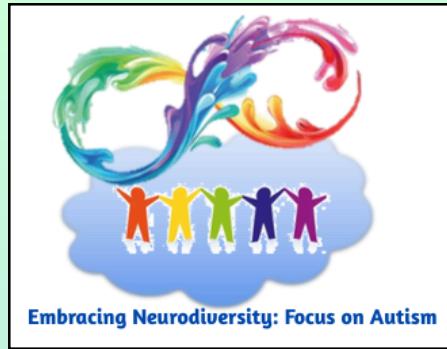
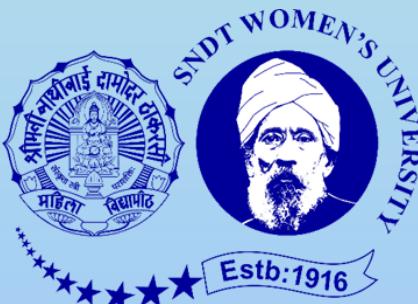
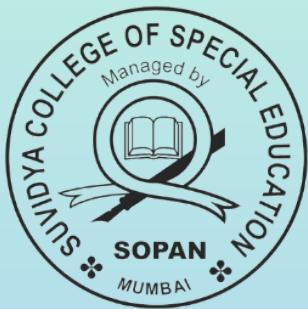




Society of Parents of Children with Autistic Disorders



SOPAN's Suvidya College of Special Education University of Mumbai

in collaboration with

**Department of Special Education
SNDT Women's University
Mumbai**

invites you to

International Conference Embracing Neurodiversity: Focus on Autism

February 06 - 08, 2026

The Orchid Hotel

**Nehru Road, Near Domestic Airport,
Vile Parle East, Mumbai, Maharashtra**

400099

Patrons

**Shri Atul Bhatkhalkar,
MLA Maharashtra**

**Prof. Ujwala Chakradeo,
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor,
SNDT Women's University**

About Us

Society of Parents of Children with Autistic Disorders (SOPAN), a registered Public Trust providing services to individuals and families with autism and related developmental disabilities for nearly 25 years in Mumbai Suburban and Raigad districts of Maharashtra.

SOPAN's Suvidya College of Special Education runs the B.Ed. Special Education Program (ASD) affiliated to University of Mumbai and recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India. The NAAC Accredited College also runs several short-term training programs that are aimed to develop capacity of professionals working in education and allied fields.

SNDT Women's University (SNDTWU), recognised as the **first women's university in India and in South Asia**, was founded in 1916 by Maharshi Dr. Dhondo Keshav Karve with the noble vision of advancing women's education. Re-accredited by NAAC with an A+ grade, the University continues to uphold its legacy of academic excellence and empowerment. **The Department of Special Education at SNDTWU** is the **first in the region to offer degree-level training** in Special Education exclusively for women graduates, preparing them to teach and support children with diverse exceptionalities. In addition to disability-specific teacher training programs, the department offers master's and doctoral degrees, as well as a range of short-term courses designed to develop skilled professionals for inclusive education

About the Conference

Neurodevelopmental conditions such as Autism, ADHD, Learning Disability and Intellectual Disability affect millions of individuals globally. Traditional frameworks often emphasize deficits and interventions.

The neurodiversity paradigm shifts focus towards recognizing and respecting neurological differences as any other human variation, advocating inclusion, dignity, and equal opportunities.

This Conference aims to develop a sustainable action plan for educational and social inclusion of persons with autism and associated conditions. It is an effort to bring together parents, students and professionals to raise awareness and share research based practices in the same direction.

Eminent international experts from United Kingdom, South Africa, Malaysia, Singapore and Dubai along with experienced resource persons from within India will share their best practices during this conference.

The Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) has awarded Continued Rehabilitation Education (CRE) status to the conference.

Scope of the Conference

The conference, emphasizes the UN Sustainable Development Goals which cannot be fully realised without the participation and empowerment of Neurodivergent individuals.

The sub-themes of the conference identify with the core principle of SDG, of 'No One Left Behind'.

