Third Announcement

ACPSWZ 2026

57th Annual Conference of Psychiatric Society of Western Zone

Hosted by
Psychiatric Society of Goa
In Association with
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Theme
AI and Human Mind: Conflict, Collaboration or Coexistence!



2nd, 3rd and 4th October 2026
At Taleigao Community Centre,
Taleigao, Panaji - Goa.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Dear Friends & Colleagues,

It gives me immense pleasure to invite you to the land of sea and beaches for the 57th Annual Conference of the Psychiatric Society of Western Zone, taking place from 2nd–4th October 2026.

I am confident that you will thoroughly enjoy the legendary Goan hospitality. Furthermore, I am sure the academic feast we have planned is going to be incredibly enriching and will be remembered for years to come.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and the Organizing Team, I welcome you all, along with your families, to not only enjoy the academics but also to experience the beautiful beaches, proud heritage, and scenic beauty of the Goan countryside.

With warm regards,

Yours truly,
Dr. (Surg Cdr) (Retd.) Kshirod K. Mishra
President, IPS WZB

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INVITATION

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the **Annual Conference of the West Zone of the Indian Psychiatric Society**, from October 2–4.

This year's theme—**the interface between artificial intelligence and the human mind**—places us at the crossroads of innovation and introspection. As Al steadily integrates into our clinics, classrooms, and daily lives, it challenges us to ask: Are we gaining a powerful ally in advancing psychiatric care and research, or encountering new questions about cognition, autonomy, and emotional experience? The answer, undoubtedly, lies in exploring both.

This conference seeks to provide a vibrant platform for dialogue, critical inquiry, and shared learning. We invite you to engage, question, and exchange ideas through a dynamic mix of sessions and discussions and aim to explore not only the promise of emerging technologies but also their ethical, psychological, and societal implications. Together, let's examine not just what Al can do, but what it means—for our patients, our practice, and the future of psychiatry.

Join us for conversations that matter, insights that inspire, and a meeting that promises to be both stimulating and enriching.

Warm regards,
Team Goa



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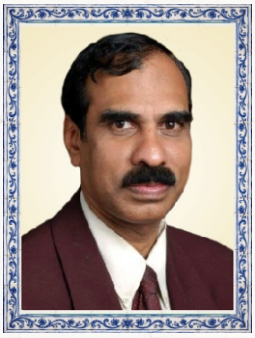


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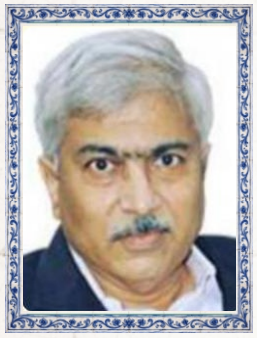
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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

HALL A Main: Plenary & Scientific Sessions
HALL B Free: Papers, Posters & Select Sessions

DAY 1 - 2nd October 2026 - HALL A

TIME	SESSION / TOPIC	FACULTY
08:30AM - 09.00 AM	Registration	
09.00 AM - 11:00 AM	Workshop: AI Across the Psychiatry Research Journey: From Research Question to Publication Session 1. From Clinical Question to Research Protocol: Using AI to Design better studies. Session 2. Finding, Organizing and Synthesizing Evidence with AI Session 3. From Data to Results: AI Assisted analysis without loosing scientific rigor. Session 4. Writing better papers with AI- Ethically and efficiently.	Dr. Vijaykumar S Harbishettar Dr. Sarawathi Tenagi Dr.Shahul Ameen Dr. Sujit Sarkel
11:00 AM - 11.30 AM	Tea Break	
11:30 AM - 1.00 PM	INAUGURATION OF CONFERENCE, INSTALLATION CEREMONY & PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS	
01:00 PM - 1.15 PM	Dr. V. N. Bagadia Endowment Award	
01:15 PM - 02.00 PM	Lunch break	
02: 00 PM - 03:00PM	AI and mental health interface	Asso.Prof. Sriram Ganapathy
03: 00 PM - 03. 45 PM	The Augmented Clinician: How AI Should Serve the Psychiatrist, Not Replace One	Dr. Mary C. DSouza Dr. Darpan Kaur
03.45 PM - 04:30 PM	AI-Enabled Digital Phenotyping in Psychiatric Disorders	Dr. Naren Rao
4.30 PM - 5.30 PM	Panel Discussion: Artificial intelligence, Echo chambers and Eco induced Narcisim	Dr. Jyoti Prakash, Dr. Mrugesh Vaishnav Dr. Henal Shah Dr.Monali Deshpande Dr. Sudhir Bhave
7.30 PM ONWARDS	Dinner	

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DAY 1 - 2nd October 2026 - HALL B

TIME	SESSION / TOPIC	FACULTY
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	FREE PAPER — Session 1	
02:00 PM – 03:00 PM	FREE PAPER — Session 2	
03:00 PM – 03:30 PM	"I Feel Seen" — When an Algorithm Understands You Better Than Your Therapist	Dr. Anagha Jog
3.30 PM - 4.00 PM	The Last Human Skill: Can a Machine Ever Truly Empathise?	Dr. Peter Castelino
4.00 PM - 4.30 PM	Immersive Exposure Therapy for PTSD & Phobias Enhanced by Adaptive AI	Dr. Ninad Baste
4.30 PM - 5.00 PM	AI Avatars in Therapy	Prof. Veeky Baths

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DAY 2 - 3rd October 2026 - HALL A

