

### **Prof. Durganand Sinha award for the best paper based on 'Doctoral Dissertation'**



Prof. Durganand Sinha was born on Sept. 23, 1922. Prof. Sinha received his university education at Patna where he was awarded B.A. Honours in 1943 and M.A. in Philosophy in 1945, with specialization in Psychology. He received the gold medal in both B.A. and M.A. for having secured the first rank. Subsequently he went to Cambridge University where he was awarded the M.Sc. degree. On his return to India in 1949, Prof. Sinha joined as the faculty of Psychology at Patna University. His research article "Behavior in a catastrophic situation: a psychological study of reports and rumors" published in the British Journal of Psychology

showed his scientific creativity and responsiveness to the problems of his immediate surroundings. He left Patna in 1958 and joined the newly established Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. Prof. Sinha came to Allahabad University in 1961 as professor to chair newly created Department of Psychology. In the mid-eighties he also served as the Director of the A.N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna. The present status of the Department of Psychology at Allahabad as a Center of Advanced Study owes much to his vision and dedication.

In a career span of half a century, Prof. Sinha made significant contributions as a researcher in diverse areas. It encompassed the role of socio-cultural factors in perception and cognition; changes in the Indian family and the implications for the socialization process; larger applied social psychological issues such as motivation and rural development, deprivation and poverty; and social change. He was a great visionary and never hesitated in selecting challenging and complex social problems for scientific enquiry. He strongly believed that research must accelerate the process of socio-economic development and change and contribute to policy formulation and execution. He considered it imperative for social psychologists to study large scale social problems and to adopt a more macrocosmic stance to enhance the usefulness of their research. His books, to name a few: "Indian villages in transition: A Motivational analysis" (1969), "Motivation and rural development" (1974), and "Psychology in a Third World Country: the Indian experience" (1986) have left his name permanently in the field of psychology of social sciences.

Beginning in the mid-sixties, Prof. Sinha became a strong advocate as well as a leading researcher for culturally appropriate and socially relevant psychological science. His concerns regarding development of Psychology as a discipline, particularly in developing societies and the Third World were genuine and greatly appreciated. His efforts lead to organize an academic movement to replace the intellectual colonialism of the cultural bound mainstream psychology of the first world with a context oriented culture sensitive Psychology. As a founding member of the International Association of Cross Cultural Psychology (IACCP) and later as its President, and as member of the executive committees of International Union of Psychological Sciences and the International Association of Applied Psychology for long years, he forcefully presented his views and influenced these major international organizations. In India, he was a central figure of the psychological profession. He served as the President of the Indian Psychological

Association, the Indian Academy of Applied Psychology and Psychology Section of the Indian Science Congress. He left for his heavenly abode on 23rd March, 1998.

### **About the Trust**

In order to perpetuate the memory of Prof. Durganand Sinha, his students, colleagues, admirers and followers, under the chairpersonship of his wife Smt. Radha Devi, established public charitable trust with the aims and objectives of fulfilling various academic and cultural needs of the people at large. Prof. Durganand Sinha Trust for Social Sciences established in the year of 1999 with the vision of promoting quality research in the area of social sciences, has organized a number of lectures and seminars. The Trust encourages scholars for pursuing quality research.

### **Rules and Regulations of Prof. Durganand Sinha Dissertation Award**

Prof. Durganand Sinha Doctoral Dissertation Award was instituted during the lifetime of Prof. Sinha. After his death in 1998, the award is managed by the Prof. Durganand Sinha Trust chaired by Mrs. Radha Devi, wife of late Prof. Sinha. The competition for the award has been organized in the recent past on the occasion of the annual conference of the National Academy of Psychology (NAOP) in India.

#### **The Salient Features of the Award**

The award is instituted to promote and recognize quality scientific research in the form of Doctoral Dissertation. Only those are eligible for the award who has been already awarded doctoral degree in the last three years from the date of annual convention of NAOP.

Each aspirant is required to submit three copies of full-length paper (15-20 pages) based on his/her doctoral dissertation to [naopconference2018@gmail.com](mailto:naopconference2018@gmail.com).

A person is eligible to enter in the competition only once for the award.

The Trust will constitute a committee to select up to five scholars who will be given up to Rs 1500 each to personally attend NAOP convention and present their papers in a special session.

The working committee of NAOP in consultation with the conference organizer will constitute a committee to select the Best Dissertation Research for the Prof. Durganand Sinha Dissertation Award.

The Best Dissertation awardee will be given a certificate and a medal by the Trust.

### **NAOP Best Paper Award**

The NAOP India announces five Best Paper Awards for young research scholars from 2010 onward. The award is instituted to promote and recognize quality scientific writing among young scholars.

#### **The Salient Features of the Award**

Anybody who wants her/his submission to be considered for this award should write mail and submit abstract to [naopconference2018@gmail.com](mailto:naopconference2018@gmail.com). She/he will be required to submit one soft copy of full-length single authored paper (15-20 pages). The full paper should reach the NAOP Best Paper Award Committee 3 weeks prior to the opening day of the NAOP annual convention.

The paper could be on any of the NAOP subthemes.

A three member committee constituted by NAOP will assess the papers based on the parameters like novelty of ideas, theoretical and methodological rigor, quality of scientific writing, the relevance of the paper to Indian society etc.

The awardees will be given a cash prize of Rs. 2000.00 each and a certificate.

### **NAOP Young/Emerging Psychologist Program**

The National Academy of Psychology, NAOP-2018 organizing committee announces NAOP Young/Emerging Psychologist Program for the young /emerging Indian scholars who are 25 to 40 years old, have completed Ph.D. from Indian/International Universities/Institutions and published two research papers in internationally recognised psychology journals. The program has been constituted to encourage and recognize quality scientific research works among young/emerging Indian psychologists.

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- He/She will be required to submit one soft copy of full-length single authored paper (15-20 pages). The full paper should reach the NAOP Young/Emerging Psychologist Program Committee three weeks prior to the opening day of the NAOP annual convention.
- The paper could be on any of the NAOP subthemes or related to different NAOP divisions.