

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK

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5TH DECEMBER, 2025 (FRIDAY)

TIMINGS	TOPIC
08.30 - 09.00 am	REGISTRATION
09.00 - 10.15 am	Theme Symposium: Building bridges for the voices of our future 1. Safeguarding vulnerable children - Dr. Henal Shah 2. Kids' mental health in crises: What clinicians' know? Dr. Deepak Gupta 3. Caregiving for Generation X & Alpha: Dr. Jai R Ram Chairpersons: Dr. Shekhar Seshadri, Dr. Rachna Bhargava
10.15 - 11.00 am	Invited Lecture: AI & Mental Health: Dr. Tapan Gandhi Chairpersons: Dr. Vinesh Gupta, Dr. Suresh Chakravarthy
11.00 - 11.30 am	TEA and POSTER SESSION
11.30 am - 12.30 pm	INAUGURATION CEREMONY
12.30 - 01.30 pm	LUNCH and POSTER SESSION
01.30 - 02.15 pm	Presidential Address: Dr. Shekhar Seshadri Chairpersons: Dr. Vivek Aggarwal, Dr. Devasish Konar
02.15 - 02.45 pm	PPA Oration: Decoding Issues surrounding Specific Learning Disorders: Personal Reflection: Dr. Adarsh Kohli Chairpersons: Dr. Kishor Gujjar, Dr. Jayanta Das
02.45 - 03.15 pm	Key Note Address: Dr. Joan Haliburn - Sydney, Australia Voices that heal: Dialogue, Attachment and Developmental Trauma Chairpersons: Dr. Savita Malhotra, Dr. H R Phookun
03.15 - 03.45 pm	TEA and POSTER SESSION
03.45 - 04.45 pm	Panel Discussion: Building Bridges to Care: A Service Mapping Approach Panelists: Dr. Shekhar Seshadri, Dr. Savita Malhotra, Dr. Ali, Dr. Rachna Bhargava Moderator: Ms. Jyothi Ramachandran, UNICEF Chairpersons: Dr. Henal Shah, Dr. Arun Kumar
04.45 - 05.30 pm	Oral Papers Chairpersons: Dr. Rahul Chakravarty, Dr. Jayanta Kurmi
05.00 - 07.00 pm	Executive Meeting (Board Room)
05.30 - 06.30 pm	QUIZ (Hall 1) Quiz Master Dr. Madhu Vamsi
07.00 - 08.00 pm	Cultural Evening and Zubeen Garg Night at Dichang Resort
08.00 pm onwards	Dinner at DICHANG RESORT

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6TH DECEMBER, 2025 (SATURDAY)

