



National Academy Of Psychology (India)

Towards continued development of psychology

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About NAOP (INDIA)

The National Academy of Psychology (NAOP) India is a professional organization founded in 1987 that includes scientists, practitioners, and researchers in the discipline of Psychology. In last one year NAOP has taken several initiatives and is expanding its activities. We would like to share these with our valuable members through this newsletter.

The constitution of NAOP has been revised. (See NAOP website for details). The following Standing Committees of the Academy have been constituted:

- Membership Committee
- Publication Committee
- Finance Committee
- Fellowship and Awards Committee
- Conference Committee
- Election Committee
- Accreditation and Certification Committee
- Ethics Committee
- International Liaison Committee
- Silver Jubilee Lecture Series has been instituted.

Currently NAOP has 10 divisions. The following are the Conveners for 2015-16.

- **Clinical and Health:** G Padmaja, Central University of Hyderabad
- **Cognitive:** Manas K. Mandal, DRDO, New Delhi
- **Developmental:** Bhoomika Kar, University of Allahabad
- **Indian and Indigenous:** Suneet Varma, Delhi University
- **Organizational Behaviour:** K.B.L. Srivastava, IIT Kharagpur
- **Social:** Purnima Singh, IIT Delhi
- **Military:** J. K. Singh, DIPR, New Delhi
- **Psychological Assessment:** D. Dutta Roy, ISI Kolkata
- **Social Issues and Development:** Sonali De, University of Calcutta Kolkata
- **Environmental Psychology:** Dr. Bal Krishna Upadhyay, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal

Silver Jubilee (25th) Annual Convention

University of Allahabad, February, 2-5, 2016



A REPORT ON THE CONVENTION

The XXV NAOP Convention was Organized Jointly by Department of Psychology & Centre of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences University of Allahabad, Allahabad, India. The theme of the Convention was "Towards Integrative Psychological Science for Human Welfare".

The Annual Convention was inaugurated on 2nd February 2016 at NCZCC, Allahabad. During the inaugural session Key note address was given By Prof. Susan McDaniel's on integrative care; other presentations focused on integrating indigenous and mainstream models of education, basic and applied research, spirituality into psychological models and practices, methodological approaches, social science disciplines and even psychology organizations. A significant achievement of the convention was signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between APA President Susan McDaniel and National Academy of Psychologists India (NAOP) President Purnima Singh. The MOU pledges APA and NAOP to work together for collaboration, exchange and the betterment of society. It also provides a conduit for APA and NAOP members to learn more about each other's work and to set the stage for U.S.-Indian psychology collaboration.

The convention was attended by more than 300 participants representing about 20 states of India. The convention included 7 Invited Lectures, 16 Thematic Sessions, 6 Interactive Poster Sessions and 2 Interactive Sessions. There were 16 symposia (14 regular and 2 continuous) covering variety of themes ranging from Indigenizing Psychology education and training, roots of violence and peace, social inclusion, psychology as profession, military psychology, psychology and the body, cognitive science and measuring cognition, cognitive development, positive psychology, qualitative health psychology etc.

Some Highlights of the convention:

- Prof. Durganand Sinha Memorial Lecture by Prof. Ype Poortinga, Professor Emeritus, University of Leuven, Belgium
- Emerging Psychologist Program
- Prof. Durganand Sinha Dissertation Award

State of the Art Lectures

- Prof. Ken Pugh, Haskins Laboratories & Dept. of Psychology, University of Connecticut, USA
- Prof. Nandini Chatterjee Singh, Professor, National Brain Research Centre, Manesar
- Prof. A.C. Paranjpe, Professor Emeritus, Department of Psychology & Humanities, Simon Fraser University, Canada

Pre-Conference Workshops

Workshop 1: Structural Equation Modeling (SEM): By Prof. Damodar Suar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Kharagpur.

Workshop 2: Cognitive Behavioural Management for Anger and Stress: By Prof. Manju Mehta, Dr. Vidhi M Pilania, and Dr. Sneh Kapoor, AIIMS, New Delhi.

