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A photograph of three men standing in front of a light-colored, vertically-ribbed wall. The man on the left is wearing a white shirt and glasses. The man in the center is wearing a white shirt and is holding a book titled "Kidney Health For All" which features a blue cover with a kidney illustration. The man on the right is wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a light blue shirt and glasses. The text below the image is in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline.

HONOURABLE CHANCELLOR INTERACTS WITH EMINENT TRANSPLANT SURGEON Dr. SUNIL SHROFF

Dr. Sunil Shroff, a renowned Senior Consultant Urologist and Kidney Transplant Surgeon, held a cordial interaction with the Honourable Chancellor of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation – Deemed to be University, Dr. A. S. Ganesan. The meeting was facilitated by Mr. Ajay Sharma, Director – International Relations, VMRF-DU. Dr. Shroff currently serves as Senior Consultant in Urology and Renal Transplantation at Madras Medical Mission Hospital. He initiated the kidney transplantation programme at Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute in 1995 and implemented the deceased donor transplantation programme in 1996, making the institution one of the early pioneers in this field in India.

He has also contributed significantly to academic training by initiating courses in urology and transplantation, mentoring more than 20 M.Ch. postgraduates and around 100 Allied Health Science graduates. Dr. Shroff performed India's first kidney transplant on an HIV-positive patient and has also conducted kidney transplants using organs from cobra-bite brain-death donors.

As the Founder Trustee of MOHAN Foundation, he has been actively promoting deceased organ donation since 1997. His contributions were also recognised when he appeared as a special guest on Kaun Banega Crorepati, where his work was appreciated by Amitabh Bachchan.



VINAYAKA MISSIONS SALEM CAMPUS



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Medical College & Hospital, Salem

Dr. VIJAYAKARTHIKEYAN M. NOMINATED TREASURER OF IPHA TAMIL NADU

Dr. Vijayakarthiskeyan M, from the Community Medicine Department was nominated as the Treasurer of the Tamil Nadu State Branch (2026 - 2028) of the prestigious Indian Public Health Association (IPHA), one of the oldest associations founded in 1956.



RD PANDIT AWARD FOR BEST THESIS TO Dr. ANANYA GIRISH

Dr Ananya Girish, Alumna of M.S OBG batch of 2022 received the RD Pandit Award for best thesis in OBG by Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology Society of India (FOGSI) at the All India Congress of OBG held in New Delhi from Jan 14th to Jan 18th 2026. A special mention to Dr. Jeyamani M'am and the Department of OBG for guiding and supporting her thesis work.



GUEST LECTURE BY Dr. PRIYA K. DHAS

Dr. Priya K. Dhas, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry was the Guest Speaker and delivered a lecture on "Role of Biomarkers in the Early Detection of Diseases," in the National Seminar – MEDLAB-2K26, organized by Annai JKK Sampoorani Ammal College of Allied Health Sciences, Komarapalayam, on 17th March 2026.



Vinayaka Mission's Sankarachariyar Dental College, Salem

Dr. K. MOHAMED ADHIL BAGS FIRST PRIZE FOR HIS PAPER ON BIODEGRADABLE COLLAGEN MEMBRANE

Dr. K. Mohamed Adhil from the Periodontology Department received First Prize for his Scientific Paper Presentation titled "Biodegradable collagen membrane derived from Channa striata fish scales for guided tissue regeneration." The paper was presented at the Global College of Oral Implantologists (GCOI) Congress, at Guwahati, Assam.



PERIODONTOLOGY PROFESSOR WAS AN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEMBER AT NCCT2030 NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Professor Dr. D. Jayachandiran was an Organizing Committee Member at the National Conference on Clinical Trials 2030: The Next Era (NCCT2030), held at Annapurna auditorium on February 21.

HOD PARTICIPATED IN PDF ON TMJ ANKYLOSIS

Professor and HoD of Public Health Dentistry Dr. N. Saravanan participated in a Professional Development Program (PDP) Clinical Society Meeting on "TMJ Ankylosis - Role of Maxillofacial Surgeons." The programme was held on March 26.



Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Salem

HOD COMPLETED COURSE ON E CONTENT, MOOCS AND MORE

Dr. S. Karthik, HoD of Physiology and Biochemistry completed a Two-Week Online Multi-Disciplinary Refresher Course (A + Grade) on E-content, MOOCs, Artificial Intelligence in Education. The course was organized by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi from February 9 to 21.



