

An Evaluation of Psychological Research in India (1989-2020)

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Abstract

The current Web of Science-based paper provides a scientometrics analysis of research publications in Psychology in India from 1989 to 2020. The data analysis was done using bibliometric software, including VOS viewer, Biblioshiny (R Studio), and MS Excel. The publications and citation structures are analyzed first, followed by the most cited papers and most favored journals. Further, top authors and institutions are analyzed as significant research areas. The results show that Andrade C from the National Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences, Bangalore is the most productive author. At the same time, Patel V from Sangath, Goa, is the most influential author. The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences is most productive among the institutions, while the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, is the most influential. The results indicate that the International Journal of Psychology is a key journal in publishing India's scientific production in Psychology. The results also show that culture, HIV, depression, anxiety, attention, cross-culture, gender, and mental health are significant research topics.

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I. Introduction

Psychology is a science of in-depth study of human behavior and mental processes through different methods (Sott et al. 2020). The word 'Psychology' first appeared in the English press in 1853. However, as a subject, it was not considered a science before 19th century (Schacter et al. 2016). It is widely believed that the evolution of psychology as a separate discipline came from both Biology and Philosophy. Applications of Psychology comprise developing academic programs, mental health therapy, understanding child development, stress management, personal health and well-being, performance enhancement, social program design, and other areas directly related to human health and behavior (Biglu et al. 2013; Cherry 2020). There are several job opportunities in the field of Psychology. Depending on the specialization, a Psychology degree holder can work as a teacher, psychologist, counselor, etc.

For the development of a country in any field, research plays a significant role as it identifies solutions to many problems. Disciplinary development in a specific region or county can be seen in numerous professional associations, peer-reviewed index publications, and the availability of undergraduate and postgraduate programs. Apart from this, other indicators of the development of the discipline include academic and research infrastructure, impact (authors' prominence), number of specialized journals in the field, an international collaboration of publications, and the number of conferences held every year.

The quality of the research publications in a specific discipline can be assessed through different indicators (e.g., Taylor 2011; Joshi 2014; Salimi 2017; Villar and Santos 2021), and one of the indicators that are widely accepted to measure the quality of research is published in journals indexed by Web of Science (Clarivate Analytics). Another significant indicator is the impact of the publications, which can be examined by analysis of citations, h-index, and journal impact factor (Barrios et al. 2012).

The current scientometrics analysis aims to assess how well India performs in research in the field of Psychology. The study is based on an analysis of publications indexed in the Web of Science database. We chose Psychology

because little is known about the Scientometrics of Indian publications in this discipline. Such a study may be beneficial to map the research growth, quality, profile and research contribution of a nation in a specific domain. In addition, such a study will also help to understand the discipline's strengths and weaknesses.

Nowadays, scientometrics methods are quite popular for analyzing the quantity and quality of published literature, i.e., books, articles, etc., in numerous research areas (Cortes et al. 2010). In addition, scientometrics indicators are handy and most straightforward for analyzing innovation and research in a country (Pouris and Pouris 2009; Gouveia and Lotz 2021). Moreover, the results of these scientometrics studies can be a handy tool for a country to formulate policy on Science and Technology (Erfanmanesh et al. 2013).

Several subject-specific studies have been conducted to map the scientometrics spread of Psychology research. For example, Kliegl and Bates (2010) studied international collaboration in Psychology research. Zafrunnish and Pullareddy (2009) analyzed authorship patterns, and degree of collaboration in Psychology, Goel (2002) investigated gender differences in publication productivity in Psychology, and Wieczorek et al. (2021) examined research trends in Psychology. Vogl, Scherndl, and Kuhberger (2018) conducted a bibliometric analysis of the psychological research of online media, Nederhof et al. (2009) examined the highly cited non-journal publications in Psychology, and Hartley and Ho (2017) examined the decline of book reviews in Psychology. Several area-specific studies have also been conducted to map psychological research in specific geographic areas. For example, Vinluan (2012) analyzed psychological research in the Philippines. Erfanmanesh, Gholamhosseinzadeh, and Jahromi (2013) studied the performance of psychological researchers in Iran, Biglu, Chakmachi, and Biglu (2013) conducted a bibliometric analysis of psychological studies in Middle East countries, and Moghaddam (2019) studied the collaboration network among Iranian researchers in Psychology. The literature suggests that a bibliometric evaluation of the Psychology literature in

India is missing. There is a need to fill the research gap considering the significance of the research area.

II. Objectives

The specific objectives of the present study are : (i) to determine the Indian Psychology publications and citation structure; (ii) to determine the Indian Psychology publications' growth rate; (iii) to determine the most productive and influential Indian authors in Psychology; (iv) to determine the most productive and influential Indian institutes in Psychology; (v) to determine the top cited publications of Indian authors in Psychology; (vi) to determine the most preferred journals for Indian Psychology papers; (vii) to determine the discipline's most prevalent research topics.

III. Data and Methods

In this study, we selected Psychology publications indexed in the Web of Science Database's Core Collection-comprising Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-Expanded), Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), and Arts and Humanities Citation Index (A& HCI). We have selected the Web of Science database because it is one of the most reputed, comprehensive, and commonly used databases for bibliometric or Scientometrics research.

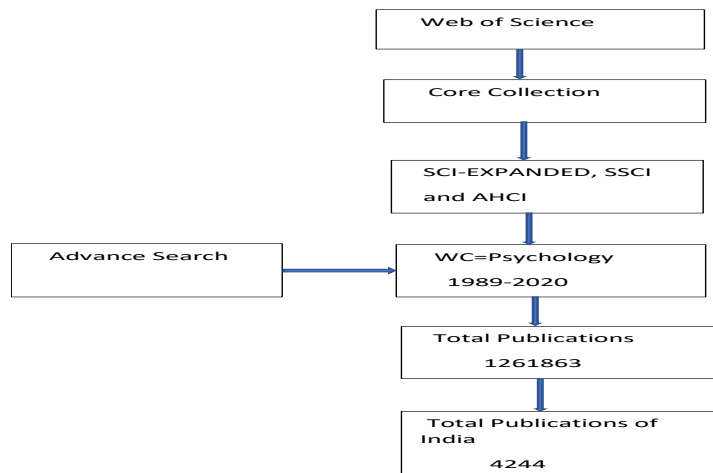


Figure 1. Search strategy

We selected “WC=Psychology” under advance search in the Web of Science database as a Web of Science category from 1989 to 2020. After that, India was selected from the list of countries to extract the publications of Indian authors. No other filter was applied, i.e., type of publication or language of the publications. Subsequently, 4,244 publications were reported for India during the above-mentioned search, which were downloaded and analysed in the present study. The software, i.e., VOSviewer, R-Studio, and MS Excel, was applied for data analysis, interpretation, and visualization. For data analysis, certain variables were used, such as TP=Total Publications, TC=Total Citations, CPP=Citations Per Paper, CPY=Citations Per Year, and ACP=Average Citations Per Paper.

