



International Conference on Psychosocial Support & Mental Health Services in Disaster Management

Date: October 10th to 12th, 2025



Organized by

Department of Psychosocial Support in
Disaster Management (DPSSDM),
National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro
Sciences (NIMHANS),
Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560029

Venue

NIMHANS Convention Centre,
Hosur Main Road, Lakkasandra,
Hombegowda Nagar,
Bengaluru, Karnataka 560029

Website: dpssdm.nimhans.co.in

**Conference Website:
pssdm.com/conference/**

About the Conference:

The International Conference on Psychosocial Support & Mental Health Services in Disaster Management (10–12 October 2025), themed “Beyond the Rubble: Building Resilience through Psychosocial Support”, is organized by the Department of Psychosocial Support in Disaster Management (DPSSDM), NIMHANS, Bengaluru.

Key objectives include identifying gaps in current DRR and climate mitigation strategies, enhancing understanding of disaster impacts on vulnerable populations, promoting culturally sensitive and equitable interventions, and bridging the gap between research and practice.



This conference brings together researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and community stakeholders to explore the intersection of climate change, disaster risk reduction (DRR), and psychosocial support and mental health services (PSSMHS).

How to Reach:

NIMHANS Convention Centre is easily accessible—8 km from Majestic, 2 km from Lalbagh Metro, 7 km from City Railway Station, and 40 km from the airport. Taxis, autos, and BMTC buses are available.

Opportunities at the Conference:

Invited Lectures by Experts:

Attend insightful sessions by leading experts sharing knowledge on disaster mental health and psychosocial support.

Panel Discussions by Experts:

Participate in dynamic discussions where professionals debate and explore diverse perspectives on key issues.

Case Studies by Experts:

Learn from practical examples highlighting real-life interventions, challenges, and success stories in the field.

Stalls/Displays by NGOs:

Interact with NGOs showcasing their work, tools, and community-based approaches through engaging exhibits.

Poster/Paper Presentations by Participants:

Present your research, engage with peers, and receive feedback from scholars and professionals.

Policy Dialogues by Experts:

Join conversations on emerging policies, advocacy efforts, and recommendations for systemic change.

Conference Subthemes:

- **The Psychosocial Impact of Natural and Man-Made Disasters:** Mental health effects of disasters.
- **Climate Change and Its Psychosocial Consequences:** Climate crises and mental health.
- **Psychosocial Support for Migrants and Refugees in Crisis Situations:** Support for displaced populations.
- **Psychosocial Support in Conflict and Post-Conflict Zones:** Mental health in conflict zones.
- **Children and Adolescents:** Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Young Survivors: Support for young survivors.
- **Trauma-Informed Care and Psychological First Aid in Disaster Management:** Early trauma response.
- **Community Resilience:** Empowering Local Systems to Support Mental Health: Local mental health support.
- **Policy and Advocacy for Psychosocial Support in Disaster Response:** Mental health in policy.
- **Innovative Approaches and Technologies in Disaster Mental Health Support:** Digital mental health tools.
- **Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for Disaster Responders and Humanitarian Workers:** Care for responders.

Call for Papers:

We invite papers on Psychosocial Support in Disaster Management, aligned with the conference sub-themes. Submissions may include theory, field practices, policy ideas, tech tools, or models addressing mental health needs during or after disasters. Case studies, reflections, and scalable solutions are welcome. Contributions from practitioners, researchers, educators, and students are encouraged.

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

Each abstract (max. 300 words) should include:

- Title of the presentation
- Name(s) and affiliation(s) of author(s)
- 3–5 keywords
- Abstract body with the following structure:
 - Background/Context
 - Research Objective
 - Methodology
 - Main Results and/or Implications for Disaster Mental Health, Disaster Management, Psychosocial support, and Various disciplines of research, policy, and practice.
 - Conclusion

Accepted submissions will be presented as oral/poster presentations during the conference.

Abstract Submission Link:

[submit abstract](#)

For more details visit conference website:

pssdm.com/conference/

Conference Registration:

| CATEGORY | NATIONAL | INTERNATIONAL |
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| Students (Participants) | ₹7,000 + GST (18%) | ₹10,000 + GST (18%) |
| Professionals (Participants) | ₹10,000 + GST (18%) | ₹15,000 + GST (18%) |
| Attendees (Non Participants) | ₹6,000 + GST (18%) | |

***EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION valid till April 30th 2025**

ACCOMMODATION & TRAVEL SUPPORT

Accommodation shall be provisioned on prior information and prior payment. The arrangement for a comfortable accommodation on reasonable and subsidized rates shall be made on the first-cum-first serve basis. Participants have to bear the travel expense on their own as there is no travel support from our side.

Important Dates:

- Call for Abstracts Opens: 1st May 2025
- Last Date for Abstract Submission: 15th July 2025
- Abstract Acceptance Decision: 5th August 2025
- Full Paper/Poster Submission Deadline: 5th September 2025

For Queries:

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Accommodation Options (Near NIMHANS):

Hotels (2–3 km)

Temple Tree: ₹2,500–₹3,500

La Marvella: ₹4,000–₹6,000

Nandhini: ₹1,800–₹2,800

Octave: ₹1,500–₹2,500

TAP Gold Crest: ₹1,200–₹2,000

Shared/Co-living (2–5 km)

Zostel: ₹800–₹1,200

Tribe Stays: ₹1,200–₹1,800

Stanza Living: ₹1,500–₹2,000

Colive: ₹1,800–₹2,500

**NIMHANS Guest House: ₹500–₹800 (limited;
contact organizers) Early booking advised.**

Easy access via auto, taxi, or metro.

Sight Seeing Options:

Bengaluru (3–12 km from NIMHANS)

Lalbagh Botanical Garden – Iconic green

space with rare plants

Cubbon Park – Historic park, museums

nearby

Bangalore Palace – Tudor-style architecture

and museum

Tipu Sultan’s Summer Palace – Indo-Islamic

heritage site

Visvesvaraya Museum – Science and tech

exhibits

ISKCON Temple – Spiritual and cultural hub

Commercial Street / Brigade Road – Popular

for shopping and eateries

Duration: Half to full day

Mysuru (Approx. 145 km from Bengaluru)

Mysore Palace – Royal architecture,

illuminated nights

Chamundi Hills – Temple with city views

Brindavan Gardens – Musical fountain

(evening)

St. Philomena’s Church – Neo-Gothic

cathedral

Mysore Zoo – One of India’s oldest zoos

Duration: Full day/overnight trip.

Travel: 3–4 hrs by road |

2.5–3 hrs by train

