

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES OF
FORENSIC SCIENCE (GPFS-2024)**

Theme – Tracing the path of Forensic innovation

Date of the event: September 20 and 21, 2024

Venue: Auditorium, Aryabhata building, CUTM, Bhubaneswar Campus

Total No. of Participants: 164+ Students; 9 Resource Persons

DAY 1

Inaugural Session: The inaugural session began with a warm floral welcome to the dignitaries, setting a graceful tone for the event. Following this, the ceremonial lighting of the lamp marked the official commencement of the proceedings, symbolizing knowledge and enlightenment. Prof. Supriya Pattanayak, Chair, GPFS2024 delivered the welcome address, expressing gratitude to the attendees and outlining the purpose of the gathering. The session reached its intellectual peak with the keynote addresses by Dr. Rakesh Gupta, Chief Guest, and Dr. Bhavna Mukund, who shared their profound insights on the theme of the event, leaving the audience inspired and engaged. It ended with Vote of thanks by Dr Reena C Jhamtani, Convenor, GPFS-2024.



SESSION 1: “Forensic investigation in various types of crime cases”

Resource person: Shri Arun Bothra Ji, IPS, Addl.DGP, Crime and Transport Commissioner, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Speaker’s profile: Shri Arun Bothra, IPS, is the Additional Director General of Police of the Criminal Investigation Department – Crime Branch (CID-CB) and Transport Commissioner. He served as the Managing Director of Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT) from July 2019 to June 2022 showcasing his adeptness in overseeing critical urban transport. and as CMD in Odisha State Road Transport Corporation from January 2020 to June 2022. He also worked as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in the Central Electricity Supply Utility (CESU) of Odisha from August 2019 to January 2020. He also served as SP & DIG in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Govt. of India from 2009 to 2014 in New Delhi & Kolkata. His notable assignments include as an SP in Left Wing Extremist Areas.

Apart from this, he is nationally known for aiding an autistic child who required camel milk. He helped the mother in Mumbai procure camel milk from Rajasthan in 2020 during the nationwide lockdown. This small initiative led to the creation of a humble platform named India Cares, to aid distressed citizens during the pandemic, which is still functional.

Objectives: The objective of the session was to enhance the understanding of forensic techniques among the participants, demonstrating how these methods can be effectively applied to solve complex criminal cases, including cybercrimes, homicides, and financial fraud.

Outcomes: The session was a deeper appreciation of the critical role forensic science plays in investigations, equipping participants with practical insights into leveraging forensic tools for more efficient and accurate case resolutions.

About the session: In an engaging session led by Shri Arun Bothra, IPS, ADGP, CIDCB, Odisha, attendees gained valuable insights into his extensive knowledge and experience in handling various high-profile crime cases. He discussed the Patnagarh bomb blast case, which occurred in 2018 and involved a tragic explosion that claimed lives, highlighting the meticulous investigative work that eventually led to the identification and arrest of the perpetrators. Additionally, he addressed the sensitive Pari rape case, which garnered significant media

attention and public outcry, detailing the challenges faced during the investigation and the importance of justice for victims. Shri Bothra's expertise not only shed light on the complexities of these cases but also emphasized the critical role of law enforcement in ensuring safety and accountability in society. The session was sensational and epic for the conference commencement. At the end of the session, Shri Bothra was felicitated by Dr. Supriya Pattnayak, Vice Chancellor, Centurion University.



SESSION 2: “Mastering Crime Scene Management: Key Challenges and Notable Achievements”

Resource person: Dr. Rakesh Gupta, Retired Joint Director, State Forensic Science Laboratory, Chhattisgarh and A.C.E

Speaker profile: Dr. Rakesh Kumar Gupta is an alumnus of the prestigious Dr. Hari Singh Gour University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh. He holds his PG degree in Chemistry and a doctoral thesis on Natural Products. Apart from this, Dr. Gupta has completed LLB, PGDCPA, PGDFCT, and Diploma in Management, from some of the prestigious institutes of India. In addition to his impressive academic background, he has 38 extensive experience of years in the field of forensic science. He started his career as a Scientific Officer in State FSL, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh way back in 1983. In the span of his entire career he has been associated with many different FSLs as a Scientific Officer, and Senior Scientific Officer. He served as the Joint Director of State Forensic Science Laboratory, Raipur, Chhattisgarh from 2013 till February, 2019. In April 2019, he joined as a Reader/AD, Central Academy of Police Training, MHA, Bhopal.