IV. Publication Share and Rank

Table 1 shows the top research areas of Psychology publications and the total publications for each category. It can be seen that Clinical Psychology, Experimental Psychology, Psychiatry, Developmental Psychology, Neuroscience, and Applied Psychology are the leading fields of Psychology research. Interdisciplinary research areas of Psychology can also be seen in

Table 1. Management, Sports Science, Physiology, Hospitality Leisure Sport Tourism, and Social Sciences interdisciplinary are part of ongoing research in Psychology.

Table 1. Top 25 Research areas of Psychology

| Rank | Research Area | TP |
|------|---|----------|
| 1 | Psychology Clinical | 2,28,510 |
| 2 | Psychology Experimental | 2,18,864 |
| 3 | Psychiatry | 1,50,564 |
| 4 | Psychology Developmental | 1,41,964 |
| 5 | Neurosciences | 1,16,887 |
| 6 | Psychology Applied | 1,14,630 |
| 7 | Psychology Social | 99,923 |
| 8 | Behaviour Sciences | 77,376 |
| 9 | Psychology Biological | 75,084 |
| 10 | Psychology Educational | 62,412 |
| 11 | Paediatrics | 38,560 |
| 12 | Psychology Psychoanalysis | 31,700 |
| 13 | Family Studies | 31,619 |
| 14 | Public Environmental Occupational Health | 30,887 |
| 15 | Ophthalmology | 30,836 |
| 16 | Management | 28,547 |
| 17 | Physiology | 27,789 |
| 18 | Sport Sciences | 27,693 |
| 19 | Social Sciences Biomedical | 26,971 |
| 20 | Substance Abuse | 25,041 |
| 21 | Hospitality Leisure Sport Tourism | 24,955 |
| 22 | Education Educational Research | 22,200 |
| 23 | Psychology Mathematical | 21,386 |
| 24 | Clinical Neurology | 19,143 |
| 25 | Social Sciences interdisciplinary | 18,832 |

Between 1989 and 2020, 12,61,863 psychology publications were published worldwide. The year-by-year global distribution of publications is shown in Figure 2. The highest number of publications, 66,982, were reported in 2019. 1991 was the year with the lowest number of publications (23,895). As can be seen, publications have grown slowly, with ups and downs.

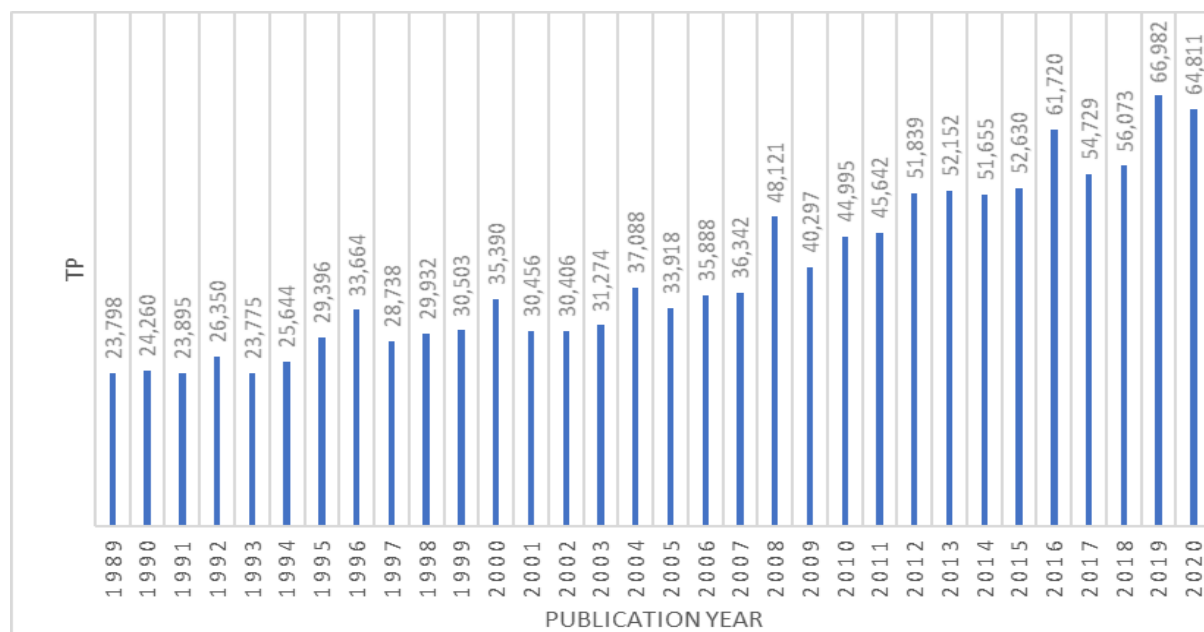


Figure 2. Global publications by years

Table 2 lists the 25 countries with the most psychology research globally, total publications, and percentage of global publications share. Thirteen European countries, six Asian countries, three American countries, one African country, and one Oceania country appeared in the list of most productive countries in Psychology research. The United States grabbed the first rank with 5,94,093 (47.08%) publications, followed far behind are England, Canada, Germany, Australia, Netherlands, France, and Spain. India holds 34th rank globally with a 0.33% global publication share and total publications of 4,244

Table 2. Global standing of countries in terms of Psychology publications

| Rank | Country | TP | Percentage (%) |
|------|-------------|----------|----------------|
| 1 | USA | 5,94,093 | 47.08% |
| 2 | England | 1,15,864 | 9.18 |
| 3 | Canada | 88,283 | 6.99 |
| 4 | Germany | 84,646 | 6.71 |
| 5 | Australia | 58,616 | 4.65 |
| 6 | Netherlands | 49,791 | 3.95 |
| 7 | France | 31,782 | 2.52 |