Workshop 3: Methods in Cognitive Science: By Dr. Supriya Ray, Prof. Narayanan Srinivasan, Dr. Bhoomika R. Kar, Dr. Chandrasekhar Pammi, and Dr. Sonia Baloni Ray, CBCS, A.U; Dr. Devpriya Kumar and Dr. Ark Verma, IIT Kanpur.

Workshop 4: Biopsychosocial Perspectives on Living & Conducting Research in a Globalized World: By: Dr. Sonia Suchday, Pace University, NY, USA and Dr. Merry Bullock, American Psychological Association

Picture Gallery: 25th NAOP Convention



Our Next Convention



26th Annual Conference of the
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PSYCHOLOGY
29- 31 December, 2016

Chennai - 600 036, Tamil Nadu, India



The 26th NAOP conference on “Psychology and Future of Work” will commence on 29th December, 2016, at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras, in Chennai. This conference will witness several practitioners and academicians from the diverse field of psychology, coming together for a stimulating set of research presentations, symposiums, continuing education opportunities, and conversations. The conference will witness four keynote addresses by highly accomplished scholars including Dr. Sunil Bhatia (Professor, Connecticut College, USA), Dr. Simon Crowe (Professor, La Trobe University, Australia), Dr. Saths Cooper (Honorary Professor, University of Limpopo, South Africa) and Dr. Ramadhar Singh (Distinguished University Professor, Ahmedabad University, India). These keynote addresses are expected to provide insights that have intriguing implications for our field. The conference will also have 6 pre-conference workshops (See list below) on 28th December, 2016 on a wide variety of topics that will facilitate and foster the new age of research. This meeting is an ideal place to network with others in our world, knitting and expanding the community of psychology. The next NAOP conference will open up new questions and inspire new ways of understanding human behavior.

Program Highlights

■ Conference Tracks and Themes

- Track 1: **Advances in Positive Psychology**
- Track 2: **Advances in Psychology for the Workplace**
- Track 3: **Cognition and Behaviour in Organizations I**
- Track 4: **Cognition and Behaviour in Organizations II**
- Track 5: **Cognition and Behaviour in Organizations III**
- Track 6: **Psychology in Education and Training**
- Track 7: **Integrative Perspectives in Psychology**
- Track 8: **Psychology and Society**

■ Thematic Symposiums- 15 Symposiums

■ Prof. Durganand Sinha Memorial Lecture by Prof. Ramadhar Singh

■ Prof. Durganand Sinha ‘Best Dissertation Award

■ Emerging Psychologists Program

■ NAOP Best Paper Award

Pre-Conference Workshops

Full-Day Workshops

Workshop 1: Structural Equation Modeling (SEM): **Resource Persons:** Prof. Damodar Suar, Sitanshu Sekhar Das, Priya Alat, Amrit K Jha, IIT, Khadagpur

Workshop 2: Methods in Cognitive Science: **Resource Persons:** Prof. Narayanan Srinivasan, Dr. Supriya Ray, Dr. Bhoomika R. Kar, Dr. Chandrasekhar Pammi, and CBCS, Allahabad University; Dr. Devpriya Kumar and Dr. Ark Verma, IIT Kanpur.

Workshop 3: Grounded Theory Method in Psychology: **Resource Persons:** Dr. Kumar Ravi Priya, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.

Workshop 4: Psychology of Fulfillment in the Workplace:

Resource Person: Mr. Arul Dev, Founder CEO, People First Consultants P Ltd.

Half-Day Workshops

Workshop 5: Use of Qualitative Techniques and Importance of Mixed Methods in Psychological Research: **Resource Persons:** Dr. Sadhana Natu, Pune University and Dr. Shilpa Pandit, Independent researcher and consultant UNDP.

Workshop 6: Globalization, Spirituality, and Health: Living & Thriving in Diverse Settings: **Resource Persons:** Prof. Sonia Suchday, Pace University, New York and Prof. Merry Bullock, Senior Director, Office of International Affairs, American Psychological Association, Washington.

