SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

DEPT. OF PSYCHOLOGY

The **Department of Psychology**, School of Liberal Arts (SLA), XIM University, Bhubaneswar, offers a four-year undergraduate programme in **B.Sc. (Hons.) Psychology** and a postgraduate programme in **M.Sc. Psychology**, integrating theoretical knowledge with experiential learning, research, and practical application in alignment with the **National Education Policy (NEP)**. The curriculum encompasses diverse areas, including research methodology, community psychology, positive psychology, clinical, counselling, forensic, organisational, sports, and neuro-cognitive psychology, providing students with a broad understanding of human behaviour and mental processes.

The department houses **P.E.A.R.L. (Psychological Experiment and Assessment Research Laboratory)**, a specialised facility supporting psychological experimentation, assessment, statistical analysis, and research across various psychological domains. Emphasising experiential learning, students engage in field trips, workshops, and internships that bridge classroom learning with real-world applications. Welcoming students from across India, the department fosters an inclusive academic environment guided by the Jesuit principle of Magis, promoting excellence, ethical practice, and social responsibility. With an intake capacity of 60 students, the department also seeks to strengthen practical training and professional exposure through collaborations and Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with leading hospitals, while keeping students informed about relevant professional standards and regulatory requirements, including those of the **National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP)**.

VISION, MISSION & VALUES

Vision

To create awareness among the young minds regarding the changing times in the field of Psychology. The dynamics in the recent times across the globe is marked by climate change, political instability, changing social norms, technological breakthroughs and many more. The human lives have gotten more complex than earlier, hence calling for a paradigm shift in the approach to unravel the human dynamics. The National Symposium is aimed at identifying contemporary avenues that will help the aspiring youth to direct their skills and bright minds towards their career choices.

Mission

Psychology as a career option has grown tremendously in the recent times and people see the application of Psychology far and wide. The Symposium holds high relevance in the recent times due to the changing societal conditions, scientific innovatione and global challenges. Psychology has garnered a huge recognition in recent times during the pandemic. People started recognizing the prominence and the undeniable role psychology plays in everyone's life. The world is abuzz with the talk on mental health concerns. The scope and opportunities in the field of Psychology has expanded and grown exponentially. The aspiring students of Psychology must put their best foot forward to help societal transformation possible.

Values

- Inspiration
- Knowledge exchange
- Continuous learning
- Ethical conduct
- Future Focus



National Symposium

NewAge Avenues in Psychology 2.0



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Dr. P. V. Padma
HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT

18th November, 2026

Seminar Hall- I
9:30 am - 5:00 pm

ABOUT XIM UNIVERSITY

XIM University, Bhubaneswar, stands as a centre of academic excellence and holistic development. Rooted in the Jesuit tradition of education, the university is committed to nurturing competent and compassionate leaders who contribute to the greater good. Through a transformative learning experience, XIM University combines academic rigour with ethical leadership, social responsibility, and a global perspective, preparing students to make meaningful contributions to society.

ABOUT SYMPOSIUM

The Department of Psychology, School of Liberal Arts, XIM University, is organising the National Symposium on New Age Avenues in Psychology 2.0 to provide a dynamic platform for academicians, researchers, practitioners, and students to explore emerging perspectives, innovative approaches, and contemporary advancements in psychology. The symposium brings together diverse voices and expertise to examine the expanding horizons of psychological research and practice.

Through expert insights, scholarly discussions, and meaningful academic exchange, the symposium seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue, encourage critical thinking, and inspire innovative ideas. It aims to highlight the growing relevance of psychology across diverse fields and its potential to address the complex challenges of the modern world. By bridging theory and practice, the symposium aims to open new avenues for research, promote collaboration, and deepen our understanding of human behaviour, mental health, and well-being in an ever-evolving society.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS



Dr. Sudhansu Sarangi
Forensic Psychologist

Dr. Keerthi (Pai) Prabhu
Clinical Psychologist





Ms. Sivambiga Athianna
Industrial Psychologist

Dr. Jaismeen Kaur
Counselling Psychologist





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