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|-----------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 8 | Spain | 30,427 | 2.41 |
| 9 | Peoples R China | 30,302 | 2.40 |
| 10 | Italy | 28,896 | 2.29 |
| 11 | Japan | 25,610 | 2.03 |
| 12 | Israel | 18,041 | 1.43 |
| 13 | Switzerland | 17,809 | 1.41 |
| 14 | Belgium | 17,440 | 1.38 |
| 15 | Sweden | 15,550 | 1.23 |
| 16 | Scotland | 15,019 | 1.19 |
| 17 | New Zealand | 10,276 | 0.81 |
| 18 | Norway | 10,014 | 0.79 |
| 19 | Finland | 9,164 | 0.73 |
| 20 | Brazil | 8,930 | 0.71 |
| 21 | South Africa | 8,152 | 0.65 |
| 22 | Taiwan | 8,065 | 0.64 |
| 23 | Russia | 8,056 | 0.64 |
| 24 | South Korea | 7926 | 0.63 |
| 25 | Wales | 7,741 | 0.61 |
| 34 | India | 4,214 | 0.33 |

The annual distribution of Indian Psychology publications is shown in Figure 3. During the first ten years (1989-1998), only 623 publications were recorded, while in the next ten years (1999-2008), 861 publications were recorded. The past ten years (2011-2020) have the highest number of publications at 2561. The lowest number of publications, 32, was observed in 1997, while a maximum number of publications, 396, was followed in 2016. It can be seen that, like the global publication growth trend, Indian publications are also increasing slowly and with ups and downtrends.

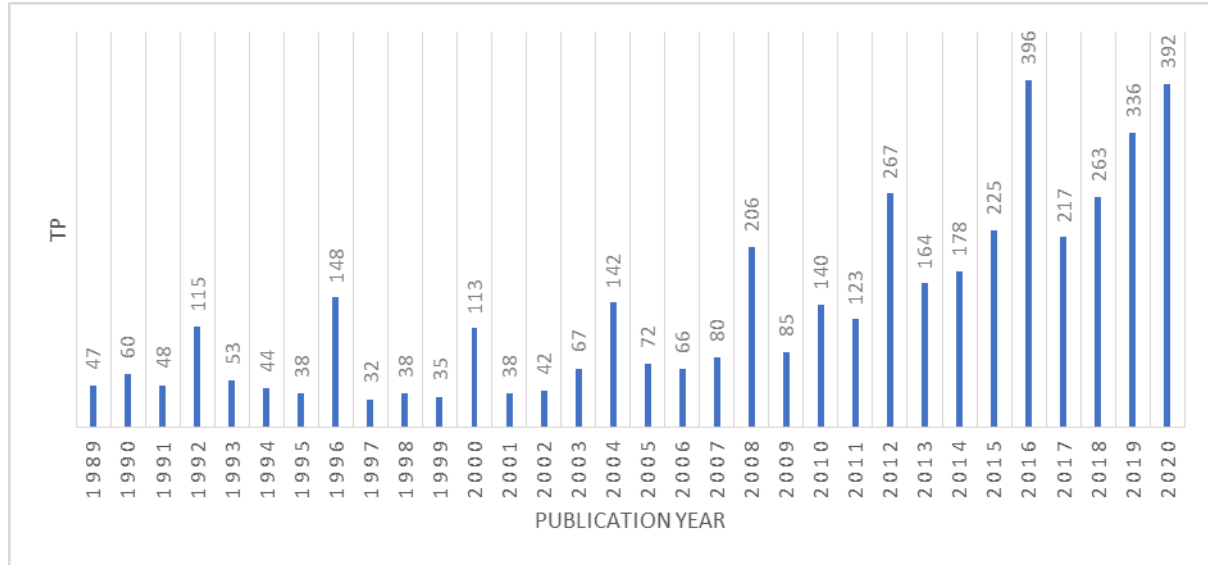


Figure 3. India's publications by years

V. Citation Structure

Figure 4 shows an annual comparison of cited versus uncited publications. The initial years' publications achieved a smaller number of citations, but citations are increasing over the years. The increasing number of cited publications over the years is a positive sign for Indian psychology research, which means that the quality and popularity of Indian psychology publications continues to increase among research fraternities.

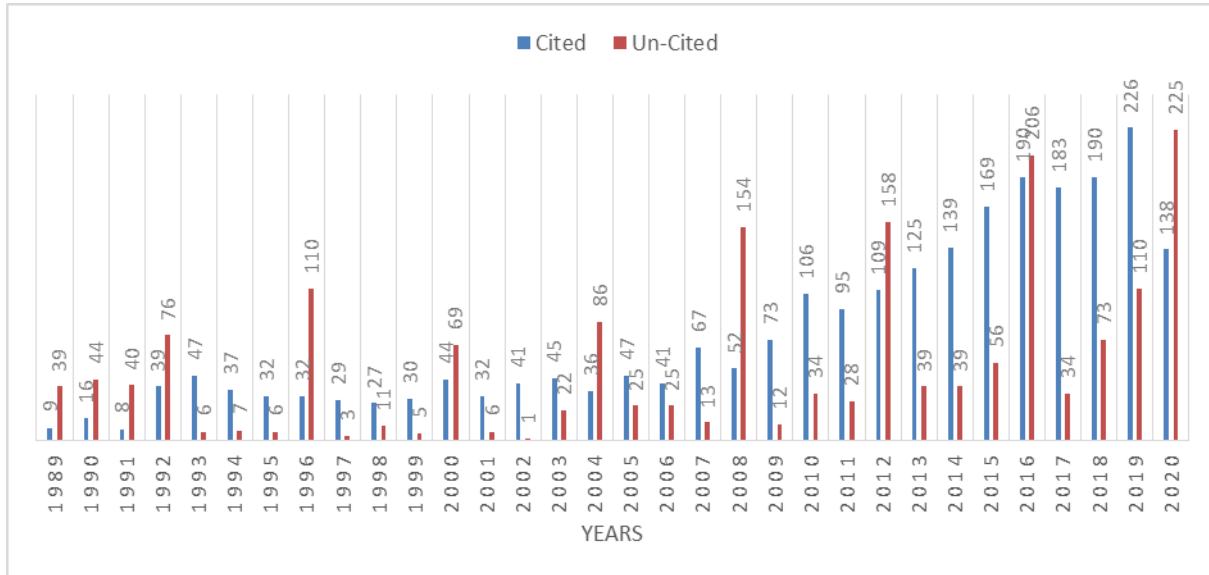


Figure 4. Cited vs. Uncited publications

Table 3 shows the citation structure for all years (1989-2020) and several citation thresholds, total publications, and citations per paper. A more detailed analysis revealed that 20 publications were cited more than 200 times, accounting for 0.47% of the total number of publications. Among them, 40 articles were cited more than 100 times, accounting for 0.94% of the total publications, 147 articles were cited more than 50 times, accounting for 3.47% of the total publications, and 406 articles were cited more than 20 times, accounting for 9.57% of the total publications. Analysis shows that 40.10% of publications are not cited even once. Publications belonging to the year 2010 received the highest 3689 citations, followed by 2014 (2801 citations) and 2016 (2388 citations). The 1997 publications had the least citations at 337. The 1999 publications had the highest average number of citations per paper at 48.17.

