arts and Science Head, Department of Psychology Rathinam Global University Echanari, Coimbatore
Hall 1	Prof. K.V. Kaliappan Memorial Hall		
2.00 pm	Chair		Dr. D. Rathidevi, Assistant Professor & Head Department of Psychology S.A. College of Arts & Science, Chennai
2.00 pm	Invited Talk 6		Prof. V. Suresh Distinguished academician and psychologist Annamalai University
2.30 pm	Scientific Session 1 Neuro Diversity Chair Ten Presentations		Prof. Anjana Bhattacharjee Department of Psychology Tripura University Tripura
4.00 pm	Scientific Session 2 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr. S. Sasikala Head Department of Counselling Psychology University of Madras, Chennai

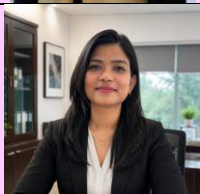
Hall 2	Prof. G.P. Thakur Memorial Hall		
2.00 pm	Chair		Dr. Zarina, A Department of Psychology Women's Christian College, Chennai
2.00 pm	Invited Talk 7		Prof. Shah Alam Professor and Chairman, department of Psychology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
2.30 pm	Scientific Session 3 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr. Sherin Women's Christian College Chennai
4.00 pm	Scientific Session 4 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr. M.V. Sudhakaran Professor and Head (Retd) School of Social Sciences Tamil Nadu Open University Saidapet, Chennai
Hall 3	Prof. N.K. Saxena Memorial Hall		
2.00 pm	Symposium 1 Chair		Prof. Mala Chaliha, Professor of Psychology (Retd) Gauhati University, Assam
2.00 pm	Symposium 1 Neurodivergence Children		Dr. S. Thenmozhi Professor and the Head (Retd) Department of Counselling Psychology at the University of Madras, Chennai
2.20 pm	Co Presenters		Ms. Caren Zebuline PhD Research Scholar Counselling Psychology University of Madras
2.30 pm			Ms. Jaimathisa Guest Lecturer, Department of Counselling Psychology, University of Madras
2.40 pm			Mr. Siva, B Project Assistant, Department of Psychology, University of Madras

3.00 pm	Invited Talk 8 Executive Functions and languages		Prof. H.K Laldinpuii Fente Mizoram University, Mizoram
3.20 pm	Scientific Session 5 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr. T. Lavanya Head Department of Psychology University of Madras, Chennai
4.20 pm	Scientific Session 6 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr. K. Uma Rani Prof. & HOD of Psychology S V Arts College(Autonomous)TTD, Tirupati
Hall 4 2.00 – 3.30 pm	Workshop on Game based Therapy		Dr. Sarah Manickaraj Associate Professor and Head (Retd) Presidency College Chennai
3.30 -5.00 pm	Workshop on Game based Therapy Practicals		Dr. Vasantha Prabha Game Based Therapist and Psychologist Centre for Game Based Therapy Chennai
5.30 pm	Cultural Programme		
2nd Day	Thurs day 6th August 2026		
	Main Auditorium	Children Assembly	
9.30 am	Children Assembly on Memory and Creativity		Dr Vijayakumar VSR Psychologist and Data Scientist University of Madras, Chennai
10.30 am	Tapping the Potential Skills		Dr. G. Venkatesh Kumar University of Mysuru MYSURU
11.30 am	Research Initiatives in School Psychology Chair		Dr. Swaminathan Sabesan Professor of Practice – Psychology, School of Social Sciences and Languages (SSL), VIT Chennai

12.00 Noon	Chair		Dr. P. Charumathi Chennai
	Invited Talk 9		Prof. S. Kadhiraavan Professor of Psychology Periyar University, Salem
12.30 pm	Transforming Mental Health Assessment with Technology		Dr. Kranti K Srivastava Director Prasad Psycho Pvt Ltd Delhi NCR
1.00 pm	Lunch Break		
Main Auditorium 2.00 pm	Scientific Session 7 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr. V. Smitha Rukmani, Ph.D. Professor & Head, Department of Clinical Psychology, Institute of Mental Health, Kilpauk, Chennai – 600 010.
Main Auditorium 3.00 pm	Scientific Session 8 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr. Latha Girish Chief Psychologist Centre of Excellence for Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Zaffarkhanpet, Sector 6, K.K. Nagar, Chennai- 600078.
Hall 1	Prof. K.V. Kaliappan Memorial Hall		
10.00 am	Keynote Address 4		Prof. M.V.R. Raju Senior Professor and Head of the Department of Psychology and Parapsychology, Academic Senate Member, and Director of the Centre for Psychological Assessment and Counselling at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.
10.30 am	Scientific Session 9 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr. R. Subasree Head Department of Psychology, VIT University, Chennai Campus
12.00 Noon	Special Presentation: School Psychology in India: Future directions		Dr. Yogini Nath School Psychologist, Chennai

