



भारतीय प्रबंध संस्थान शिलाँग  
Indian Institute of Management Shillong



# 35th NAoP Convention

29 APRIL – 1 MAY 2026

## Theme

*Reframing Psychology Beyond Neoliberal  
Individualism: Psychology as the Ground for  
Future Human Action*

# 35th NAoP Convention

**Day 1**  
(29 April 2026)

**TIME**

**ACTIVITY**

**VENUE**

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Registration

Reception Area

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Inaugural:  
Presidential Lecture  
&  
35th NAoP Lecture

Auditorium

**LUNCH**  
(NAB AREA)  
(1:00 PM-2:00 PM)

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Oral Presentations Tracks 1-5  
&  
Symposium 1 & 2

NAB

**EVENING TEA**  
(NAB AREA)  
(3:30 PM-4:00 PM)

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Keynote Lecture 1  
&  
Oral Presentations Tracks 6-12

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5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Oral Presentations Tracks 13-17;  
Symposiums 3-5  
&  
EC Meeting

NAB

**DINNER**  
(NAB AREA)  
(7:00 PM-8:30 PM)

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Keynote Lecture 2

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Poster Presentation (NAB)

# 35th NAoP Convention

**Day 2**  
(30 April 2026)

**TIME**

**ACTIVITY**

**VENUE**

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

**D. Sinha Award Presentations +  
NAOP Best Paper Award  
Presentations;  
Keynote Lecture 3 & 4**

**NAB**

**MORNING TEA  
(NAB AREA)  
(11:00 AM-11:30 AM)**

11:30 AM-01:00 PM

**D. Sinha Memorial Lecture**

**NAB**

**LUNCH  
(NAB AREA)  
(1:00 PM-2:00 PM)**

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**Symposium 6 - 10;  
Oral Presentations Tracks 18-22;  
Keynote Lecture 5 & 6**

**NAB**

**EVENING TEA  
(NAB AREA)  
(3:30 PM-3:45PM)**

3:45PM - 5:15 PM

**Keynote Lecture 7;  
Corporate Leadership Talk 1 & 2**

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5:15 PM - Onwards

**NAoP General Body Meeting**

**NAB**

7:00 PM-Onwards

**The Relational Mind and a Life of  
Thought: Honoring Prof. R.C.  
Tripathi**

**NAB**

**CONFERENCE DINNER  
(NAB AREA)  
(7:00 PM-ONWARDS)**

**Poster Presentation (NAB)**

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## Day 3

(1 May 2026)

TIME

ACTIVITY

VENUE

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Oral Presentations Tracks 23-25;  
Corporate Leadership Talk 3 & 4 ;  
Symposiums 11 - 15

NAB

MORNING TEA  
(NAB AREA)  
(11:00 AM-11:30 AM)

11:30 AM-01:00 PM

Valedictory

Auditorium

LUNCH  
(NAB AREA)  
(1:00 PM-2:00 PM)

# 35th NAoP Convention

## 35th Convention Distinguished Speakers

SERIAL NO.	TITLE	DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS
1	<b>Presidential Address: Cultural and Structural Competencies in Psychology: Revisiting Some Partially Fulfilled Promises</b>	<b>Kumar Ravi Priya, President, NAoP &amp; Professor, IIT Kanpur</b>
2	<b>35TH NAoP Lecture: Neoliberalism as a New Colonizer of Minds: Towards Reframing of Psychology</b>	<b>R.C.Tripathi, Ex Director, G.B.Pant Social Science Institute, Head, Department of Psychology, University of Allahabad</b>
3	<b>Keynote Lecture 1: Sustainable Development: Psychological Perspectives on Cooperation and Social Change</b>	<b>Saswata N. Biswas, Director, TSU/IRMA, Anand</b>
4	<b>Keynote Lecture 2: What does decolonization demand from psychology: Reimagining Neoliberalism, Selfhood and Systems</b>	<b>Sunil Bhatia, Lucy Marsh Haskell '19 Professor of Human Development. Chair, Department of Human Development, Connecticut College, USA</b>
5	<b>D. Sinha Memorial Lecture: The Science and Art of Understanding Human Experience, Agency, Relatedness, and Social Transformation: Genetic, Neurobiological, Indigenous, and Cultural Perspectives.</b>	<b>Uichol Kim, Professor Emeritus, Business School, Inha University, President and Founder, International Association of Indigenous and Cultural, Psychology, Korea.</b>
6	<b>Keynote Lecture 3: When Critical Psychology speaks to Post Colonial Subject</b>	<b>Minati Panda, Zakir Hussain Center for Educational Studies, JNU</b>
7	<b>Keynote Lecture 4: Intelligent Together: Why the Future of Work is about Smart Partnership</b>	<b>Ruchi Sinha, NTU Business School, Singapore</b>