Table 3. General citation structure

| Year | ≥200 | ≥100 | ≥50 | ≥20 | ≥10 | ≥5 | ≥1 | 0 | TP | TC | CPP |
|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| 1989 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 12 | 9 | 47 | 566 | 12.04 |
| 1990 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 18 | 16 | 60 | 601 | 10.02 |
| 1991 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 18 | 8 | 48 | 538 | 11.21 |
| 1992 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 11 | 16 | 76 | 115 | 416 | 3.32 |
| 1993 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 6 | 53 | 899 | 16.96 |
| 1994 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 13 | 7 | 44 | 521 | 11.84 |
| 1995 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 12 | 6 | 38 | 702 | 18.47 |
| 1996 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 110 | 142 | 557 | 3.92 |
| 1997 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 32 | 337 | 10.53 |
| 1998 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 38 | 809 | 21.29 |
| 1999 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 35 | 1686 | 48.17 |
| 2000 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 11 | 13 | 6 | 7 | 69 | 113 | 1542 | 13.65 |
| 2001 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 38 | 716 | 18.84 |
| 2002 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 42 | 1804 | 42.95 |
| 2003 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 22 | 67 | 1253 | 18.70 |
| 2004 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 86 | 122 | 1192 | 9.77 |
| 2005 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 25 | 72 | 2831 | 39.32 |
| 2006 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 25 | 66 | 906 | 13.73 |
| 2007 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 17 | 15 | 12 | 13 | 80 | 1476 | 18.45 |
| 2008 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 3 | 15 | 154 | 206 | 2187 | 10.61 |
| 2009 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 18 | 19 | 17 | 5 | 12 | 85 | 2237 | 26.32 |
| 2010 | 3 | 4 | 16 | 24 | 25 | 21 | 13 | 34 | 140 | 3689 | 26.35 |
| 2011 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 26 | 18 | 19 | 23 | 28 | 12 | 226 | 18.4 |

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|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|-------|
| 1 | | | | | | | | | 3 | 6 | 2 |
| 2012 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 24 | 30 | 21 | 27 | 158 | 267 | 2098 | 7.86 |
| 2013 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 29 | 26 | 30 | 29 | 39 | 164 | 2369 | 14.46 |
| 2014 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 30 | 35 | 31 | 32 | 39 | 178 | 2801 | 15.74 |
| 2015 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 37 | 48 | 34 | 46 | 56 | 225 | 2340 | 10.4 |
| 2016 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 23 | 54 | 46 | 60 | 206 | 396 | 2388 | 6.03 |
| 2017 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 51 | 49 | 58 | 34 | 217 | 2152 | 9.92 |
| 2018 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 10 | 33 | 51 | 89 | 73 | 263 | 2377 | 9.04 |
| 2019 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 21 | 42 | 157 | 110 | 336 | 1056 | 3.14 |
| 2020 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 119 | 255 | 392 | 393 | 1.00 |
| Total | 20 | 40 | 147 | 406 | 491 | 539 | 877 | 1702 | | | |
| 1% | 0.47 | 0.94 | 3.46 | 9.57 | 11.57 | 12.70 | 20.67 | 40.10 | | | |

Table 4 presents the list of the 25 most influential publications. These 25 papers accounted for 8328 citations (17.46% of 47705 citations). Among the top-cited papers, four were published in the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology* and three in *Applied Psychology* and *Psychological Medicine*. In contrast, the other 15 papers were published in 15 different journals. The paper that received the maximum number of citations is “Is general self-efficacy a universal construct? Psychometric findings from 25 countries” (Scholz U 2002) with a total of 721 citations, published in the journal “*European Journal of Psychological Assessment*.” The paper titled “Bayesian inference for psychology. Part II: Example applications with JASP” (Wagenmakers EJ 2018), published in the journal “*Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*,” is the second most cited and recent article with 710 citations. Another paper, the third most cited article with 635 citations, is titled “How children and adolescents spend time worldwide: Work, play, and developmental opportunities.” It is authored by Larson RW and published in the journal “*Psychological Bulletin*” (1999). Among the top 25 cited papers, 21 papers were published after 2000.

Table 4. 25 Top cited papers

| Rank | Publication | Source | First Author | Publication Year | TC | CPY |
|------|--|--|----------------|------------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Is general self-efficacy a universal construct? Psychometric findings from 25 countries | European Journal of Psychological Assessment | Scholz U | 2002 | 721 | 37.95 |
| 2 | Bayesian inference for psychology. Part II: Example applications with JASP | Psychonomic Bulletin & Review | Wagenmakers EJ | 2018 | 710 | 236.67 |
| 3 | How children and adolescents spend time across the world: Work, play, and developmental opportunities | Psychological Bulletin | Larson RW | 1999 | 635 | 28.86 |
| 4 | Effects of brand local and nonlocal origin on consumer attitudes in developing countries | Journal of Consumer Psychology | Batra R | 2000 | 576 | 27.43 |
| 5 | Culture-specific and cross-culturally generalizable implicit leadership theories: Are charismatic/transformational leadership attributes universally endorsed? | Leadership Quarterly | Den Hartog DN | 1999 | 532 | 24.18 |
| 6 | Values and their relationship to environmental concern and conservation behavior | Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology | Schultz PW | 2005 | 441 | 27.56 |
| 7 | Rhythms of life: Antecedents and outcomes of work-family balance in employed parents | Journal of Applied Psychology | Aryee S | 2005 | 382 | 23.88 |
| 8 | Twelve-Month Prevalence of and Risk Factors for Suicide | Journal of Clinical Psychiatry | Borges G | 2010 | 339 | 30.82 |

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| | Attempts in the World Health Organization World Mental Health Surveys | | | | | |
| 9 | Mapping expressive differences around the world - The relationship between emotional display rules and individualism versus collectivism | Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology | Matsumoto D | 2008 | 331 | 25.46 |
| 10 | Barriers to mental health treatment: results from the WHO World Mental Health surveys | Psychological Medicine | Andrade LH | 2014 | 325 | 46.42 |
| 11 | Physical discipline and children's adjustment: Cultural normativeness as a moderator | Child Development | Lansford JE | 2005 | 299 | 18.69 |
| 12 | Explaining Radical Group Behaviour: Developing Emotion and Efficacy Routes to Normative and Nonnormative Collective Action | Journal of Personality and Social Psychology | Tausch N | 2011 | 256 | 25.6 |
| 13 | Bayesian hypothesis testing for psychologists: A tutorial on the Savage-Dickey method | Cognitive Psychology | Wagenmaker EJ | 2010 | 247 | 22.45 |
| 14 | Culture-level dimensions of social axioms and their correlates across 41 cultures | Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology | Bond MH | 2004 | 247 | 17.64 |
| 15 | Mobile payment services adoption across time: An empirical study of the effects of behavioral beliefs, social influences, and personal traits | Computers in Human Behaviour | Yang SQ | 2012 | 239 | 26.56 |

