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Centre for Victimology & Psychological Studies (CVPS) and  
Centre for Community Mental Health (CCMH)

*organise*

# 15<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE *on* **VICTIM ASSISTANCE**

**30 - 31 OCTOBER 2026 | HYBRID**

*at*

O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, Haryana

*on the Theme:*

**VICTIMIZATION, MENTAL HEALTH, AND JUSTICE**  
Interdisciplinary Pathways to Victim Assistance

## ABOUT ICVA 2026

The International Conference on Victim Assistance (ICVA) 2026 is a two-day interdisciplinary conference bringing together the fields of victimology, criminology, psychology, mental health, law, and criminal justice practice.

The conference is from 30-31 October 2026 in hybrid mode. This year, ICVA 2026 is jointly organised by the Centre for Victimology & Psychological Studies (CVPS) and the Centre for Community Mental Health (CCMH), Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences, O.P. Jindal Global University.

The joint organisation is intended to ensure interdisciplinary representation, collaborative planning, and meaningful integration of victim assistance with mental health and justice-oriented practice.

Registration Fee:  
**₹590/-**  
(inclusive of GST)

Duration:  
**2 Days**

Participants:  
**National and  
International Participants**

Awards:  
**Six Best Paper/Poster  
Presentation Awards**

Registration Deadline:  
**Mid October 2026**

Conference email address:  
**cvps@jgu.edu.in**

**PLEASE REGISTER AT:**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nZvnX-nsM0GHQ7bK0mxXT9BZMESpbQZFrlqaNMZcZoVURDdNs1hLTtSkFNVEVTUudMMUdFNUpXMC4u>

## **VICTIMIZATION, MENTAL HEALTH, AND JUSTICE: INTERDISCIPLINARY PATHWAYS TO VICTIM ASSISTANCE**

The theme highlights the need to understand victimization not only as a legal or criminological issue, but also as a psychological, social, institutional, and mental health concern. The conference seeks to create a platform for dialogue on victim support systems, trauma-informed interventions, rehabilitation, access to justice, and institutional accountability.

### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Title of the paper

Author(s)' name(s) and institutional affiliation(s)

Keywords (3-5)

The abstract should not exceed 200 words.

Abstracts must be submitted via email to [cvps@jgu.edu.in](mailto:cvps@jgu.edu.in)

Abstract Submission Deadline: Mid September 2026

### **ORGANIZING COMMITTEES**

| COMMITTEE            | MEMBERS                      |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Core Committee       | Prof. (Dr.) Mohita Junnarkar |
|                      | Prof. (Dr.) Finita Glory Roy |
|                      | Dr. Vasundharaa S. Nair      |
| Scientific Committee | Dr. Vipin Vijay Nair         |
|                      | Dr. Aasim Ur Rehman Ganie    |
|                      | Dr. Shankey Verma            |

### **ALIGNMENT WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

| SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL                   | CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT                                                                                                                               |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being              | Focus on trauma-informed counselling, mental health, psychosocial support, rehabilitation, healing, and victim recovery.                           |
| SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions | Focus on victim support systems, access to justice, criminal justice institutions, dignity, accountability, and victim sensitive justice delivery. |
| SDG 5                                          | Gender Equality-Targets 5.2 and 5.3                                                                                                                |
| SDG 10                                         | Reduced Inequalities                                                                                                                               |

### **KEY FEATURES**

- Hybrid mode to enable wider national and international participation.
- Interdisciplinary focus integrating victimology, criminology, psychology, mental health, law, and criminal justice practice.
- Registration fee: ₹590/- (inclusive of GST and all applicable taxes)
- No on-campus accommodation will be provided.
- Basic meals and snacks will be arranged for participants.
- Participation and presentation certificates will be provided.
- Publication opportunities for selected papers be explored.



## SUB-THEMES

| SUB-THEME                                                           | INDICATIVE FOCUS                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Primary and Secondary Victimization                                 | Understanding direct victimization and the additional harm caused by institutions, workplaces, social systems, and delayed justice.                          |
| Secondary Victimization at the Workplace                            | Victim experiences in professional spaces, institutional response, workplace harassment, reporting barriers, and trauma-sensitive workplace policies.        |
| Victims of Violence                                                 | Interpersonal, domestic, gender-based, community, cyber, and institutional forms of violence and their impact on victims.                                    |
| Trauma-Informed Counselling                                         | Psychological first aid, trauma-informed practice, counselling ethics, referral systems, and long-term psychosocial care.                                    |
| Mental Health of Prisoners                                          | Psychological distress, victim-offender overlap, custodial trauma, rehabilitation, and mental health support in correctional settings.                       |
| Victim Assistance, Rehabilitation, and Support Systems              | Models of victim support, compensation, . reintegration, legal aid, social work interventions, and community-based rehabilitation.                           |
| Psychological Impact of Crime and Victimization                     | Trauma, grief, anxiety, depression, fear of crime, post-traumatic stress, and social consequences of victimization.                                          |
| Role of Criminal Justice Institutions in Victim Support             | Police, courts, correctional institutions, legal services, restorative processes, and victim-sensitive justice delivery.                                     |
| Mental Health Interventions for Vulnerable and Marginalized Victims | Support for children, women, elderly persons, LGBTQIA+ persons, persons with disabilities, migrants, prisoners, and socio-economically marginalized victims. |

## CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

The structure aims to ensure balanced representation of psychology, mental health, criminology, victimology, and criminal justice practice.

| DAY & DATE                                       | MAJOR SESSIONS                                            | PRESENTATION SESSIONS                       | INDICATIVE FOCUS                                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Day 1</b><br>30 <sup>th</sup> October<br>2026 | <b>Keynote Address</b><br>Panel Discussion-<br>Psychology | Paper Presentations<br>Poster Presentations | Mental health, trauma, counselling, psychosocial support, victim recovery, vulnerable groups, and victim assistance. |



| DAY & DATE                                    | MAJOR SESSIONS                                                               | PRESENTATION SESSIONS                       | INDICATIVE FOCUS                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Day 2</b><br>31 <sup>st</sup> October 2026 | <b>Special Address</b><br>Panel Discussion -<br>Criminology &<br>Victimology | Paper Presentations<br>Poster Presentations | Victimology,<br>criminal justice<br>response,<br>rehabilitation, legal<br>institutions, and<br>policy-practice<br>gaps. |

## AWARDS

| AWARD CATEGORY                        | NUMBER OF AWARDS |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Three Best Paper Presentation Awards  | 3                |
| Three Best Poster Presentation Awards | 3                |
| <b>Total Awards</b>                   | <b>6</b>         |

## TARGET PARTICIPANTS

ICVA 2026 is for national and international participation from academic, professional, legal, mental health, and criminal justice sectors. The conference will be relevant for:

- Students and research scholars.
- Mental health professionals and counsellors.
- Criminologists and victimologists.
- NGOs and civil society organisations.
- Policy professionals and institutional stakeholders.

- Academicians and researchers
- Legal professionals and law students
- Victim assistance practitioners
- Professionals working in the criminal justice system
- National and international participants working in allied fields

## CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

The call invite submissions from students, research scholars, academicians, practitioners, and professionals working in areas related to victim assistance, mental health, criminology, psychology, law, trauma, rehabilitation, and criminal justice.

| SUBMISSION CATEGORY | CONTENT                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Paper Presentation  | Empirical, theoretical, conceptual, policy oriented, or practice-based papers related to victimization, mental health, victim assistance, criminal justice, trauma, rehabilitation, and support systems. |
| Poster Presentation | Research posters, intervention models, practice frameworks, student projects, field-based insights, and innovative victim assistance models.                                                             |