TIMINGS	HALL - I	HALL - II	HALL - III
08.00 - 08.30 am	Oral Papers Chairpersons: Dr. Anamika Sahu Dr. Neha Sharma	Symposium: The Gen Z Relational Lexicon and the Crisis of Ambiguity Dr. Gayathri Rajan, Dr. Tangella Ravikanth Chairpersons: Dr. Sheila Ramaswamy, Dr. P L Sharma	Symposium: Pediatric Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry: Clinical Pearls, Challenges, and Training Insights Dr. Rahul Chakravarty, Dr. Swapnajeet Sahoo, Dr. O P Singh Chairpersons: Dr. Niska Sinha, Dr. Alka Subramanyam
08.30 - 09.00 am	Invited lecture: Dr. Victoria Lounge, Singapore From Brain to Bond: Understanding the Neural Foundations of Parent-Infant Connection Chairpersons: Dr. Ashok Abhyankar, Dr. Deepanjali Medhi		
09.00 - 10.00 am	Awards Session 20 min (15+5) per paper, The J. C. Marfatia Award Chairpersons: Dr. Jai Ranjan Ram, Dr. Ashwani K Mishra The Niloufer Award Chairperson: Dr. Adarsh Kohli, Dr. Nidhi Chauhan		
10.00 - 10.30 am	TEA and POSTER SESSION		
10.30 - 11.30 am	Invited Symposium: Children and the Policies: Gaps, Provisions, and the Pursuit of Justice Dr. Shyamal Prasad Saikia Dr. Sheila Ramaswamy, Dr. Alka Subramanyam Chairpersons: Dr. Priti Arun, Dr. Nahid S Islam	Symposium: The Multidisciplinary Odyssey: Reframing Autism Care through Integrated 'Under one roof' Neurodevelopmental Approaches Dr. V. Vishnupriya, Dr. Murchana Khound Dr. Jaya Shankar Kaushik Chairpersons: Dr. Amrit Pattojoshi, Dr. Pooja Shakya	Symposium: Pediatric Mood Disorders: New Insights in Treatment and Prevention Dr. Pritam Chandak, Dr. Samiksha Sahu, Dr. Priyanka Khot Chairpersons: Dr. Vaibhav, Dr. Khyati Methalia
11.30 am - 12.30 pm	Invited Symposium: Adult Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD): A Hidden Yet Treatable Condition Dr. Nitin Gupta, Dr. Chhitij Srivastava Dr. Ruchita Shah, Dr. Nidhi Chauhan Chairpersons: Dr. Shivanand Kattamani, Dr. Jayanta Dutta	Symposium: Screen time saga & solutions... Brainstorming new perspectives Dr. Fabian Almeida, Dr. Gulbahar Singh Sidhu Dr. Deepali Gul, Dr. Vishal Chhabra Chairpersons: Dr. Sumeet Rana, Dr. Jaya Shankar Kaushik	Symposium: The TikTok Brain: Attention, Identity & Emotional Dysregulation in the Age of Infinite Scroll among Child & Adolescents Dr. Disha Mukherjee Dr. Purvita Sarkar Ray Dr. Partha Sarathi Kundu Chairpersons: Dr. Varsha Vidyadharan, Dr. Priyaranjan Avinash
12.30 - 01.00 pm	Invited Lecture 4: Dr. Ashwani K Mishra: Handling Complexity of numbers for revealing hidden treasure Chairpersons: Dr. Dipesh Bhagabati, Dr. Om Sai Ramesh	Invited Lecture 5: LGBT & Mental Health Dr. Heena Merchant Chairpersons: Dr. Bichitra Nanda Patra, Dr. Sumi Baishya	Oral Papers Chairpersons: Dr. Sajjidur Rehman Dr. Pallavi Abhilasha
01.00 - 02.00 pm	LUNCH and POSTER		
02.00 - 02.30 pm	Plenary: Dr Alexandria Harrison, Canada Better Beginnings: Supporting Resiliency in Low-Resource Communities"? Chairpersons: Dr. Nitin Gupta, Dr. Joan Haliburton		
02.30 - 03.30 pm	The Luke Clack Award Session Chairpersons: Dr Manju Mohanty, Dr Kamala Deka		
03.30 - 03.45 pm	TEA + POSTER		
03.45 - 04.45 pm	Invited Symposium: Digital Pathways and Neurodiverse Futures: Technology in ADHD Assessment and Support Dr. Bichitra Nanda Patra, Dr. Biswadip Chatterjee Dr. Shivanand Kattamani Chairpersons: Dr. K K Mishra, Dr. Soumitra Ghosh	Symposium: Aggression in School Children Dr. Bikram Dutta, Dr. Hiral Kotadia Dr. Rezaul Hamid Chairpersons: Dr. Uttara Chari, Dr. Arabinda Brahma	Symposium: Instagram: A New Digital Playground and Its Impact on Gen Z and Gen Alpha Dr. Barasha Saharia, Dr. Rima Phukan Dr. Dhritibrata Goswami Chairpersons: Dr. Pritam Chandak, Dr. Yogendra Malik
04.45 - 05.45	Invited Symposium: Early Biomarkers and Digital Screening Tools for Autism Spectrum Disorder Dr. Kamala Deka, Dr. Kavery Bora Dr. Satya Kumar Dutta Chairpersons: Dr. Mahadev Sen, Dr. Utpal Bora	Symposium: Role of Child and Adolescent Mental Health NGOs in India- Learnings from Pathways Foundation Kovai Dr. Porpavai Kasiannan, Dr. Shilpa Terance Dr. M V Preethi Chairpersons: Dr. Gautam Saha, Dr. Hiral Kotadia	Oral Papers Chairpersons: Dr. Gayatri Rajan, Dr. Himanshu Sareen
05.45 - 06.00 pm	Pechakucha Competition (Hall 2)		
06.00 pm	General Body Meeting (Hall 1)		
08.00 pm onwards	Dinner at AARIAN WOODS BOUTIQUE RESORT		

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7TH DECEMBER, 2025 (SUNDAY)

