SDG 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Indicator 17.2.2 — Cross-Sectoral SDG Dialogue

Initiating and participating in dialogue with government, NGOs, industry and communities

3	2	2	400
cross-sectoral SDG dialogues hosted in 2025	countries represented (India, UAE)	NGOs in dialogue	farmers in dialogue with government

Centurion University of Technology and Management, Andhra Pradesh (CUTM AP)

Tekkali Village, Nellimarla Mandal, Vizianagaram – 535003, Andhra Pradesh, India

Evidence report for Times Higher Education Impact Rankings · Reporting period: January – December 2025

17.2.2 The Indicator and Our Response

What Times Higher Education asks, and what CUTM AP reports for 2025

Indicator 17.2.2 asks whether the university initiates and participates in cross-sectoral dialogue about the SDGs — for example, conferences involving government or NGOs.

In 2025 Centurion University of Technology and Management, Andhra Pradesh (CUTM AP) initiated and hosted three cross-sectoral dialogues on SDG themes. Each brought together government, non-government organisations, industry, academia and communities: a farmers' convention on rural livelihoods with the Government of Andhra Pradesh; an international seminar on forensic science and justice with government forensic laboratories, a government medical institute and the Dubai Police Academy; and an expert dialogue on sustainable agriculture with central agricultural research institutions and the M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation.

17.2.2 element	Answer	CUTM AP evidence in 2025	Proof
Initiate cross-sectoral dialogue about the SDGs	✔ Yes	All three dialogues were organised and hosted by CUTM AP on its Vizianagaram campus.	Sections 1–3
Dialogue involving government	✔ Yes	Government of Andhra Pradesh ministers, District Collector, MP, MLAs and 2 government departments; Regional Forensic Science Laboratory (Government of Madhya Pradesh); AIIMS Bathinda; Dubai Police Academy (UAE); RPCAU and ICAR-NRC for Orchids.	Annex G, H
Dialogue involving NGOs and civil society	✔ Yes	M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Jeypore; ZBNF Sanjeevini Organisation, Paderu; 8 Farmer Producer Organisations.	Annex G
Dialogue about the SDGs	✔ Yes	Rural incomes and sustainable farming (SDG 1, 2, 8); forensic science, justice and strong institutions (SDG 16); sustainable livelihoods and conservation agriculture (SDG 2, 8, 15).	Sections 1–3

Dialogue hosted by CUTM AP	Government	NGO / civil society	Industry	Academia / research	Community
2nd Rythu Sammelanam (8 Nov 2025)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Forensic Finds 2K25 International Seminar (23–25 Sep 2025)	✔	—	✔	✔	—
AgriSphere expert dialogue (30 Jan 2025)	✔	✔	—	✔	—

Sectors represented in each dialogue, as recorded in the event reports and posters.

1 2nd Rythu Sammelanam 2025

Government, NGOs, industry, scientists and farmers in dialogue on rural livelihoods

SDGs served: 

On 8 November 2025 the university convened the 2nd Rythu Sammelanam in the Atrium of C-Block on its Vizianagaram campus, from 10 AM to 5 PM. It brought farmers face to face with government, Farmer Producer Organisations, agri-input companies, a natural-farming organisation and scientists to discuss the challenges farmers face, new technologies, government schemes, marketing and value addition as routes to higher incomes.

400	8	13	2
farmers	Farmer Producer Organisations	input companies	government departments

Sector	Who took part	Role in the dialogue
Government	Sri Kondapalli Srinivas, Minister for MSME and SERP (Chief Guest, per event report); Sri Kinjarapu Atchannaidu, Minister for Agriculture (invited, per poster); Sri S. Ram Sundar Reddy, IAS, District Collector; Sri Kalisetti Appalanaidu, MP; Smt P. Aditi Vijayalakshmi Gajapathi Raju, MLA; Smt Lokam Naga Madhavi, MLA; 2 government departments	Policy makers and officials presenting schemes and hearing farmers
NGO / civil society	ZBNF Sanjeevini Organisation, Paderu (natural farming); 8 Farmer Producer Organisations	Community-based organisations and farmer collectives
Industry	13 agricultural input companies, with exhibition stalls	Technology and inputs
Academia / research	CUTM AP scientists; CUTM Odisha; PJTSAU Extension Education Institute member	Farmer–scientist interaction
Community	400 farmers and 100 school students	Raising problems and learning about solutions



Inauguration of the convention on campus



Farmers, officials and guests in the campus Atrium

1 Rythu Sammelanam — Proof

Public poster and photographs



Poster in Telugu naming the government, NGO and partner participants (full translation in the SDG 4.3.2 report).



