



# Situated Minds

## Bridging Theory and Practice in Mental Health



### One Day International Conference

Organized by

Department of Psychology  
Loreto College, Kolkata

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# Concept Note

The conference, *Situated Minds: Bridging Theory and Practice in Mental Health*, provides an interdisciplinary platform to examine how mental health is understood and addressed within diverse biological, psychological, social, cultural, and political contexts. Bringing together academics, practitioners, researchers, and policymakers, the conference seeks to foster meaningful dialogue between theoretical knowledge and real-world mental health practice.

The conference will feature a keynote address titled *Situated Minds in Action: Translating Insights from Cognitive Science, Social Psychology, and Clinical Psychology into Context-Sensitive Mental Health Practice*, which will explore how contemporary psychological and cognitive research can inform responsive and contextually grounded mental health interventions.

The thematic sessions include *Theory and Practice: Lived Experiences of Practitioners*, focusing on the challenges, ethical dilemmas, and experiential realities of professionals working in mental health settings, and *Community-Based Mental Health Practice in Low-Resource Settings*, which highlights innovative, inclusive, and sustainable approaches to mental health care in underserved communities.

Through these discussions, the conference aims to encourage critical engagement with contemporary mental health issues while promoting culturally sensitive, socially aware, and practice-oriented perspectives that can contribute to more equitable and impactful mental health care.

## Objectives

- ④ To create an interdisciplinary platform for dialogue between cognitive science, social psychology, clinical psychology and mental health practice.
- ④ To examine the lived experiences of mental health practitioners and the challenges involved in translating theory into practice.
- ④ To explore community-based mental health practices in low-resource settings and identify sustainable and context-sensitive models of care.
- ④ To encourage critical reflection on the social, cultural and contextual factors that shape mental health and wellbeing.
- ④ To foster collaboration among academics, practitioners, researchers, and policymakers for advancing inclusive and equitable mental health practices.

## Expected Outcomes

- ④ Participants will develop a broader and more integrated understanding of how theoretical perspectives can inform practical and context-sensitive mental health interventions.
- ④ Attendees will gain deeper insight into the ethical, professional, and experiential realities faced by mental health practitioners in diverse settings.
- ④ Participants will become familiar with innovative and accessible approaches to community-based mental health care, particularly in low-resource contexts.
- ④ Attendees will strengthen their ability to critically analyse mental health issues through culturally sensitive and socially aware perspectives.
- ④ The conference will facilitate interdisciplinary networking, collaborative dialogue, and the exchange of ideas that may contribute to future research, policy, and practice initiatives in mental health.

# Thematic Tracks



**Mind–Brain–Behaviour Intersection**



**Contextualizing Mental Health:  
Culture, Experience, Environment  
and Ecological Contexts**



**Social Justice, Inequality and Mental  
Health**



**Indigenous, Community-Based and  
Decolonial Psychologies**



**Policy, Governance and Mental  
Health Systems**



**Emerging Challenges and  
Innovations in Mental Health**



**Wellbeing, Recovery and Care  
Practices**

**The above listed themes are indicative  
and not exhaustive**



# Call for Contributions

We invite submissions from academics, clinicians, practitioners, policymakers, individuals from industries and social sectors and students engaged in advancing mental health research and practice.



## Presentation Formats:

- Oral Presentations (online and in person)
- Poster Presentations



## Submission Guidelines:

- **Abstract length:** 250–300 words
- **Formatting:** APA Style (7th Edition)
- **Include:** Title, Author(s), Institutional Affiliation(s), and Keywords
- **Paper Length:** 2000–5000 words
- **Include:** Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusion

The Conference Proceeding with full papers will be published by Loreto College Academic Press. The book will have an ISBN and individual chapters will be assigned Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs)

# Dates to be Noted



Last Date of Registration:  
**20th May, 2026**



Abstract Submission:  
**20th May, 2026**



Full Paper Submission:  
**28th May, 2026**

**Note:**

***The abstract must be attached  
in the registration form itself***



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# Registration

## ***Registration Fees:***

- For Students: ₹300/-
- For M.Phil Trainee/Scholars: ₹500/-
- For Professionals: ₹700/-