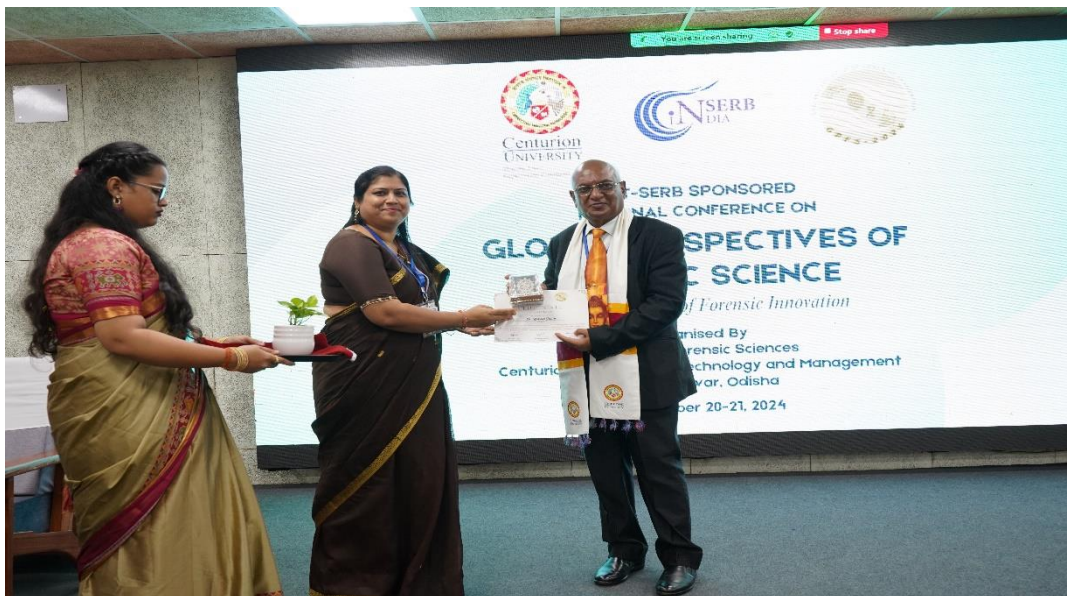
Dr. Gupta has delivered multiple guest lectures at various institutes of India, few amongst them are NICFS, Delhi; GGU Central University, Bilaspur; National Police Academy, Hyderabad; MP Police Academy, Sagar and many more. He has published several research papers in Chemistry and Forensic Science, in different national and international journals. In addition, he also holds life membership of the Indian Science Congress, Indian Academy of Forensic Science, Convention of Chemist, and the Indian Chemical Society.

Objectives: The objective of the session was to highlight the critical steps in preserving evidence, the technological advancements in crime scene investigation, and the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration.

Outcomes: The session was an enhanced understanding of best practices in crime scene management and the need for continuous training and innovation to overcome emerging challenges.

About the session: Dr. Gupta discussed the challenges faced by investigators, such as contamination risks, time constraints, legal hurdles and the rapid advancement of forensic technology (e.g., drones, 3D scanning) requires ongoing training and adaptation. He also shared

case studies to illustrate key achievements in solving complex crimes along with different measures to be taken during collection and preservation in scene or crime, techniques to be used to reduce contamination etc. He further discussed about the different types of evidence (biological, digital, trace), their handling and preservation techniques. At the end of the session Dr Gupta was felicitated by Dr. Reena Jhamtani, convenor of the conference.



SESSION 3: “The Modern Role of Forensic Anthropology”

Resource person: Dr. Kanhu Charan Satapathy, Associate Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, Utkal University Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Speaker's profile: Dr. Satapathy obtained his M.Phil and Ph.D. from Utkal University. Previously he served as Lecturer at Central University of Odisha, Koraput from 2009 to 2010 and Jr. Lecturer of Anthropology at S. M. Government Women's College, Phulbani, Odisha from 2001 to 2011. Currently, he is the Head of the Department of Anthropology as well as Coordinator of the Master of Public Health and Co-coordinator of the Centre for Climate Change, Environment and Health, at Utkal University. Dr. Satapathy has undergone training and research experiences at the Biological Anthropology Unit; Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata; International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai; International School of Anthropology; Anthropological Survey of India, Mysore and IGRMS, Bhopal. His current research interest mainly focuses on the health, nutrition, and demography of rural and urban populations of India. He has published more than 65 National and International research articles in well-reputed journals.

