## University of Mysore

Department of Studies in Psychology

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# INAUGURATION OF THE CENTENARY YEAR CELEBRATION

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Department of Studies in Psychology at the University of Mysore marked its centennial year with a grand inauguration ceremony on February 9, 2024. Held at the prestigious Vijnana Bhavan Seminar Hall, the event celebrated 100 years of excellence and growth in the field of psychology. This historic occasion not only highlighted the Department's enduring legacy but also underscored its significant contributions to the development of psychology as an academic and research discipline in India. The inauguration also witnessed the establishment of the Mysore University Psychology Alumni Association, further cementing the Department's commitment to fostering connections within its vibrant academic community.



Respected Dignitaries inaugurating the program.

In pic (L-R): Prof. Sampathkumar (Chairman, DOS in Psychology), Prof. N. K. Loknath (Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore), Prof. Mewa Singh (Lifelong Distinguished Professor in Psychology)

#### **INAUGURAL SESSION**

The centennial celebration commenced as a collaboration with the 2nd Conference of the Association of Indian Primatologists (AIP) and the newly inaugurated Mysore University Psychology Alumni Association.



Prof. N. K. Loknath, Prof. Sampathkumar and Prof. Mewa Singh inaugurating the ceremony

The formal opening ceremony embodied the essence of this collaboration, symbolizing unity and shared purpose. The event began with a gracious and warm welcoming speech delivered by Dr. Arijit Pal, representing AIP. His address set the tone for the program, emphasizing the shared mission of advancing psychological and primatological research.



Prof. Sampathkumar welcoming Prof. N. K. Loknath

Next, Prof. Sampathkumar, Chairperson of the Department of Studies in Psychology, University of Mysore, addressed the gathering with an insightful speech. Presiding over the program, Prof. Sampathkumar reflected on the Department's remarkable journey over the past century and its aspirations for the future. His words inspired the attendees and highlighted the significance of the

occasion.



Prof. Sampathkumar, addressing the audience

Following this, the inauguration formally took place, signifying three key milestones:

- 1. Centenary Celebration of the Department of Studies in Psychology.
- 2. 2nd Conference of the Association of Indian Primatologists.
- 3. Establishment of the Mysore University Psychology Alumni Association.

## **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

The Chief Guest of the ceremony, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Mysore, Prof. Loknath N. K., captivated the audience with his speech, acknowledging the Department's invaluable role in advancing psychological research and education in India. Prof. Loknath's address was both a tribute to the Department's illustrious past and a vision for its promising future.



Prof. Loknath N. K, addressing the audience

Dr. Mewa Singh, a luminary in the field of psychology, delivered the inaugural talk. His thoughtprovoking address delved into the advancements in psychological science and the emerging opportunities for future research. Dr. Singh's words left a lasting impression on the attendees, inspiring both students and faculty to strive for excellence and innovation.



Prof. Mewa Singh delivering the Keynote address

## **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

The program concluded with a heartfelt vote of gratitude, formally bringing the ceremony to an end. The centennial celebration not only honored the Department's historical achievements but also strengthened the bonds between current students, alumni, and faculty members. The establishment of the Mysore University Psychology Alumni Association symbolized a new chapter for the Department, fostering collaboration and community engagement.



Prof. Sampath Kumar felicitating Prof. Mewa Singh

#### SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CELEBRATION

The centennial inauguration, organized in partnership with the Association of Indian Primatologists and the Mysore Psychological Society, was a resounding success. It reinforced the Department's dedication to excellence in psychological education and research. This milestone event celebrated a century of impactful contributions to the field, laying a strong foundation for future endeavors. It served as a bridge connecting the Department's rich history with its aspirations, ensuring its continued relevance and leadership in psychology.



Section of the audience





#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Department of Studies in Psychology, University of Mysore, would like to express its sincere gratitude to all those who contributed to making this centennial inauguration a resounding success. Special thanks go to our esteemed guests, including Prof. Loknath N. K., Prof. Mewa Singh, Dr. Arijit Pal and Prof. Sampathkumar, whose presence and insightful contributions enriched the event. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to the faculty members, students, and non-teaching staff whose active participation and efforts ensured the program's smooth execution.



Prof. Loknath N. K and Prof. Mewa Singh sharing a moment

Our sincere gratitude is extended to the organizing team and everyone else who played a pivotal role in coordinating this memorable occasion. Additionally, we acknowledge the invaluable support of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) team and media personnel of the university for their excellent coverage, including photographs and video recordings, which beautifully captured the essence of the event.

This collective effort truly made the centennial celebration an impactful and unforgettable experience for all involved.

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