

Dr. Vinoth Das Memorial Award

Award criteria:

Total Marks: 100

This award is to recognize the outstanding participant of the Brief Course in Psychiatric Research conducted by the Research Capacity Building Committee of the IPS-SZB.

Dr Vinod Krishna Das was a dynamic psychiatrist. He did his UG and PG at Rajamuthaiya Medical College, Chidambaram. He was working as Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Sri Manakula Vinayagar Medical College and Hospital in Pondicherry. Apart from his clinical services and active teaching duties, he had taken up dynamic roles in the Tamilnadu Chapter of the Indian Psychiatric Society. He was also a member of the first batch of BCPR, in its inaugural session. He actively participated in it and also had conducted research workshop at his college. A very friendly and gentle soul, he will always be remembered for his congeniality and service mindedness.

Criteria:

1. Attendance & Punctuality (25 marks)

Sub-criteria

1. Online Sessions (10 marks)

- Consistency & Timeliness: Regular on-time logins, minimal absences, and justified reasons when sessions are missed.
- Partial Attendance Tracking: 0.5 or 1 mark will be deducted for arriving late or leaving early.

2. Contact Sessions (15 marks)

- Session Attendance: Full presence at both the first (7.5 marks) and the second contact sessions (7.5 marks), including punctual arrival for all workshops, small groups, and didactics.
- Cumulative Tally: We will keep a simple, transparent record of attendance to share with participants.

2. Active Engagement & Contribution (25 marks)

Sub-Criteria

1. Online Session Participation (12 marks)

- High Engagement (10–12 marks): Consistently initiates/answers thoughtful questions, offers meaningful insights on forums, and actively assists peers.

- Moderate Engagement (7–9 marks): Periodic involvement, good-quality questions, or comments.
- Low Engagement (0–6 marks): Rarely participates or only provides minimal input.
- We will use chat logs / Q&A tracking.

2. Contact Session Engagement (13 marks)

- Group and Q &A Contributions: Participates actively in small-group discussions, protocol reviews, and hands-on activities. Volunteering ideas and demonstrating leadership in group tasks will be accounted for.
- Quality of Involvement: RCBC faculty will note the relevance and depth of comments, as well as support to fellow participants.

3. Online activities (25 marks)

Sub-Criteria

1. Timeliness of Submission (10 marks)

- Participating in the activities within 2-7 days, responsiveness to clarifications.

2. Quality of Work (15 marks)

- Depth & Accuracy: Clarity and thoroughness of analysis, correct application of research methods, and logical conclusions.
- Use of Feedback: Clear signs that the participant applied faculty/mentor/LMS recommendations in later versions.

4. Research Growth (25 marks)

Sub-Criteria

1. Application of New Concepts (5 marks)

- Demonstrates integration of newly acquired research techniques, improved data interpretation, or refinements to project designs based on sessions.

2. Progress Over Time (15 marks)

- We can use a mid-course assignment or reflection that shows how participants have updated or refined their project ideas or research question, how they have grown during the course, the challenges faced, and how they intend to apply the new research skills in their professional setting. Alternatively, this can also be done at the end of the course.

Tie-Breaker Strategies

Key Criterion Priority:

- First, we will compare scores in Active Engagement & Contribution or Research Growth.

Faculty Vote:

- If still tied, the core RCBC faculty will vote anonymously on who best exemplifies the values of team spirit, curiosity, and leadership.

Table of scoring

Sl. No	Criteria	Marks
1.	Attendance & Punctuality	25
2.	Active Engagement & Contribution	25
3.	Online activities Completion & Quality	25
4.	Research Growth	25

Award Structure

The highest in the above scoring will be awarded the Dr. Vinoth Das Memorial Award, and the next two on the scores will be awarded as the first and the second runner-up.

All three receive certificates, medals, and a cash prize, along with recognition at the final contact session.