Sub-themes

- Therapeutic Intervention
- Early Childhood Intervention
- Teaching Strategies
- Social Inclusion and Inclusive Education
- Technology in Education
- Adulthood Issues
- Skill Development and Employment
- Human Resource Development

Our Eminent Speakers



Prof. Karen Guldberg
Ph.D. Education and Autism Studies
University of Birmingham, UK



Prof. Petrus de Vries
MBChB, FRCPsych, PhD
University of Cape Town, South Africa



Mr. Jeremy Tang
MA Clinical Psychology
KidSTART, Singapore



Ms. Mable Lai Yue Qin
BCBA, MCBA
Miles Autism Academy, Malaysia



Prof. Rubina Lal
Ph.D. Special Education
Director, Sopan's Suvidya College of
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Prof. Sudesh Mukhopadyay
Ph.D. Education
Ex - Chairperson, Rehabilitation Council
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Dr. Sushama Nagarkar
Ph.D. Special Education
Yash Charitable Trust, Mumbai



Dr. Kersi Chauda
MBBS; Dip. In Psychological Medicine
Hinduja National Hospital, Mumbai



Dr. Vrajesh Udani
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M.S., BCBA IBA QBA
Behaviour Enrichment, Dubai



Dr. Radhika Misquitta
Ph.D. Special Education
Gateway School of Mumbai



Ms. Vanashree Ghate
MBA, Art Based Therapy Educator
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Foundation Mumbai



Dr. Anjali Joshi
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Advisor Forum for Autism, Mumbai



Ms. Sneha Saula
M.A.S.L.P.
SPARKLE Multi-Disciplinary Intervention Centre,
Mumbai

Pre-Conference Workshops

1. Art Therapy
2. Management of Behaviour
3. Augmentative and Alternative Communication
4. Sensory Integration Therapy

Registration

The registration fee for the entire conference includes conference kit, conference proceedings, lunch and refreshments.

Early bird registration up to Jan. 09, 2026

Last date of registration: Jan. 27, 2026

Indian Delegates

1. Conference and Pre-conference workshop:	Rs. 5500.00	Early Bird: Rs. 4700.00
2. Two-day Conference:	Rs. 4500.00	Early Bird: Rs. 4200.00
3. Pre-conference workshop:	Rs. 2000.00	Early Bird: Rs. 1800.00

International Delegates

Conference and Pre-conference workshop: \$ 150.00 Early Bird: \$ 140.00

Registration Link: <https://sopan.org/conference-2026-registration/>

Payments to be made to:

Bank Account: SOPAN

Account Number: 06640020000066

Account type: Savings

Bank: Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

IFSC Code: KKBK0000664

**Address: Moreshwar Building, Hanuman Road,
Vile Parle East, Mumbai - 400057**



Note: It is mandatory to fill the registration form and upload the payment receipt via the link given above

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For details visit

<https://sopan.org/conference2026/>
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Call for Papers

We are happy to invite abstracts of scientific papers for the conference. Professionals, practitioners and students pursuing research may send abstracts of research based papers on any of the subthemes.

Guidelines for Abstract Submission:

Abstracts should include objective, method, result and conclusion along with name, address, email and affiliation of the presenter/s.

Word Limit: Title - 25 words, Abstract - 200 words

Last date for submission: **Jan. 06, 2026**

Intimation of acceptance: **Jan. 10, 2026**

Abstracts will be reviewed by Scientific Committee where the selection will be final.

Guidelines for full Paper Submission

Word Limit: 1500 to 2200 words (5 – 6 pages) including all figures, tables and references.

Font: Times New Roman 12, Headings – 14 Bold,

Line Spacing – 1.5

Format: M.S. Office.

Full paper of selected abstract must be submitted by
Jan. 15, 2026

All accepted papers will be published in Peer Reviewed (Single-blind / Double-blind review), Refereed & UGC listed, journal No. 47100 'GENIUS' ISSN 2279-0489 with impact factor 7.508.

Only Paper Presentation and / or Publication: Rs. 2000/- (single author); for every additional author - Rs. 1000/-

Registration Link for Ph.D Scholars only:

<https://forms.gle/FnR48jrWM5uLBiWt6>