NAOP Activities in 2016

❖ Psychology, Education and Training (PET):

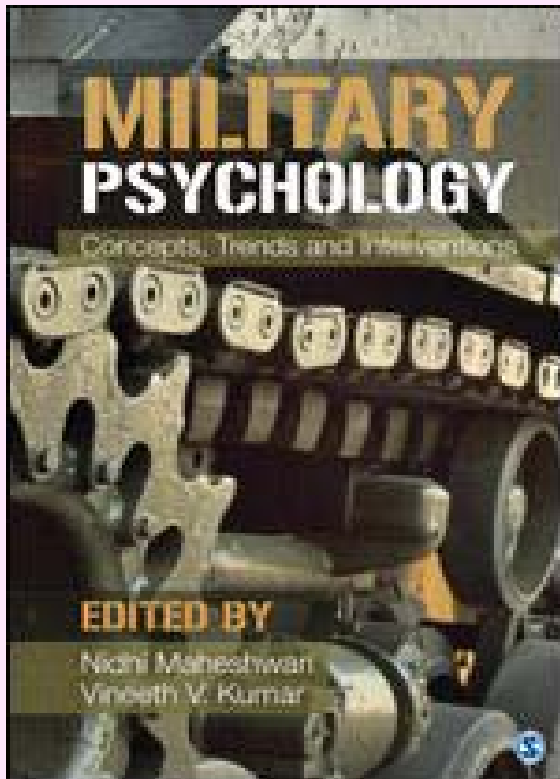
Coordinators: Janak Pandey and Purnima Singh: NAOP as a professional body is committed for quality of psychology education, professional training, practice and other allied roles which in turn determine progress of psychological science and contribute in enhancing quality of life of individuals and society. One of the initiatives taken by NAOP is to develop a resource platform (to be posted on the official website of NAOP) for Psychology Education and Training (PET) for undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programs. NAOP requested colleagues to come forward and volunteer and take responsibility for realizing this challenging task. Based on responses received from colleagues to the call, the following groups consisting of faculty experts were formed:

- a. Basic /cognitive /experimental/physiological.
- b. Social psychology
- c. Abnormal /clinical
- d. Developmental /Personality
- e. Organizational
- f. Research methods and statistics

These groups have been working for the last few months to develop a resource platform and our first interactions are scheduled on 28 th Dec 2016 at IITM Chennai as a pre activity to NAOP Convention.

- ❖ NAOP was the official Partner of the **International Seminar on "Indian Mind and Societal Concerns: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue"** organized by Department of Psychology, Ramanujan College during 2-3 April, 2016.
- ❖ **NAOP representation in ICP 2016 at Yokohama, Japan:** NAOP being the official member of the **International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS)** had a significant presence at the **31st International Congress of Psychology** held at **Yokohama, Japan During July 24th- 29th, 2016**. Among the 8000 attendees of ICP 2016 158 participants were from India most of which were NAOP members. NAOP advisor Prof. Janak Pandey was the advisor of the "Scientific Committee" and completed 8 years as a member of the "Executive Council" of International Union of Psychological Sciences. Prof. Janak Pandey as a member of EC and Prof. Prakash Padkanaya as a Representative of NAOP attended the Assembly of The IUPsyS.
- ❖ **Federation of Psychology Organizations at India:** NAOP is also keenly interested in bringing together different Indian Psychology Organizations (such as NAOP, IAAP, IACP etc.) under one roof. Prof. Purnima Singh, and Prof. N Srinivasan have been entrusted with the responsibility to engage into communication with the representatives of other organizations to discuss and finalize the objectives and functions of the Federation.
- ❖ **Silver Jubilee Lecture Series:** NAOP have been providing financial support to various Psychology departments of the country to organize lectures from eminent persons of the field. This year one lecture at Mysore University and another at Sikkim University were organized with the financial assistance from NAOP. These are as follow:
 - o Lecture on "Issues in Social Justice" by Prof. Lilavati Krishnan on April 25th 2016 at Barad Sadan, Sikkim University. Organizer: Dr. Saurabh Maheswari
 - o Lecture on "University Leadership: Myths and Realities" by Prof. Sudha Rao on April 29, 2016 at Department of Psychology, University of Mysore. Organizer: Prof. Prakash Padakannaya

NAOP Members' Contribution



Military Psychology: Concepts, Trends and Interventions (2016), Sage Publications.

