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She has been honoured by the National Academy of Psychology with the honorary fellowship and life time achievement award. She has been a consultant for organizations such as the WHO, UGC, NCERT, NIPCCD, ICMR and ICSSR. She has been twice awarded the Scholar in Residency at the Study and Conference Centre, at Bellagio in Italy, awarded the Rockefeller Foundation. She has been on the Advisory Group of the ICD Revision of Child Psychiatric Disorders at the WHO Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division, Geneva from March 2010.

Her areas of interest are Developmental Psychology, Community Mental Health Programmes for Children and Adolescents in, Primary Health Care personnel and Anganawadi Workers. She has been involved in training of lay child counsellors. She has developed of tools of assessment and intervention packages the promotion of psycho social development and for psychological problems of children and adolescents in Child Guidance Centres as well as Urban, Rural and Tribal Schools. Her main contribution is her work of developing integrated models of mental health service delivery for children and adolescents. She works at the grassroots level with children an adolescents in schools She also examines why the excellent educational policies have failed to effectively deal with grassroot level ground realities.

Prof Malavika Kapur's work is embedded in the cultural context as revealed in her work of Child care in Ancient India based on Ayurveda. In the recent past she has been exploring, in addition to Ayurveda, Child Care in the Indian Indigenous Health Systems in Unani, Siddha and Tibetan Medicine from the Perspective of Developmental Psychology. She is a scientistpractitioner in human development. She blends modern health studies with indigenous thought systems.

Her current interests are the adverse effects of IoT and AI on child development and advantages of multilingualism in childhood in the transmission of socio cultural heritage of diverse cultures across India.

The mysteries of the human mind have always fascinated her as a psychologist and a creative writer. She has written several anthologies and a novel for adults and children. She is a prolific reader with deep interest in performing arts. She is an inveterate traveller.