He is also a member of many Professional bodies such as a Life member of ISCA, Indian Association of Public Health, INCAA, Indian Anthropological Association, Indian Anthropological Society, and Chief Editor of the journal "Man in Society". In addition to this, he received the 'Young Scientist Award' in the year 2000 for the Anthropology & Archaeology Section by the Indian Science Congress. He was also the recipient of the university gold medal during his Master's Program for his outstanding academic achievements. Dr. Satapathy also received the Young Progressive Achievement Award, from the Department of Anthropology, Delhi University, in the year 2018.

Objectives: The objective of the session was to highlight the advancements in forensic techniques and how anthropology plays a crucial role in solving criminal cases, ensuring justice, and aiding in human rights investigations.

Outcome: The session was a deeper understanding among attendees of the practical applications and significance of forensic anthropology in modern law enforcement. The audience left with a clearer understanding of the ethical responsibilities and the technological advancements driving this specialized field forward.

About the session: Dr. Satapathy emphasized the interdisciplinary nature of the field, combining anthropology, biology, and forensic science. Dr. Satapathy illustrated how forensic anthropologists assist in the identification of skeletal remains, providing crucial evidence in criminal cases, disaster victim identification, and resolving cases of missing persons. He discussed various real-world cases where forensic anthropology was pivotal in determining causes of death, identifying trauma patterns, and reconstructing biological profiles that helped law enforcement agencies in both cold and active criminal investigations. The session also covered the role of forensic anthropology in humanitarian efforts, such as identifying victims of mass atrocities and genocides, offering closure to families, and contributing to human rights efforts. Dr. Satapathy highlighted past and present modern techniques in the domain. Dr. Hirak Das felicitated Dr. Satapathy, in appreciation of his contribution to the field and his enlightening talk.



SESSION 4: “Cyber Forensics: Today and Beyond”

Resource person: Mr Harsh Raval, Co-Founder, Cyber Dojo: The School of Cyber Defense, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Speaker's profile: Mr. Raval is a leading expert in Cyber Security, with over 25 years of industry experience in the field. He is a certified public speaker and has conducted more than 20 seminars with reputed colleges and universities in Odisha, Gujarat, West Bengal and Jharkhand.

Objectives: The objective of the session was to educate participants on the latest cyber threats and equip them with strategies for detecting and mitigating cyberattacks.

Outcomes: The outcome was an increased awareness of the sophisticated nature of cybercrime and the critical role of forensic experts in safeguarding digital infrastructure.

About the session: Mr. Harsh Raval's session on "Cyber Forensics - Today and Beyond" offered an insightful exploration of the evolving landscape of cybercrime and forensic investigation. He discussed the latest tools and techniques used to investigate cyber incidents, emphasizing the importance of swift data recovery and analysis in legal contexts. Mr. Raval also explored future trends, such as the integration of artificial intelligence and machine learning in forensic investigations, which promise to enhance efficiency and accuracy. He shared a compelling case study from Qatar, highlighting real-world challenges in tracking digital footprints. Mr. Raval explained how modern hacking techniques have advanced, where just a single link or a scanner can compromise entire systems. His insights underscored the need for continuous learning and adaptation in the field to keep pace with the rapid technological advancements that shape cyber threats. Mr. Raval was felicitated by Dr. Saurabh Shukla for his valuable contributions and insights.



