

Prof. Romate John

Prof. Romate John completed his Bachelor's degree from Christ College, Bangalore (under Bangalore University); Masters from the University of Mysore, and Doctoral Degree in Psychology from Bangalore University. Since 2011, he has been heading the Department of Psychology at the Central University of Karnataka. Additionally, he holds various administrative positions such as Dean of the School of Social and Behavioural Sciences; Director of IQAC; and the Director of the International Affairs; Director-in-charge of the Regional Centre of the Central University of Karnataka in Bangalore University campus. He also holds membership in the University Court, Executive Council and Academic Council. Besides these, he holds the responsibilities as the chairperson of the Good Governance, and was instrumental in introducing various academic innovations such as CBCS, Outcome-based learning, Institutional Ethics Review Board, Uniform Programme Code, Course Code, File Code, etc. through the IQAC. Before joining the Central University of Karnataka, he had served at Bangalore University as a faculty member in the Department of Psychology and Coordinator of the Center for Psychological Counselling.

Prof. Romate John has published 46 research papers in scientific journals, articles in edited books, attended and presented scientific papers in 56 conferences and has completed twenty research projects besides eighteen academic consultancy assignments. He is specialized in the area of ICTC counselling, Mentoring, Egan's Skilled Helper Counselling Model and Carkhuff Model of counselling and has been practicing and teaching for the last twenty-five years. Furthermore, he has membership in fourteen professional bodies and member of the editorial board of nine journals. Twelve students have been awarded doctoral degrees under his guidance and currently eight students are perusing doctoral research under his supervision.

Currently he is the Director of a major research programme in the area of rural health funded by the ICSSR, Delhi with the grant of rupees eighteen lakhs and a project funded by Azim Premji University, Bangalore, titled *Exploring the challenges, psychological problems, and mental health needs among frontline health workers of government hospitals: A study in Hyderabad Karnataka Region* with the grant of rupees 9.72 lakh.

One of his notable contributions to the field of research includes the implementation of ICTC counselling programmes through a multi-crore funded international project titled GFATM7 (Global Fund round seven programs on AIDS, TB & Malaria) from 2008 to 2011 as the regional project director for the project implementation in four South Indian states namely Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Andrapradesh. He has been also instrumental in establishing the department of psychology at Central University of Karnataka and nourishing it to become a department par excellence as it is today. He has also served as the Coordinator of the NOHA Erasmus Mundus EU-India mobility programme of the European Union from 2007 to 2010 representing the Bangalore University.

He has a wealth of experience of nearly twenty-five years in teaching, researching, training and managing the various administrative posts at the University level. Moreover, his administrative skills are evident in the establishing of the Centre for Psychological Counselling in Bangalore University (1994) and introducing the MSc Holistic Psychological Counselling in the Department of Psychology (2000) in Bangalore University and the recruitment of ICTC counsellors Lab. Technicians in Karnataka systematically through psychological assessments and screening tests systematically.

Education is the most empowering force in the world. It creates knowledge, builds confidence, and breaks down barriers to opportunity. Prof. Romate John believes that our education could be improved through skilled, credible, responsible, effective and committed teachers.

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