



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

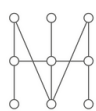
*“Beyond the Rubble:  
Building Resilience  
through Psychosocial  
Support”*



10 - 12 October 2025

NIMHANS Convention Centre,  
Bengaluru, Karnataka, India





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KARNATAKA CHAPTER

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Resilient India - Disaster Free India



## DAY - 1 (10.10.2025 - FRIDAY)

**9.30 - 10.30 AM**

**HALL B**

### INAUGURATION

#### Welcome Address:

Dr. Subhasis Bhadra, Professor & Head, DPSSDM, NIMHANS.

#### Chief Mentor Address:

### **Past, Present & Future of Psychosocial Support and Mental Health Services in Disaster Management:**

Dr. K. Sekar, Senior Professor of Psychiatric Social Work, Consultant - DPSSDM;  
Former Registrar, NIMHANS.

#### Keynote speaker:

Dr. Allen Dyer, Emeritus Professor, George Washington University, United States.

#### Special Remarks:

Prof. D. Nagaraja, Senior Professor of Neurology & Former Director, NIMHANS.

#### Presidential Address:

Dr. Pratima Murthy, Director, NIMHANS.

#### Vote of Thanks:

Dr. Ajay Kumar Goyal, Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology,  
DPSSDM, NIMHANS.

**10.30 - 11.30AM**

**HALL B**

### **Policy Panel: Integrated Leadership for Centrifugal Disasters: Building Resilience Through Psychosocial Support**

Prof. Jacquleen Joseph, Professor, TISS, Mumbai;

Mr. Gobinda Dalai, Executive Director, Yuva Vikas, Balasore;

Dr. Chetna Duggal, Associate Professor, TISS Mumbai;

Mr. Uday Kant Misra, Vice Chairman, BSDMA;

Mr. Ankur Choudhary, JEEVIKA, Bihar

Dr. Aparna Joshi, Project Head - Icall;

Mr. Rajeev Kumar, Program Specialist, UNICEF Patna;

Ms. Arunima, State Programme officer, Reliance Foundation, Mumbai;

Ms. Niti Mishra, Assistant Professor, TISS, Mumbai.

**Chairperson: Dr. R Srinivas Murthy, Professor and Former Head,  
Dept of Psychiatry, NIMHANS;  
Former Chief Editor for World Health Report on Mental Health in 2001.**

**11.30 - 11.45 AM**

**DINING HALL**

**TEA BREAK**



## DAY - 1 (10.10.2025 - FRIDAY)

11. 30 - 12.15 PM

### HALL B

#### **Transdiagnostic cognitive behavioural intervention for managing post-disaster distress**

Dr. Paulomi M. Sudhir, Professor,  
Dept of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS.

**Chairperson: Dr. Seema Mehrotra, Professor,  
Dept of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS.**

### HALL C

#### **Panel Discussion: Suicide in Disasters: Awareness, Survivors, and Lived Experience**

Dr. Priya Sreedharan, Associate Professor,  
Dept. of Psychiatry, St. John's Medical College and Hospital;  
Dr. Anish V. Cherian, Additional Professor,  
Dept of Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS.

**Chairperson: Dr. G. Venkatasubramanian, Professor,  
Dept of Psychiatry, NIMHANS.**

### BOARD ROOM

#### **Panel Discussion: Disaster Risk Reduction: Aligning PSSMHS in DM with Sustainable Development Strategies**

Mijink Brahma, Executive Director,  
Northeast Research and Social Work Networking (NERSWN), Kokrajhar;  
Pranav Sethi, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Specialist,  
GeoHazards Society, Delhi;

Dr. Roshan P Rai, Development Practitioner, DLR Prerna, Darjeeling.  
**Chairperson: Dr. Jahanara M Gajendragad, Professor & Head,  
Dept of Psychiatric Social Work, IHBAS, Delhi.**



## DAY - 1 (10.10.2025 - FRIDAY)

12.15 - 1.00 PM

HALL B

**Psychosocial Dimensions of Environmental Threat: Climate Anxiety and Attitudinal Trends Among Japanese Undergraduates**  
Prof. Eric Des Marais, Director, Okayama Prefectural University, Japan.  
**Chairperson: Prof. Jacquleen Joseph, Professor, TISS, Mumbai.**

HALL C

**Climate Change Risks and the Vulnerabilities of Marginalised Groups**  
Dr. Rajesh Divakaran, Senior Officer, UNHCR, Geneva.  
**Chairperson: Dr. G Radhakrishnan, Additional Professor, Dept of Nursing, NIMHANS.**

BOARD ROOM

**Traumatic Stress Reactions and Management - Experience Sharing from Tertiary Hospitals and Armed Forces.**  
Dr. Dhaval P. Shukla Professor & Head,  
Department of Neurosurgery, NIMHANS.  
Dr. Neelanjan Das, Commandant, Composite Hospital,  
CRPF, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.  
**Chairperson: Dr. Veena A Satyanarayana, Additional Professor, Dept of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS.**

1.00 - 2.00 PM

DINING HALL

LUNCH BREAK

2.00 - 5.00 PM

HALL B,C &  
BOARD ROOM

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

5.00 - 5.30 PM

DINING HALL

TEA BREAK



## DAY - 2 (11.10.2025 - SATURDAY)

9.30 - 10.30 AM

HALL B

### Keynote Session - Advances in Understanding PTSD After Disasters

Prof. Richard Bryant, Scientia Professor,

School of Psychology, University of New South Wales, Australia.