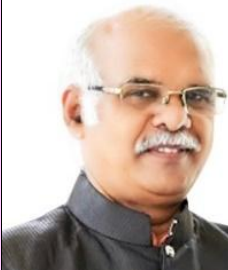
1.00 pm	Invited Talk 10		Dr Gautam Gawali is a Professor and Director of Amity Institute of Behavioural and Allied Sciences, Amity University, Mumbai.
Hall 2	Prof. G.P. Thakur Memorial Hall		
10.00 am	Chair		Dr Arjun Shekar Research Coordinator Department of Psychology PG Kristi Jayanti University, Bengaluru
10.00 am	Invited Talk 11		Prof. Zokaitluangi Dean, School of Social Sciences, Mizoram University, Mizoram
10.30 am	Scientific Session 10 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr Punita Deori University of Science and Technology Meghalaya
12.00 Noon	Workshop 1		Subedar F Antony Fernandes , The Indian Army , Pondicherry University Puducherry .
12.45 pm	Invited Talk 12		Dr. Sneha Bansal Adjunct Faculty, Exceed College, Dubai Hub Coordinator, Open Education for Better world, UNESCO Slovenia Former Assistant Professor, NCERT, New Delhi, India
Hall 3	Prof. N.K. Saxena Memorial Hall		
10.00 am	Chair		
10.00 am	Keynote Address 5		Prof. B. Rangaiah Professor, Dept. of Applied Psychology, Pondicherry University, Puducherry

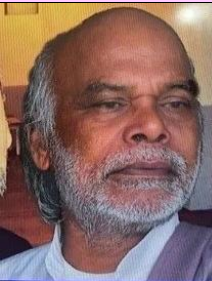
10.30 am	Scientific Session 11 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr. A. Shahin Sultana Professor, Dept. Of Social Work, Pondicherry University, Puducherry
12.00 Noon	Scientific Session 12 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr. Yagnik, L.R., Head Retd, Department of Psychology Sardar Patel University, V V Nagar, Gujarat
01.00 pm	Lunch Break		
Hall 1	Prof. K.V. Kaliappan Memorial Hall		
02.00 pm	Scientific Session 13 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr. Reena Singh Bhopal
3.30 pm	Workshop 2 Chair		Shri J. Balakrishnan France
3.30 pm	Workshop 2 : Compassion Fatigue: Finding Healing in Helping	 	Dr. Amanpreet Kaur Assistant Professor, Dept. of Applied Psychology (SBSS) Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies, Faridabad Ms. Anoma Modak Clinical Psychologist (RCI registered) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Delhi
4.30 pm	Special Address		Prof. R. Gopalakrishnan University of Bangalore Bengaluru

Hall 2		Prof. G.P. Thakur Memorial Hall	
02.00 pm	Scientific Session 14 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr. Smitha AG Head, Department of Psychology PG Kristu Jayanti University, Bengaluru
03.30 pm	Symposium 2 Chair		Dr. Mamman Joseph Central University of Tamil Nadu Thiruvavur
03.30 pm	Symposium 2 Unmasking the Hidden Struggle: Brain Diversity, Masking Behaviours, and Burnout Among Neurodivergent Students in Indian Schools		Dr. Hemanthakumara V, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, CHRIST University, Bangalore.
03.40 pm			Dr. Rashmi R, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, CHRIST University, Bangalore.
03.50 pm			Dr. Kinnari Kashyap, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, CHRIST University, Bangalore.
04.00 pm			Dr. Kakoli Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, CHRIST University, Bangalore.
4.15 pm	Scientific Session 15 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr. Sarah Manickaraj Associate Professor and Head (Retd) Presidency College Chennai
Hall 3		Prof. N.K. Saxena Memorial Hall	
2.00 pm	Scientific Session 16 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr. Kalyani Kenneth, Head (Retd), Department of Psychology at Madras School of Social Work, Egmore,