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|----|---|--|--------------|------|-----|-------|
| 16 | Suicide attempts, plans, and ideation in culturally diverse sites: the WHOSUPRE-MISS community survey | Psychological Medicine | Bertolote JM | 2005 | 231 | 14.43 |
| 17 | Age differences in the prevalence and comorbidity of DSM-iv major depressive episodes: results from the world mental health survey initiative | Depression and Anxiety | Kessler RC | 2010 | 229 | 20.82 |
| 18 | Speaking Up in Groups: A Cross-Level Study of Group Voice Climate and Voice | Journal of Applied Psychology | Morrison EW | 2011 | 224 | 22.4 |
| 19 | Internet addiction in students: A cause of concern | Cyber psychology & Behaviour | Nalwa K | 2003 | 214 | 11.89 |
| 20 | Promoting child and adolescent mental health in low and middle-income countries | Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry | Patel V | 2008 | 209 | 16.08 |
| 21 | Detecting common mental disorders in primary care in India: a comparison of five screening questionnaires | Psychological Medicine | Patel V | 2008 | 195 | 15 |
| 22 | A world of lies | Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology | Aavik T | 2006 | 192 | 12.8 |
| 23 | In-Role Perceptions Buffer the Negative Impact of Low LMX on Helping and Enhance the Positive Impact of High LMX | Journal of Applied Psychology | Van Dyne L | 2008 | 188 | 13 |

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| | on Voice | | | | | |
| 24 | To Belong Is to Matter: Sense of Belonging Enhances Meaning in Life | Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin | Lambert NM | 2013 | 184 | 23 |
| 25 | Psychological science in cultural context | American Psychologist | Gergen KJ | 1996 | 182 | 22.75 |

Table 5 lists the top 25 journals most preferred by Indian authors along with total publications, total citation, average citation per paper, and h-index. These 25 journals published 2222 papers (52.36% of 4244 papers). The journal “International Journal of Psychology,” published by Wiley-Blackwell, has the highest number of papers. It accounts for 770 papers (18.14% of the total publications). It is followed by Psycho-Oncology (151 papers), Journal of Clinical Psychiatry (136 papers), Aids Care-Psychological and Socio-Medical Aspects of Aids/HIV (134 papers), Frontiers in Psychology (121 papers), and Physiology & Behavior (103 papers). Of the 25 journals on the list, seven are published by Elsevier, SAGE publishes five, Routledge publishes three, and ten different publishers publish ten. However, in terms of citations, the journal “Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology” published by SAGE received the highest 2332 total citations and the highest average citations (55.52) per paper. The journal “Aids Care-Psychological and Socio-Medical Aspects of Aids/HIV” has the highest (25) h-index.

Table. 5 25 Most favoured journals

| Rank | Journals | Publisher | TP | TC | ACPP | h-index |
|------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|------|-------|---------|
| 1 | International Journal of Psychology | Wiley-Blackwell | 770 | 920 | 1.19 | 17 |
| 2 | Psycho-Oncology | John Wiley and Sons Ltd | 151 | 173 | 1.46 | 7 |
| 3 | Journal of Clinical Psychiatry | Physicians Postgraduate Press Inc. | 136 | 1905 | 14.01 | 22 |
| 4 | Aids Care-Psychological and | Routledge | 134 | 2060 | 15.37 | 25 |

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|----|--|-------------------------------|-----|------|-------|----|
| | Socio-Medical Aspects of Aids/HIV | | | | | |
| 5 | Frontiers in Psychology | Frontiers Media S.A. | 121 | 702 | 5.80 | 14 |
| 6 | Physiology & Behaviour | Elsevier Inc. | 103 | 1534 | 14.89 | 22 |
| 7 | International Psychogeriatrics | Cambridge University Press | 81 | 527 | 6.51 | 11 |
| 8 | Cognitive Systems Research | Elsevier | 64 | 583 | 9.11 | 14 |
| 9 | International Journal of Behavioural Medicine | Routledge | 64 | 31 | 0.48 | 2 |
| 10 | Personnel Review | Emerald Group Publishing Ltd. | 57 | 519 | 9.11 | 14 |
| 11 | Journal of social Psychology | Routledge | 50 | 413 | 8.26 | 10 |
| 12 | Journal of Adolescent Health | Elsevier USA | 47 | 766 | 16.30 | 15 |
| 13 | Psychologia | Psychologia Society | 44 | 76 | 1.73 | 5 |
| 14 | Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology | SAGE Publications Inc. | 42 | 2332 | 55.52 | 20 |
| 15 | Perception | SAGE Publications Inc. | 39 | 29 | 0.74 | 3 |
| 16 | Personality and Individual Differences | Elsevier BV | 39 | 573 | 14.69 | 13 |
| 17 | Clinical EEG and Neuroscience | SAGE Publications Inc. | 33 | 183 | 5.55 | 7 |
| 18 | Computers in Human Behaviour | Elsevier Ltd. | 33 | 762 | 23.09 | 14 |
| 19 | Perceptual and Motor skills | SAGE Publications Inc. | 33 | 329 | 9.97 | 12 |
| 20 | Psychological Reports | SAGE Publications Inc. | 33 | 288 | 8.73 | 7 |
| 21 | Applied Ergonomics | Elsevier Ltd. | 31 | 395 | 12.74 | 13 |
| 22 | Journal of Interpersonal Violence | SAGE Publications Inc. | 31 | 308 | 9.94 | 11 |
| 23 | Substance Use & Misuse | Informa Healthcare | 30 | 275 | 9.17 | 10 |
| 24 | Annals of Behavioral Medicine | Springer New York | 28 | 0 | 00 | 0 |
| 25 | Transportation Research Part F- Traffic Psychology and Behaviour | Elsevier Ltd. | 28 | 515 | 18.39 | 12 |

VI. Authors and Institutions Analysis

Table 6 lists the 25 most productive and influential Indian authors in Psychology research. The list is sorted based on the number of publications. These top 25 authors together contributed 831 publications (19.58% of the total number of papers) and were cited 10860 times (22.76% of the total number of citations). Andrade C, affiliated with the National Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences, Bangalore, is a leading Indian author in Psychology research with 112 publications. He acquired a TC of 1103, a CPP of 9.08, an h-index of 18, and one study with over 100 citations. He is followed by Srinivasan N, affiliated with the University of Allahabad, Allahabad, with 58 publications (TC of 871), Mandal MK, affiliated with Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, with 43 publications (TC of 725) and Kanekar S, affiliated with Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering, Nagpur with 39 publications (TC of 227). Patel V (ranked 16th most productive author), affiliated with Sangath, Goa, is the most influential author with a TC of 1452(CPP 60.5) for his 24 papers. His seven papers acquired more than 100 citations. Kulkarni (ranked 25 as the most productive author), affiliated with the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, has two papers with more than 100 citations.

