

Report Title: WPA Section on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics Symposium,
Chandigarh: 14th Sept 14, 2025
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**WPA Section on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics Symposium, Chandigarh,
14th Sept 2025: Big success!**

The WPA Section on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics Symposium was held during the Indian Association of Social Psychiatry-32nd annual conference, Chandigarh, Sept 12- 14, 2025.

The symposium discussed the challenges in the field of psychiatry, law and ethics in South Asia.

Topics and Speakers were:

1. Psychiatry, Law, and Ethics: Challenges in South Asia- Prof Roy A Kallivayalil (Chair, WPA PLE Section)
2. Mental Health Care Act 2017 and international human rights framework-- Prof Neeraj Gill (Secretary, WPA PLE Section)
3. Do we need Community Treatment Orders in Indian MHCA? – Prof Mohan Isaac (Australia)
4. Mental illness and criminal responsibility, with special reference to the Indian context – Prof Smitha Ramadas (India)

The session was chaired by Roy A Kallivayalil and Prof Madhukar Katiyar. There was excellent participation and discussion, making the symposium a big success.

Best wishes,

Roy Abraham Kallivayalil
Chair, WPA Section on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics

Photo caption: WPA Psychiatry, Law and Ethics Section Symposium at Chandigarh, India, Sept 14, 2025: Chairs and speakers: L to R: Prof Madhukar Katiyar, Prof Smitha Ramadas, Prof Roy A Kallivayalil (Section Chair), Prof Mohan Isaac (Australia) and Prof Neeraj Gill (Section Secretary)