DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
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ON

Mental Health in the Digital Age: Response to Current Challenges

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Background

There is more to 'information at your finger tips' than what digital life today would mean for most of us across the globe. The growing impact of technology continues to be subtle and less apparent as we increasingly negotiate virtual reality in our daily lives. In this context, there is a need to gauge the mental health and well-being aspects of humanity at large. Is our well-being more harmed than helped? The inevitability of digital revolution must strive towards optimal growth and happiness of each and every individual in order to ensure a thriving planet.

This conference intends to deliberate upon the ideas and practices of budding professionals and scholars on the following themes with the overall objectives of dissemination, sensitization, and real-life application of the state-of-the-art in the subject area.

Sub themes

- Digital risk and resilience
- Mental health and digital life
- Digital media for the differently abled
- Artificial Intelligence and the changing world
- Care, counselling, and technology
- Indian knowledge system and Mental health
- Related fields

Utkal University

Established in 1943, Utkal University, Vani Vihar is the 17th oldest University of India and the Mother University of the state of Odisha situated in the state capital Bhubaneswar. It is a teaching, research and one of the largest affiliating universities having twenty-seven Post-Graduate and seventeen Self-financing programmes within the campus that include faculty of Humanities and the Social Sciences, Science & Technology, Commerce and Management, Pedagogical Science, Medicine and Law. The second campus of the University came into being in 2019 for catering to the specific needs of rural areas. The University has established several Centres of Excellence under RUSA 2.0 and World Bank-Odisha Higher Education Programme for Equity and Excellence to promote interdisciplinary research including inter-departmental research. This University has been awarded an 'A+' grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2023. The University strives continuously to become an institution of eminence in eastern India with a focus on innovative teaching, research and extension activities.

About Department of Psychology

The Department of Psychology was established in 1953 at Ravenshaw College, Cuttack as an undergraduate Department. It was upgraded to Post-Graduate Teaching and Research Department in 1958, and moved to Utkal University Campus at Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar in 1962. In 1980, it was declared as a Centre of Advanced Study in Psychology (CASP), the first such centre in Psychology in the country, and the only such centre in Odisha. The department has had the CAS status for 29 years. The faculties have contributed to the growth of the discipline through innovative research as well as towards the mental health needs of the community since long. The Department recently celebrated its Diamond Jubilee at Utkal University.

Call for Papers

Submission of original work is invited from prospective authors relevant to the major themes and related areas. The abstract within three hundred words and full paper within four to five thousand words (Times New Roman font of size 12, line spacing 1.5, MS Word) having author's name, designation, institutional affiliation, contact e-mail id and mobile number) should be sent to the following email id: utkalpsyconf@gmail.com

The Conference will be held in physical mode. Certificates will be provided to the registered participants who have presented papers in the conference. Certificate for the co-author, who has registered for the conference, is available subject to her presence during the scheduled presentation.

Important Dates

Conference dates	**27-28 September, 2024**
Venue of Conference	**Department of Psychology, Utkal University**
Last date of Abstract submission for registered participants	**25th August, 2024**
Communication of Abstract acceptance	**1st September, 2024**
Registration	**2nd September-15th September, 2024**
Submission of Full paper	**20th September, 2024**

Registration (Using Google form and online payment)

Faculty/Employees from R&D/Corporates	Rs. 1000/-
Research Scholars	Rs. 700/-
Students	Rs. 400/-

(Registration fee includes registration kit and food on the conference days. Travel and accommodation cost will be borne by participants)

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