

**PERFORMA
ACADEMIC AUDIT:2020-2021**

Name of the Department	:	Psychology
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Address of the Department	:	Department of Psychology, SSJ University Almora
Special features of the Department	:	I know this department since 1968 and I have noted that this department has a golden history and gorgeous current status as well. From its inception till date it has been considered as the temple of knowledge and foundation of Experimental Psychology in India. It has been progressed by talented skilled and devoted faculty members who have dedicated themselves in the progress of teaching and research in Psychology which has appeared in the light of paper presentation in seminars / conferences / webinars, paper publication in the journals and edited volumes of national and international repute. Along with, the department is running the programmed courses of undergraduate, post graduate, M.Phil and Ph.D. regularly and academic meets time to time.
Major Achievements.	:	In spite of the severe lack of teaching faculty and supportive staff the department has established itself in terms of hi-tech teaching, research facilities and academic exchange. It has been planning to make and nurture Indo- Nepal cultural exchange program for innovative

researches that is in progress. The major thrust areas of the department are: prolonged deprivation, learning, memory, conditioning, motivation, time perspective, representational competence, advanced research methodology, cross - cultural researches, social processes, religiosity, psycholinguistics, Indian psychology, mental health and the psychology of women and children.

Major achievements are the foundation of DSA, ASIHSS, center of excellence for women, center of guidance and counseling and SSR of GFATM-7. Moreover, many major and minor projects and book writings have been made.

Main Strength

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The most notable and admirable strength of the department is that it is progressing a lot in the world of Psychology in spite of relative scarcity of faculty members. The major strength is the dedication of faculty members and supportive staff. The experienced and skilled teachers are continuously engaged in quality teaching, research publications,, community development, implementation of hard but relevant syllabus in UG ,PG and M.Phil classes. In addition, extra curricular activities, seminars/webinars are also being made. Moreover, special attention is also given to slow learners and gifted students. The infrastructural development has also been made. So far as the matter Ph.D.program is

concerned many students have cleared NET, and JRF . Many national and international projects are also carried out by faculty members and they have received many awards.

Weakness of the Department

: The department lacks faculty members and supportive staff. There is a need of funds for the renovation and expansion of library, laboratories and the building.

Future Plans.

: The department has decided to start some new academic plans in case privileged by fund and faculty. They are :
Post Graduate course in Clinical Psychology
Establishment of the Centre for Excellence in Women Psychology
Centre for Advanced Studies in Social Behaviour and health
Establishment of Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory

Suggestions for improvement of futures plans :

Skilled faculty members, support system and infrastructure advancement are suggested to make the department more progressive.



Signature

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