

## Leadership in Psychiatry book released in memory of Dr BS Chavan

Government Rehabilitation institute for intellectual disabilities (GRIID), sector 31 c., Chandigarh and NGO Parivartan, Chandigarh co-jointly has planned to organise the second Annual Research Day and Prof. BS Chavan Memorial Rehabilitation Program in the memory of Late Dr B S Chavan.

On the first day of the program, Dr Jasbinder Kaur, Director Principal, the Chief Guest of the program congratulated GRIID and Parivartan for organising the program. She said that Dr Chavan had innovative thinking as he initiated the project UMMEED for which he was given Presidential award twice. Besides, Persons with Mental Illness were enrolled in special employment exchange last year. The program was organized at Sarai Building, Auditorium, Government Medical College and Hospital, Sector 32, Chandigarh.

Dr Priti Arun, Joint Director presented an overview of history of GRIID-school, clinic, college - and its activities. She said that when sheltered workshops are fully functional many students with special needs will get benefitted and this will make an impact to many lives as was the dream of Dr Chavan. Dr Chavan also envisioned to develop GRIID into university of disability studies.

Dr B S Chavan was an accomplished researcher academician, has been well known for his exemplary contribution to the field of disability impacting the lives of people with disabilities. He accomplished this through his work as founder Joint Director, Govt Rehabilitation Institute for Intellectual Disabilities (GRIID), Chandigarh, founder Professor and Head, Department of Psychiatry, GMCH Chandigarh, founder Director, Mental Health Institute (MHI) and subsequently Director Govt. Rehabilitation Institute for Intellectual Disabilities (GRIID), Chandigarh and Director Principal of Govt. Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) Chandigarh. Prof Chavan was the recipient of many awards, including two presidential awards for his outstanding contribution in the field of disability and mental health.

The program began with enthralling saraswati vandana presented by students of GRIID special school, college and staff of GRIID special school.

On the occasion, a book was released - Essays in honour of Prof BS Chavan on "leadership in Psychiatry 1947-2022" edited by Dr R. Srinivas Murthy retired Prof. NIMHANS, Bangalore. The book was handed over to Dr Kavita Chavan, wife of Dr B S Chavan.

NGO Parivartan, a mental health support group initiated Dr B S Chavan memorial award for every year on Dr Chavan's birth anniversary (25th March)

doing seminal work in the field of Psychiatry in India. Schizophrenia research foundation (SCARF) was given this award for the year 2022 today.

Talks were delivered on the topics "An interactive program on Emotional health of Caregivers: A priority" by Dr R Srinivas Murthy and "Financial Planning for Persons with severe mental illness and Intellectual disability" by Mr Jitendra Solanki. Both these topics were much appreciated by the caregivers.



**Dr Jasbinder Kaur, Govt Medical College and Hospital(GMCH), Sector 32, Chandigarh was the Chief Guest. She was welcomed with a bouquet of flowers and a sapling.**





A total of 95 participants attended the program.



Dr R Srinivas Murthy shared his experience of working with Dr B S Chavan



Dr Shakuntala(on wheelchair) released the book "Leadership in Psychiatry ." and handed it to Dr Kavita Chavan





Dr Padmavati, Director, Schizophrenia Research Foundation(SCARF), Chennai being awarded the prize.



In photos (from top): The Chief Guest sharing her views and Dr Priti Arun giving a token of gratitude and a gift hamper of articles made by GRID school students





**Dr Priti Arun gave an overview about GRID**



**Dr Shikha Tyagi proposed vote of thanks**



**Mr Jitendra Solanki giving a talk**



**Mr Jitendra Solanki felicitated with a memento**



**Dr R Vani Ratnam during interactive session**



**In photos: Mrs Pooja Ghai (left) and Mr Hemant Chanderchur (right) during an interactive session with Mr Jitendra Solanki**