



Department of Psychology (Shift I)

Women's Christian College, Chennai

An Autonomous Institution affiliated to the University of Madras

organizes

Two-day International Seminar



Nurturing Giftedness: The Goldmine

on

21st and 22nd April 2022

Mode of Seminar: Hybrid Mode

Offline mode is open only to registered participants from WCC.

Online mode for all other participants.



**Kaveri Gifted Education
and Research Center
(KGERC)**



**European Talent
Support Network**

Knowledge and Media Partners

ABOUT WCC

Women's Christian College was founded in 1915. The college was re-accredited by NAAC in 2019 with Grade 'A+' and was recognized by UGC in April 2016 as a "College with Potential for Excellence". WCC is placed high among all women's colleges in the city by the MHRD in the NIRF rating, which highlights the high standards of education and outstanding achievements in teaching-learning, research innovation and extension activities.

ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY (SHIFT I)

The Department commenced in 1973 with an undergraduate programme in Psychology. The Postgraduate Programme was added in 1989, M.Phil. in 2002 and Ph.D. in 2005. The Department manages the following projects – 'Vikaas', the student counselling centre, Nalam Psychological Counseling Services and Child Development Centre which offers rehabilitation services to the intellectually challenged. The department has produced reputed academicians, psychologists, social entrepreneurs and health professionals.

KNOWLEDGE AND MEDIA PARTNERS

Kaveri Gifted Education and Research Center (KGERC), Pune, is one of the prominent organizations in the country to work in the area of talent development with special efforts in integrating a gifted program in regular schools and higher educational institutions. They are striving to create a presence of gifted child as a stakeholder and enhancing educational institutions to take cognizance of their socioemotional needs along with advanced academic and talented development.

The European Talent Support Network (ETSN) was established on 29 September 2015. The Network spreads over 44 countries all around the world including India and almost 400 Talent Points. ETSN provides a wonderful resource of best practices to apply cutting edge scientific results in the field of high ability to support talent development.

WHO ARE THE GIFTED?

Gifted or talented refers to individuals who show higher ability or talent in either academic or non-academic areas. Talents in the area of visual or performing arts, leadership, sports, creative language expressions represent the gifted population.

WHY GIFTED?

India has 261 million youth between 18-29 years and 26.1 million may be the 10% of talented gifted youth of India (The Indian Express, 2021). This talent pool is vastly untapped. Giftedness and their education is at the nascent stage in India.

THEME OF THE SEMINAR

The seminar will focus on how to nurture talent from the perspective of students, educators, counsellors and parents. This seminar seeks to address these areas and spruce the perennial wealth of Indian youth. This International Seminar presents the assets of the Indian gifted youth who can make a choice to change the direction of our country with innovation, research and performing arts. Talented youth are launching pads for our future and society needs to nurture these young minds towards eminence.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

- 1.To build awareness and sensitize the educational institutes towards talent and the gifted.
- 2.To create a platform for educators and youth to train and nurture talent.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Students and educators from any stream of education, administrators of educational institutions, parents, psychologists, counsellors, life coaches and anyone who might be interested.

SESSIONS, SPEAKERS AND THEMES

Inaugural Session - April 21st - Day I

Inaugural address by Dr. Justice. S. Vimala, Former Judge, Madras High Court. Member, State Law Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu

Keynote address: "Giftedness: Global perspectives" by Prof. Julia Roberts, Ex-President of World Council for Gifted and Talented Children, Inc. (WCGTC®)

Special address 1 by Dr. Paul P. Appasamy, President of WCC Association

Special address 2 by Mrs. Malati S. Kalmadi, Founder Director, Kaveri Gifted Education and Research Centre, Pune

Plenary Sessions - Day I

Session 1: "Who are the gifted and talented youth?" by Dr. Paromita Roy, Deputy Director, JBNSTS, Kolkata

Session 2: "Understanding the challenges faced by gifted students in colleges and universities" by Dr. Madhurima. V, Professor, CUTN, Thiruvarur

Session 3: "Building a nurturing environment for the gifted youth" by Dr. Devasena Desai, Associate Director, Consultant Psychologist, KGERC, Pune, Adjunct Lecturer at Belin-Blank, IOWA University, USA

Parallel Sessions - April 22nd - Day II

Session 1

Speakers:

1. Dr. Suhasini Desai. Former Associate, Faculty of Dean Education, MIT World Peace University, Pune
2. Dr. Narayan Desai. Founder Director, Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program, Pune

Theme: "Mentoring the urban and rural undergraduates"

Session 2

Speakers:

1. Dr. Sameena Manasawala, Nurturing Domain Head, KGERC, Pune
2. Dr. Anand Godse, Head - COE & Ecosystem Development at Smit.fit, Pune

Theme: "Dilemmas and decisions of the gifted youth"

Session 3

Speakers:

1. Dr. Devasena Desai, Associate Director, Consultant Psychologist, KGERC, Pune, Adjunct Lecturer at Belin-Blank, IOWA University, USA
2. Dr. M. Kanchana, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Psychology, WCC

Theme: "Parenting the gifted youth"

Session 4

Speakers:

1. Dr. Keerthi Pai, Clinical Psychologist, Partner at Element H Psychological Support Services, Chennai
2. Dr. Zarina A, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, WCC

Theme: "Coping with emotions"

Plenary session - Day II

Session 4: "ETSN: It's role in encouraging gifted youth" by Ms. Csilla Fuzsek, Secretary, European Talent Support Network (ETSN), Hungary

Valedictory Session

Valedictory address by Dr. R. Padmavati, Director, Schizophrenia Research Foundation, India

"Journey of a gifted" by Ms. Keerthana Swaminathan, Sports Psychologist, Founder - Think. Train. Perform.

REGISTRATION

Indian students & research scholars: ₹ 250/-

Indian delegates : ₹ 500/-

Foreign students & research scholars: ₹ 500/-

Foreign delegates: ₹ 750/-



(SCAN USING CAMERA TO REGISTER)

Note: Students who register must attach copy of college ID

LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS 18th APRIL 2022

Certificate will be jointly issued by WCC, KGERC and ETSN

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