Dr. A. VETTRIVEL WAS THE CHIEF GUEST AT A SALEM SCHOOL'S ANNUAL DAY

Dr. A. Vettrivel, Community Medicine was the Chief Guest at the 39th Annual Day Celebration of Seventh-day Adventist Matriculation School, Salem on March 23. During the event, he delivered a motivational address to students and parents, creating awareness about healthy lifestyle practices, balanced nutrition, and the importance of preventive health.

TRIO AUTHORED RESEARCH STUDY ON LIVER CANCER AT HOMOEOPATHY JOURNAL

Professor Mr. Arun R. Nair, Professor Mr. Venkateshan Hariram and Dr. Vettrivel Arul authored a Research Study titled "Cytotoxic Potential of Chionanthus Virginica Q in Liver Cancer Research." The study was published in the Indian Journal of Research in Homoeopathy (Scopus Indexed).

PROFESSOR AND ALUMNI AUTHORED ARTICLE ON SCREENING OF ANTIUROLITHIATIC ACTIVITY

Professor Dr. Satesh T. from the Department of Homoeopathic Pharmacy and Dr. Loganathan G., Alumni of VMHMC&H authored an article titled “Screening of antiurolithiatic activity of Different Formulations of Homoeopathic Medicines Using Calcium Oxalate Crystallisation Assay.”

Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem

Dr. S. MALATHI ASSISTED ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF NCCT2030

Dr. S. Malathi from the Department of Community Health Nursing served as an Organizing Committee Member for the National Conference on Clinical Trials 2030: The Next Era (NCCT2030). The conference was held at Annapurna Auditorium on March 21.

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem

DIRECTOR OFFICIATED CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMME AS THE CHIEF GUEST

Professor and Director Dr. B. Sendilkumar, was the Chief Guest for a Career Guidance Programme organized by Omega Events on March 27, at Ooty. Dr. B. Sendilkumar gave an insightful and inspiring session on career opportunities in Allied Health Sciences and the importance of skill development in the healthcare sector.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem



STUDENTS VISITED NEP 2020 EXHIBITION

A group of 15 students along with the NEP Coordinator, visited an exhibition on the topic "Role of Indian Languages in NEP 2020" organized by VMACON, on March 23.

NOTABLE ALUMNI

Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem

Aleena V Paulose
At VMACoN: B.Sc.(N),2025
After VMACoN: Trainee Nurse
Rajagiri Hospital
Kerala, India



School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem



Mr.Mussafah
At SAHS: Trauma Care Management, 2021
After SAHS: Paramedic Technician
MW1& MW2 Industrial Zone, Dubai, UAE

UPCOMING EVENTS

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem ENTHUZIA 2K26

“Enthuzia 2K26” will be conducted by the SCA in association with the Fine Arts Club and Sports Club. The event will be graced by Manathi P. Ganesan, Arjuna Award-winning Kabaddi player, who will attend as the Chief Guest and motivate students with his inspiring presence. The programme will celebrate student talent, sportsmanship, and cultural enthusiasm, bringing together participants for a vibrant and engaging experience.

NEW INFRASTRUCTURE / FACILITIES CREATED / RENOVATED ON CAMPUS

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem OPTOMETRY CLINICAL EQUIPMENT DONATION

On the occasion of World Optometry Day celebrated annually on 23 March to recognise the optometry profession and promote vision care awareness among the public, the Department of Optometry organised an awareness programme on 23 March 2026 at the Dr. A.S.G. Auditorium. During the event, the Optometry students donated clinical equipment to their department, which was formally received by the Director. The programme was followed by various cultural events organised by the students, adding enthusiasm and celebration to the occasion.



EVENTS ORGANISED

Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Medical College & Hospital, Salem

NATIONAL IAPSM UNDERGRADUATE QUIZ - COLLEGE LEVEL ROUND

The Department of Community Medicine organised the College Level Round of the National IAPSM Undergraduate Quiz on 28 March 2026. The quiz programme aimed to enhance students' knowledge and awareness in the field of community medicine and public health. The session was conducted by Dr. Vijayakarthiskeyan M, who served as the Quiz Master, engaging participants through an interactive and intellectually stimulating competition.

URBAN HEALTH TRAINING CENTRE (UHTC) OUTREACH CAMP

The Department of Community Medicine conducted an outreach UHTC OG Camp on 28 March 2026 to provide essential healthcare services and awareness to the community. The camp focused on maternal and reproductive health, offering consultations, basic screenings, and health education to the beneficiaries.

TB AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT POOLAVARI



In observance of tuberculosis awareness initiatives, the Department of Community Medicine organised a TB Awareness Programme at Poolavari on 26 March 2026. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Elakkiya S, who educated the public about the prevention, early detection, and treatment of Tuberculosis, emphasising

the importance of timely diagnosis and adherence to treatment.