SESSION 5: “An Overview of Forensic and Law: Indian Scenario”

Resource person – Dr. Pallab Das Dean and Associate Professor, School of Law, Centurion University of Technology and Management, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Speaker profile – Dr. Pallab Das is currently working as the Dean of the School of Law in Centurion University of Technology and Management. Dr. Das holds a Bachelor's in Social Legal Studies, along with Bachelors in Fine Arts. He completed his Master of Laws (LLM) in International Commercial and Maritime Law from Wales, United Kingdom; PhD in Maritime Arbitration Law from NLUO, Cuttack; and is pursuing Postdoc from CINEC, Sri Lanka on Maritime Law. Recently he got Selected for the European Union Law of the Sea Summer School in Italy with a Tuition fee Scholarship in 2024. In his career till now, Dr. Das has been associated with a number of prestigious universities in India as an academician. He is the Editor-in-Chief, of the Indian Business Law Review, India, and editor, of Jus Corpus Law Journal, India also an advisor in Beyond Briefs Law Review an Indian ISBN accredited Law journal. Dr. Das has a significant number of publications in the field of maritime law. Apart from academic and administrative experience, he also has vast industry experience in the field. He was appointed as a Steering Committee Member of Young Member Group, AIADR Malaysia for 2022-2024. He is a Certified Westlaw UK Researcher (Basics), in London. He is

a member of Young MCIA, the Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration, and a member in the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London. He is also an associate member of the Asian Institute of Alternate Dispute Resolution, Malaysia. He was awarded with Educator Excellence Award for his contribution to the field of Higher Education in India by ObserveNow, 2024, Excellence in Academic-Maritime Legal by GMU-MAREX 2022, and Under-35 Elite Award 2020 for Contribution in the Legal Field.

Objectives – The objective of the session was to examine the evolving role of forensic science in the Indian legal system, the challenges faced in integrating scientific evidence in courts, and the impact of new forensic technologies on law enforcement.

Outcomes – The session was a clearer understanding of the growing importance of forensic science in strengthening the judiciary and ensuring more accurate verdicts.

About the session - In his session titled "An Overview of Forensic Science & Law: Indian Scenario," Dr. Pallab Das provided a comprehensive examination of the intersection between forensic science and the legal framework in India. He outlined the historical development of forensic practices in the country and their significance in the criminal justice system. Dr. Das discussed various forensic disciplines, such as DNA analysis and digital forensics, and their application in solving crimes. He also addressed the challenges faced by forensic practitioners, including the need for standardized protocols and better integration of forensic evidence in court proceedings. His presentation emphasized the vital role of forensic science in enhancing the reliability and effectiveness of legal processes in India. In recent years, the Indian scenario regarding forensic science and law has seen significant developments and challenges that reflect broader trends in technology and criminal justice. Forensic science is increasingly becoming integral to investigations, with advancements in areas such as DNA analysis, fingerprinting, and digital forensics enhancing the accuracy of crime-solving.

Despite these advancements, challenges remain, including a shortage of trained forensic professionals, delays in processing evidence, and the need for standardized protocols across the country. For example, the backlog of cases awaiting forensic analysis can significantly delay justice, highlighting the necessity for systemic reforms.

Overall, the interplay between forensic science and law in India is evolving, driven by technological advancements and a growing awareness of its importance in the criminal justice system. The ongoing efforts to enhance forensic capabilities are crucial for addressing the

complexities of modern crime effectively. At the end of the session, Dr. Das was felicitated by Dr. Reena Jhamtani, the convenor of the conference, in recognition of his valuable contribution.



DAY 1: CONCLUSION

DAY 2

SESSION 1: “Investigation of Drug-Facilitated Crimes”

Resource person: Dr. Rakhi Agarwal Professor and Dean Academics (I/C), National Forensic Sciences University, Delhi Campus, Delhi.