Authors:

- [Nidhi Maheshwari](#) - Scientist, Strategic Behaviour Division, Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR), Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Ministry of Defence, Government of India, New Delhi
- [Vineeth V. Kumar](#) - Associate Professor, School of Management, BML Munjal University, Gurgaon, Haryana

Brief Description:

Stressing on the psycho-social well-being of the soldiers (Military and Police), this book offers insights into military psychological issues, such as soldier selection, combating stress, instances of misconduct, psychological operations, optimism, resilience and hardiness training, gender bias, value-based leadership, familial well-being and the future warfare.

For details follow link:

<https://www.sagepub.in/books/Book249691?subject=K00&fs=1>

Organisational Studies in India (2016), PanWorld Books

Editors:

- R. C. Tripathi (ed.) is the editor of the international journal Psychology and Developing Societies. He was earlier Professor (Organisational Behaviour) and Chair, Department of Psychology, University of Allahabad.
- Rohit Dwivedi (ed.) is Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Shillong.

Brief Description:

This collection of research studies focuses on a diversity of issues that organisations in India face, along with the differences in their contexts. The common theme across all chapters is an assessment of the extent to which Indian organisations has brought about the convergence of resources to build a modern nation-state. Focusing on alternative ways of looking at organisational phenomena, the contributing authors bring together their vast experience in academia and practice in their writings to present a nuanced picture of organisational practices and behaviour. With its emphasis on perspectives embedded in the Indian context, this book will be of immense value to students and scholars of psychology, organisational studies and comparative management and scientist-professionals in India and abroad. It will also interest transnational organisations operating in India and those employing Indians in other countries.

Cultural Psychology of Health in India: Well-being, Medicine and Traditional Health Care, (2016), Sage Publications.

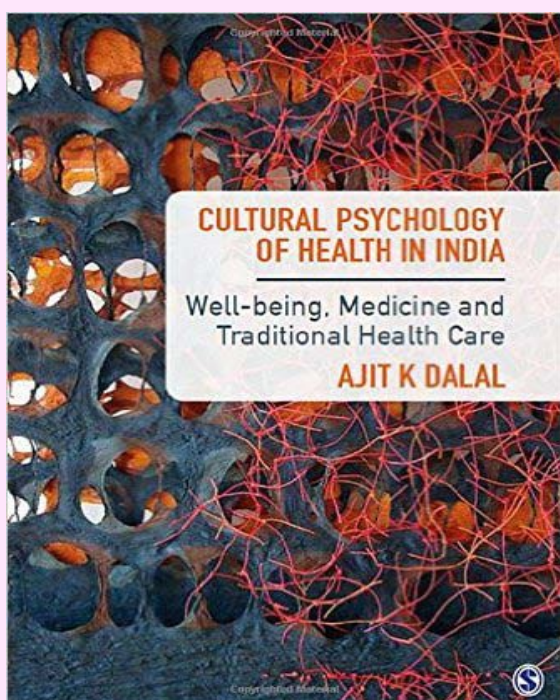
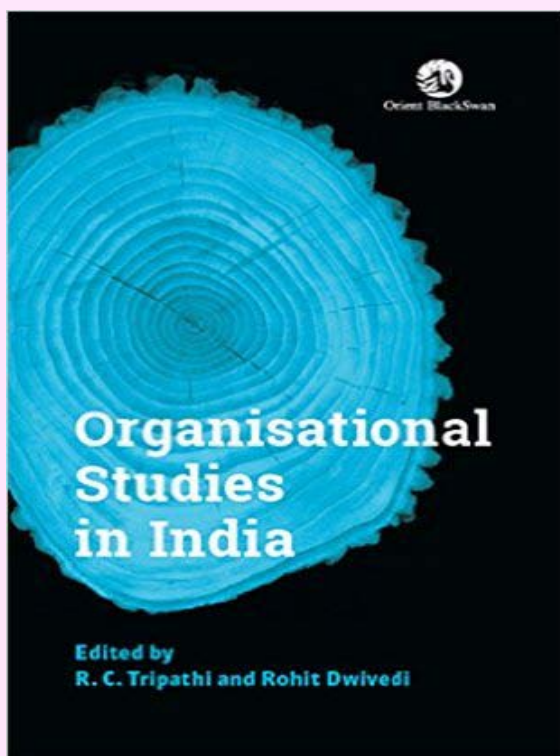
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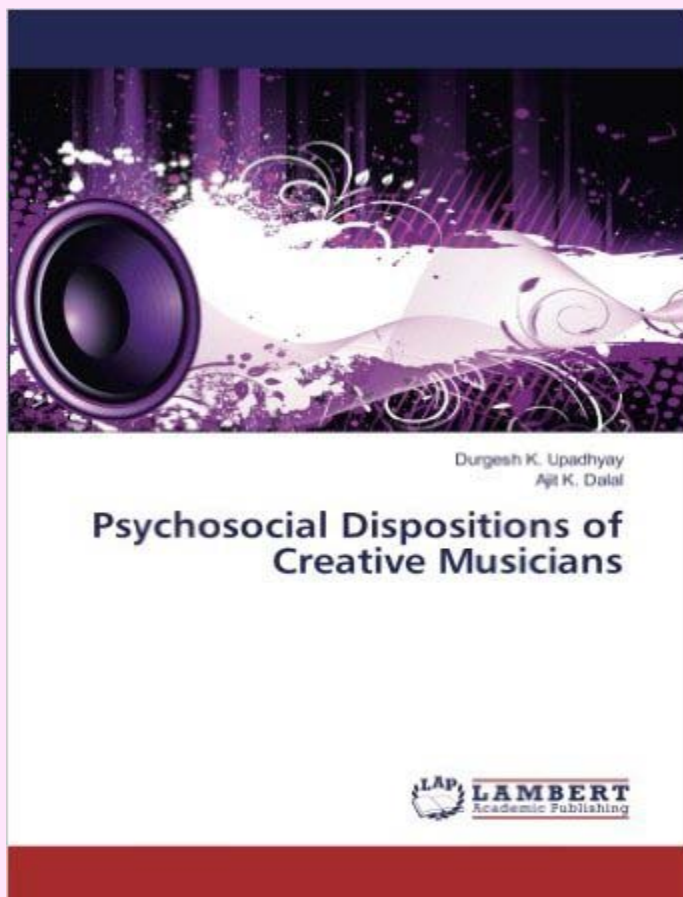
- A. K. Dalal: Formar Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology, University of Allahabad.