Vinayaka Mission's Sankarachariyar Dental College, Salem

DENTAL SCREENING & AWARENESS CAMP ON ORAL HEALTH DAY



In observance of World Oral Health Day, under the aegis of the Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry (ISPPD), the Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry organized a dental screening and oral health awareness camp on 20 March 2026 at Silverlines Matriculation School.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Pradeep Daniel Gaineoss, Associate Professor. As part of the celebration, drawing and other creative competitions were organized for school children to promote awareness about oral hygiene. Around 400 children underwent dental screening during the camp.

On the same day, children from Nesackkarangal Home for Destitutes were provided comprehensive dental treatment at the Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry. Various procedures such as scaling, restorations (fillings), pit and fissure sealants, extractions, and root canal treatments were rendered free of cost under the supervision of Dr. Karteek Eswara. A total of 7 beneficiaries received treatment during this outreach initiative.

WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY AWARENESS & SCREENING PROGRAMME

To mark World Oral Health Day, the Department of Public Health Dentistry conducted a Dental Awareness and Screening Programme on 24 March 2026 at Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorani Matriculation School. The initiative aimed to promote oral hygiene awareness and encourage healthy dental practices among school children.



The programme included a comprehensive dental screening camp, oral health education sessions, and engaging activities such as quiz and coloring competitions on oral health themes. Students were provided oral hygiene kits and educational pamphlets to reinforce good dental care practices. A training session for teachers was also conducted to help them guide students in maintaining oral hygiene. Additional activities such as a Selfie Smile campaign and a Student Oral Health Pledge ceremony were organized to create a lasting awareness impact.

The programme received an enthusiastic response from the school management, teachers, and students, benefitting a total of 332 children.

CLINICAL SOCIETY MEETING ON TMJ ANKYLOSIS

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery conducted a Clinical Society Meeting on 26 March 2026 at Founder's Hall on the topic "TMJ Ankylosis." The session commenced with a presentation by Dr. Kobhika, Assistant Professor, who spoke on "TMJ Ankylosis – Role of Maxillofacial Surgeons." This was followed by a case series presentation by Subhashini, CRRI, highlighting clinical management approaches.



Subsequently, Dr. Satvika, Second Year Postgraduate, delivered a presentation titled “Recent Updates – Journal Peek.” The programme concluded with an interactive MCQ session conducted by Dr. Barath Kumar, which encouraged active participation among attendees. A total of 85 participants attended, including 11 faculty members, 20 postgraduate students, and 54 CRRIs.

VALUE-ADDED COURSE ON CYBER SECURITY AND DATA PRIVACY FUNDAMENTALS

A Value-Added Course on Cyber Security and Data Privacy Fundamentals was conducted at Founder’s Hall on 26 and 27 March 2026. The 16-hour training programme was delivered by Mrs. Jyothi Ramaswamy. The course was organised for Second Year BDS students and Second Year Postgraduate students, focusing on key concepts of cyber security awareness, data protection principles, and safe digital practices in academic and professional environments. A total of 126 students actively participated in the programme.



SPECIAL DENTAL CLINIC PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL CARE NEEDS

The Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry organised a Special Dental Clinic Programme on 24 March 2026 aimed at providing dedicated oral healthcare services



for children with special care needs. The initiative also served as an educational opportunity for postgraduate students, enabling them to understand the unique behavioral patterns of children with special needs and deliver appropriate dental treatment. Children were transported to the clinic using the college vehicle and were accompanied by parents or caretakers from Salem Institute of Rehabilitation Special Education School, Salem. Dental care was provided under the close supervision of faculty members, ensuring compassionate and specialised treatment. A total of 5 children benefitted from the programme.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AT VMSDC

The Academic Awards 2025 was successfully conducted in a hybrid mode on 27.03.2026. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Dr. S. Aravind Kumar, Dean, Saveetha Dental College, and the Guest of Honour, Dr. J. Sabarinathan, Pro Vice Chancellor, VMRF (DU). The awardees, along with their parents and faculty members, attended the program, while other students and parents participated through the virtual platform. Distinguished dignitaries including Directors of VMRF, along with the Dean and Associate Deans, honored the awardees for their academic excellence. The program witnessed enthusiastic participation and was conducted successfully.



Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Salem

EXHIBITION ON “ROLE OF INDIAN LANGUAGES IN NEP-2020”



Students from the NEP Club visited an exhibition titled “Role of Indian Languages in NEP-2020” on 23 March 2026. The exhibition was organized by the NEP Students Club of Vinayaka Missions’ Annapoorana College of Nursing in collaboration with NEP SAARTHI – Vinayaka Mission’s Research Foundation (Deemed to be University) and was held at the college auditorium. The exhibition aimed to highlight the importance of Indian languages in the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020. The event provided students with valuable insights into multilingual education, the preservation of cultural heritage, and the significance of promoting mother tongues within the educational system.

