

International Workshop on

Digital Wellbeing & Inclusion for Neurodiversity

📅 18–24 October 2026

📍 Gandhi Bhawan, University of Kashmir

ORGANIZED BY

Department of Psychology, University of Kashmir
& IMHANS, GMC Srinagar

Srinagar, J&K – 190006

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Digital Transformation for Neurodiversity Inclusion in
Africa and Asia

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PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP

The primary purpose of this International Workshop is to foster international research collaboration and leverage digital transformation to enhance digital wellbeing and promote social and educational inclusion for neurodivergent individuals across Asia and Africa. Organized by the Department of Psychology, University of Kashmir and the Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (IMHANS), GMC Srinagar, under the auspices of a European Commission-sponsored consortium based project, the program aims to provide participants with cross-disciplinary knowledge, innovative research frameworks, and practical digital tools designed to empower neurodiverse populations and build more inclusive, digitally accessible communities.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

18 OCT Registration & Orientation	19 OCT Inaugural & Technical Sessions	20 OCT Field Trip	21 OCT Technical Sessions & Campus Tour	22 OCT AI Detection & IMHANS Visit	23 OCT Blended Mobility & Valedictory	24 OCT Project Team Meetings
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DATES

18–24 October 2026

Registration & Orientation on 18 October, 10 am to 4 pm.
Technical Sessions 19–24 October 2026.

VENUE

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Organising Committee

Convener · Prof. Humera Shafi
Organising Secretary · Prof. Shawkat Ahmad Shah
Coordinator · Dr. Mohd. Muzamil

Participating Partners

Research teams and participants from **Kenya, Finland, Ethiopia and India**, with the project consortium, Department of School Education J&K and IMHANS J&K.

18 OCTOBER 2026		REGISTRATION
Registration of Participants, Orientation Sessions 18th October 2026 · 10 am to 4 pm		
19 OCTOBER 2026		TECHNICAL SESSIONS
SESSION & TIME	TOPIC / THEME	SPEAKER
10.00 – 11.30 AM	Inaugural Session	
11.30 AM – 1.00 PM	Epigenetics of Neurodevelopmental Issues	Prof. Altaf Ahmad Bhat CIRI, University of Kashmir
1.00 – 2.00 PM	LUNCH	
2.00 – 3.30 PM	Neurodiversity from a policy perspective	Dr. Sarvendra Vikram Director Basic Education, SCERT, UP, India Mr. Davendra Singh Block Education Officer, Basic Education, UP, India
3.30 – 5.00 PM	Networking, Interaction Session of Research Teams of the Beneficiaries / Boat Ride	
20 OCTOBER 2026		EXCURSION
Field Trip Full day		
21 OCTOBER 2026		TECHNICAL SESSIONS
SESSION & TIME	TOPIC / THEME / ACTIVITY	SPEAKER
10.00 – 11.30 AM	Research Outputs of Centre for Neurodiversity, OP Jindal University, with special reference to Digital wellbeing & Inclusion of Neurodivergent Population	Prof. Deepali Taneja OP Jindal University, Haryana
11.30 AM – 1.00 PM	Baseline Survey Tools for Assessment of Neurodiversity with special reference to use of Free Open Source Software for promoting Digital Wellbeing & Inclusion for Neurodiversity	Project Team University of Kashmir
1.00 – 2.00 PM	LUNCH	
2.00 – 3.30 PM	The Fractionability of Complex Traits: Towards a Biological Understanding of Neurodiversity.	ONLINE SESSION Prof. Sara Mascheretti University of Pavia, Italy
3.30 – 5.00 PM	UOK Campus Tour (Visit to CIRI Lab, Allama Iqbal Library, Botanical Garden etc)	

22 OCTOBER 2026		TECHNICAL SESSIONS
SESSION & TIME	TOPIC / THEME / ACTIVITY	SPEAKER
10.00 – 11.30 AM	AI based Detection of Neurodevelopmental Issues	Dr. Deepti Malhotra CU Jammu
11.30 AM – 1.00 PM	Sensitization Program for Teachers from Department of School Education J&K	
1.00 – 2.00 PM	LUNCH	
2.00 – 3.00 PM	Neurowiz Hub: A co-designed Digital Ecosystem for Neurodivergent Adults / Interaction with Teachers from Department of School Education J&K.	Prof. Sussanah Otieno Leppanen University of Jyväskylä, Finland
3.00 – 5.00 PM	Visit to IMHANS J&K / Facilitated by IMHANS Experts	
23 OCTOBER 2026		VALEDICTORY
SESSION & TIME	TOPIC / THEME / ACTIVITY	SPEAKER
10.00 – 11.30 AM	Blended Mobility Research Presentations by Participants from Kenya, Finland, Ethiopia & India.	
11.30 AM – 1.00 PM	Digital and Online Literacy: Challenges for Learners with neurodevelopmental issues.	Prof. Pavo Leppanen University of Jyväskylä, Finland
1.00 – 2.00 PM	LUNCH	
2.00 – 3.30 PM	Research Insights from Psychophysiological Laboratory IIT-Bombay.	Prof. Aziz-ud-Din IIT Bombay
3.30 – 5.00 PM	Valedictory Session	
24 OCTOBER 2026		PROJECT TEAMS
Meetings with Project Teams to decide further Course of Action / Supervisory Board Meeting.		

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