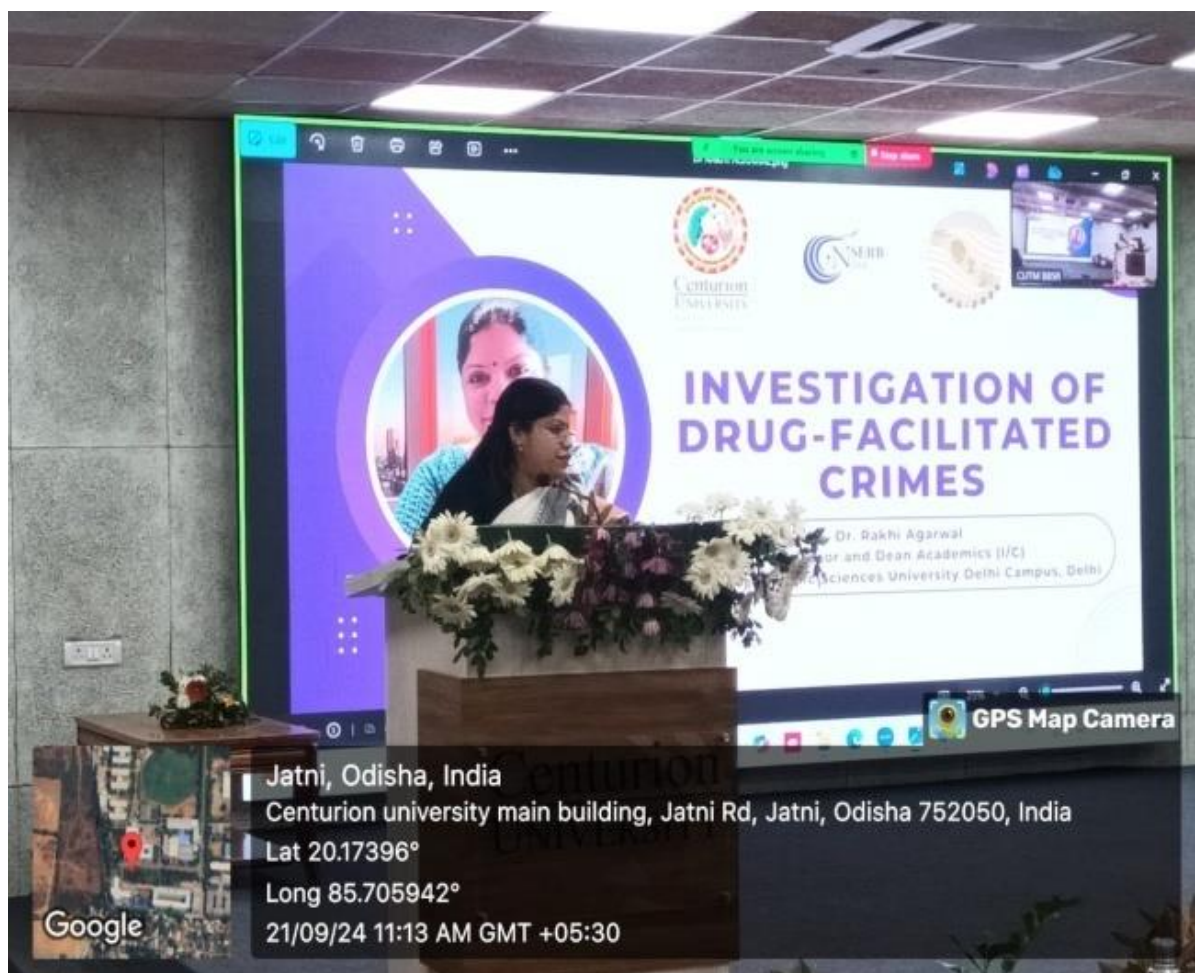
Speaker profile: Dr. Rakhi Agarwal, Professor of Forensic Science at the National Forensic Sciences University, Delhi Campus. With over 20 years of experience as a Forensic Chemist and Toxicologist, Dr. Agarwal holds an M.Sc. In Forensic Science from Agra University and a Ph.D. In Toxicology from CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research and Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi. She has been a pivotal figure at NFSU since 2009, currently serving as Dean-Academics, where she contributes to faculty development, student mentorship, and curriculum design. Her extensive research work has garnered over 900 citations, with an h-index of 12. Dr. Agarwal is deeply engaged in mechanistic toxicology and environmental toxicants, and she is widely recognized for her contributions as an expert consultant and peer reviewer for leading journals. Among her numerous accolades, she is a life member of several professional bodies and has been elected as a Fellow of The Society of Toxicology, India, in 2023.

Objective: Understanding Drug-Facilitated Crimes: The session aimed to provide an in-depth understanding of drug-facilitated crimes (DFC), where illicit drugs are used to incapacitate victims, often to commit crimes such as sexual assault, robbery, or human trafficking. Dr. Agarwal intended to shed light on the common types of drugs involved, such as benzodiazepines, GHB, and ketamine, and how they affect the victims.

