

**University of Mysore**  
 Department of Studies in Psychology  
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**CENTENARY YEAR CELEBRATION LECTURE SERIES**  
**LECTURE 01: EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHOLOGY**

**Date:** 17.05.2024

**Venue:** Seminar Hall, DoS Psychology

**Resource Person:** Prof. Mewa Singh, Distinguished Lifelong Professor in Psychology

### INTRODUCTION

The Department of Studies in Psychology, University of Mysore, along with the Mysore Psychological Society and the University of Mysore Psychology Alumni Association, hosted a lecture on "Evolutionary Psychology" as part of the centenary year celebration. This inaugural lecture set the tone for a series of intellectually stimulating events planned for the centenary celebrations, under the remarkable leadership of Prof. Sampathkumar, the Chairman of the Department.

The event commenced at 10:30 AM in the Department Auditorium with a ceremonial welcome of guests and traditional rituals. This opening segment underscored the significance of the occasion and added a touch of elegance. The audience comprised a vibrant mix of academics from various departments, psychology experts, alumni, research scholars, M. Sc., students from the department and other colleges, media personnel, and non-teaching staff.



Prof. Mewa Singh inaugurating the program.

In pic: Mrs. Inchara C. (Secretary Mysore Psychological Society), Prof. Sampathkumar (Chairman, DOS in Psychology), Dr. Manju H. K. (Secretary UoM Psychology Alumni Association)

## INAUGURAL SESSION

Prof. Mewa Singh, Distinguished Lifelong Professor of Psychology and a highly respected figure in the field, graced the occasion as the resource person. Prof. Singh's extensive experience and profound insights into evolutionary psychology set the stage for an engaging and enriching session. His ability to present complex ideas in evolutionary psychology through a refreshing and unconventional lens captivated the audience. His lecture intertwined research findings with relatable examples, making it both thought-provoking and accessible to all attendees.



Dr. Manju H. K. (Secretary UoM Psychology Alumni Association) giving the key note speech

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LECTURE

The lecture was a master class in clarity and engagement, addressing intricate concepts of evolutionary psychology with simplicity and depth. Prof. Singh delved into the evolutionary basis of human behavior, emphasizing its relevance in understanding contemporary psychological challenges. Following the lecture, an interactive Q&A session allowed participants to pose insightful questions, further enriching the academic discourse and deepening the audience's understanding of the subject.



Welcoming Prof. Mewa Singh



Prof. Mewa Singh addressing the audience

## FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

After the engaging lecture, a photo session captured the joyous moments, creating a visual legacy for future generations of the department. Attendees from different generations of the department participated enthusiastically, emphasizing the enduring legacy and strong sense of community within the department. The event concluded with a delightful small lunch, fostering informal discussions and networking. This closing segment provided the perfect balance of intellectual satisfaction and social engagement, leaving participants inspired and motivated.

The special lecture on "Evolutionary Psychology" by Prof. Mewa Singh was not just an academic milestone but a celebration of the department's rich history and promising future. It highlighted the Chairperson's and Department's commitment to fostering a vibrant intellectual community and set a high benchmark for the centenary celebrations to follow. This memorable day will be cherished as a cornerstone event, marking the beginning of a series that promises to inspire and illuminate minds in the days to come.





Distinguished Alumni, Teaching Staff form Maharani's Arts College for Women, Maharaj's College, Karnataka State Open University, DoS in Psychology, and Research Scholars with Prof. Mewa Singh

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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Prof. Singh with M.Sc. Students of 2022-23 and 2023-24



Section of the audience





Felicitating the resource person, Prof. Mewa Singh

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