RISE WEBINAR: RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT IN HOMOEOPATHIC RESEARCH - PART 2

The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), under the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, conducted the 21st lecture of its ongoing webinar series titled “RISE: Research Interactions for Student Enrichment Enhancement and Encouragement” on 24 March 2026 via Microsoft Teams.



The session focused on “Responsible Conduct in Homoeopathic Research – Part 2” and was delivered by Dr. Divya Taneja, Research Officer (H)/S-3 at CCRH. Undergraduate and postgraduate students from Vinayaka Mission’s Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Salem, actively participated in the programme, demonstrating the institution’s commitment to fostering research awareness and ethical practices among aspiring homoeopathic professionals.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ON WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY

On the occasion of World Tuberculosis Day an Orientation Programme was organised on 24 March 2026 at Lecture Hall-I.



The session was led by Dr. Arun R. Nair, Professor, Department of Practice of Medicine, addressing the students on the global theme “Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver.”

The lecture emphasized awareness, prevention, early diagnosis, and collective efforts required to eliminate tuberculosis. A total of 60 students participated in the programme.

BLOOD DONATION PROGRAMME

The Red Ribbon Club organized a Blood Donation Programme on 25 March 2026 at 12:05 PM at the Blood Bank of Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Medical College & Hospitals, Salem.



The programme was conducted in remembrance of the Hon'ble Founder Chancellor Dr. A. Shanmugasundaram. The initiative aimed to promote voluntary blood donation and encourage students and staff to contribute to lifesaving efforts. Around 15 volunteers actively participated and donated blood, making the programme a meaningful tribute.

Dr. MUKESH BATRA HOMOEOPATHY SCHOLARSHIP 2025-2026 DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY



The Dr. Mukesh Batra Homoeopathy Scholarship 2025–2026 Distribution Ceremony was held on 25 March 2026 with Prof. Dr. P. K. Sudhir, Vice Chancellor of VMRF (DU), as the Chief Guest. The scholarships were awarded to meritorious students: Anantha Lakshmi J received the Gold Medal, Snehal Shinde S received the Silver Medal, and Irayanbu V received the Bronze Medal.

GUEST LECTURE ON HOMOEOPATHIC MATERIA MEDICA FOR SKIN DISEASES

A Professor of Practice Guest Lecture was conducted for Final BHMS students on 25 March 2026. The session was delivered by Dr. Adline Jerald Paul (B.H.M.S., M.D. Hom) on the topic “Clinical Review of Homoeopathic Materia Medica for Skin Diseases.” The lecture emphasized practical clinical applications of homoeopathy, including accurate case-taking, symptom analysis, remedy selection, and the importance of individualization in treatment. Through relevant case examples, the speaker highlighted common clinical errors and provided practical solutions, helping students strengthen their clinical decision-making skills.



TRAINING SESSION ON NEEDLE STICK INJURY PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT

As part of the NABH Annual Training Plan a Training Session on Needle Stick Injury Prevention and Management was held on 26 March 2026. The session was delivered by Dr. K. Radha, Professor and Head, Department of Pathology, and Dr. Rony K. James, Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology.



The programme emphasised the importance of preventing needle stick injuries among healthcare workers. Key topics included safe handling of sharps, avoiding needle recapping, and proper biomedical waste disposal. A total of 25 participants, including teaching faculty, medical officers, and hospital support staff, attended the session.

LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY CELEBRATIONS



The NEP Students Club in association with the NEP Sarathi Club – VMRF (DU), organised a series of events celebrating linguistic diversity on 26 March 2026. The programme aimed to enhance awareness of India's linguistic and cultural diversity while promoting unity and mutual respect. Participants explored the cultural heritage of different states through interactive activities

related to the Indian Knowledge System. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 40 NEP Club members and students, encouraging cultural exchange and appreciation of India's multilingual heritage.

Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem

AWARENESS SESSION ON WORLD WATER DAY



On the occasion of World Water Day, the Environmental Students Club and NSS Unit of organised an Awareness Programme on 23 March 2026 at Government Primary School, Chinna Seeragapadi, Salem. The programme was conducted in alignment with the 2026 theme “Water & Gender” and the campaign slogan “Where Water Flows, Equality Grows.” During

the programme, student volunteers created awareness on water conservation and responsible water usage through poster displays and video presentations. They explained the importance of conserving water and demonstrated various practical water-saving methods to school children.