Figure 5 shows the co-authorship network of authors. Only the authors with five publications strongly linked to each other are shown in the network map. In the network map, each circle represents an author, and the size of the circle indicates the number of publications. In general, if the size of the circle is large, it means the author has a greater number of publications. The distance between the circles in the network graph represents the association between authors. If two circles are close to each other, these two have more collaborative publications. Figure 6 shows the productivity of top authors over time. Mandal MK, Kanekar S, Singh P, Kumar S, Misra G, Singh R, Singh S, Pandey J, and Ittyerah M are among the authors who have started research in the initial years. Authors like Andrade C, Srinivasan N, Kamble SV, Singh S, Patel V, Gupta R, Kumar A, and Kumar D have been more active in research in recent years.

Table 6. Most productive and influential authors

| Rank | Authors | Affiliation | TP | TC | CP P | h- inde x | ≥10 0 | ≥5 0 | ≥2 0 |
|------|-----------------|---|---------|----------|---------|-----------------|----------|---------|---------|
| 1 | Andrade C | National Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences , Bangalore | 11 2 | 110 3 | 9.8 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 15 |
| 2 | Srinivasan N | University of Allahabad, Allahabad | 58 | 871 | 15.0 | 18 | 0 | 3 | 13 |
| 3 | Mandal MK | Vidyasagar University, Midnapore | 43 | 725 | 16.9 | 16 | 0 | 4 | 8 |
| 4 | Kanekar S | Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering, Nagpur | 39 | 227 | 5.8 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 5 | Chaudhar y N | University of Delhi, Delhi | 38 | 116 0 | 30.5 | 15 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| 6 | Telles S | Patanjali Res Fdn, Haridwar | 36 | 606 | 16.8 | 15 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| 7 | Singh P | Lucknow University, Lucknow | 36 | 417 | 11.9 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 11 |
| 8 | Kumar S | Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur | 36 | 377 | 10.5 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 4 |
| 9 | Kamble SV | Karnataka University, Dharwad | 35 | 272 | 7.8 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 10 | Misra G | University of Delhi, Delhi | 32 | 425 | 13.3 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 11 | Singh R | Ahmedabad University | 31 | 246 | 7.9 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| 12 | Singh S | Indian Institute of Management, Ranchi | 29 | 298 | 10.3 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 13 | Sharma S | Kalpana Chawla Govt Medical College, | 27 | 290 | 10.7 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 1 |

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|----|------------|---|----|------|------|----|---|----|---|
| | | Karnal | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Mishra RK | University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad | 27 | 217 | 8.0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 15 | Pandey J | Indian Institute of Management, Indore | 26 | 142 | 5.5 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 16 | Patel V | Sangath,Goa | 24 | 1452 | 60.5 | 15 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
| 17 | Kumar A | Xavier Inst Social Serv, Ranchi | 24 | 209 | 8.7 | 10 | 0 | 12 | |
| 18 | Suar D | Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) - Kharagpur | 24 | 200 | 8.3 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 19 | Gupta S | Natl Inst Adv Studies | 23 | 435 | 18.9 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| 20 | Gupta R | Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) - Mumbai | 23 | 268 | 11.6 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 21 | Khan A | Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay | 23 | 84 | 3.65 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 22 | Ittyerah M | University of Delhi, Delhi | 22 | 107 | 4.9 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 23 | Singh T | Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi | 22 | 20 | 0.9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | Kumar D | National Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences , Bengaluru | 21 | 199 | 9.5 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 25 | Kulkarni M | Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mumbai | 20 | 510 | 25.5 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 4 |