TIME	SESSION / TOPIC	FACULTY
08:30 AM - 09:00 AM	Registration & Breakfast	
09:00 AM - 9.45:AM	Using AI to Improve Patient Engagement & Adherence	Dr. Saumitra Nemlekar Dr. Sreelakshmi V
9.45 AM - 10:45 AM	Dr. Anil V. Shah Best Paper Award Session	
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Dr. L.P. Shah Oration	Dr. Jahnavi S Kedare
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Tea break	
12:00 - 12:45 PM	AI Companions & Virtual Relationships: Mental Health Implications	Dr. Lekhansh Shukla
12:45 PM - 1. 15 PM	Arranged by Algorithm: AI, Relationships, and the Changing Indian Family	Dr. Khyati Mehtalia
01:15 PM - 02:00 PM	Lunch break	
02:00 PM - 02:45 PM	When Technology Shapes Reality — Understanding Digital Delusions	Dr. Sushil Gawande
02:45 PM - 03.15 PM	Grief in the Age of Ghosts: AI Recreations of the Dead and the Future of Mourning	Dr. Ravi Soni
03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Undergraduate quiz	
4.30 PM - 5.30 PM	Postgraduate Quiz - Dr. Govind Bang Endowment PG Quiz Award	
7.30 pm onwards	Cultural Program and Gala Dinner	

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DAY 2 - 3rd October 2026 - HALL B

TIME	SESSION / TOPIC	FACULTY
09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Dr. I. K. Mujawar and IPS Nagpur Branch Poster Award Session	
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Report of PSWZ Sponsored Research	
02:00 PM - 05:00 PM	The Young Psychiatrist Talk series	
02:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Therapy Without Walls: How AI Could Make Mental Health Care Radically Borderless	Dr. Disha Vasavada
02:30 PM - 03:00 PM	Ghost in the Algorithm: Do AI Systems Develop Something Like a Mental Illness?	Dr. Nihal Baliga
3.00 PM - 3.30 PM	- Lost in Translation: Why AI Mental Health Tools Built for the West Will Fail India	Dr. Ishanshi Sonera
3.30 PM - 4.00 PM	Consent in the Age of Ambient Intelligence: Who Agreed to Be Monitored?	Dr. Soumya Jha
4.00 PM - 4.30 PM	The Clinician in the Loop: Why AI Must Never Make the Final Call	Dr. Rohan Kosambiya
4.30 PM - 5.00 PM	Dreaming in Data: What AI Is Finding in Sleep That Psychiatry Has Been Missing	Dr. Nachiketa Dessai
5.30 PM Onwards	Annual General Body Meeting	

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DAY 3 - 4th October 2026 - HALL A

TIME	SESSION / TOPIC	FACULTY
07:30AM –08:00 AM	Breakfast	
08:00AM –09:00AM	FREE PAPERS — Session 3	
09:00 AM –10:00AM	Building Youth Resilience through Al -Powered Gamification	Dr. Prajakta Patkar
10:00AM -10.45AM	Al in Telepsychiatry: Enhancing Remote Mental Health Care	Dr. Ravindra Munoli
10:45 AM–11:15 AM	Al-Driven Treatment Response Prediction / Pharmacogenomics	Dr. Radhika Kelkar
11.15 AM- 12.00 PM	The Psychiatrist of 2040: What Will We Still Be Doing That a Machine Cannot?	Dr. Koushik Sinhadeb
12:00 PM–12:30 PM	Predicting Suicide Risk: The Role of Al in Preventive Psychiatry	Dr. Fabian Almeida
12.30 PM –1:45 PM	Debate: 'Will over-reliance on Al erode clinical intuition and empathetic bond essential to psychiatry?'	For- Dr. Amol Deshmukh & Dr. Deepanjali Deshmukh Against - Dr. Priyanka Bodhare & Dr. Rohan Vanagundi
01:45 PM Onwards	Valedictory	

DAY 3 - 4th October 2026 - HALL B

TIME	SESSION / TOPIC	
09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	FREE PAPERS— Session 4	

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REGISTRATION DETAILS

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IPS Member (Other zones)	13100+200	14400+200
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Corporate	60000	70000

Important Note:
* An age proof needs to be provided/uploaded for IPS Senior Citizens registration
* Student ID & Letter from HoD to be provided / uploaded for PG Students Registration
* Inclusions: Full access to all sessions, keynote, dynamic lunches and gala banquet dinner Exclusions: travel and stay

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We understand that circumstances may change after registration. The following cancellation and refund policy will apply to all conference registrations:

Cancellation on or before 15th September 2026
A refund of 75% of the registration fee paid will be provided. 25% of the registration fee will be deducted towards administrative and processing charges.

Cancellation after 15th September 2026
No cancellation or refund will be permitted after 15th September 2026.

All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing/email to the Conference Organising Committee acpswz26registration@gmail.com The date on which the written cancellation request is received will be considered the effective date of cancellation.

Approved refunds will be processed after verification of the registration and payment details and will be made to the original mode/account of payment, wherever feasible.

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Any bank charges, payment gateway charges, or other transaction charges incurred while processing the refund, if applicable, may be deducted from the refundable amount.

The decision of the Organising Committee regarding cancellation and refunds shall be final

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ABOUT GOA

Welcome to Goa — where scenic beaches, lush greenery, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality create the perfect setting for meaningful experiences. Beyond its natural beauty and rich Indo-Portuguese heritage, Goa is also known for wellness retreats, mindfulness, and rejuvenation, offering a calming environment ideal for reflection, learning, and connection. Complemented by its flavourful cuisine and welcoming spirit, Goa promises not just a conference destination, but an enriching and memorable experience for all.










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