A total of 30 volunteers participated, and around 40 primary school students benefitted from the programme, gaining valuable knowledge about water conservation and sustainable practices.

GUEST LECTURE ON RECONSTRUCTIVE AND COSMETIC SURGERIES

A Guest Lecture was organised on “Reconstructive and Cosmetic Surgeries” on 27 March 2026. The session was delivered by Dr. Dhivya, Head of the Department of Medical Surgical Nursing at St. Bonnie White College of Nursing, Salem. The lecture provided valuable insights into the importance, advancements, and clinical applications of reconstructive and cosmetic surgical procedures.

The programme significantly enhanced students’ understanding of modern surgical techniques and patient-centered care practices in the field of nursing.



NEP EXHIBITION ON “ROLE OF INDIAN LANGUAGES IN NEP”

An NEP Exhibition on “Role of Indian Languages in NEP” was organised on 23 March 2026 at the auditorium and was inaugurated by Dr. A. Rajan Samuel, Director – Academics, VMRF (DU), along with Dr. K. Maheswari, Principal of VMACON.

Students showcased exhibits representing various Indian languages including Tamil, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Telugu, languages from the North-West region, the Seven Sisters states, tribal languages, and vanishing languages of India. The exhibition helped participants understand India’s linguistic diversity and emphasised the importance of cultural preservation and multilingual learning.



RAMZAN CELEBRATIONS

The students of VMACoN celebrated Ramzan on 24 March 2026 with enthusiasm and cultural spirit. The celebration included various activities, providing students with an opportunity to appreciate cultural diversity and promote harmony and unity within the campus community.



OCCUPATIONAL ENGLISH TEST TRAINING PROGRAMME

A training programme on Occupational English Test (OET) was held on 26 March 2026.

The session was conducted by Mr. Gokula Krishnan, Director of 6th Sense Academy, who provided an overview of the OET examination and its relevance for healthcare professionals seeking international career opportunities.



The training included interactive sessions on Listening, Speaking, and Writing skills, which were informative and beneficial for the participants, helping them understand the examination format and improve their language proficiency.

School of Allied Health Sciences ,Salem

AWARENESS SESSION ON WORLD OPTOMETRY DAY



World Optometry Day is celebrated annually on 23rd March to recognize optometry as a profession and to create awareness among the public about vision care. On this occasion, the Department of Optometry organized an awareness programme on 23.03.2026 at the Dr. ASG Auditorium. The programme began with a welcome address by Prof. R. Tamilchudar, In-charge, Department of Optometry. The event was presided over by Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU), delivering the presidential address. As part of the celebration, an innovative awareness programme titled “Optovagant – Flight Experience” was conducted to effectively communicate key concepts in optometry. The programme symbolically represented an aircraft landing at different destinations, each highlighting specialized areas of optometry such as Vision Therapy, Occupational Optometry, Sports Vision Therapy, Contact Lens, and Low Vision. Various activities including debates, shadow acts, news reading, and presentations on Artificial Intelligence in Optometry were conducted to create awareness among the audience.

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SAHS MARKS WORLD TB DAY WITH EXPERT LECTURE

World Tuberculosis Day is observed annually on 24th March to raise public awareness about the global burden of tuberculosis (TB) and to highlight ongoing efforts to eliminate the disease. In observance of this day, the NSS Unit organized an awareness programme on 26.03.2026 at the SAHS Auditorium.



The programme was presided over by Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU), who delivered the welcome address. Dr. Ganeshkumar, Medical Officer, District TB Center, Collectorate Office, Salem, was invited as the chief guest. He delivered an informative lecture on “Treatment of Tuberculosis – Prevention and Diagnosis.”

His session emphasized the importance of early detection, proper treatment adherence, and preventive measures to control and eliminate tuberculosis.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP ON FOUNDER’S MEMORIAL DAY

The Founder’s Memorial Day was observed by SAHS on 24.03.2026. On this occasion, the RRC Unit conducted a Blood Donation Camp at the college campus.

The programme was presided over by Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU). Dr. M. Raveendran, Blood Bank Medical Officer, Govt.

Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College & Hospital, Salem, was invited as the chief guest.



A total of 47 donors voluntarily donated blood, which was contributed to the District Blood Bank, Govt. Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College & Hospital, Salem, supporting the need for safe blood supply for patients.

