

## GRIID Annual Research Day -2025

The Government Rehabilitation Institute for Intellectual Disabilities (GRIID), Sector 31c, Chandigarh, successfully organized its 5th Annual Research Day on March 24, 2025, marking a significant occasion in honour of the birth anniversary of the late Prof. B.S. Chavan, former Director of the Institute and a pioneer in the field of disability rehabilitation. The event served as a platform for knowledge exchange and academic enrichment, attracting over 100 professionals, research scholars, and students from various institutions across Chandigarh, Panjab University, and neighbouring states.

The theme for this year's Research Day was **"Building Capacity in Inclusion for Children with Special Needs,"** highlighting the significance of inclusive education and service delivery for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The inaugural session began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by Saraswati Vandana, which symbolises the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom.



The program was honoured by Prof. A.K. Attri, Director-Principal of GMCH and Director of GRIID, who served as the Chief Guest, along with other dignitaries, including Dr. Ajeet Sidana, Joint Director, Dr. M. Karupphasamy, Course Coordinator, Dr. Reena Jain, Clinic In-Charge, Mr. Jaspal sharma, Administrative officer, Mrs. Vandana singh, School principal incharge and Mr. Anil Kumar, GRIID.

A notable highlight of the event was the keynote address delivered by Prof. Anand Sharma from the Department of Pharmaceutical Management at NIPER, Mohali, Punjab. Prof. Sharma provided an in-depth and insightful presentation on the role of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in developing inclusive practices and infrastructure within the field of special education, emphasising the urgent need for multi-sectoral collaboration.

To foster a culture of research and evidence-based practices, the Institute invited research paper submissions from professionals, scholars, and students.



More than 20 research papers were received and presented, covering a wide array of themes related to intellectual disabilities, inclusive education, assistive technology, early intervention, and community-based rehabilitation. The technical sessions were chaired by eminent academicians, including Dr. Saifur Rehman and Prof. Dazy Zarabi from the Department of Community Education and Disability Studies (DCEDS), Panjab University. These sessions facilitated meaningful discussions and constructive feedback, further enriching the research environment of the event.

The day concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony recognizing academic excellence and innovation in research. Among the presenters, Ms. Manisha Sharma, Ms. Alpna Gautam, Ms. Jasjeev Pal Kaur, and Ms. Priya were awarded for their best paper presentations, a testament to their outstanding contribution to the field.

This annual event reaffirmed GRIID's commitment to advancing inclusive education and promoting research-driven practices in disability rehabilitation. The 5th Annual Research Day not only paid homage to Prof. B.S. Chavan's legacy but also reinforced the importance of collaborative academic efforts in creating a more inclusive and accessible society for individuals with intellectual disabilities.