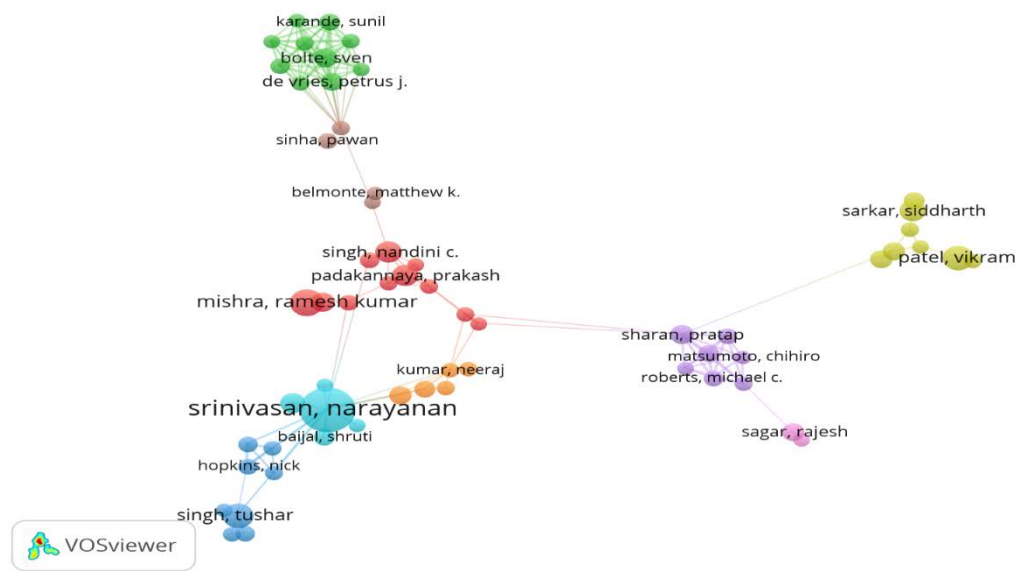


Figure 5. Co-authorship network of authors with a threshold of 5 publications

Top-Authors' Production over the Time

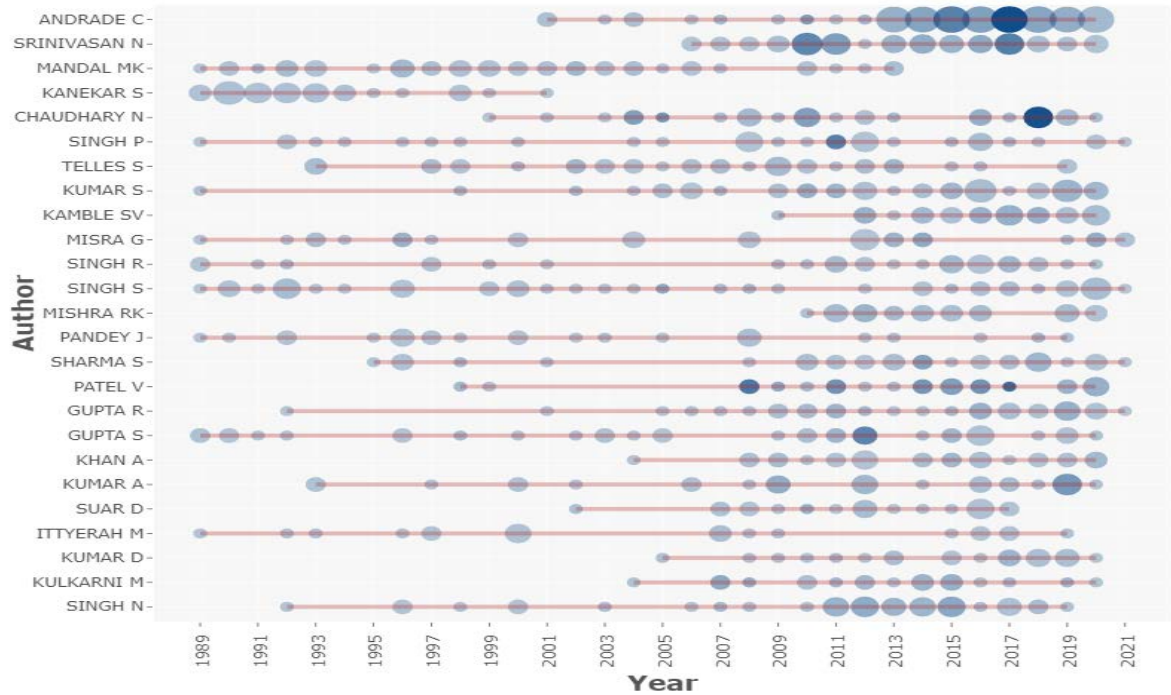


Figure 6. Top author’s productivity over time

Table 7 shows the most productive and influential institutions for psychological research in India. The list is sorted based on the number of publications. The most productive Indian institution is the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bangalore, with 289 publications. It has also achieved the highest total citations of 3253 and an h-index of 29. The institutions that follow are the University of Delhi (215 publications), the University of Allahabad (179 publications), and Banaras Hindu University (138 publications).

The Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (ranked 17th in the list as a most productive institution) is the most influential institute, with a TC of 1354 (CPP 32.24) for its 42 publications. The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bangalore, and the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, have five papers cited more than 100 times. Figure 7 shows the network of collaborative institutions. Only the institutions with ten publications and strongly connected are shown in the network. Each circle in the network map

represents an institute, and the size of the circle indicates the number of publications. In the network map, if two institutes are close to each other, that means institutes have more collaborative publications.

Table 7. Most productive and influential Institutions in India

| Rank | Institute | TP | TC | CPP | h-index | ≥100 | ≥50 | ≥20 |
|------|---|-----|------|-------|---------|------|-----|-----|
| 1 | National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences | 289 | 3253 | 11.26 | 29 | 5 | 6 | 37 |
| 2 | University of Delhi | 215 | 2259 | 10.59 | 23 | 4 | 4 | 19 |
| 3 | University of Allahabad | 179 | 1755 | 9.8 | 24 | 0 | 6 | 25 |
| 4 | Banaras Hindu University | 138 | 1347 | 9.76 | 22 | 0 | 5 | 19 |
| 5 | All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi | 121 | 2262 | 18.69 | 21 | 4 | 8 | 8 |
| 6 | Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay | 79 | 675 | 8.54 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| 7 | Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur | 79 | 1449 | 18.34 | 17 | 5 | 3 | 9 |
| 8 | Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education Research, Chandigarh | 70 | 625 | 8.93 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| 9 | University of Mumbai | 66 | 427 | 6.12 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| 10 | Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi | 61 | 723 | 11.85 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 11 | University of Calcutta | 60 | 485 | 8.08 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| 12 | Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur | 54 | 298 | 5.52 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 13 | Karnataka University | 53 | 653 | 12.32 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| 14 | Tata Institute of Social Sciences | 53 | 492 | 7.96 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 3 |

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|----|---|----|------|-------|----|---|---|----|
| 15 | Manipal Academy of Higher Education | 46 | 230 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| 16 | Indian Council of Medical Research | 44 | 693 | 15.75 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| 17 | Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad | 42 | 1354 | 32.24 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| 18 | Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi | 41 | 89 | 2.17 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 19 | Defence Research and Development Organisation | 40 | 483 | 12.08 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| 20 | Department of Biotechnology | 38 | 424 | 11.16 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| 21 | Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore | 37 | 728 | 19.68 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| 22 | University of Hyderabad | 36 | 182 | 5.06 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 22 | Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar | 35 | 192 | 5.49 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 24 | Savitribai Phule Pune University | 35 | 356 | 10.17 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 25 | Panjab University | 34 | 106 | 3.12 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

