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Research Supervisor (Guide) Profiles

Discipline of Supervision: **Forensic Science**



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Dr. Swetha Thomas is an Assistant Professor in Forensic Science at Kristu Jayanti (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru. She holds a Ph.D. in Development Studies (Criminology) from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, where her research examined the impact of police training on recruits' attitudes towards crime. Her research lies at the intersection of criminology, forensic psychology and criminal investigation, with a focus on developing interdisciplinary and evidence-based approaches to understanding crime and offender behaviour. Her current research interests include forensic nutrition profiling, criminal profiling, crime mapping and hate crimes, with particular emphasis on behavioural analysis, spatial patterns of crime and the application of forensic science to contemporary criminal justice challenges. She has also conducted research in policing, police training, criminal psychology and human rights, contributing to the understanding of law enforcement practices and crime prevention.

Selected Publications:

1. **Thomas, S.**, (2016). Acceptance of Rape Myth Among Police Trainees. IOSR Journal of Humanities & Social Sciences, VOL 21 (4), Pg.10-13, ISSN2279-0845.
<https://www.iosrjournals.org/iosr-jhss/papers/Vol.%2021%20Issue4/Version-4/B0214041013.pdf>
2. **Thomas, S.**, (2026). Training, Capacity Building, and Skill Development in Emerging Forensic Technologies. In Mr. Ravi Kumar, Ms. Nandini Katare, Don Caeiro, and Dr. Surbhi Girdhar of Modern Forensic Tools and Devices: Trends in Criminal Investigation. Pg. 216-224. Paradox International Publications, Kerala., DOI: <https://doi.org/10.59646/658/27>
3. Raj, R., Caeiro, D., Katare, N., Raiborde, M. D., & **Thomas, S.** (2026). Aquatic Plant–Associated Microbiomes as Biological Clocks for Postmortem Submersion Interval Estimation in Tropical Freshwater: A Proposed Framework. International Journal of Medical Toxicology and Forensic Medicine, 16, 1–3. <https://doi.org/10.22037/ijmtfm.v16.52454>