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*Cordially invite you all for the Workshop*

**“MAKING EVERY QUESTION COUNT”  
DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF A QUESTIONNAIRE  
IN RESEARCH**

Constructing a valid and reliable questionnaire requires sound knowledge & skill to apply statistical and analytical methods with careful planning. More importantly, it demands meticulous implementation of the same. This workshop aims to provide both theoretical and practical learning experience on various aspects of questionnaire development right from tool construction and cultural adaptation to advanced statistical validation.

**Dat** : 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026 [Friday]

**Timing** : 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**Venue** : Lecture Theatre Complex Meenakshi Ammal  
Dental College & Hospital, Chennai

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## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Dr. Akila Ganesh is Professor and Head of the Department of Public Health Dentistry at Sri Ramachandra Dental College and Hospital, SRIHER, Chennai, with nearing two decades of academic and research experience. She holds a MDS degree in Public Health Dentistry, PhD and a Fellowship in Preventive and Public Health Dentistry (FPPHD). A prolific researcher and award-winning academician, she is the recipient of prestigious honours including the 'Pioneer in Public Health Dentistry' award, the 'International Best Researcher in Public Health' by Rula Awards, and the Gomathi Radhakrishnan Distinguished Alumni Award. She has served as President of the Indian Association of Public Health Dentistry – Tamil Nadu Chapter. Dr Akila has secured multiple research grants including an ICMR grant, and has numerous national and international publications.



Dr. Aksshaya R is a skilled and empathetic Pediatric Dentist who completed her MDS in Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry from Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai. Committed to evidence-based dental care for children, she is a certified BLS and PALS provider and holds memberships with ISDT and ISPPD. A distinguished achiever, she is the recipient of the Dr. BR Subramaniam Gold Medal for the best outgoing MDS student, along with multiple best paper and best student awards at national and international conferences including the IDA Molaris Academic Awards 2023 and the Asian Regional Congress of Dental Traumatology. She has presented papers in international conferences and has international publications to her credit.



Dr. Preetha Elizabeth Chaly completed her under graduation from AB Shetty Memorial Institute of Dental Sciences and Masters in Public Health Dentistry from Manipal Academy of Higher Education. She is currently working as Professor and Head of the Dept of Public Health Dentistry at Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital, MAHER, Chennai. She is presently deputed as Chairperson for Students' Grievance Redressal Committee and Code of Conduct at MAHER. She is presently a supervisor to PhD scholars and guide to postgraduate students. Her field of interest is oral epidemiology. She has publications in indexed journals and a patent to her credit. She has contributed chapters to a text book titled, Textbook of Preventive and Community Dentistry by Dr. Joseph John.



Dr. Shyam Sivasamy is a distinguished Public Health Dentist who was recognised as the Best Outgoing Student from the Department of Public Health Dentistry, Bapuji Dental College, and was awarded the University Gold Medal by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences in 2012. Currently serving as Professor at Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital and as Director of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research, he has delivered over 100 guest lectures on Research Methodology, authored the textbook "Dental Buster — Solved MCQs for Dental Entrance Examinations" published by CBS Publishers, and has research papers published in indexed journals.



Dr. Karunanidhi K is a Public Health Dentist and Gold Medallist who completed his MDS in Public Health Dentistry from Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research. Currently serving as Assistant Professor at Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital and as Research Associate at MAHER Advanced Research Centre for Health Sciences, he specialises in Research Methodology, Biostatistics, Systematic Reviews, and Oral Epidemiology. He has publications in reputed journals and holds four patents — one as Principal Inventor for the innovative SMART Brush. He regularly serves as a Guest Lecturer and Resource Person for PG students at the Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University and other reputed institutions.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 9:00 - 9:30 AM** : **Inauguration Ceremony**
- 9:45 - 10:45 AM** : **Questionnaire Development**  
**Dr. Akila Ganesh**
- 10:45 - 11:30 AM** : **Key Methods in Questionnaire Validation - Factor Analysis & ROC**  
**Dr. Aksshaya.R**
- 11:30 - 11:45 AM** : **Break**
- 11:45 - 12:30 PM** : **Questionnaire Development - Hands On Training**  
**Dr. Akila Ganesh & Dr. Aksshaya.R**
- 12:30 - 1:00 PM** : **Cross Cultural Adaptation of Existing Questionnaire**  
**Dr. Preetha Elizabeth Chaly**
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM** : **Lunch**
- 2:00 - 3:30 PM** : **Statistical Methods in Questionnaire Validation**  
**Dr. Shyam Sivasamy & Dr. Karunanidhi.K**

**PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THEIR LAPTOPS WITH INTERNET ACCESS ON THE DAY OF WORKSHOP**

**Registration Closes by 07/04/2026**

**Only 60 Registrations**  
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