

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH

25th & 26th October 2017

International Conference on School Mental Health aimed to showcase the issues of School students and seeks measures to intervene with their problems. It was organized by Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University, at IECD, Conference Hall, Bharathidasan University, Khajamalai Campus, Tiruchirappalli, on 25th and 26th of October, 2017. The Conference brought together over 280 participants from 5- Countries, 13- Indian states, 41-Universities, 87-Institutions, 36- Disciplines & 144- Departments.

In the Inaugural function of the Conference, Dr. J.O. JerydaGnanajaneEljo, Organising Secretary & Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli welcomed the gathering and sketched out the theme of the conference. **DR. V.SETHURAMALINGAM**, Professor & Head, Department of Social Work Bharathidasan University Tiruchirappalli, addressed the gathering and introduced the department to the participants. Dr. R. BabuRajendran, Registrar I/c, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli rendered the **Presidential Address** and congratulated the team of social work department for the excellent academic programmes and also encouraged them to bring many policies for the welfare was given by of the student's mental health. In the inaugural address Dr. K. Sekar, Professor & Registrar, NIMHANS, Bangalore, spoke about the need to look at the condition of the mental health in the present scenario and shared his rich thoughts on school mental health. He emphasised that we need to be sensitive and bring preventive model to all types of disorders, and promotive model to mental health. **Significant Contribution from the Conference : there was** Official Release of Book of Abstracts on "School Mental Health" multi dimensional perspective, Special issues volume I & II on School Mental Health in UGC approved Journal Shanlax International Journal on Humanities and Social Sciences, and School Mental Health Inventory. **Felicitation Address was given by** Dr. A. Relton, Associate Professor & Head Department of Social Work, Bishop Heber College Tiruchirappalli, appreciated and thanked Dr. JerydaGnanajaneEljo for organising the international Conference on School Mental Health. He mentioned that friendly school is the basic concept of school mental health and wished everyone for their good presentation in the upcoming sessions. **Vote of Thanks was given by** Dr. R.Mangaleswaran, Assistant Professor, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli started with the motto of our Bharathidasan University that "We Will Create a New Brave World"- and

thanked all the dignitaries and participants of the Conference. He also encouraged the collective work of social work department for the successful organisation of the Conference. The conference had plenary speakers from India and Abroad they are Dr. DhanasekharaPandiyan from NIMHANS , Bangalore; Dr.Catherine Leahy from Australia, Madam.ShanthaDevadasan from Trichy ,Dr.Anish , HOD, Dept. of Social Work, Rajagiri, Kerala,Dr.B.P.Nirmala, Additional professor, NIMHANS, Bangalore;Dr.Janarthanan Additional professor, NIMHANS, Bangalore;Dr.F.X. Lovelina Little Flower , Professor ,CoimbatoreMadam.Jayanthirani, Advocate, Trichy.Dr.Senthilnathan, Director of UGC Human resource development centre, BDU, Trichy.**Altogether the Conference had 211 Scientific papers in** different subthemes were conducted in four different venues.