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ABSTRACTS



FROM THE FOUNDER SECRETARY'S DESK

The Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS), India's largest and oldest national association of psychiatrists was established on the 7th of January 1947 in New Delhi during the Indian Science Congress. The IPS over the year grown and extended its national networks extensively all across the India. It has five major zonal branches and around 30 state branches along with several other subsections.

The Uttar Pradesh played a key role in the IPS since its inception and many of the luminaries of the state held key positions in the IPS. Prof KC Dubey, Prof BB Sethi, Prof A K Agarwal and Prof J K Trivedi were among many other star achievers in this regard. However, the formation of the state branch was somehow kept in abeyance.

The Indian Psychiatric Society- UP State Branch (IPS-UPSB) is the newest of the state branches of India. IPS-UPSB has seen its humble beginning after a series of events 2019-20. Prof P K Dalal was elected as the Vice president cum president elect of the Indian Psychiatric society in the year 2019. He took notice that despite being such a large state and having an important place in national organization i.e. IPS, Uttar Pradesh is yet to start its state branch. Hence, Prof Dalal started efforts to establish the state branch. He requested and encouraged several members of the state for the same. He also asked the writer of this document to prepare a draft of the constitution and the bylaws for the state branch. The resolution for the establishment of the IPS UP state branch was passed at the IPS-Central Zonal Conference in Agra in 2019 during the Annual General Body meeting of the IPS-Central Zone. Several esteemed members of the state were present in the meeting including Dr P K Dalal, Dr R K Mahendru, Dr S C Tiwari, Dr S P Gupta, Dr Gyanendra Kumar, Dr Shahsi Rai, Dr Shabri Dutta, Dr Vipul Singh, Dr Hemant Naidu, Dr Sanjay Gupta, Dr Jai Prakash Narayan, Dr Anil Nischal, Dr Sachhidanand Gupta, Dr Dhananjay Choudhary, Dr Ganesh Shankar, Dr Amit Arya and Dr Adarsh Tripathi among several others. The office bearers and council members for this new state branch were proposed and elected unanimously. The resolution letter for the association was submitted to the president of IPS-Central Zone Dr S P Gupta. He presented the proposal in meeting and it was accepted in EC and AGB of the IPS-Central Zonal Conference in Agra in 2019. The president of the IPS-CZ Dr S P Gupta forwarded this resolution and proposal for the consideration to the secretary of the IPS Dr Vinay Kumar. IPS EC approved the formation of new branch at ANCIPS 2020 held at Kolkata. Indian Psychiatric Society Uttar Pradesh State Branch also known and registered as Association of Clinical Psychiatry. Association of Clinical Psychiatry is organization of psychiatrists and allied mental health professionals residing in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The society is registered under Society Registration Act (Act number 21, 1860) as Association of Clinical Psychiatry ACP via registration number LUC/02811/2020-2021 dated 03/09/2020. IPS-UPSB was established to promote the advancement of science of psychiatry and related disciplines, promote highest possible standard of clinical practice and ethical behavior in psychiatry in the state of Uttar Pradesh and this aims to occupy a strong and credible position for the promotion of science, newer advancements and dissemination of knowledge in psychiatry among our fellow colleagues in the state of UP.

Though, the very first year we were able to form our branch and able to register it, the world was grappling with the overwhelming and never seen before challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the routine activities of the associations are halted or compromised due to variety of restrictions and challenges. We had our first ever-online conference of IPS-UPSB on 11-12th Dec 2021. A scholarly galaxy of national and international speakers made their presentations in the conference. We also organized a very interactive panel discussion of media persons and mental health professionals on the topic of media and mental health. About 250 delegates attended the conference on online platform. A testimony of our continued work and activism was celebrated through proving us 2nd best winner of the Best State Branch of Indian Psychiatric Society for the year 2020 at the AGB Meeting held on 30.01.2021 by national body of Indian Psychiatric Society.

However, we call for a continued togetherness and activism from all of our fellow colleagues during this challenging time. Our association aims to maintain a high standard of scientific integrity and relevance for current times. Let's continue doing some good work for betterment of our patients, their families and society in general. As the founding honorary general secretary of the IPS-UPSB, I also appeal to all the esteemed psychiatrists of the state to become a member of this association and join hand together for the cause of psychiatry.

Long Live IPS-UP state Branch!

Long Live IPS!

Dr Adarsh Tripathi
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