Outcome: Enhanced Knowledge of Drug Detection Techniques One of the significant outcomes of the session was the attendees gained enhanced knowledge of advanced drug detection techniques. Dr. Agarwal provided detailed insights into the use of GC-MS (Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry), LC-MS (Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry), and immunoassay techniques, which allow for the precise identification of substances in forensic investigations. This knowledge helps forensic professionals increase the detection rate and accuracy in drug-facilitated crime cases.

About the session: Dr. Rakhi Agarwal, was Introduced by Dr. S. Shukla. Dr. Agareal delivered an insightful session on the *Investigation of Drug-Facilitated Crimes*. She highlighted the complexities involved in detecting and prosecuting crimes where drugs are used to incapacitate

victims, particularly in cases of sexual assault and theft. Dr. Agarwal discussed advanced forensic techniques, including toxicology screening and the collection of biological samples, which are crucial in identifying substances used in these crimes. Her emphasis on interdepartmental collaboration and the legal aspects of handling such cases sparked engaging discussions. The session concluded with an interactive questioning round, where attendees raised thought-provoking questions about the latest challenges in forensic investigations and the legal framework supporting these cases. Dr. Agarwal's detailed responses shed light on the practical difficulties faced by forensic professionals in ensuring timely and accurate results in such sensitive cases. At the end of the session, Dr. Agarwal was felicitated by Dr. Reena Jhamtani, the convenor of the conference, in recognition of his valuable contribution



SESSION 2: “Criminal Profiling in Forensic Psychology”

Resource person: Dr. Bhavna Mukund Founding Head & Associate Professor Dept. Of Clinical Psychology, MAN College of Special Education and Psychological Studies, Guna,

Madhya Pradesh. Dr. Bhavna Mukund is the Founding Head and Associate Professor of the Department of Clinical Psychology at MAN College of Special Education and Psychological Studies, Guna, Madhya Pradesh. A renowned expert in forensic psychology and criminal profiling, she specializes in analyzing criminal behavior through psychological assessment, behavioral analysis, and crime scene interpretation. Her extensive research includes profiling violent offenders, understanding psychopathy, and developing psychological interventions for criminal rehabilitation. Dr. Mukund has published widely on forensic psychology topics and is a sought-after speaker at national and international conferences, where she shares her expertise in applying psychological insights to criminal investigations. She also collaborates with law enforcement agencies, offering her expertise in complex criminal cases and mentoring future forensic psychologists.

Objective: Understanding the Principles of Criminal Profiling: Provide a comprehensive overview of the foundational principles and methodologies used in criminal profiling within forensic psychology. This includes an exploration of various profiling techniques, such as behavioral profiling, and psychological profiling, highlighting their respective applications in criminal investigations. Discussion of the theoretical frameworks that underpin criminal profiling, including the role of psychological theories in understanding criminal behavior

Outcome: Enhanced Understanding of Criminal Behaviour: understanding of the psychological underpinnings of criminal behavior and the methodologies used in profiling. This knowledge will enable to develop a deeper insight into the motivations and psychological characteristics of offenders, enhancing their ability to analyse and interpret behavioural patterns. Recognize the complexities of crime scene analysis and victimology, allowing for a more nuanced approach to understanding criminal acts and their contexts.

About the session: The session on "Criminal Profiling in Forensic Psychology," led by Dr. Bhavna Mukund, was an engaging and informative experience that fostered significant interaction among participants. Attendees were captivated by Dr. Mukund's insights into the foundational principles and methodologies of criminal profiling, which sparked lively discussions and prompted thoughtful questions throughout the session. The collaborative atmosphere allowed participants to deepen their understanding of complex concepts, particularly the psychological aspects of criminal behavior and the practical applications of profiling techniques in real-world scenarios. As the session concluded, participants had the

opportunity to engage in a fulfilling question-and-answer segment, where they sought clarification on various topics and shared their perspectives. The event culminated in a heartfelt felicitation ceremony by Ms. Manisha Panda, recognizing Dr. Mukund's contributions to the field and celebrating the knowledge shared during this enlightening session.