Farmers taking part in the dialogue



Stalls of companies, FPOs and departments

HOW THIS MEETS INDICATOR 17.2.2

The university initiated a dialogue on farm incomes and sustainable agriculture that brought together state government, district administration, NGOs, farmer organisations, industry, scientists and the farming community.

PROOF ATTACHED

- ▸ Annex G4 – Public poster
- ▸ Annex G5–G6 – Photographs of the convention

2 Forensic Finds 2K25 — International Seminar

International Seminar on Next-Generation Approaches in Forensic Science, 23–25 September 2025

SDGs served (and SDG 16): 

The university hosted Forensic Finds 2K25, its annual international seminar, on the Vizianagaram campus. Over three days, experts from a state government forensic laboratory, a government medical institute, the Dubai Police Academy, a university and a biotechnology company discussed how forensic science supports crime investigation, emergency services and the criminal justice system — the strong institutions at the heart of SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions).

3	6	2	1
days	invited talks	countries (India, UAE)	moot court

Sector	Who took part	Role in the dialogue
Government (India)	Dr. Vinod Dhingra, Senior Scientific Officer, Regional Forensic Science Laboratory, Gwalior (Government of Madhya Pradesh) — inaugural guest	Role of forensic science in crime scene investigation
Government medical institute	Prof. Akhilesh Pathak, Professor and Head, Forensic Medicine, AIIMS Bathinda, Punjab	Strengthening emergency services through forensic science
International law enforcement	Prof. Hossam Elshenraki, Professor in Criminal Investigation, Dubai Police Academy, UAE	Digital forensic investigation in the quantum-computing era
Academia	Dr. Vinny Sharma, Galgotias University; Prof. K. V. Ravi Kumar, Dean, School of Forensic Science, CUTM AP	AI in investigation; forensic science in the criminal justice system
Industry	Dr. Rupak Roy, Research Scientist, SRHM Biotechnologies, Kolkata	Career pathways in industry, research and innovation

2 Forensic Finds 2K25 — Photographic Evidence

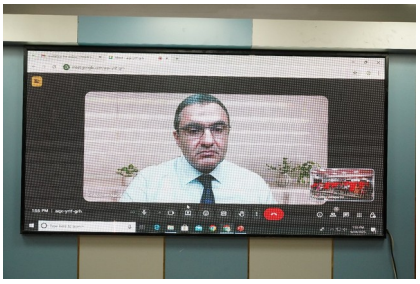
Speakers from government, international, academic and industry sectors



Inauguration with Dr. Vinod Dhingra (Government of Madhya Pradesh)



Dr. Vinod Dhingra on forensic science in crime investigation



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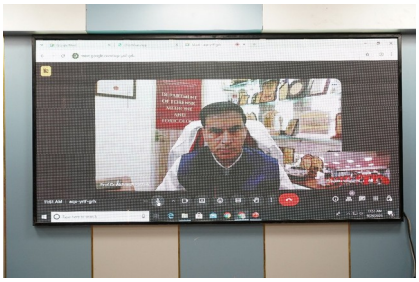

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Dr. Rupak Roy, SRHM Biotechnologies



Prof. K. V. Ravi Kumar on forensic science and the justice system



Moot court on courtroom procedure

HOW THIS MEETS INDICATOR 17.2.2

An international seminar initiated by the university that brought government, international law-enforcement, medical, academic and industry voices together on justice and strong institutions (SDG 16).

