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## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES 2020-2021

## **DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

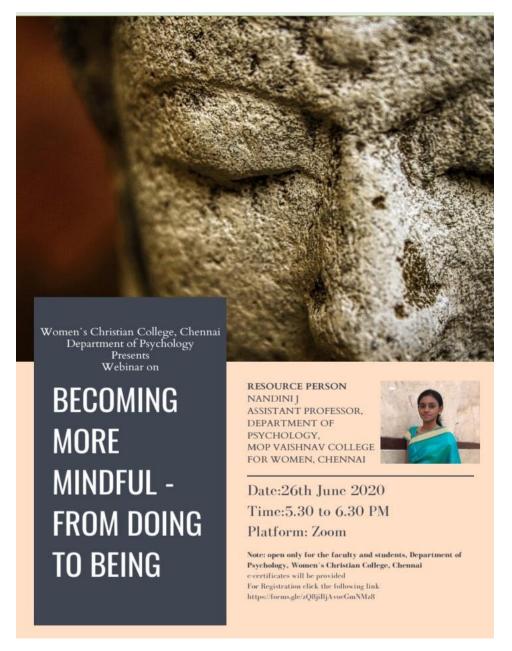


## DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

ACTIVITIES - 2022 - 2023

(Conferences, Seminars, Webinars, Workshops)

 A webinar titled "Becoming More Mindful – From Doing to Being" was conducted by the Psychology Department of Women's Christian College, Chennai, on 26th June from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. The resource person was Ms. Nandini J, Assistant Professor at MOP Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai. The webinar, which was a great success, provided various mindfulness techniques that can be practiced in everyday life.



 The first lecture of the webinar series, titled "Find Your Career Fit - Animal Assisted Therapy," was a success. Organized with the help of Dr. Kanchana, Head of the Department, it was conducted on 29th June, 2020 from 11 AM to 12 Noon. The resource person was Ms. Minal Kashiver, Founder and President of Animal Angels, India. She shared valuable insights about Animal Assisted Therapy.



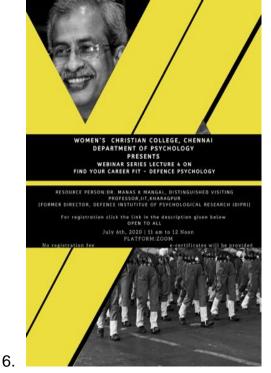
3. The second lecture of the webinar series, titled "Find Your Career Fit - Sports Psychology," was organized on 30th June, 2020 from 11 AM to 12 Noon. The resource person was Ms. Keerthana Swaminathan, a sports and exercise psychologist from Loughborough University, UK, and the founder of 'Think Train Perform.' She works with state and national level athletes for mental conditioning.



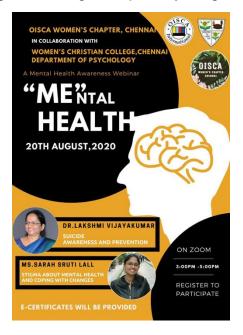
 The third lecture of the webinar series was organized on 2nd July, 2020, from 11 AM to 12 PM. The speaker, Dr. B.S. Virudhagirinathan, shared his liberal principles and enlightened views on Neuropsychology.



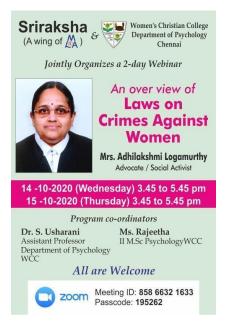
5. The fourth lecture of the webinar series on "Find your career Fit" was based on Defence Psychology, organized by the Department of Psychology, Women's Christian College, on 6th July, from 11 AM to 12 PM. The resource person for this webinar was Dr. Manas K. Mandal, currently serving as Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. Dr. Mandal, with his extensive experience, spoke about the field of defence psychology, research areas that can be explored, and how defence psychologists develop their own psychometric tools based on the needs for assessments.



6. The **Mental Health Workshop** was conducted by Women's Christian College in collaboration with OISCA Women's Chennai Chapter on 20th August, 2020, from 3 PM to 5 PM. The first speaker, **Dr. Lakshmi Vijayakumar**, shared her enlightened views on suicide. This was followed by **Ms. Sarah Sruti Lall**, who spoke about the stigma attached to mental health and coping with changes, especially in light of the pandemic situation.



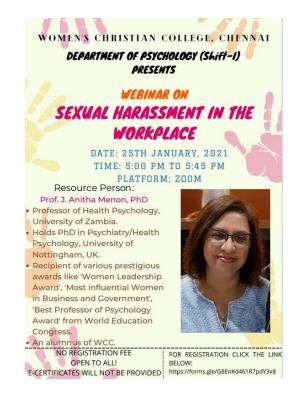
7. The Department of Psychology conducted a webinar on "Overview of Laws on Crimes Against Women" on 14th-15th October, 2020. This was jointly organized in collaboration with SriRaksha. The resource person was Adhilakshmi Logamurthy, an advocate and social activist.



