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Research Supervisor (Guide) Profiles

Discipline of Supervision: **Forensic Science**



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Areas of Specialisation:

Comparative Criminal Justice, Criminology, Juvenile Justice, Child Abuse, School Violence, Qualitative and Quantitative research.

Dr. Kaviya Shankar is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Forensic Science at Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru. She earned her Ph.D. in Juvenile Justice from Prairie View A&M University, Texas, USA, in 2024 (a member of the Texas A&M University System). She was awarded the Outstanding Doctoral Student for the academic year 2023–2024. She holds a Master's degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice Science and a Bachelor's degree in Forensic Science. Her interdisciplinary academic background integrates Juvenile Justice, Forensic Science, Criminology, and Criminal Justice. Her research focuses on juvenile justice, mental health, victimology, crime prevention, and the application of emerging technologies. Her doctoral research examined the risk factors associated with suicidality among adolescents in the United States. She has served as an Assistant Professor and Graduate Research Assistant in the United States. With a strong commitment to academic excellence, interdisciplinary research, and student mentorship, she strives to contribute meaningfully to both teaching and research.

Selected Publications:

1. Kethineni, S., Moeyaert, M., **Shankar, K.**, & Sundaravadivelu, D. (2024). Sexual violence in public schools in the United States. *Journal of School Violence*, 23(3), 405-417.
2. **Shankar, K.** (2025). Comparing Street Children in Sub-Saharan African Countries (Ghana and Nigeria) and the West. In Sungi, S. P., Kakoti, G. R., & Christian, D. D. *Juvenile justice in African and Western criminal justice systems*. Information Science Reference.
3. **Shankar, K.** & Motley, S. "Youth Vulnerability on Online Engagement: A General Analysis of David's Law" - (Accepted in *Journal of Contemporary Issues in Juvenile Justice*)