School of Allied Health Sciences, VMKVMC Campus, Salem

SESSION ON CLEAN ENERGY: POWERING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



An awareness programme on “Clean Energy: Powering a Sustainable Future” was organised on 27.03.2026 by the Environmental Students Club. The resource person, Mrs. Brinda Devi, Associate Professor, VMCPT and University Coordinator of the Environmental Students Club, VMRF (DU) delivered an insightful session on the significance of clean energy and its role

in reducing environmental pollution. She explained various renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydro energy, and emphasised the urgent need to transition from fossil fuels to sustainable energy practices for a greener and healthier future. Students actively participated in the programme and gained valuable insights into the importance of adopting clean and sustainable energy practices. The programme was organised under the guidance of the EVS Coordinator, Mrs. M. Nithya.

UNDERSTANDING CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ROLE OF HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY



An awareness programme on “Climate Change and Human Responsibility” was held on 27.03.2026 by the Environmental Students Club. Mrs. Brinda Devi delivered an insightful session on climate change, its impacts, and the importance of individual responsibility through sustainable practices. Students actively participated and gained awareness

on environmental conservation. The programme was organised under the guidance of EVS Coordinator Mrs. M. Nithya.

VINAYAKA MISSIONS KARAIKAL CAMPUS



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

Dr. M. SRIDURGA PARTICIPATED IN JRLMP-8 PROGRAMME AT JIPMER

Dr. M. Sridurga, Biochemistry participated in the 8th JIPMER Research Leadership Mentoring Programme (JRLMP-8). The programme was conducted in two phases from 2nd to 6th February 2026 and 23rd to 27th March 2026. Her participation reflected her commitment to strengthening research competencies, leadership skills, and evidence-based academic practices in the field of biomedical sciences.



Dr. S. NANCY APPRECIATED FOR ACTIONS UNDER NODAL OFFICER ROLE AT QUIZ COMPETITION

Dr. S. Nancy from Department of Community Medicine was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine (IAPSM) in recognition of her contribution as the Nodal Officer for the organization of the World Health Day (WHD) Quiz 2026.



SENIOR RESIDENT APPRECIATED FOR PEER REVIEWING INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS

Dr. Sofia Sebastian, Senior Resident in Dentistry was awarded Certificates of Peer Reviewing in March 2026 from the Journal of Stomatology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and the Journal of Oral Research.



Dr. S. ARUN KUMAR PARTICIPATED IN MIDTAPICON 2026 CME PROGRAMME

Professor of General Medicine Dr. S. Arun Kumar participated in a Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme titled MIDTAPICON 2026 – Thanjavur, organized by the Association of Physicians of India Tamil Nadu State Chapter and accredited by the Tamil Nadu Medical Council. The programme was conducted in March 2026 and carried three credit hours.



CME ACADEMICIAN APPRECIATED FOR PEER REVIEWING JOURNAL ARTICLES

Dr. Nancy Sebastian was recognized for her academic contribution as a peer reviewer by Springer Nature in March 2026. She evaluated one manuscript each in the Journals BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth and Scientific Reports.



COMMUNITY MEDICINE DUO PARTICIPATED IN OUTREACH PROGRAMME ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND DISEASE SURVEILLANCE

Dr. S. Muthukumaran, Senior Resident and Dr. B. Eshwar, Postgraduate Student participated in a Community Outreach Programme on Public Health and Disease Surveillance based on the “One Health” Approach. The programme was conducted under the aegis of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, on 26 March 2026 at the Primary Health Centre, Kodyakkadu, Nagapattinam.



FIVE FACULTY MEMBERS AUTHORED CASE REPORT ON NAIL DEFORMITY

Dr. Monika Sekar, Dr. Sankararaman Balasubramanian, Dr. Srivenkateswaran Kothandapany, Dr. Vinitha Kumari, and Dr. Jayamaliga Vijayananth, from the Departments of Dermatology and General Surgery authored a Case Report titled "Post-Traumatic Nail Deformity Presenting as a Painful Keel-Like Ridged Nail and its Surgical Treatment." The report was published in the Journal Surgical & Cosmetic Dermatology in March 2026.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

Dr. M. PRIYA CONDUCTED TB AWARENESS SESSION AT CHC THIRUNALLAR

Dr. M. Priya, Postgraduate in Community Medicine conducted a Tuberculosis (TB) Awareness Session at the Community Health Centre (CHC), Thirunallar, on 24 March. The session spread community awareness regarding the prevention, early detection, and management of tuberculosis, a major public health concern.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

VINPAEDIA 2026

The Department of Paediatrics will organize “VINPAEDIA 2026,” a Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme on 04 April 2026 at the New Academic Block. The programme will be presided over by Prof. Dr. K. Cheran, Dean. The academic sessions will feature guest lectures by Dr. S. Ramesh of Rajah Muthiah Medical College on “Art and Science of Paediatrics with Interesting Case Scenarios,” and Dr. Manoj Madhusudan of RK Hospital for Women and Children on “Common Pulmonological Emergencies in the Paediatric Age Group.” The programme will conclude with a vote of thanks by Dr. S. Vinoth. Tamil Nadu Medical Council credit points have been applied for the CME programme.