8. The webinar "Gift of Emotions" was conducted by the Department of Psychology, Women's Christian College on World Mental Health Day 2020. This successful event was open only to the faculty and students of Women's Christian College. The resource person, **Ms. Aarti C. Rajaratnam**, a psychologist and author, spoke about improving mental health through understanding one's emotions.



**9.** The webinar **"Sexual Harassment in the Workplace**" was organized by the Department of Psychology on 25th January, 2020, from 5 PM to 5:45 PM. The keynote speaker, **Ms. Anitha Menon, is a professor of health psychology at the University of Zambia.** She holds a PhD in Psychiatry/Health Psychology from the University of Nottingham, UK. With over 20 years of active involvement in various research projects, her major research interests include issues related to HIV, sexual harassment, and the communication skills of health practitioners. She has received numerous prestigious awards such as the 'Women Leadership Award,' 'Most Influential Women in Business and Government,' and the 'Best Professor of Psychology Award' from the World Education Congress. Ms. Menon is also a notable alumna of the Department of Psychology.

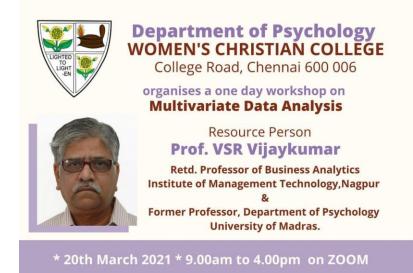


**10.** The webinar on "Neuro-Linguistic Programming" was conducted on 17th March, 2021, by the Department of Psychology for the M.Sc. Psychology students. The resource person was **Ms. Aarti C. Rajaratnam**.

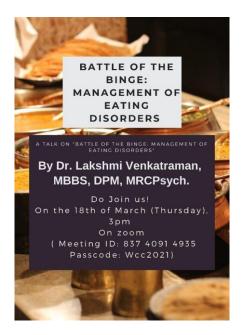




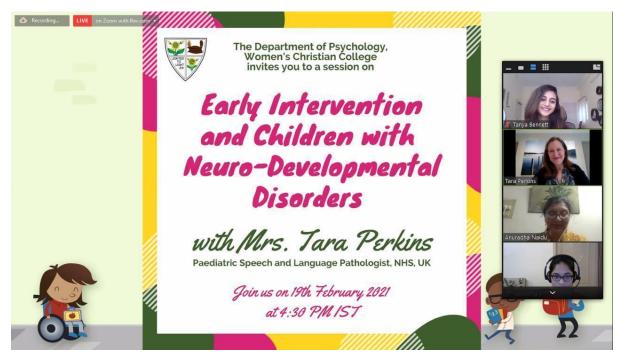
11. A full-day online webinar on **"Multivariate Data Analysis"** was organized for M.Phil. and PhD research scholars of the Psychology Department on 20th March, 2021. The resource person was **Prof. V.S.R. Vijay Kumar.** 



12. The webinar titled "Battle of the Binge: Management of Eating Disorders" was organized by the Department of Psychology and conducted on 18th March, 2021. The resource person was Dr. Lakshmi Venkataraman, MBBS, DPM, MRC Psych, a Consultant Psychiatrist at SCARF, Chennai. Dr. Lakshmi provided an insightful presentation on the various etiological factors and treatment modalities for eating disorders, with a special emphasis on the Indian context.



**13.** The webinar on **"Early Intervention and Children with Neurological Disorders"** was organized by Ms. Anuradha Naidu from the Department of Psychology and held on 19th February, 2021. The speaker was **Mrs. Tara Perkins, a Pediatric Speech and Language Pathologist** currently working with the National Health Service (NHS) in the UK. Mrs. Perkins emphasized the importance of early identification and intervention for children with neurological disorders, particularly in kindergarten settings.





14. The webinar on "Neurological Disorders - Another Point of View" was organized on 8th March, 2021 for the B.Sc. students of the Psychology Department. The speaker was Dr. Namita Jacob, Director of Chetna Trust and Education Consultant for the Asia Pacific Region with Perkins International. Dr. Jacob highlighted her work with deaf-blind infants and their families, sharing her experience in early literacy and its role in the rehabilitation of children and adults with severe neurological disorders.





15. An online workshop titled "Introduction to Qualitative Methods" was organized by the Department of Psychology, Women's Christian College, on 6th May 2021. The workshop was conducted in association with Dr. Geetha Reddy, Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Groningen, Netherlands, and Dr. Clare Coultas, Research Associate at the School of Population Health and Environmental Sciences, King's College, London. The workshop saw participation from 56 attendees across various colleges in Chennai.