SESSION 3 (PARALLEL SESSIONS): “Oral presentation/ poster presentation/ forensic forum”

The conference transitioned into an exciting segment featuring 15 Oral Presentations, 14 Poster Presentations, and the Forensic Forum, all held in a parallel manner. This segment provided a

wonderful opportunity for talented researchers and practitioners to showcase their work and findings, highlighting innovative ideas, emerging trends, and ground-breaking research in the field. Participants were directed to the designated venue for oral presentations, where each speaker presented their research followed by a brief Q&A session, fostering a collaborative environment for discussion and inquiry.

In the lobby, posters were prominently displayed, with participants requested to place their work in designated spaces according to their assigned poster numbers. Volunteers were on hand to assist presenters in ensuring that the poster setup ran smoothly. Meanwhile, the Forensic Forum offered engaging interactions among participants through quizzes. Overall, this dynamic part of the conference was instrumental in promoting knowledge exchange and collaboration within the forensic community.





SESSION 4: “Crack the Code: Publishing in Elsevier Journal”

Resource person: Dr. Sakshum Khanna Associate Scientific Editor, Elsevier, New Delhi

Speaker profile: Dr. Sakshum Khanna, Associate Scientific Editor at Elsevier, New Delhi. Dr. Khanna has an impressive academic and research background, holding a Bachelor of Technology in Electrical Engineering from Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, a Master of Technology in Nanotechnology from Gujarat Forensic Science University (now National Forensic Science University), and a Ph.D. in Material Science from Pandit Deendayal Energy University, where he was awarded the prestigious CSIR fellowship. Dr. Khanna's contributions to research are notable, with over 70 research articles, 7 book chapters, and 6 patents to his name. He has worked in prestigious research labs, including the CSIR-National Physical Laboratory and DRDO's Defence Material and Stores Research and Development Establishment. He has also served as visiting faculty at Nirma University and as the Scientific Managing Editor for the Journal of Visualized Experiments.

In his current role at Elsevier, Dr. Khanna oversees editorial responsibilities for journals such as *Heliyon* and *Next Research*. His deep passion for research and experience in scientific publishing make him a highly valuable speaker, and his insights will undoubtedly provide inspiration and guidance for all attendees.

Objective: Understanding the Publishing Process: To provide attendees with a comprehensive overview of the publishing process at Elsevier, including submission guidelines, peer review procedures, and editorial decisions. This will equip participants with the knowledge necessary to navigate the publishing landscape effectively.

Outcome: Improved Manuscript Quality: Attendees will gain actionable insights and strategies to refine their writing and research presentation, resulting in higher-quality manuscripts that meet the expectations of peer reviewers and editors.

About the sessions- The session titled "Crack the Code: Publishing in Elsevier Journals", delivered by Dr. Sakshum Khanna, Associate Scientific Editor at Elsevier, New Delhi, offered invaluable insights into the complex world of academic publishing. Dr. Khanna began by introducing the audience to the fundamental aspects of publishing in reputable journals, particularly those under the Elsevier umbrella. He explained the critical importance of selecting the right journal for a manuscript, highlighting factors such as journal scope, audience, and impact factor, which play a crucial role in enhancing the visibility and reach of a research paper. Dr. Khanna then delved into the intricacies of the manuscript submission process, detailing the essential steps authors must follow, including manuscript formatting, submission guidelines, and supplementary documentation. He provided a comprehensive breakdown of the peer review process, explaining how manuscripts are evaluated, the roles of reviewers and editors, and the different types of peer review models—such as single-blind and double-blind reviews. This gave participants a clear understanding of the journey their paper undertakes from submission to acceptance or rejection.

A significant portion of the session was dedicated to providing practical tips for improving the quality of research papers. Dr. Khanna emphasized the importance of a well-structured manuscript, focusing on the clarity and coherence of each section, from the abstract and introduction to the results and discussion. He shared strategies for making a manuscript stand out, such as crafting compelling abstracts and ensuring robust data interpretation.

Moreover, Dr. Khanna discussed common pitfalls that researchers often encounter during the submission process, such as poor language quality, incomplete data presentation, or failure to adhere to journal guidelines. He offered solutions to these issues, urging participants to seek feedback, proofread extensively, and maintain a professional tone throughout their writing.

The session concluded with an interactive Q&A segment, where attendees had the opportunity to ask Dr. Khanna questions about specific challenges they had faced in their publishing journey. His responses were insightful and tailored to real-world scenarios, providing practical solutions and enhancing the participants' understanding of academic publishing.