PROOF ATTACHED

▸ Annex H1–H8 – Photographs of the inauguration, speakers and moot court

3 AgriSphere — Expert Dialogue on Sustainable Agriculture

Guest Lecture Series 1, 30 January 2025, with government research bodies and an NGO

SDGs served: 

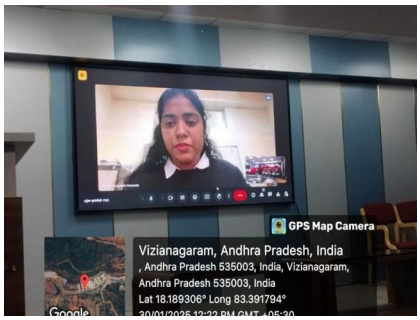
On 30 January 2025 the university hosted “AgriSphere: Exploring Innovations with Experts”, from 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM in Gallery Hall-1, with the experts joining online. Speakers from a central agricultural university, an Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) centre and the M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation discussed sustainable livelihoods through natural farming, floriculture entrepreneurship and conservation agriculture.

3	1	2	40
partner institutions	NGO (MSSRF)	government research bodies	faculty, students and researchers

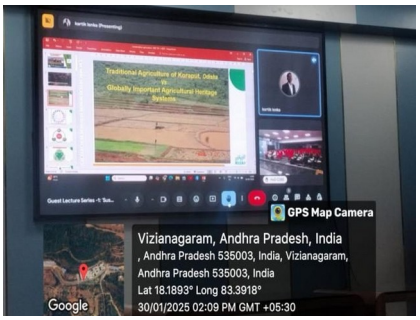
Sector	Who took part	Role in the dialogue
Government (central university)	Dr. Umakanta Behera, Director of Education, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), Pusa, Bihar — keynote speaker	Natural and conservation agriculture
Government research	Nikhila Vaagdevi A, Scientist, ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, Sikkim	Floriculture entrepreneurship
NGO	Dr. L. Karthik Charan, Scientist, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Jeypore	Sustainable livelihoods
Academia	Centurion School of Smart Agriculture, CUTM AP — 40 faculty, students and researchers	Host and participants



Event poster: speakers from RPCAU, ICAR-NRC and MSSRF



Expert speaking online (geo-tagged, 30 Jan 2025)



Online presentation in Gallery Hall-1 (geo-tagged, 30 Jan 2025)

HOW THIS MEETS INDICATOR 17.2.2

The university initiated an expert dialogue on sustainable agriculture involving two government research institutions and a leading NGO.

PROOF ATTACHED

- Annex G1 – Event poster
- Annex G2–G3 – Geo-tagged photographs

4 Summary of Evidence

Indicator 17.2.2 — Centurion University of Technology and Management, Andhra Pradesh, 2025

Dialogue	Date	Government / NGO participants	SDG themes	Proof
2nd Rythu Sammelanam	08-11-2025	Government of Andhra Pradesh ministers, District Collector, MP, MLAs, 2 government departments; ZBNF Sanjeevini Organisation; 8 FPOs	SDG 1, 2, 8	**Annex G**
Forensic Finds 2K25 International Seminar	23–25 Sept 2025	RFSL Gwalior (Government of Madhya Pradesh); AIIMS Bathinda; Dubai Police Academy (UAE)	SDG 16, 4	**Annex H**
AgriSphere expert dialogue	30-01-2025	RPCAU, Pusa; ICAR-NRC for Orchids, Sikkim; MSSRF, Jeypore (NGO)	SDG 2, 8, 15	**Annex G**

3	2	2	8
dialogues initiated	countries	NGOs	FPOs

ANNEXURES

Proof documents for SDG 17.2.2

G1	**AgriSphere — event poster —** 30 January 2025; speakers from RPCAU (Pusa), ICAR-NRC for Orchids (Sikkim) and MSSRF (Jeypore)
G2	**AgriSphere — photograph —** Online expert session in Gallery Hall-1 (geo-tagged, 30 Jan 2025)
G3	**AgriSphere — photograph —** Expert speaking online (geo-tagged, 30 Jan 2025)
G4	**2nd Rythu Sammelanam — public poster —** Lists Government of Andhra Pradesh ministers, District Collector, MP, MLAs and partner organisations
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AgriSphere — event poster