EVENTS ORGANISED

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

12TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDER CHANCELLOR OBSERVED - 25 MARCH 2026

A commemorative programme was held on 25 March 2026 to observe the 12th death anniversary of the Honourable Founder Chancellor, Dr. A. Shanmugasundaram. The faculty members, administrative staff and students paid floral tributes in remembrance of his exemplary



leadership and vision. Faculty members, staff, and students assembled to pay homage and offered floral tributes in remembrance of his visionary contributions to education and healthcare. The programme was attended by Dr. K. Cheran, Dean; Dr. G. Vijaykumar Nair, Deputy Dean (Administration); Dr. M. Thirumaran, Deputy Dean (Academics); Dr. A. Sivaraman, Medical Superintendent; and Dr. A. Ganesh Bala, Deputy Medical Superintendent. The solemn event reflected the institution's deep respect for the legacy and ideals of its revered Founder Chancellor.

TB AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON WORLD TB DAY

The Institute TB Core Committee, in collaboration with the Departments of Community Medicine, General Medicine (Pulmonary Medicine), and Emergency Medicine organized a Tuberculosis awareness programme on 23 March 2026 at the OPD ground floor in observance of World TB Day under the theme "Yes! We can end TB! Led by countries and by people." The programme was inaugurated by Dr. M. Thirumaran, Deputy Dean; Dr. A. Sivaraman, Medical Superintendent; and Dr. A. Ganesh Bala, Deputy Medical Superintendent. Dr. K. Mujibur Rahman, Professor and Head of Community Medicine, highlighted TB prevention strategies, while Dr. Vanitha S, Professor and Head of Emergency Medicine, spoke about treatment adherence. Dr. Sakthivel V, Professor and Head of General Medicine, discussed clinical features and stigma related to Tuberculosis.



The special guest, Dr. Gokul, District TB Officer, GH Karaikal, delivered a keynote address on TB transmission, early diagnosis, and the role of the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP). The event also featured experience-sharing sessions by TB champions and a TB awareness puppetry programme performed by interns under the guidance of Dr. Kesavasamy K. Certificates were distributed to the interns, and the programme concluded with a vote of thanks.

IAPSM UNDERGRADUATE QUIZ

The Department of Community Medicine conducted the final round of the Undergraduate Quiz on 25 March 2026 under the aegis of Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine in connection with World Health Day 2026. Aligned with the theme “Together for Health: Stand with Science,” the quiz aimed to promote scientific thinking and public health awareness among medical students. The top 12 students from the preliminary round were shortlisted and divided into four teams for the final competition. The programme was graced by Dr. K. Cheran, Dean; Dr. G. Vijaykumar Nair, Deputy Dean (Administration); and Dr. M. Thirumaran, Deputy Dean (Academics). The event was led by Dr. K. Mujibur Rahman, Head of the Department of Community Medicine, and coordinated by Dr. S. Nancy, Assistant Professor and Nodal Officer for the IAPSM Quiz. The quiz concluded with the distribution of prizes and certificates to the winners and participants.



RESEARCH INTERACTION SESSION ON EXTRAMURAL GRANTS

Prof. S. K. Varshney, Emeritus Professor (Research), VMRF (DU) along with Dr. N. Thangadurai, Additional Director, visited Vinayaka Mission's Medical College & Hospital on 25 March 2026 to conduct a research interaction session on extramural grants.



Held at the Council Hall, the session included interactive discussions where faculty members presented their research proposals, draft manuscripts, and potential project ideas. The programme provided valuable guidance on funding opportunities and proposal development, strengthening the institution's research initiatives.

BASIC COURSE IN MEDICAL EDUCATION MEDICAL EDUCATION UNIT

The Medical Education Unit conducted a Basic Course in Medical Education from 24 to 26 March 2026 at the Multipurpose Hall, Central Library. The three-day programme focused on enhancing faculty competencies in modern teaching methodologies, curriculum planning, assessment strategies, and educational technologies. Through interactive sessions, workshops, and group activities, faculty members actively participated and strengthened their teaching skills, contributing to academic excellence and capacity building.