Brief Description:

This book offers a holistic concept of health, encompassing the four major domains such as prevention, treatment, promotion of good health and rehabilitation. It looks at the fast-growing field of research on health and well-being from a cultural psychological perspective, focusing mainly on indigenous Indian practices. It examines health care systems that have evolved in different cultural set-ups, building on prevailing values, traditions and ethos of particular societies.

Straddling both theoretical and practical issues regarding illness recovery, maintenance of good health and enhancing the quality of well-being, it also looks at psychosocial barriers in rehabilitation. The study brings together two diverse streams of health care—modern medicine and traditional Indian systems, including Ayurveda, yoga and folk healing—for their complementary roles in providing holistic and affordable health care services in India.





Psychosocial Dispositions of Creative Musicians, (2016), Lambert Publications.

Authors:

- Durgesh Kumar Upadhyay, Assistant Professor, Amity University, Lucknow
- A. K. Dalal: Former Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology, University of Allahabad.
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Brief Description:

This research started with researcher's curiosity about the sources of creativity in music. Besides, researcher wanted to study how the musicians realize their creative potential. What are the psychological and social characteristics, which augment their creativity in music? To examine these issues this research focused on sociocultural background, personal dispositions, and developmental phases of a creative person. In briefly, this research attempted to address the question posed by Gardner (1993) 'where creativity lies? More specifically, this research addressed three core questions. These questions are: (1) What are the psychosocial dispositions that contribute to the development of a person as a creative musician? (2) What are the processes of learning and practising music? (3) What does the process of creative music making involve?