TIMINGS	HALL - I	HALL - II	HALL - III
08.00 - 09.00 am	Invited Symposium : Bridging Minds and Brains: Assessment and Management of Neuropsychological and Psychiatric Complications in Pediatric Neurological and Neurosurgical Conditions Dr. Manju Mohanty, Dr. Prajakta Patkar Dr. Anamika Sahu Chairpersons: Dr. Satya Raj, Dr. Biswadip	Workshop: Parenting toolkit for mental health professionals to empower parents of children with ADHD Dr. Vinyas Nisarga, Dr. Purna Khar Chairperson: Dr. Velprashanth Venkatesan	Workshop on AUTISM Dr. Anirban Ray Dr. Praveen Kumar Chairperson: Dr. Rajeev Ranjan
09.00 - 10.00 am	Invited Symposium: Developmental and Psychological Impact of Early Screen and Digital Media Exposure on Children and Adolescents Dr. Vivek Agarwal, Dr. Himanshu Sareen Dr. Amit Arya, Dr. Pawan Kumar Gupta Chairpersons: Dr. Akhilesh Sharma, Dr. Anweshak Das	Symposium: Solution Focused Wellness (So Well) curriculum to address mental health in schools-working on what works Dr. TV Anil Kumar, Dr. P. S. Indu Dr. Anand A Chairpersons: Dr. Swapnajeet Sahoo, Dr. Jina Heigrujam	Symposium: Sleep Issues in Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) — Biology, Clinical Implications & Remedies Dr. Velprashanth Venkatesan Dr. Himani Adarsh, Dr. Chaitanya Vardan Chairpersons: Dr. Shivangi Mehta, Dr. Tangella Ravikanth
10.00 - 10.30 am	Invited Lecture 6: Understanding Culpability: Mental Health and Criminal Responsibility in Children Dr. Vinesh Gupta Chairpersons: Dr. Rajesh Sagar, Dr. Anamika Phukan		
10.30 - 11.00 am	Invited Lecture 7: Policies & Developments in Child & Adolescent Mental Health in India Dr. Rajesh Sagar Chairpersons: Dr. Porpavai Kasiannan, Dr. Shyamal Prasad Saikia		
11.00 - 11.15 am	TEA and Poster Session		
11.15 am - 12.15 pm	Invited Symposium: Policy and Systems Approach Dr. Priti Arun, Dr. Himani Mittal Dr. Satya Raj, Dr. Shivangi Mehta Chairpersons: Dr. Anil Kumar TV, Dr. Sonali Jhanjee	Symposium: Premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD) in Indian Adolescent Dr. Vaibhav, Dr. Omar Afroz Dr. Raja Babu Ramawat Chairpersons: Dr. Amit Arya, Dr. Rezaul Hamid	Symposium: Folate Metabolism and role of Leucovorin in Autism Spectrum Disorder – Mechanisms, Evidence, and Clinical Translation Dr. Himani Adarsh, Dr. Yumnam Sana Devi Dr. Velprashanth Venkatesan Chairpersons: Dr. DG Mukherjee, Dr. Saumyashree
12.15 - 12.45 pm	Meeting the Expert Dr. D Konar: Strategies for engaging globally	Meeting the Expert Dr. Vivek Aggarwal: Demystifying Research to publication process	Symposium Bridging Silence: Giving Voice to Children in Conflict and Trauma Dr. Pallavi Abhilasha, Dr. Jina Heigrujam Dr. Smit Parmar Chairpersons: Dr. P S Indu, Dr. Purna Khar
12.45 - 01.45 pm	Invited Symposium: Addiction in Adolescents Dr. Om Sai Ramesh V, Dr. Sumit Rana Dr. Sonali Jhanjee Chairpersons: Dr. Vinay Kumar, Dr. Shymanta Das	Symposium: Understanding and Addressing High-Risk Behaviours in the Indian Context Dr. Mahadev Singh Sen, Dr. Yogendra Malik Dr. Akhilesh Sharma, Ms Srishti Sahu Chairpersons: Dr. Parthasarthy Kundu, Dr. Prajakta Patkar	Symposium: Impact of Screen use on the ADHD Brain and Digital Medicine Dr. D. G. Mukherjee Dr. Siddhartha Nandi, Dr. Swagata Sinha Chairpersons: Dr. Bikram Dutta, Dr. Vinyas Nisarga
01.45 - 02.00 pm	Valedictory		
02.00 - 02.30 pm	LUNCH		