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SERIAL NO.	TITLE	DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS
8	Keynote Lecture 5: Climate Change, Climate Hazards, and Their Impact on Mental Health in India	Damodar Suar, Professor Emeritus, KIIT and Rtd. Professor, IIT Kharagpur
9	Keynote Lecture 6: Decolonisation: Without and Within!	Yoganand (Raghoo) Sinha, Bird-Watcher & Professor Rtd. Allahabad University
10	Corporate Leadership Talk 1: Exploring the idea and importance of inversion of influence	Anupriya Dwivedi, MSc. Neuroscience, Oxford & MS Management / Business Administration, Stanford University
11	Corporate Leadership Talk 2: Neural response/Brain behavior, cyber security and challenge of AI	Mahipal Nair, Managing Director, Trelix India
12	Corporate Leadership Talk 3: From Compliance to Commitment: The Psychological Shift in Managing Workforce Relations	Uttam Lal, Director Personnel, NHPC
13	Corporate Leadership Talk 4: First Time Right: The Military Discipline That Eliminates Mediocrity	Capt Yashika Tyagi (Retd)
14	Keynote Lecture 7: Revisiting Distributive Justice in Indian Society	Lilavati Krishnan, Rtd. Professor, IIT Kanpur

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## 35th NAoP Symposiums

SERIAL NO.	TITLE	CHAIR/ DISCUSSANT	CONTRIBUTORS/ RESEARCHERS
1	Convention Symposium: Contemporary Social Issues: Theory, Research & Practice	Shruti Tewari	Rama Charan Tripathi Purnima Singh Roomana N. Siddique Vaibhav Dwivedi
2	Convention Symposium: Professional Practice of Psychology (Hybrid)	Mahesh Deshmukh	Deepak Gupta Reena Kaul Jasmine Lyngdoh Anju Pachauri Sahay
3	Doing Critical Ethnography at the Intersections of Care, Compassion, and Community	Kumar Ravi Priya	Aishwarya Raj Sneha Kashyap Sharvari Ashtaputre
4	Masculinity norms, gender relations and social reality: From threat to bias across contexts	Sramana Majumdar	Archisha Wadhwa Surabhi Katyayal Mohammad Ali
5	Researching 'on', 'about' or 'with'? Doing critical qualitative research in Psychology in India	Chetan S.V.	Sangeetha V Neha Jain Angel Sophan Aparna S
6	Cross-Cultural Heptad of Personality: A Psycholexical Investigation to Discover Personality Structure in Seven Indian language (Hindi, Kannada, Konkani, Malayalam, Marathi, Tamil, and Tharu)	Vivek Belhekar	Vivek Belhekar Vijayendra Pandye Jeyavel Sundaramoorthy Maman Joseph Radhika Bhargava
7	Care, Connections, and Concerns: Reflections on the Psychologist – Society hyphen in the Indian Context	Neha Jain	Priyanka Mittal Arpita Gupta
8	Climate Change as a Social Crisis: Identity, Inequality, and Collective Well-Being	Prama Bhattacharya	Sneha Kashyap Sharvari Ashtaputre