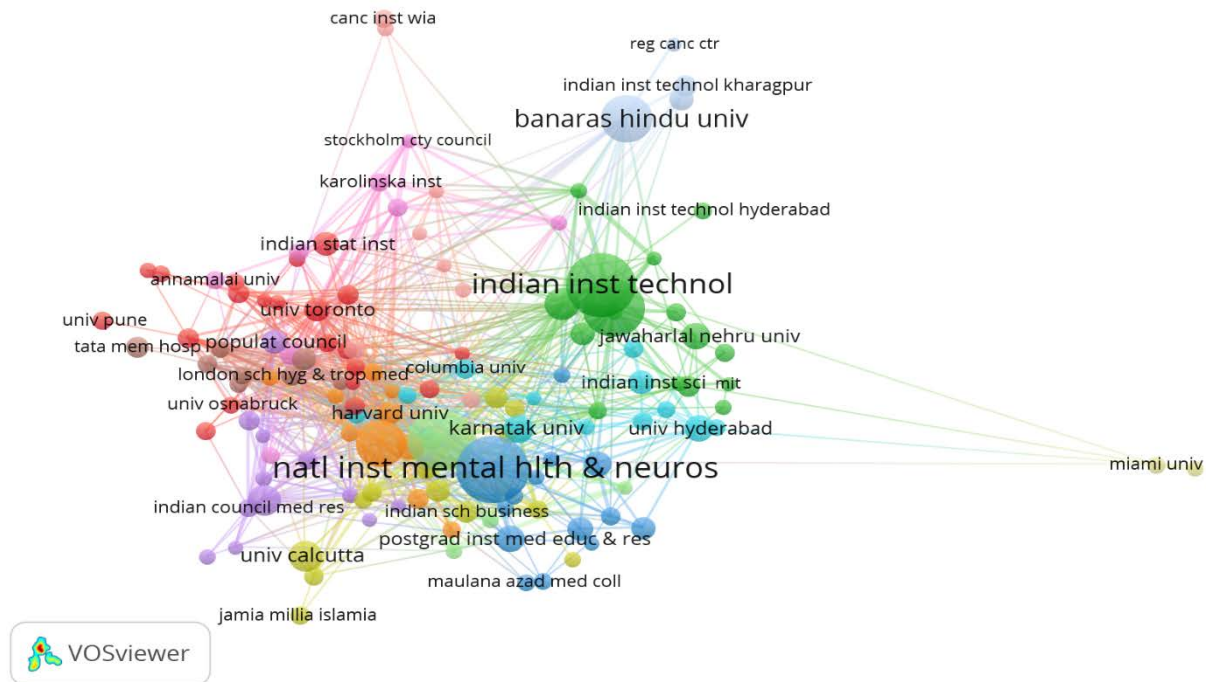


Figure 7. Co-authorship network of institutions with a threshold of 10 publications

VII. Keywords Analysis

Table 8 presents the list of the top 25 author keywords. The words such as India, culture, HIV, and depression are the most frequently used keywords by the authors. Figure 8 shows the network map of author keywords analyzed by VOSviewer software. The keywords used in at least five publications are shown in the network. The size of the circle in the network represents the number of publications in which each keyword appears. In general, if the size of the circle is larger, that means the keyword is used more frequently in different publications, which can be verified in Table 8. The distance between keywords in the network represents their association; if two keywords are close, they are often used together in several publications. The color of the circles shows different clusters of keywords.

Table. 8 Top 25 co-occurrence of author keywords

| Rank | Author Keywords | Occurrences |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | India | 272 |
| 2 | Culture | 82 |
| 3 | HIV | 65 |
| 4 | Depression | 64 |
| 5 | Anxiety | 43 |
| 6 | Attention | 35 |
| 7 | Cross-Cultural | 35 |
| 8 | Gender | 32 |
| 9 | Mental Health | 32 |
| 10 | Quantitative | 32 |
| 11 | Adolescents | 31 |
| 12 | Meditation | 31 |
| 13 | Stress | 31 |
| 14 | Children | 29 |
| 15 | Schizophrenia | 29 |
| 16 | Autism | 28 |
| 17 | Cognition | 27 |
| 18 | Emotion | 27 |
| 19 | Memory | 26 |
| 20 | Quality of life | 26 |
| 21 | Eeg | 22 |
| 22 | Personality | 22 |
| 23 | Stigma | 20 |
| 24 | Bilingualism | 19 |
| 25 | Mindfulness | 19 |

development of the field and to increase research output. The study highlights that apart from government-funded institutions, private investment initiatives and public-private partnerships can also play an important role in increasing the research output and quality of research. Moreover, international collaboration in publications can play a significant role in improving research quality. As the study shows, although many scholars are actively involved in research, they need to be motivated for quality research by offering special incentives and promotions.

Along with the above outcome, the study also has some limitations. As mentioned in the methodology section, the data for this study was obtained from the Web of Science. However, several other databases may provide different perspectives on research output in this field. Furthermore, the study used bibliometric indicators like citations, h-index, etc., to examine the quality of the publications. Still, many other indicators can be incorporated to scrutinize the quality of the publications.

Finally, the limitation of the study is the keyword used for analysis. “Psychology” is a broad term that may or may not cover every aspect of psychological research. However, as per the scope of the present study, the aim of this study has been successfully achieved with the mentioned keyword.

IX. Conclusion

This Web of Science-based Scientometrics Review provides a comprehensive overview of the development and structure of psychological research in India from 1989 to 2020. The analysis has been divided into four parts. First, the growth of publications is analysed along with the leading countries in Psychology research output, India’s global standing in the world in terms of Psychology publications, and interdisciplinary research areas of psychology. The United States is the leading country in Psychology research, accounting for more than 47% of the total publications. It is followed far behind by England (9.18%), Canada (6.99%), Germany (6.71%), Australia (4.65%), Netherlands

(3.95%), France (2.52%), and Spain (2.41%). India holds the 34th position globally concerning Psychology research output with 4,244 publications. The highest papers were related to Clinical Psychology followed by Experimental Psychology, Psychiatry, Developmental Psychology, Neurosciences and Applied Psychology. 1997 was the least productive year with 32 publications, while 2016 was the most productive year with 396 publications. Second, the citation structure of India's publications is analysed, including cited vs. uncited papers, general citation structure, and 25 top-cited papers. It was found that 20 papers were cited more than 200 times while 40 were cited more than 100 times. The 2010 publications achieved the highest total citations (3689) followed by 2005 (2831), 2014 (2801), 2013 (2388), 2018 (2377), while the publications of 2002 achieved the highest average citations per paper (42.95). The highly cited paper is "Is general self-efficacy a universal construct? Psychometric findings from 25 countries," with 721 citations published in the European Journal of Psychological Assessment in 2002. The study found that "Bayesian inference for psychology. Part II: Example applications with JASP" by Wagenmakers EJ, published in the journal *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review* (2018), is second highest cited paper with 710 citations. The journal *International Journal of Psychology*, *Psycho-Oncology*, *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, *Aids Care-Psychological and Socio-Medical Aspects of Aids/HIV*, *Frontiers in Psychology* and *Physiology & Behaviour* are key journals in publishing India's scientific production in Psychology. After that, the most productive and influential authors and institutions are studied along with their co-authorship network maps. Andrade C from the National Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences, Bangalore, is the most productive author, while Patel V from Sangath, Goa, is the most influential author. The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences is the most productive Institute, whereas the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, is the most influential Institute. At last, keywords are analysed along with the co-occurrence network of author keywords. The words India, culture, HIV, depression, anxiety, attention, cross-culture, gender, and mental health are the most frequently used author keywords.

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