

Beyond the Classroom: Exploring Career Opportunities in Psychology

The Department of Psychology, ICFAI School of Social Sciences (ISoSS), ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Hyderabad, organized a guest lecture titled "Beyond the Classroom: Exploring Career Opportunities in Psychology" on 30 July 2026 at the Main Conference Hall, IBS Building. The session was conducted from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with the objective of familiarizing undergraduate psychology students with the diverse career opportunities available in the field of psychology.

The guest speaker, **Dr. Devaraju Kadari (IM.Sc., PhD, PGDCG), Assistant Professor of Psychology, Woxsen University, Hyderabad**, shared his academic and professional experiences while providing valuable insights into various career pathways in psychology. Drawing from his expertise in **Health Psychology, Psycho-oncology, School Psychology, and Educational Psychology**, he highlighted the expanding scope of psychology across healthcare, education, research, corporate organizations, and community settings.

During the session, Dr. Kadari discussed the academic pathways available after graduation, the importance of developing research skills, higher education opportunities, and the competencies required to build a successful career in psychology. He encouraged students to actively engage in internships, research, conferences, and skill development to enhance their professional growth. He also emphasized the significance of ethical practice, lifelong learning, and interdisciplinary collaboration in the evolving field of psychology.

The lecture was highly interactive, with students enthusiastically participating in the discussion and seeking guidance on career planning, postgraduate education, and emerging specializations within psychology. The session provided students with practical insights into making informed academic and career decisions.

The programme was organized by Ms. Priyanka Kanake, Assistant Professor, Dr. Subhashini, Associate Professor, and Dr. Mounica Rao, Assistant Professor under the aegis of the Department of Psychology, ICFAI School of Social Sciences, IFHE, Hyderabad.

The Department of Psychology expresses its sincere appreciation to **Dr. Devaraju Kadari** for delivering an informative and engaging session. The guest lecture served as a valuable platform for students to gain a broader understanding of the diverse opportunities in psychology and inspired them to pursue their academic and professional aspirations with confidence.