**Chairperson: Dr. Kalpana Sarathy, Dean, School of Social Work, TISS, Guwahati, Assam.**

10.30 - 11.15 AM

HALL B

### Towards a Critical Movement in the Humanitarian Field of Mental Health & Psychosocial Support

Mr. Ananda Galappatti, Medical anthropologist, Magsaysay Laureate, Co-Director OF MHPSS.net, Sri Lanka.

**Chairperson: Dr. Allen Dyer, Emeritus Professor, George Washington University, United States.**

HALL C

### The Psychosocial Dimensions of Disasters among Indigenous Populations

Dr. Gobinda Majhi, Additional Professor, Dept of Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS.

**Chairperson: Dr. K. Sekar, Senior Professor of Psychiatric Social Work, Consultant - DPSSDM; Former Registrar, NIMHANS.**

BOARD ROOM

### Symposium: Understanding and Addressing Childhood Trauma: From Frameworks to Practice

Dr. Anamika Sahu, Assistant Professor;

Dr. M. Thomas Kishore, Professor;

Dr. Roopesh BN, Additional Professor,

Dept of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS.

**Chairperson: Dr. K. John Vijay Sagar, Professor & Head, Dept of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, NIMHANS.**

11.15 - 11.30 AM

DINING HALL

TEA BREAK



## DAY - 2 (11.10.2025 - SATURDAY)

11.30 - 12.15 PM

### HALL B

**Community-based Psychosocial support and preparedness in Japan**  
Prof. Kenji Iwamitsu, Professor, Health and Family Welfare Sciences,  
Okayama Prefectural University, Japan.  
**Chairperson: Dr. R. Dhanashekara Pandian, Professor,**  
**Dept of Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS.**

### HALL C

**Reflections from the Manipur conflict: Trauma Care intervention training to community leaders in the Manipur Riots**  
Dr. Prince C P, Associate professor,  
Dept of Psychology, RSBAS, RGU, Assam;  
Dr. Kimneiath Elizabeth Vaiphei, Associate Professor,  
Dept of Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS.  
**Chairperson: Dr. Kalpana Sarathy, Dean, School of Social Work,**  
**TISS, Guwahati, Assam.**

### BOARD ROOM

**Problematic Internet Use & Emotions: Responsible Use during Disaster**  
Dr. Manoj K. Sharma, Professor,  
Dept of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS.  
**Democratising the knowledge for reaching the marginalised communities and remote areas (ECHO Model)**  
Dr. Prabhat Kumar Chand, Professor and Head,  
Centre for Addiction Medicine, NIMHANS;  
Ms. Smitha Shetty, Consultant, ECHO India.  
**Chairperson: Dr. Nitin Anand, Additional Professor,**  
**Dept of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS.**





## DAY - 2 (11.10.2025 - SATURDAY)

12.15 - 1.00 PM

HALL B

**ManoEvery Child Matters: Manodrapan's Journey in Mental Health and Well-being**

Prof. Vinod Kumar Shanwal,  
In-charge, Manodarpan Cell, NCERT, New Delhi.

**Chairperson: Dr. N. Janardhana, Professor & Head,  
Dept of Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS.**

HALL C

**Role of Media in Representing the Voice of Marginalised Social Groups in Disaster-affected Communities**

Priti David, Journalist, Editor,  
People's Archive of Rural India (PARI), Mumbai;  
Priyali Sur, Journalist, Founder & Executive Director, The Azadi project

**Chairperson: Dr. Sojan Antony, Additional Professor,  
Dept of Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS**

BOARD ROOM

**Actionable Mental Health Support: Practical Tips and Opportunities for Special Populations in Disasters.**

Dr. Suresh Bada Math, Professor, Dept of Psychiatry, NIMHANS.

**Chairperson: Dr. Roopesh BN, Additional Professor,  
Dept of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS.**

1.00 - 2.00 PM

DINING HALL

**LUNCH BREAK**

2.00 - 5.00 PM

HALL B,C &  
BOARD ROOM

**PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

5.00 - 5.30 PM

DINING HALL

**TEA BREAK**

6.00 - 7.00 PM

HALL B

**CULTURAL EVENING**

7.30 - 9.00 PM

DINING HALL

**GALA DINNER**



## DAY - 3 (12.10.2025 - SUNDAY)

9.30 - 10.30 AM

HALL B

### Panel Discussion: Mental Health Issues of Vulnerable and Marginalised Social Groups

Dr. Ajinder Walia, Associate Professor - NIDM, Delhi;  
Dr. Preeti Soni, Senior Consultant, IUINDRR - NIDM, Delhi.  
Anjuman Ara Begum, Development and Justice Initiative (DAJI), Kalkaji;  
Dr. Madhumita Das, Secretary General, Indian Council for Child Welfare.