## **Registration Link:**

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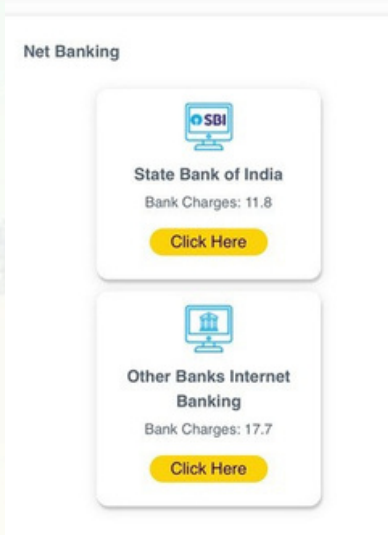
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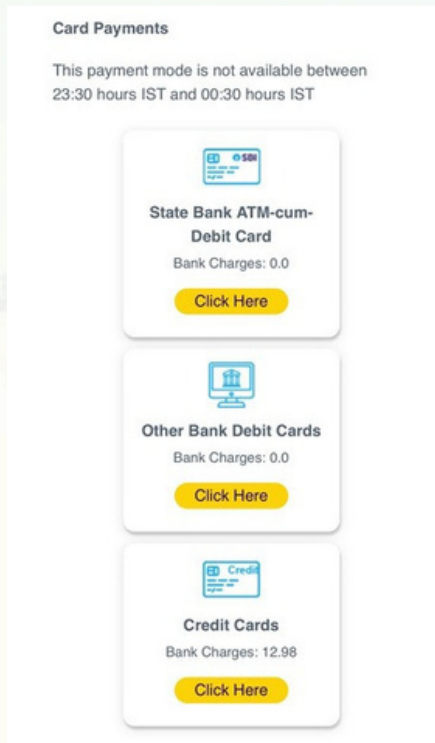
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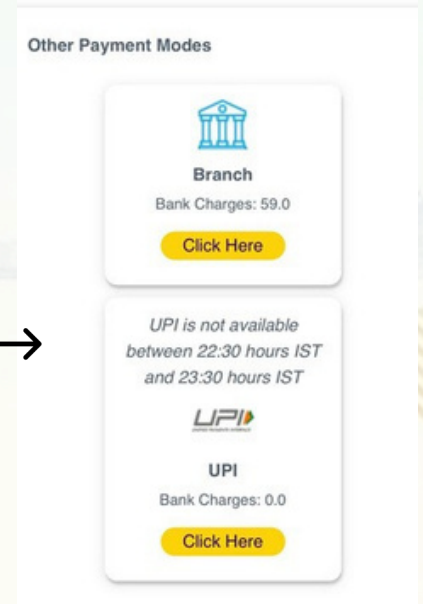
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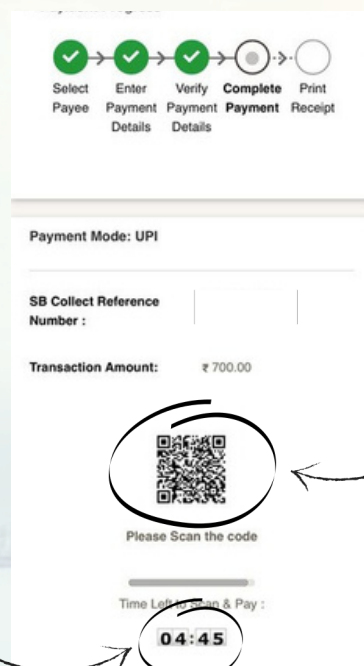
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The code will be available for 5 minutes only

# Flow of Events

9:00 – 9:45 AM

Registration

9:45 – 10:45 AM

**Keynote Address**

**Situated Minds in Action: *Translating Insights from Cognitive Science, Social Psychology and Clinical Psychology into Context-Sensitive Mental Health Practice***

**Associate Prof Dr. Victor Goh Weng Yew**

*Dean/Associate Professor  
Faculty of Behavioural Sciences,  
Education and Languages  
HELP University, Malaysia*



10:45 – 11:00 AM

Tea Break

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Panel Discussion**

***Theory and Practice: Lived Experiences of Practitioners***

**Dr. Rima Mukherji**

*Founder Director, Crystal Minds  
Senior Consultant Psychiatrist,  
Crystal Minds , Woodlands Hospital  
President, Indian Psychiatric Society, West  
Bengal branch*



**Ms. Lipica Bhattacharyya**

*Special Educator  
Able Fable  
Mental Health Foundation  
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Mon Psychiatric Nursing Home, Kolkata*



**Ms. Priyanka Bhattacharyya Bhoopal**

*Consultant Clinical Psychologist  
Mental Health Foundation  
Kolkata*



# Flow of Events

1:00 – 1:45 PM

Lunch

1:45 – 2:45 PM

**Thematic Session**

***Community Based Mental Health Practice in Low Resource Setting***

**Anushka Ghosh**

*Psychologist and Project Coordinator,  
Urban Mental Health Programme,  
Iswar Sankalpa  
in association with Kolkata Municipal  
Corporation*



2:45 – 3:45 PM

**Oral Paper / Poster Presentations**

3:45 – 4:15 PM

**Vote of Thanks**

4:15 PM onwards

**Certificate Distribution**

