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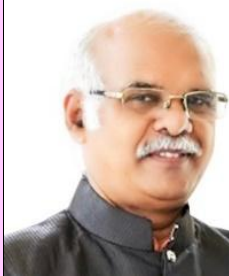
1 – 6 September 2026

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Building Inclusive, Resilient and Thriving Schools Across the Asia Pacific Region

Saturday, September 5 - 6, 2026

Venue: No. 5, Parramatta Square-PHIVE, Parramatta, NSW 2150, Australia
Inaugural Session

Date and Time	Event	Dignitaries	
Saturday 5.9.2026 9.30 am	Invocation		
9.40 am	Welcome Address		Mrs. Amudharasi, R Director Mathnasium, Carlingford, Sydney
9.45 am	Honouring the Guests		Shri. Maran Nandan Sithambaram Distinguished academic and senior lawyer in Sydney
9.50 am	Scope of the Conference		Dr. Latha Nithyanandam General Manager of Kathleen York House, Sydney
10.00 am	APSPA Greetings and Presidential Address		Prof. Panch Ramalingam International President of Asia Pacific School Psychology Association

10.10 am	Inaugural Address		Prof. Sitharthan Thiagarajan Senior Clinical Psychologist, Sydney
10.20 am	Theme address		Dr. Sithambarakumar Thevendrampillai General Practitioner and the Director of Civic Park Medical Centre Sydney
10.30 am	Keynote Address 1 Psychological Wisdom in the Thirukkural: A Framework for Mental Health, Emotional Well-being, and Marital Harmony”		Prof. T. Santhanam Director SDS Academy of Behavioural Sciences, Chennai
	Presentation Sessions		
10.40 am	Chair		Dato' Dr. M. Gopala Krishnan President World Tamil Cultural Organisation, Malaysia
10.45 am	Invited Talk 1 The Crisis of emerging synthetic substance abuse among School going adolescents in Post-Conflict Regions		Prof. Vallipuram Kanagasingam Former Vice- Chancellor of Eastern University, Sri Lanka
10.55 am	Invited Talk 2 Adjustment and Psychological Well-being among Culturally Diverse Students in Asia- Pacific School Psychology		Prof. Suresh M. Makvana Professor and Head Department of Psychology Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand, Gujarat.

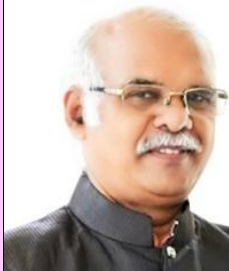
11.05 am	Invited Talk 3 Enhancing the Wellness and Academic Performance of Students Through Mindfulness Activities		Dr. Sunita Singh, Professor of Education Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi,
11.15 am	Invited Talk 4 Bronfenbrenner's Bioecological Model and its Implications for School Psychology in Supporting Diverse Learners		Prof. Ramaa Subbaih Professor of Education (Retd) Regional Institute of Education, NCERT, Mysuru
11.30 am	Panel Discussion Chair		Dato Dr. L. Krishnan Malaysia
	Co-chair		Shri. T. Ganesan International Coordinator Malaysia
11.35 am	Future of Mathematics Assessment: Cognitive Innovation in the Context of Indian NCF-SE-2023		Dr Vinod Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor, Education Department, BHU, Varanasi, UP, INDIA
11.40 am	Research Trends in School Psychology: A Bibliometric Analysis using the Scopus Database (2000–2025)		Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education (K), Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi (UP)
11.45 am	Inclusive Education and Psychological Well-being of Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Asia Pacific Schools		Ms. Soniya Jain Counselling Psychologist Chennai

11.50 am	Chair		Dr. S. Srinivasan Principal (Retd) Govt Law College, Puducherry
	Co-Chair		Shri. Mavai So. Thangarajah Founder International Tamil Cultural Centre Germany
11.55 am	Invited Talk 5		Dr. Anuratha Rajasegaram Department of Indian Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Universiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA.
12.05 pm	Effect of Acculturation, Stress & Anxiety, Trauma Experiences on Academic Functioning & Achievements of College Students		Dr. Dwivedi Satyavah, Asst Professor, Teacher Training Department, Halim Muslim P.G College Kanpur UP
12.10 pm	Application of Panchakosha Theory for Promoting Mental Health among School Adolescents: A Holistic Approach		Dr. Abha Singh, Principal, PPN (PG) College, Kanpur, UP
12.15 pm	The Role of Neuroplasticity and AI-Assisted Education in Developing Cognitive Skills among Neurodivergent Children		Dr. R. Rajesh Head, Department of English Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai
12.20 pm	Chair		Dr. Vishal Sharma Department of Psychology Jagannath University, Bahadurgarh, Haryana

12.25 pm	Symposium Timeless Wisdom for Flourishing Youth: A Multidimensional Exploration of Character and Well-Being in the Bhagavad Gita		Dr. Deepti Hooda Professor and In-charge Happitude Laboratory, M.D. University, Rohtak, Haryana, India.
			Dr. Anjali Malik Professor and In-charge Happitude Laboratory, M.D. University, Rohtak, Haryana, India.
12.45 pm	Group Discussion		
	Lunch Break		
Sunday 6.9.2026 9.30 am (India time)	Virtual Sessions Chairperson		Prof. Nilesh Thakre Professor and Head Department of Psychology SNDT University, Mumbai, India
9.40 am	Keynote Address 2		Tan Sri Prof. Marimuthu Chairman International Association of Tamil Research (IATR) Malaysia
9.50 am	Keynote Address 3		Prof. Ishikawa Michiko Professor of Psychology Tokyo University and Graduate Studies in Social Welfare, Tokyo, Japan
11.40 am	Invited Talk 5 Research Trends in School Psychology: A Bibliometric Analysis using the Scopus Database (2000–2025)		Dr. Neeta Sinha, School of Liberal Studies Pandit Deendayal Energy University Gandhinagar
9.40 am	Keynote Address 4		Prof. Muhammad Kamal Uddin, Professor and Former Chairman, Department of Psychology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