30 January 2025; speakers from RPCAU (Pusa), ICAR-NRC for Orchids (Sikkim) and MSSRF (Jeypore)


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Shaping Lives... Empowering Communities...
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
4 QUALITY EDUCATION
17 Partnerships for the Goals
"AgriSphere: Exploring Innovations with Experts"
GUEST LECTURE SERIES - 1
Keynote Speaker
DR. UMAKANTA BEHERA
DIRECTOR EDU., RPCAU, PUSA, BIHAR
NIKHILA VAAGDEVI A
SCIENTIST, ICAR-NRC, SIKKIM
DR. L. KARTHIK CHARAN
SCIENTIST, MSSRF, JEYPORE
30 JANUARY 2025
11:00 AM - 04:30 PM
VENUE: GALLERY -01
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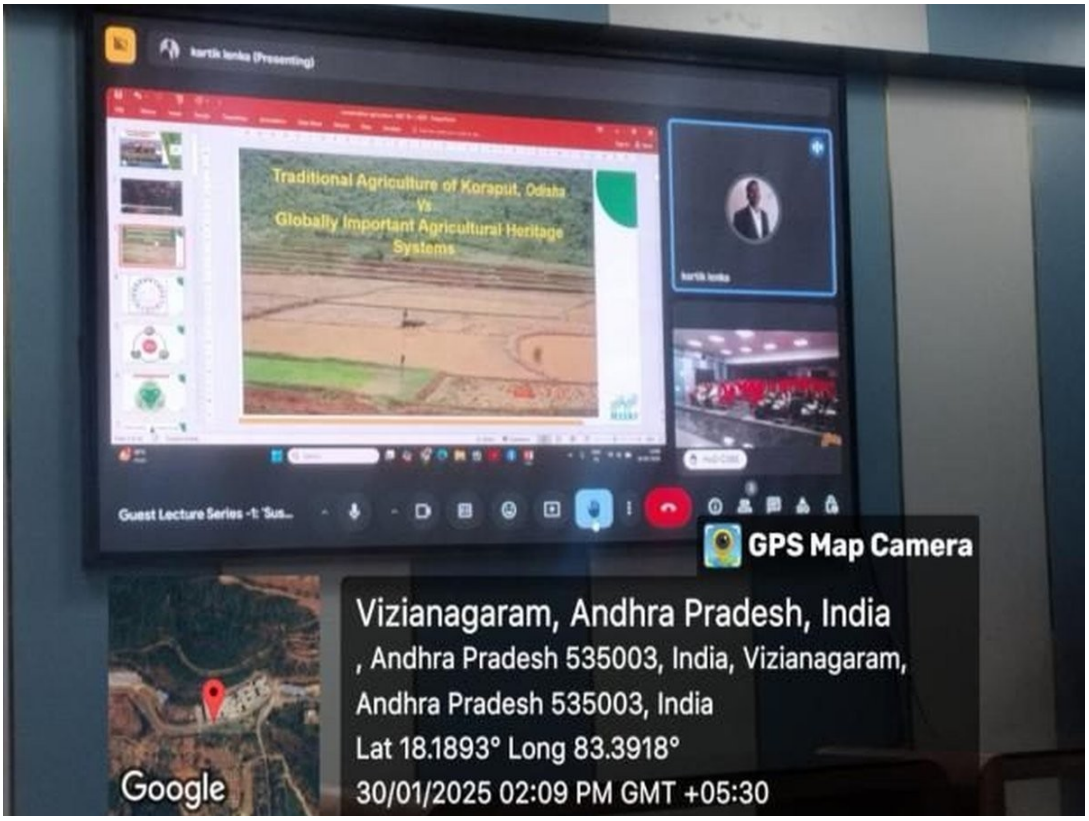
AgriSphere — photograph

Online expert session in Gallery Hall-1 (geo-tagged, 30 Jan 2025)



