

THIS ISSUE

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The canvass of coverage of this issue encompasses psychiatric disorders with organic and psycho-social substrate as aetiopathology. Psychological and Psycho-pharmacological intervention in functional disorders, ubiquitous in our country, with serious socio-economic implications have been dealt with.

REVIEW ARTICLES:

First review deals with short attention span and hyperactivity under the caption “Management of Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) by Gurvinder Pal Singh who covers its organic basis. The second review is available for understanding abnormal behavior with psycho-social substrate as etiology under the caption “Motor Disorder-Psychological perceptivity by Shivani et al. Herein we find the phenomenology of Conversion Reaction, Stereotypical Movement, Tourette Syndrome, Catatonia, Ganser’s syndrome, Latah, Amok and Lycanthropy”. We must read this article thoroughly because such cases abide in abundance in the village-India, seventy per cent catchment area.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES:

- The first one is Co-morbid personality Disorder among Alcohol Dependent patients by Ranjan Jay Kumar et al. This research’s originality lies in highlighting the fact that Alcohol Dependence is a function of Personality Disorder and we all know that the foundation of personality occurs before thirteen years of age.
- The second is on substance dependence Captioned “Emotional Intelligence of cases with substance dependence by Alreja et al. This deals with cigarette dependence aetiopathology
- The third article by Rai Priyanka: Studies Marital Adjustment and Sexual Behaviour in Correlation with Quality of life in patients with schizophrenic disorder. This study is about marital maladjustment and has little to do with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder. This paper gives the readers an understanding of marital adjustment.
- Our next article is “Cognitive Dysfunction in Depressive patients” by Hemram Smita et al. They found that depression has an impact on Memory function and Attention resulting in comprehension failure.
- Then comes a Cognitive Remediation of working memory deficits in patients with schizophrenic Disorder by Ghosh Tulika et al. This paper primarily deals with executive function aberrations.
- We have Sayeed et al on “Phenomenology of obsessive compulsion disorder in Eastern India”. They clearly delineate erstwhile obsessive compulsive neurosis from obsessive compulsive disorder.
- Article headache clinic by Sayeed et al discussed that there is increased acceptability of Psychiatry, as more and more patients are attending this clinic and their group teased out various types of cases seen in Central Institute of Psychiatry, Kanke.
- Socio-demographic and clinical characteristic of sexual problems: Report from a Community Mental Health Clinic of West Bengal by Brahma Arabinda and Chatterjee Mahuya deals with Psychosocial factors affecting sexual aberrations and their manifestation and correlate them with their aetiopathology.

CASE STUDY:

- “Acute dystonia with Paroxetine a case presentation, possible mechanism and clinical implication” by Chakraborty Kaustave. Talks about pharmacology of nigro-striatal path way, thereby warning us to be very careful in selecting psycho-tropic agents.

VIEW POINT

- The Quest for an ideal Mental Health Act by Choudhary Laxmi Narayan & Jaiswal Rajiv gives an overview of ongoing discussions on Mental Health Act latest draft with a psychiatric perspective.

FROM STUDENT DESK

- Specific learning disability: The changing scenario by Prasad Aishwarya provides conceptualization of specific learning disabilities.

Overall, all the articles are of very good quality and well researched.