

CCPI 2018 @ Madurai
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Pillar Institute of Lay Leadership, Animation and Research,
Madurai, Tamil Nadu

The 19th Annual Conference of the Catholic Psychologists of India (CCPI) was held from September 21-23, 2018 at the Pillar Institute of Lay Leadership, Animation and Research, Madurai, Tamil Nadu. The theme of the conference was “Role of Psychology in the Contemporary Technological World.” Over 120 delegates from across India participated in the event.

Dr. Joseph Thannickal, a US-trained psychologist, addressed the psychological and psycho-spiritual risks associated with social media and pornography, emphasizing the need for personal and community-level safety measures, especially for children and young adults. He stressed the role of Catholic psychologists in fostering healthy and responsible technology use.

Prof. Manoj Kumar Sharma, a mental health specialist from NIMHANS, Bengaluru, discussed technology-related behavioral addictions and highlighted the need for psychological assessments, management strategies, and promoting healthy lifestyles to mitigate the negative impact of excessive internet use.

The conference also reviewed CCPI’s contributions since its formal establishment in 2007 and noted the growing recognition of CCPI by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, especially in seminary training and educational fields.

CCPI President Fr. C. M. Joseph Cherukunnel SDB and **Secretary Fr. Thomas Mathilakathu CMI** led the sessions. The gathering reinforced CCPI’s commitment to psychological research, professional collaboration, and the integration of Catholic values in psychological practice.

