

Invitation

SYMPOSIUM ON MASS MEDIA AND MENTAL ILLNESS

Department of Psychiatry, AIIMS, New Delhi

1. MASS MEDIA AND MENTAL HEALTH

Speakers:

Ziya Us Salam, Senior Deputy Editor, The Hindu

Usha Ramanathan, Expert, Jurisprudence of Law, Poverty and Rights

Pratap Sharan, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, AIIMS

2. REPORTING ON SUICIDE IN THE MEDIA

Speakers:

V K Srivastava, Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi

Sreeparna Chakrabarty, Senior Correspondent, Indo-Asian News Service

Siddharth Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and NDDTC, AIIMS

Date: 9th October 2015, 9:00AM – 1:00PM

Venue: Jawahar Lal Nehru Auditorium, AIIMS, New Delhi

Dear Sir/Madam,

A symposium on the role of mass media in depiction of mental illnesses will be held at the **All India Institute of Medical Sciences**, as a part of observance of the **Mental Health Week**.

This year, we turn our focus on the role of media in demystifying mental illness and raising awareness. We expect this symposium to initiate a discussion on the quality, accuracy and sensitivity of reporting about people with mental health problems amongst relevant stakeholders.

The meeting will be attended by journalists, mental health professionals, faculty and students from the academic institutions, policy makers, activists and officers, staff and volunteers of various NGOs.

We would be grateful if you would be kind enough to grace the occasion. Registration is free, but necessary for claiming the certificate of participation. Details are also available at our symposium website at: www.indianpsychiatry.org/mmmh2015 and at www.aiimspsy psychiatry.org

Thanking you

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