REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CONTINUING REHABILITATION EDUCATION (CRE) PROGRAM Organized by Post Graduate Institute of Behavioural & Medical Sciences (PGIBAMS), Raipur In Collaboration with National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad Theme: Hands-on Training on the NIEPID Indian Test of Intelligence (NITI) Date: 8th–10th May 2025 Venue: Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium, GE Road, Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Overview

The Post Graduate Institute of Behavioural & Medical Sciences (PGIBAMS), Raipur, in collaboration with the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad, successfully organized a three-day National Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) Program from 8th to 10th May 2025.

The workshop focused on *hands-on training in the administration, scoring, and interpretation of the NIEPID Indian Test of Intelligence (NITI)*, an indigenous intelligence assessment tool developed specifically for the Indian population.

This program, recognized by the **Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI)**, witnessed the participation of **64 clinical and rehabilitation psychology professionals** from across the country.

Day 1: Inaugural Ceremony and Introduction to NITI (8th May 2025, Thursday)

Following registration at the venue from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM, the Inaugural Ceremony was conducted from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, coordinated by Ms. Shreya Prakash, Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Psychology.

Highlights included:

- Lighting of the Lamp and Invocation Song
- Cultural Presentation by students
- Welcome and Introduction of Dignitaries
- Chief Guest Address by Dr. Sonal Shukla, Consultant Psychiatrist & Director, PGIBAMS
- Senior Faculty Speeches by Prof. J. Mahto and Prof. S. N. Sahu
- Introduction of Resource Persons by Dr. Manoj K. Pandey, Professor & Head, Department of Clinical Psychology

Keynote Addresses

Delivered by two esteemed experts from NIEPID:

Dr. Saroj Arya

• Former Head, Department of Rehabilitation Psychology, NIEPID

- M.Phil. (NIMHANS), Ph.D. (Osmania University), National Awardee 2024
- Instrumental in the development of NITI and ISAA
- Contributed significantly to disability policy and education in India
- Recipient of the prestigious National Award for Individual Excellence in 2024 from the President of India, under the category: "Best Rehabilitation Professional in the Field of Disability (Divyangata Kshetra Mein Karyarat Sarvshreshth Punarvas Peshewar)" on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Mr. Dhuniraj Chettri

- Lecturer, Rehabilitation Psychology, NIEPID, and Research Scholar at IIT Kanpur
- Specializes in neurodevelopmental disorders, particularly Autism

The day concluded with a group photograph, lunch, and two hands-on workshop sessions focusing on the introduction and theoretical framework of the NIEPID Indian Test of Intelligence (NITI).



Day 2: Structured Training on NITI Components (9th May 2025, Friday)

The second day was devoted to a deep dive into the structure and clinical application of the NITI:

- Sessions covered administration procedures, scoring systems, cultural sensitivity, interpretation methods, and case-based exercises
- Practical demonstrations were conducted using test kits
- Sessions emphasized its application with individuals with intellectual disabilities across developmental stages

Participants received detailed exposure through six progressive hands-on sessions, interspersed with refreshments and lunch, creating a collegial and interactive learning environment.

Day 3: Integration, Evaluation, and Certification (10th May 2025, Saturday)

The final day focused on integrating the learned concepts with real-world clinical practice. Sessions included:

- Advanced scoring and profile interpretation
- Use of NITI in disability certification, documentation, and IEP planning
- Ethical considerations and standardization processes

The program concluded with:

- Final discussion and participant feedback
- Certificate Distribution Ceremony
- Closing Ceremony acknowledging the contribution of all stakeholders and resource persons

Organizing Committees

Meticulous planning by the following committees ensured the smooth execution of the event:

Committee	Faculty In-Charge	Student Members
Hospitality	Dr. Manoj K. Pandey, Mr. Vinayak Rao	
Registration Desk	Mr. Riju Raj Roy	Simonell Marshall, Ria Khurana, Shruti Choubey
Cultural Team	Mrs. Aditi Priya	Dance: Rohit Bhutani, Varsha Muraleedharan, Kavya J., Rituparna Gupta, Rajosri Dhar Vocals: Arundhati Kar, Yamini Mindia, Anveshika Chauhan, Smriti Ratnam, Christina Kurien
Food and Beverage	Ms. Anwesa Purkait	Soumya Mozumder, Poulomi Ghosh
Organizing Team	Ms. Shreya Prakash	Stage Decor: Yashvi Badani, Sinmoy Lahkar, Swati Sharma, Shruti Choubey Backstage: Rajveer Gupta Memento/Bouquet: Arzoo, Divya Sabu

Conclusion

This National CRE Program on the NIEPID Indian Test of Intelligence (NITI) marked a significant academic collaboration between PGIBAMS, Raipur, and NIEPID, Secunderabad, offering a rare opportunity for clinicians and scholars to engage directly with experts involved in the test's creation and validation.

The participants highly appreciated the workshop's depth, practical orientation, and its contribution to enhancing culturally relevant psychological assessment competencies in India.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF (CRE) PROGRAM



Official welcome of Dr. Saroj Arya by Dr. Manoj K Pandey (Head of Department, PGIBAMS)



Cultural performance by students of PGIBAMS during Opening Ceremony



Session by Dr. Saroj Arya explaining the theoretical framework of NIEPID Indian Test of Intelligence



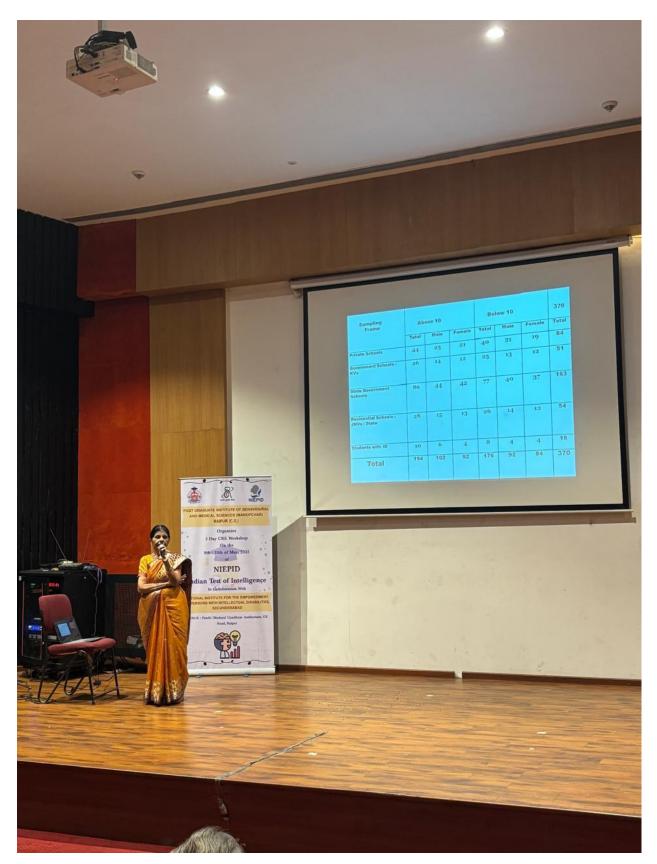
Participants, organisers and students after the successful completion of Day 1 of the workshop



Live demonstration of the NIEPID test on a child with Intellectual Disability



Live demonstration of the NIEPID test on a child without Intellectual Disability



Detailed discussion on the scoring and interpretation of The NIEPID test by Dr. Saroj Arya



Hands on group demonstration of the NIEPID test



Detailed presentation on report writing and certification by Dr. Saroj Arya



Certificate distribution ceremony for all CRE and Pre CRE registered participants



A token of gratitude presented to resource person Dr. Dhuniraj Chettri by Dr. Rituparn Shukla and Mr. Vikas Shukla



Conclusion of the 3 Day workshop program on NIEPID Indian Test of Intelligence