

## **Counselling Services**

Name	Profile	Availability	Contact Information
Ayesha Dastagir	Ayesha Dastagir is a psychologist and cognitive hypnotherapist with an M.Sc, in Clinical Psychology. She has a counselling experience of 9 years and has worked in clinical as well as educational settings. She specializes in the following counselling fields: personal relationships, academic and work-related stress, anxiety, panic attacks, abuse counselling (sexual abuse, relationship abuse, marital abuse), depression, body image issues and work-life balance.  Pronouns: she, her, hers	Saturdays from 10 AM to 5 PM	Please reach out to her at counsellor.ayesha@nls.ac.in by Thursday in a given week for an appointment on Saturday.  Given the on-going pandemic, Ms. Dastagir will attempt to make herself available at an alternate time if a student in need is unable to avail a session on a Saturday. Students are required to email her to fix a time.
Rovan Varghese	Rovan has a background of over 20 years in learning and development and leadership coaching. He began his counselling journey in 2018 after completing 'Basic Skills In Counselling' with Parivarthan. A queer person himself, Rovan is also a certified Queer Affirmative Counselling Practitioner. He believes in creating positive and affirmative spaces for everyone across spectrums of gender and sexuality. He recognizes the cross-sectionality of experiences and addresses it with a humanistic view. He follows an integrative approach in his counselling and uses various methods to create a therapeutic space for clients to explore and navigate through their concerns and reach spaces of resolution.  He provides therapeutic support in English, Hindi, Malayalam and basic Tamil.  Pronouns: he, him, his	Monday to Saturday	Please reach out to him at counsellor.rovan@nls.ac.in  Students are required to reach out to him a day (24 hrs) in advance to request an appointment.



Amrita Kaur	Amrita has a background of 18 years of experience in learning, counselling, training and consulting. Amrita is a certified Queer Affirmative Counselling Practitioner. She began her counselling journey in 2018. Currently, she works as a Counsellor and Wellness Coach with private individual clients, corporate employees, and individuals in non-profit organizations. Her areas of interest are Interpersonal Relationships, career guidance, stress, anxiety, sexual identity, gender identity, marriage, divorce, addiction, loneliness, grief and loss.  She provides therapeutic support in English and Hindi.  Pronouns: she, her, hers	Monday to Saturday	Please reach out to her at counsellor.amrita@nls.ac.in  Students are required to reach out to her a day (24 hrs) in advance to request an appointment.
Aparna Ramakrishnan	Aparna is a Counsellor and Dance Movement Psychotherapist and works with adolescents and adults. Aparna has a B.Sc, M.Sc. and an M.A. in Dance Movement Psychotherapy from Goldsmiths, University of London. She strongly believes in integrating mental health with the use of the body as a creative outlet. She also holds a strong ethical outlook of creating a safe space of inclusivity and non-judgment. Aparna is also a certified Queer Affirmative Counselling Practitioner  She provides therapeutic support in English, Hindi and Tamil.	Monday to Saturday	Please reach out to her at counsellor.aparna@nls.ac.in  Students are required to reach out to her a day (24 hrs) in advance to request an appointment.

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