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## Sattvic personality trait as a major determinant of adolescent well-being: An exploratory pathway analysis between EPOCH measure of well-being, emotional styles, mind-wandering and the triguna personality traits

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## **Biography**

Rahul Rama Rao is a distinguished researcher at the Centre for Consciousness Studies, within the Department of Neurophysiology at NIMHANS (National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences), located in Bengaluru, Karnataka, India. Renowned for his pioneering work in the field of neurophysiology, Rahul has dedicated his career to exploring the intricacies of consciousness and the brain's complex functions. His contributions to the Centre for Consciousness Studies have been instrumental in advancing our understanding of the neural mechanisms underlying conscious experience. Through his research at NIMHANS, Rahul Rama Rao continues to push the boundaries of neuroscience, fostering a deeper comprehension of the human mind.