Brief Biodata of Prof. Meena Hariharan

Professor, Centre for Health Psychology, University of Hyderabad. She was the founder Director of this Centre in the year 2007. She completed her Masters in Psychology and Ph.D in Psychology from the Centre for Advanced Studies in Psychology, Utkal University, Orissa. She has been in University of Hyderabad since the year 1992. Before joining the University she worked in National Institute of Nutrition.

She is one among very few in the country working in the specialised area of Behavioural Cardiology. Four students working in this area under her guidance have been awarded Ph.Ds. She has standardized a number of psychological tools in the area of Behavioural Cardiology.

She has more than 60 articles in national and international journals, and book chapters. She has published three books, by SAGE, ALLIED and GLOBAL VISION. The fourth one, a text book of Health Psychology is in print with SAGE. Apart from this she has produced several programmes related to Psychology for the erstwhile ‘Country wide Classroom’.

She is the Founder President of the Association of Health Psychologists and Chief editor of the Journal of Health Studies. She is in the editorial Boards of some journals.

She is a member of Ethics Committees of four corporate hospitals. Member of Boards of Studies of Departments of Psychology of several Universities.

As the president of the Association of Health Psychologists, she, in collaboration with UNICEF, Actionaid, Dr. Reddy’s foundation and several other organizations took the initiative in starting helplines for people across the country for providing counseling for psychosocial problems during the COVID 19, which is receiving thousands of calls from all over the country. The helpline is still active.

Now I request madam to continue the online session. Thank You.