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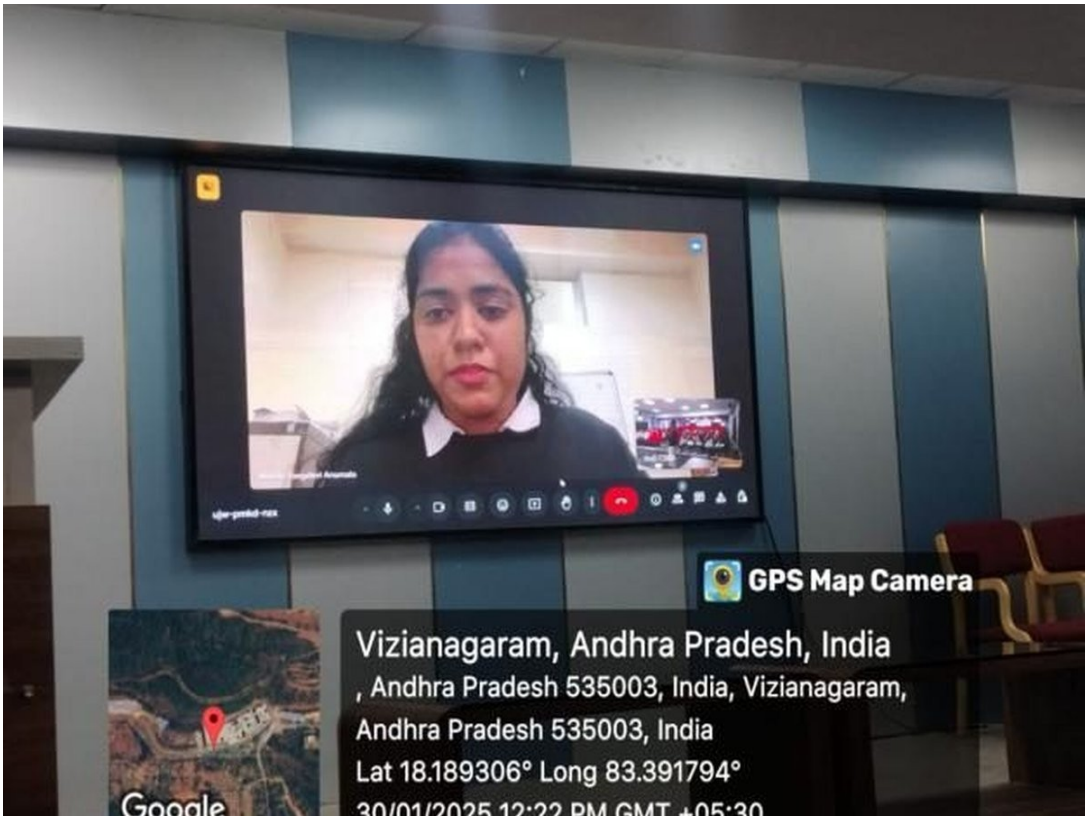

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2nd Rythu Sammelanam — public poster

Lists Government of Andhra Pradesh ministers, District Collector, MP, MLAs and partner organisations



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2nd Rythu Sammelanam — photograph