NAOP Members' Achievements

- ❖ **Prof. Janak Pandey** is the **Executive Council Member** of the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP). He is also the **President of Division 3 (Psychology and Societal Development)** of IAAP.
- ❖ **Prof. Prakash Padakannaya** is elected as "Fellow" of **Association for Psychological Sciences**.
- ❖ **Mr. Mukesh Makwana** received the AVA Tom Trsocioanko Award to attend ECVP 2015 conference hosted by University of Liverpool, UK and to visit other labs, received the ECVP bursaries, registration waiver award and won the 'Best Poster Award' at the Third Annual Conference of the Association for Cognitive Sciences, IIT Guwahati.
- ❖ **Ms. Georgia Felicity** Received Fulbright Nehru Doctoral Fellowship 2016-17.
- ❖ **Ms. Sushma Kumari** Received "Emerging Psychologists' Award" in ICP 2016 Held at Yokohama, Japan. She has also received the prestigious "Travel Grant" of Association of Psychological Sciences (APS) to attend 2nd International Conference of Psychological Sciences to be held at Vienna, Austria in March, 2017.
- ❖ **Ms. Alisha Chhetri** has received the prestigious "Travel Grant" of Association of Psychological Sciences (APS) to attend 2nd International Conference of Psychological Sciences to be held at Vienna, Austria in March, 2017

- ❖ **Dr. Durgesh Upadhyay** Received Nada Award of Excellence – 2015 by Nada Centre for Music Therapy, Chennai (Regd.) in 7th World Music Therapy Conference, New Delhi, India on 28th November 2015. He Also received SEMPRES Conference Award by Society for Education, Music and Psychology Research (SEMPRE), UK, March, 2015

NAOP Announcements:

Proposals Invited for Hosting Next NAOP Convention:

Proposals for hosting next NAOP convention (2017) are invited. Interested members are requested to submit a proposal with information about the capabilities to host the annual convention to NAOP President-elect, Prof. K. B. L. Srivastava (kbbs@hss.iitkgp.ernet.in).

Submit to NAOP blog: Send an article (150-450 words typically but can be longer) on any topic related to psychology or closely associated disciplines by email to admin@naopindia.org with subject 'NAOP blog'. Anybody (both members and non-members) can submit articles for the NAOP blog. Please send a brief bio-note about the author.

JOIN NAOP for a host of benefits: We are starting a membership drive for 2017 which will be open towards the end of 2016. Membership form can also be submitted at 26th NAOP convention to be held at IITM, Chennai during December 29th-31st, 2016.

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Committee to work for Psychological Federation	Prof. Purnima Singh, Prof. Narayanan Srinivasan

A gentle Reminder to honored members:

All the members are requested to pay their membership dues so as to retain their association with NAOP. You are also requested to support NAOP by encouraging your colleagues and students to join NAOP. All the membership enquires can be sent to The Treasurer NAOP, Kumar Ravi Priya (krp@iitk.ac.in) Department of Humanities and Social Sciences Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur Kanpur - 208016

NAOP Elections 2017:

In accordance to the NAOP Regulations, Online Election-2017 for the listed positions took place in the month of October-November, 2016 for various positions.

The following members have been elected unopposed for the positions mentioned against their names.

1. Professor Mewa Singh (President)
2. Professor Narayanan Srinivasan (Secretary General)
3. Professor Neena Kohli (Member at large)
4. Professor A.K. Jain (Member at large)

Upcoming Activities

- ❖ Prof. Prakash Padakannaya and Prof. Narayanan Srinivasan represented NAOP into Asia-Pacific Psychology Leadership Forum on July 24th, 2016 at Yokohama Japan. The Forum is formed with the vision to create a platform for communication between countries, to develop research capacities while preserving the local identity of the discipline. The first meeting was attended by. The first meeting of the Forum will be hosted by NAOP at Chennai during its 26th Annual Convention at IIT Madras.
- ❖ Prof. Damodhar Suar has become the Editor of Psychological Studies: the official journal of NAOP, published by Springer. NAOP thanks Prof. Girishwar Mishra for his exceptional work as editor of Psychological Studies for many years.
- ❖ NAOP plans to publish the "History of NAOP". This will include Write-up from Fellows of NAOP with photos for their professional journey.
- ❖ NAOP also plans to publish its Silver Jubilee lectures in the form of a book entitled "New Challenges".

For further details about NAOP please visit NAOP web-site

www.naopindia.org

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