**Chairperson: Dr. Kiran Rao, Former Professor & Head,  
Former Psychotherapy Coordinator, Dept. of Clinical Psychology,  
NIMHANS.**

10.30 - 11.15 AM

HALL B

### Symposium - Dementia in Disasters: The Overlooked Challenge in Crisis Response

Dr. Debanjan Banerjee, Consultant Old Age Psychiatrist, APOLLO Multispeciality Hospital, Kolkata; Dr. Sojan Antony, Additional Professor, Dept of PSW, NIMHANS; Ms. Nilanjana Maulik, Secretary General, Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI), Calcutta Chapter.

**Chairperson: Dr. Ajit B. Dahale Additional Professor,  
Dept of Psychiatry, NIMHANS.**

HALL C

### Symposium - Psychosocial Perspectives of Disaster and Conflict Field-Based Experiences in India

Dr. Prasanta Kumar Roy, Associate Professor, Dept of Clinical Psychology, Institute of Psychiatry, Kolkata; Dr. Ansuman Mitra, National Disaster Response Cell (NDRC); Mr. Kanchan Sengupta, National Council of Education, Bengal.

**Chairperson: Dr. Renjit Pillai, Additional Professor of PSW,  
Dept Psychiatry, PGIMER, Chandigarh.**

BOARD  
ROOM

### Panel Discussion: Inclusive Approach: Promoting Equity and Participation in Disaster Management

Dr. Kumam Davidson, Founder, Matai Society (NGO), Manipur;  
Raju Kumar Narzary, Co-founder, SECMOL  
**Chairperson: Mr. Ananda Galappatti, Medical anthropologist, Magsaysay  
Laureate, Co-Director OF MHPSS.net, Sri Lanka.**





## DAY - 3 (12.10.2025 - SUNDAY)

11.15 - 11.30 AM

DINING HALL

TEA BREAK

11.30 - 12.15 AM

HALL B

**Trauma Interventions in PTSD**

Dr. M. Manjula, Professor,

Dept of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS.

**Chairperson: Dr. Neelanjan Das, Commandant,  
Composite Hospital, CRPF, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.**

HALL C

**Panel Discussion: Providing Psychosocial Support for Vulnerable Groups  
in Disaster-Prone Regions: People Living with HIV, Sex Workers, Sexual  
Minorities, and Homeless**

Amit Singh Gusain, President, Uttarakhand Association for Positive People  
(NGO), Uttarakhand; Sreekanth Kannan, Executive Director, Aneka (NGO),  
Bengaluru; Khushal Gour, Cofounder & Secretary - Positive YUVA Network  
Association.

**Chairperson: Dr. K. Sekar, Senior Professor,  
Dept of Psychiatric Social Work & Former Registrar, NIMHANS.**

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**Beyond the Physical Damage of Disasters**

Dr. Divendu Bhushan, Professor and Head,  
Dept of Emergency Medicine, AIIMS Patna.

**Chairperson: Dr Kaviraja Udupa, Professor,  
Dept of Neurophysiology, NIMHANS**

12.15 - 1.00 PM

HALL B,C &  
BOARD ROOM

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

1.00 - 2.00 PM

DINING HALL

LUNCH BREAK



## DAY - 3 (12.10.2025 - SUNDAY)

2.00 - 4.00 PM

HALL B

### Mental Health Support Amidst War and Conflict

Dr. Allen Dyer, Emeritus Professor,

George Washington University, United States.

### Health and well-being in the context of disaster mental health support

Dr. Sibnath Deb, Professor of Psychology, Pondicherry University,

Former Director RGNIYD. Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.

### Understanding the Psychosocial Impact of the Manipur Conflict

Dr. Kalpana Sarathy, Dean, School of Social Work,

TISS, Guwahati, Assam.

### Revisiting PSSMHS in Disaster Management: Lessons Learnt, Current Practices, and the Way Forward

Dr. R Srinivas Murthy, Professor and Former Head, Dept of Psychiatry,

NIMHANS; Former Chief Editor for World Health Report on Mental

Health in 2001.

**Chairperson: Dr. Jagadisha Thirthalli, Professor & Head,  
Dept of Psychiatry, NIMHANS.**

4.00 - 5.00 PM

HALL B

**VALEDICTORY AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION**

5.00 - 5.30 PM

REGISTRATION  
DESK

**CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION**

DINING HALL

**VALEDICTORY TEA**

**NOTE: Kindly note that the timings are tentative and subject to change.**