Inauguration of the convention on campus



G6

2nd Rythu Sammelanam — photograph

Farmers taking part in the dialogue



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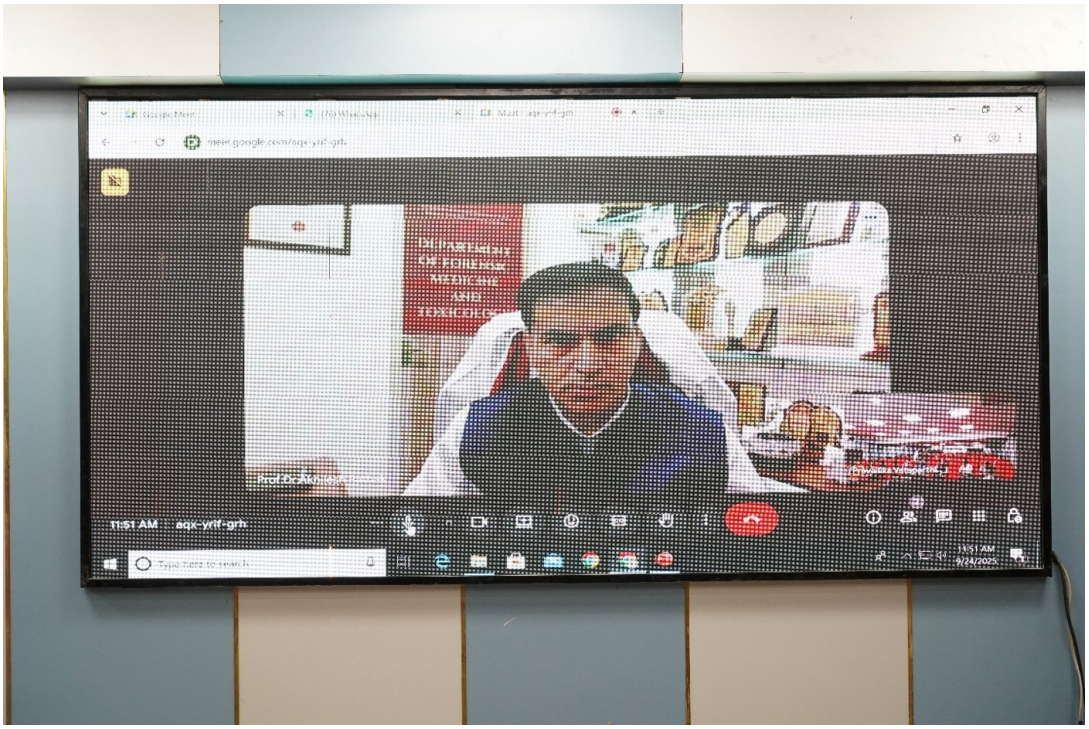

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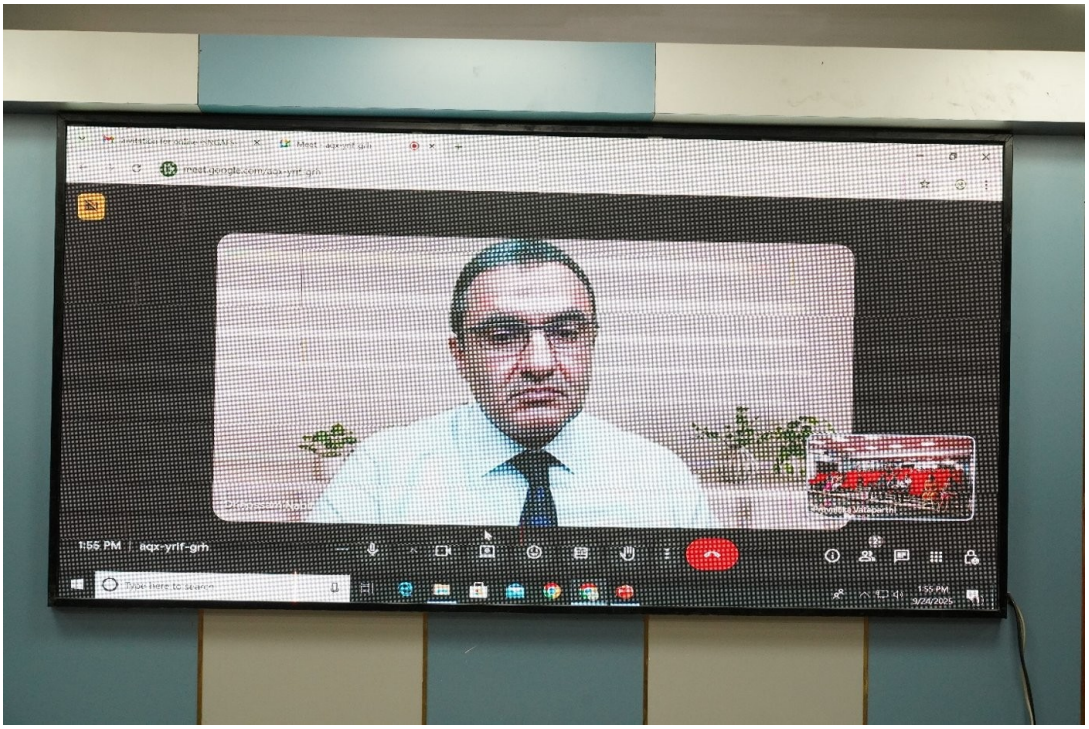
Prof. Hossam Elshenraki, Dubai Police Academy, UAE (online)



H8 Forensic Finds 2K25 — photograph

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