Overall, Dr. Khanna's session was an enriching experience, equipping participants with the tools and knowledge required to navigate the complex process of publishing in Elsevier journals. It provided a clear roadmap for researchers looking to increase their chances of publication success and emphasized the value of persistence, precision, and professionalism in academic writing.

At the end of the session, Dr. Khanna was felicitated by Dr. Hirak Nanda in recognition of his valuable contribution.



VALEDICTORY SESSION:

Eminent guest: Dr. Satyajit Nayak, IPS, DIG, HRPC, Cuttack

The online session on crime scene management, presented by De Satyajit Nayak, IPS, DIG, HRPC, Cuttack, was an engaging and informative experience that provided participants with valuable insights into the complexities of managing crime scenes. Dr. Nayak, with his extensive experience in law enforcement, shared his expertise on the critical protocols involved in crime scene management, emphasizing the importance of systematic procedures for evidence collection, preservation, and documentation. One of the key highlights of the session was the interactive nature of the presentation. Dr. Nayak posed thought-provoking questions based on real-life scenarios, encouraging participants to think critically and engage in meaningful discussions about various aspects of crime scene management. This approach not only made the session more dynamic but also allowed attendees to apply theoretical knowledge to practical situations, enhancing their understanding of the challenges faced in the field.

The session was not only informative but also served as a platform for networking and exchanging ideas, reinforcing the importance of continuous learning and collaboration in the field of forensic science. Overall, Dr. Nayak's session was a resounding success, leaving participants inspired and better prepared to tackle the complexities of crime scene management.



SOUVENIR LAUNCH

Pro. Vice Chancellor (academics): Dr. Biswajit Mishra

He delivered an inspiring speech where he outlined the goals and vision of the university, emphasizing its commitment to fostering academic excellence, innovation, and

interdisciplinary collaboration. He highlighted the university's mission to shape future leaders in the field of forensic science through cutting-edge research and education. During his address, Dr. Mishra engaged with the students by asking insightful questions about "omics," encouraging active participation and reflection on advanced scientific topics. Dr. Mishra also took the opportunity to praise the School of Forensic Science for successfully organizing the conference, acknowledging their dedication and hard work in bringing together experts, researchers, and students to share knowledge and advance the field.



Pro. Vice Chancellor (Administration): Dr. Ajay Kumar Nayak

He delivered an inspiring speech, where he outlined the goals and vision of the university, emphasizing its commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and holistic development. He lauded the School of Forensic Science for successfully organizing the conference, recognizing their hard work and dedication. He concluded by congratulating all the participants and organizers for their achievements and contributions to the success of the event.



Dean HRD Prof. KVD Prakash

He expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the School of Forensic Sciences, commending them for the successful organization of the conference. He praised the team for their meticulous planning and execution, which contributed to the event's success. Prof. Prakash also acknowledged the valuable contributions of the participants, speakers, and students, emphasizing the importance of such collaborative efforts in advancing the field of forensic science. His words left the audience with a sense of accomplishment and inspiration to continue pursuing excellence in their academic and professional endeavors.



Prize distribution ceremony:

The prize distribution ceremony was a fitting culmination of the conference, celebrating the outstanding contributions and achievements of participants. During the ceremony, awards were presented to the winners of various categories, including best oral presentation, best poster presentation, and outstanding contributions to the Forensic Forum. Each recipient was called to the stage to receive their prize, accompanied by applause and recognition from their peers and faculty.



Vote of thanks- Dr. Reena C Jhamtani, Convenor, GPFS2024

She extended her heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the conference. She began by expressing sincere appreciation to all the distinguished speakers, especially highlighting their invaluable insights and knowledge shared throughout the event. She also thanked the participants for their enthusiasm and active involvement, which made the sessions engaging and enriching.

She also gave special recognition to the organizing committee, volunteers, and faculty members of the School of Forensic Science for their dedication and hard work in ensuring the smooth execution of the conference. She acknowledged the university leadership for their continued support and encouragement, which fostered an environment of academic excellence and innovation.

In closing, she extended her appreciation to the students, participants, and attendees, wishing them success in their future endeavours and encouraging them to apply the knowledge gained from the conference to their academic and professional pursuits