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9	Explicating the Process of Scientific Knowledge Production: Role of Reflexivity in fostering Knowledge Co-construction in Qualitative Research	Deepika Sharma	Lalit Saraswat Malhar Deshmukh Sharanya Chakraborty
10	From AI Fluency to Wisdom Infrastructure: Toward Relational Models of Societal Wellbeing	Ankita Sharma	Decency Rajput Siddharth Chowdhury Abhishek Sharma Satchit Prasoon Mondal DM L Zou
11	Minds in the Digital World: Exploring Cognition, Selfhood, and the Internet	Arpita Gupta	Tara Chand Divya Bhatia Kirti Tyagi
12	Integration of Practice, History, and Therapy Training: Toward an AntiCaste Mental Health Framework	Shivangi Pal	Avani Eileen Purty Sheetal Malik
13	Military Psychology- Futuristic vision for multimodal Personnel Selection System (Hybrid)	Pramod Kumar	B C Kar A P Tripathi Manish Singh
14	Pathways to community well-being: An integrative approach in digital era	Susmita Halder	Shivani Santosh Anurupa Kundu Parvati Varma
15	Presidential Symposium: Being Relevant in Cultural and Structural Context: Applying Critical, Decolonial, and Indigenous Psychology in Contemporary India	Kumar Ravi Priya	Anand Prakash Prachi Ghildyal Rohit Dwivedi



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**[LINK FOR ORAL PRESENTATION & POSTER PRESENTATION](#)**

# 35th NAO P Convention

## Pre-Convention Day 1

(27 April 2026)

ACTIVITY

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VENUE

### Workshop 1

Qualitative and  
Quantitative Data Analysis  
for Psychological Test  
Construction

Damodar Suar,  
Palakshi Sarmah,  
Priya Alat,  
Sitanshu Sekhar Das

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

NAB- G03

**BIO-BREAK**  
(11:00 AM-11:15 AM)

**LUNCH**  
(1:00 PM-2:00 PM)  
(NAB AREA)

**HIGH TEA**  
(4:00 PM-4:30 PM)  
(NAB AREA)

# 35th NAO P Convention

## Pre-Convention Day 2

(28 April 2026)

ACTIVITY

RESOURCE  
PERSON

TIME

VENUE

### Workshop 1

Qualitative and  
Quantitative Data Analysis  
for Psychological Test  
Construction

Damodar Suar,  
Palakshi Sarmah,  
Priya Alat,  
Sitanshu Sekhar Das

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

NAB- G03

### Workshop 2

One day CBT Practical skills  
workshop

Shishir Palsapure

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

NAB- 106

### Workshop 3

Reflective Practice in  
Context: Culturally  
Responsive Psychotherapy  
& Counselling in India

Poornima Bhola,  
Rathna Isaac

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

NAB- 107

### Workshop 4

Unpacking Language, Power  
and Meaning: Introducing  
Critical Discourse Analysis  
for Psychological Research  
in India

Shivani Nag,  
Aparna Vyas,  
Minati Panda

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

NAB-108

### Workshop 5

Mindfulness-Based  
Interventions for Sustainable  
Leadership: Psychological  
Mechanisms and Experiential  
Foundations

Mudit Shukla

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

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## Pre-Convention Day 2

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ACTIVITY

RESOURCE  
PERSON

TIME

VENUE

### Workshop 6

When Love Meets Duty:  
Using Gottman Therapy with  
Couples in Collectivist  
Cultures

Sukriti Khanna

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

NAB- 101

### Workshop 7

“Dream Analysis”:  
Vedantic approach for  
SELF liberation

Lalit Kumar

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

NAB- 102

### Workshop 8

“Trustworthiness in  
Qualitative Research: An  
In-depth Exploration of  
Reflexivity and  
Triangulation

Sonali De,  
Rituparna  
Chakraborty,  
Mahua Chatterjee

2:00 PM - 5:30 PM

NAB- 103

Executive Council Symposium:  
NAoP’s Mission: Reflecting on the  
Past toward Formulating Future  
Action Plan

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

NAB-G05

**BIO-BREAK**  
(11:00 AM-11:15 AM)

**LUNCH**  
(1:00 PM-2:00 PM)  
(NAB AREA)

**EVENING TEA**  
(4:00 PM-4:30 PM)  
(NAB AREA)