3.30 pm	Invited Talk 13 on Application of Neurofeedback in Forensic Population: An Empirical Analysis		Prof.(Dr.) Proshanto Kr Saha , Dept.of Neuropsychology, School of Behavioural Forensics, National Forensic Sciences University, An Institution of National Importance, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Sector-09, Near Police Bhavan, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
4.00 pm	Scientific Session 17 Chair Ten Presentations		Dr. G. Tagore Research Officer, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan) Regional Centre (NIEPVD) Poonamallee Blind School 522, Trunk Road, Gandhi Nagar Poonamallee, Chennai – 600 056
5.30 pm	Walk in tour to Marina beach		
3rd Day	7th August 2026 Main Auditorium		
10.00 am	General Assembly and passing of Conference Resolutions		Prof. Panch Ramalingam President, Indian School Psychology Association
			All delegates
11.00 am	Chair		Dr. Bhupinder Singh , Professor, Dept. of Psychology, Barkatullah University, Bhopal
11.15 am	Keynote Address 6 on Achieving Excellence in Psychology		Prof. K. Ramachandran Director (Retd) Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR), DRDO, New Delhi
11.45 am	Special Address on Data Processing and Thesis Writing		Prof. Sriram Ramachandran Statistical Consultant Chennai
Hall 1	Prof. K.V. Kaliappan Memorial Hall		
Virtual Session Hall 1 9.30 am	Chair		Dr Kritika Rastogi Associate Professor (Psychology) NMIMS University, Mumbai

9.30 am	Invited Talk 14		Prof. Muhammad Kamal Uddin , Professor and Former Chairman, Department of Psychology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.
9.50 am	Invited Talk 15		Prof. Adeeva Tatiana Nikolaevna , PhD in psychology, docent, Head of department of special education and psychology, Kostroma state University, Russia
	Co-presenter		Prof. Tikhonova Inna Viktorovna , PhD in psychology, docent, Kostroma state University, Russia
10.10 am	Invited Talk 16		Mr. Merijn Child Psychologist Vietnam
Hall 2	Prof. G.P. Thakur Memorial Hall		
Hall 2 9.30 am	Scientific Session 18 Chair		Dr. M. Amirtha , Head, Department of Psychology, Hindustan college of Arts and Science, Padur, Kelambakkam, Chennai.
11.00 am	Invited Talk 17: Empowering Neurodiverse Adolescents: The Role of School Ecology in Supporting Poly Victimized Youth.		Prof (Dr). Solomon Renati University of Mumbai, Mumbai, Dr. Antara Thakur University of Mumbai, Mumbai, Dr. Darshana Rao Maniben Nanavati Women's College, Mumbai,
11.20 am	Scientific Session 19 Chair Ten Presentations		Prof (Dr). Solomon Renati Professor of Psychology University of Mumbai, Mumbai,
Hall 3	Prof. N.K. Saksena Memorial Hall		
9.30 am	Interactive session		

All virtual presentations use Zoom Link			
Hall 1 9.30 am	Virtual Session Chair		Dr. M. Nagaraj, Head, Department of Psychology, Thiyagarajar College, Madurai
Main Auditorium 7th August 2026	Valedictory Session		
12.00 Noon	Welcome Address		Dr. S. Suresh, Associate Professor of Psychology RGNIYD, Sriperumpudur
12.05 pm	Feedback		
12.10 pm	Report of the Conference		Dr. D. Rajendran Secretary, InSPA
12.15 pm	Proposing 17th InSPA International Conference		Dr. Lovika P. Shikhu Assistant Professor Department of Psychology Nagaland Central University, Kohima, Nagaland
12.20 pm	Proposing 10th APSA International Conference		Dr. N. Sudha Secretary, APSA
12.25 pm	Presidential Address		Prof. Panch Ramalingam President of Indian School Psychology Association

