



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Report Submission: 31/07/2026

Semester: EVEN	Academic Year: 2025–26	Venue: AI022F04 – LH, AIGS, Block 1
Event Date: 01/07/2026	Time: 11:00AM -1:00PM	Duration: 02:00 hrs

TYPE OF EVENT: GUEST TALK

EVENT NAME: PSYCHOLOGY AND LAW – AN INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE

Target	IV Sem MSc	Number of	Event
Audience:	Psychology students	Participants: 18	Coordinator: Ms. Susan Maria Baby

Objectives:

- To understand the relationship between psychology and law and its application in legal settings.
- To familiarize students with fundamental human rights and important laws relevant to psychological practice.
- To enhance awareness of ethical, legal, and professional responsibilities of psychologists.

Program Introduction:

The Department of Psychology organized a Guest Talk on "Psychology and Law, An Interdisciplinary Perspective" on 1st July 2026 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM for the IV Semester M.Sc. Psychology students. The session aimed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the intersection between psychology and law, while creating awareness about human rights and various legal provisions applicable to psychological practice. Ms. Susan Maria Baby, Assistant Professor, and Department of Psychology coordinated the program.

Theme of the Event:

The guest talk focused on the interdisciplinary relationship between psychology and law, emphasizing the importance of legal knowledge in psychological practice. It highlighted fundamental human rights, constitutional values, legal provisions related to women and child protection, and the ethical and professional responsibilities of psychologists in diverse legal contexts.

Resource person:



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Mr. Chetan K. V is the Controller of Examinations and Assistant Professor (Law), Department of Humanities, Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies. He holds B.A., LL.B. and LL.M. (Business Law) qualifications and possesses over 18 years of legal experience and 15 years of teaching experience. He has served as a Resource Person under the Ministry of Women and Child Development (Government of India), conducting awareness programmes on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, labour laws, consumer laws, women and child protection laws, the Juvenile Justice System, the POCSO Act, and other legal awareness initiatives. His areas of expertise include Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Labour Laws, Consumer Laws, Industrial Laws, Environmental Law, IT Law, legal documentation, mediation, and legal consultancy.

Detailed Report:

The Department of Psychology successfully organized a Guest Talk on "Psychology and Law, Human Rights and Other Laws" on 1st July 2026 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM for the IV Semester M.Sc. Psychology students. The session was delivered by Mr. Chetan K. V., Controller of Examinations and Assistant Professor (Law), who brought an interdisciplinary perspective by integrating legal principles with psychological concepts. The programme commenced with a warm welcome to the resource person, followed by an introduction to the objectives of the session.

The speaker began by explaining the close relationship between psychology and law and how both disciplines work together in promoting justice, protecting individual rights, and ensuring ethical professional practice. He highlighted the growing role of psychologists in criminal investigations, forensic assessments, rehabilitation, counselling, witness evaluation, victim support, correctional settings, and legal decision-making. Students were introduced to the importance of legal literacy in psychological practice and the need to uphold ethical standards while working with clients across various settings.

The discussion then focused on human rights as fundamental rights guaranteed to every individual irrespective of gender, caste, religion, or socio-economic background. The resource person explained the constitutional framework protecting human dignity, equality, liberty, and justice. He emphasized the importance of safeguarding the rights of vulnerable populations, including women, children, older adults, and persons with disabilities, while discussing the responsibilities of mental health professionals in protecting these rights.

The resource person further elaborated on several important legislations relevant to psychologists, including the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, Sexual Harassment of



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Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, Juvenile Justice Act, labour laws, consumer protection laws, and other legal provisions that support individual welfare and social justice. Through practical examples and real-life case discussions, students gained a better understanding of mandatory reporting, informed consent, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and ethical decision-making while dealing with legal situations.

The session commenced by 11:05 am and concluded at 1:00pm with an engaging question-and-answer segment where students actively discussed ethical dilemmas, legal responsibilities, and practical challenges encountered in the field of psychology. The interactive nature of the programme enabled students to connect theoretical concepts with real-world legal scenarios. The session proved highly informative and strengthened students' understanding of the important relationship between psychology, law, human rights, and professional practice.

PHOTOS:



Introduction to Psychology and Law



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Session on the interdisciplinary effects of law on Psychology



Students engaging in interactive session



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Final Q &A session



Group Photo



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Outcomes:

- Students gained a comprehensive understanding of the relationship between psychology and law.
- Participants developed awareness of fundamental human rights and constitutional values relevant to psychological practice.
- Students understood important legal provisions related to women, children, consumers, and workplace safety.
- The session enhanced students' knowledge of ethical and legal responsibilities in professional psychological practice.
- Students improved their critical thinking skills by analysing legal case scenarios and ethical dilemmas encountered in mental health settings.

Conclusion:

The Guest Talk on "Psychology and Law, Human Rights and Other Laws" provided an enriching academic experience for the postgraduate psychology students. The session successfully bridged legal and psychological perspectives, enabling students to appreciate the importance of legal awareness in professional practice. Through practical examples, interactive discussions, and expert insights, the programme enhanced students' understanding of human rights, ethical responsibilities, and relevant legal frameworks governing psychological services. Overall, the session encouraged critical thinking and strengthened students' preparedness to practice psychology responsibly within legal and ethical boundaries.



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Audience Feedback Summary:

The session successfully enhanced students' awareness of the legal and ethical dimensions of psychological practice. It encouraged critical thinking and reinforced the importance of integrating psychological knowledge with legal principles and human rights in professional settings. Overall, the programme was well received and proved to be a valuable learning experience for all the participants.