9.50 am	Keynote Address 5		Mrs. Coosje Griffiths Former Secretary, International School Psychology Association Western Australia
10.10 am	Keynote Address 6		Dr Vijayakumar VSR Psychologist and Data Scientist University of Madras, Chennai
10.30 am	Invited Talk 6		Prof. Zokaitluangi Head, Department of Psychology, Mizoram University, Mizoram
10.40 am	Invited Talk 7		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.
10.50 am	Invited Talk 8 Building a School Culture of Learning and Development – an Indian Perspective		Prof. Janet Fernandes St. Xavier's College, Goa
11.00 am	Invited Talk 8		Ms. Shannon Steven Western Australia
11.10 am	Invited Talk 9 Social Perception of Peers with Disabilities in an Inclusive Educational Environment: Research Results and Practical Goals		Prof. Adeeva Tatiana Nikolaevna , PhD in psychology, docent, Head of department of special education and psychology, Kostroma state University, Russia
			Prof. Tikhonova Inna Viktorovna , PhD in psychology, docent, Kostroma state University, Russia

11.20 am	Invited Talk 10		Dr. Lalitha Subramanian Counselling Psychologist USA
11.30 am	Cultural Adaptation of School-Based Mental Health Interventions in the Asia Pacific Region		N. Asha Rani Counselling Psychologist Chennai
	Presentation of Papers		
11.35 am	Attachment to Artificial Intelligence and its Relationship with Emotional Well-Being, Resilience, and Relationship Satisfaction Among Young Adults		Mr. Amit , 24 Manor Road, Leicester, United Kingdom LE4 8AG
11.40 am	Role of Need for Closure, Need for Cognition and Attitudes towards Artificial Intelligence in Generative Artificially Intelligence Dependency Among Adults		Mr. Jasbir Singh , Counsellor & wellness teacher. Gita Niketan Awasiya Vidyalaya, Salarpur Road Kurukshetra, Haryana
11.45 am	Perceived Friends Support, Self-Esteem and Self-Regulation among Adolescents		Prof(Dr.) H.K. Chhabra & Ms. Angela Chandel , Research scholar, Department of psychology, Panjab University Chandigarh
11.50 am	Cooperative Learning in Diverse Asian Classrooms: A Systematic Literature Review		Nikita Rajput Research Scholar, Central University of Rajasthan NH 8 Bandarsindri Ajmer Rajasthan India 305817
11.55 am	Exploring Parent-Adolescent Attachment and Emotional Intelligence in Diverse School Contexts: A Narrative Review		Keiribuanliu Nagaland
12.00 Noon	Rewring The Anxious Brain: Educational Implications Of Neuroplasticity For Reducing Student Anxiety		Alok Kumar Padhan Research Scholar Department of Education Central University of Rajasthan
12.05 pm	Students and Teachers' Perspectives on Adversities Faced by Adolescents in Schools: A Cultural Domain Analysis Study		Neha Parashar PhD Scholar, Department of Psychological Sciences, Christ University, Hosur Road, Bengaluru, India.

12.10 pm	Exploring Challenges in Early Identification and Screening in Schools: A Cultural Domain Analysis		C R Sneha PhD Scholar, School of Psychological Sciences, Christ University, Bangalore
12.15 pm	From Policy to Practice: School Teachers' Perspectives on Diversity-Responsive Mental Health Support Under NEP 2020		Dr Kritika Rastogi Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Jyoti Dala School of Liberal Arts, NMIMS, Mumbai Address- 710, 7th Floor, Mithibai College Building, Bhaktivedanta Swami Marg, N.S. Road Number 1, Vile Parle West
12.20 pm	Diversity In Access To School Education In India: Evidence From UDISE+ Data		Lakshmi Pandey Univ. Professor & Head, University Department of Psychology, TMBU, Bhagalpur- 812007, Bihar, INDIA
12.25 pm	Impact of Multilingual Instructional Interventions on Cognitive Engagement and Learning Outcomes Among Tribal and Minority Language Students in South India		Dr. Hemanthakumara V Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, CHRIST University, Bangalore Yeshwanthpur Campus, Bangalore. 560073
	Valedictory Session		
12.30 pm	Welcome Address		Dr. N. Sudha Secretary APSPA
12.35 pm	Report of the Conference		Prof. Panch Ramalingam International President of Asia Pacific School Psychology Association
12.40 pm	Presidential Address		Dr. Parvathy Varma Assumption University of Thailand, Bangkok Vice-President, APSPA

12.45 pm	Felicitations		Dr. D. Rajendran Secretary InSPA, Chennai
12.50 pm	Valedictory Address		Prof. Chayada Thanavisuth Dean, Theodore Maria School of Arts Assumption University of Thailand Bangkok
01.00 pm	Vote of Thanks		S. Kumaran School Psychologist. Treasurer, APSA