12.30 pm	Distribution of Best Presentation Awards and Valedictory Address		Chief Guest Yogachari Dr. Nilamegame Re Union, France
12.40 pm	Special Address		Prof. S. Karunanidhi Department of Psychology University of Madras, Chennai
12.50 pm	Issue of RCI-CRE Certificates		Prof. T. Santhanam Director SDS Academy of Behavioural Sciences, Chennai
01.00 pm	Vote of Thanks		Dr. A.H. Komala, Principal In-charge, N.K.T. National College of Education for Women, Chennai
1.30 pm	Lunch		

Hall 4 RCI - CRE Sessions

Date	Time	Resource Person	Topic
Day 1			
5.8.2026	10:00AM – 11:00AM	Dr.T. Santhanam	Neurodiversity Paradigm: From Pathology to Strength-Based Practice Understanding neurodiversity as a natural variation
	11:00AM – 12:00PM	Dr.T. Santhanam	- Shifting from deficit model to empowerment model - Implications for rehabilitation professionals
	12:00 PM – 1:00PM	Dr. Latha Girish	Evidence-Based Interventions for Neurodivergent Individuals CBT adaptations, behavioral interventions
1:00 PM – 2:00PM		LUNCH	
	2:00 PM – 3:00PM	Dr. Latha Girish	- Executive functioning support strategies - Individualized intervention planning
	3:00 PM – 4:00PM	Ms. Moideen Bhanu	Inclusive Education and Neurodiversity-Affirmative Classrooms UDL (Universal Design for Learning) principles

	4:00 PM – 5:00PM	Ms. Moideen Bhanu	- Classroom accommodations for SLD, ADHD, ASD - Teacher–therapist collaboration
Day 2			
6.8.2026	10:00AM – 11:00AM	Ms. Sruthi Sridharan	Assessment and Diagnosis in Neurodevelopmental Disorders: Ethical and Cultural Considerations Standardized vs functional assessments
	11:00AM – 12:00PM	Ms. Sruthi Sridharan	- Bias in diagnosis - RCI guidelines and ethical practices
	12:00PM – 1:00PM	Ms. Anandha Lakshmi	Family-Centered Approaches in Neurodiversity Parent training models
1:00 PM – 2:00PM		LUNCH	
	2:00PM – 3:00PM	Ms. Anandha Lakshmi	- Home-based intervention strategies - Supporting caregiver mental health
	3:00 PM – 4:00PM	Dr. Smitha Ruckmani	Mental Health Challenges in Neurodivergent Populations Anxiety, depression, and emotional regulation
	4:00 PM – 5:00PM	Dr. Smitha Ruckmani	- Trauma-informed care - Suicide risk and protective factors
DAY 3			
7.8.2026	10:00AM – 11:00AM	Ms. Lavanya	Assistive Technology and Digital Tools for Neurodiversity Apps for learning, communication, and organization
	11:00AM – 12:00PM	Ms. Lavanya	- AI-based supports - Accessibility and digital inclusion
	12:00PM – 1:00PM	Dr. Balabaskar	Transition Planning: School to Work and Independent Living Vocational training and skill-building
1:00 PM – 2:00PM		LUNCH	
	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Dr. Balabaskar	- Workplace accommodations - Life skills and autonomy
	3:00 PM – 4:00PM	Dr. Tagore	Policy, Advocacy, and Rights-Based Approach to Neurodiversity RPwD Act and RCI framework
	4:00 PM – 5:00PM	Dr. Tagore	- Advocacy strategies - Building inclusive communities



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**Prof. Ishikawa Michiko
and Dr. Subasree**



Date: 4.8.2026



Time: 10.00 am



Venue: VIT University,
Chennai Campus

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**Prof. V.S.R. Vijayakumar
and Prof. G. Venkatesh Kumar**



Date: 6.8.2026



Time: 10.00 am



Venue: NKT National College of
Education for Women

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**Prof. Ishikawa Michiko and
Prof. Panch. Ramalingam**



Date: 6.8.2026



Time: 10.00 am



Venue: Sri Sairam Vidyalaya,
Puducherry

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**Prof. Ishikawa Michiko and
Prof. B. Rangaiah**



Date: 7.8.2026



Time: 10.00 am



Venue: Pondicherry University,
Puducherry



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