



# Symposium on Mental Health: Gender, Youth & Social Justice

13th April, 2015

Venue: India International Centre, New Delhi

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## Invitation Letter

Dear Sir/Madam,

The **Department of Psychiatry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences** would like to welcome you to the **Symposium on Mental Health: Gender, Youth & Social Justice** to be held in collaboration with the **Columbia University, New York** and **World Health Organization, Geneva** on the 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at the India International Centre. Keynote speakers, including **Shekhar Saxena**, Director, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, WHO; **Eszter Kismodi**, Human Rights Lawyer with Harvard University; and **Harsh Mandar**, Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi and panelists from India and abroad, will exchange their views with the audience on issues related to mental health and social justice like child rights, inequalities in provision of mental health care to women, gender based violence, transgender rights, and child sexual abuse.

The symposium aims to highlight that mental health is central to a nation's quality of life and economic success and interdependent with its success in improving education, training and employment outcomes as well as tackling problems like homelessness, violence and abuse, and drug use and crime.

It is expected that the symposium would significantly influence the philosophy of psychosocial care and touch the lives of individuals with mental health problems in India and other developing countries.

**We would be grateful if you would be kind enough to grace the occasion. This is a preliminary communication, to assist you in blocking the date for the event. We will communicate with you shortly with the detailed scientific program.**

**The registration to the event is free and shall not take more than a few minutes of your time. [PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)**

Thank you and with best regards.

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