BASIC NEONATAL RESUSCITATION PROGRAM

The Department of Pediatrics in collaboration with Indian Academy of Pediatrics TNSC-TTKPN Branch, organized the Basic Neonatal Resuscitation Program (BNRP) on 23 March 2026 at the Multipurpose Hall, Library Complex. The programme marked the first-ever BNRP conducted in Karaikal, aimed at strengthening neonatal care services. A total of 33 participants, including postgraduate students, interns, and healthcare professionals from Pediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Nursing, attended the training. Expert instructors conducted sessions on essential newborn care, airway management, positive pressure ventilation, chest compressions, and simulation-based resuscitation training. The programme significantly enhanced participants' practical skills and highlighted the importance of neonatal resuscitation in preventing birth asphyxia and reducing neonatal mortality.



FAP AT VARICHIKUDY

The Department of Community Medicine organized a Family Adoption Programme at Varichikudy on 24 March 2026 for second-year MBBS students as part of their community-based medical education. Students actively participated in village mapping, household surveys, preparation of family health profiles, and assessment of



environmental health conditions. The programme provided practical exposure to rural health dynamics and the social determinants of health. The field activity was coordinated by Dr. S. Nancy, Assistant Professor; Dr. B. Eshwar, Postgraduate; Mr. B. Russo Rickson, ICMR Project Staff; and Ms. Nazima, Medical Social Worker, who guided students throughout the programme.

Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Karaikal

FIRE SAFETY DISASTER DRILL BY EVS CLUB AND IQAC



The EVS Club in association with the IQAC organised a Fire Safety Disaster Drill on 26.03.2026. The drill aimed to create awareness and ensure preparedness among staff and students in case of fire emergencies. Dr. K. Kamala, Principal, emphasised the importance of fire safety measures and effective emergency response during such situations. The fire safety team demonstrated various techniques, including the proper use of fire extinguishers, methods to control small fires, and the provision of basic first aid.

Participants were also provided with hands-on training on the effective use of fire safety equipment. The programme was highly informative and helped enhance awareness, confidence, and preparedness among the participants to handle fire emergencies efficiently.

School of Allied Health Sciences, VMMC Campus, Karaikal

RALLY ON “VOTE IS NOT FOR SALE - VOTE 100%”

The NSS Unit in association with the District Collectorate and NSS Cell, Karaikal, organised a Walkathon Rally on “Vote is Not for Sale – Vote 100%” on 26.03.2026 to promote ethical voting and encourage maximum voter participation.



The rally was flagged off from the Collectorate Office, Karaikal by Selvi. Ishita Rathi, I.A.S., District Collector-cum-District Magistrate of Karaikal, who emphasised the importance of responsible voting. The rally passed through key areas of Karaikal and concluded at Thanthai Periyar Government School.

A total of 20 NSS volunteers and 2 faculty members participated under the guidance of Dr. U. Niyamathulla, NSS Coordinator, SAHS, Karaikal.



VINAYAKA MISSIONS
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FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS(AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

School of Allied Health Sciences, Puducherry

Dr. P L. AMBIKA AND MRS. IYYAMMA B. CONDUCTED SESSIONS AT GURU DAKSHATA 2026

Dr. P L. Ambika from the Department of Pathology and Mrs. Iyyamma B. from the Department of Optometry conducted academic sessions at the Guru Dakshata – Faculty Induction Programme (FIP) 2026.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

School of Allied Health Sciences, Puducherry

PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT WORLD KIDNEY DAY 2026 COMPETITION

The following students from B.Sc Renal Dialysis Technology won prizes at the World Kidney Day 2026 Intercollegiate Competition, organized by Pondicherry University Community College on 27th March.



S.No	Name of the Student	Name of the Award/Recognition/Prize
1	Jayaramya J, Varsha M, Sivaranjani E	Diet Expo Competition 1st Prize
2	Vigneshkumar S, Meenatchi P, Arthika K	Quiz Competition 2nd Prize
3	Vigneshkumar S	Poster Presentation 2nd Prize
4	Vinnarasi D, Kiruthilosani R and Nithi D.	Model Competition 2nd Prize
5	Mohanraj M, Venkatesh J, Renugasri S and Syed Rahim.	Model Competition 3rd Prize

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Puducherry

NSS VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATED IN THE RELEASE OF ELECTION ANTHEM

12 NSS Volunteers participated in the Election Anthem Release and Meiporul. They conducted Election Awareness for first time voters held on 27th March, in coordination with the Election Department of Puducherry.



EVENTS ORGANISED

Aarupadai Veedu Medical College and Hospital, Puducherry

GENERAL MEDICAL CAMP AT OASIS TRUST FOR THE HANDICAPPED, VANNIYARPALAYAM, CUDDALORE

A General Medical Camp was organized by on 24 March 2026 at the Oasis Trust for the Handicapped, Vanniyarpalayam, Cuddalore, with the objective of providing accessible healthcare services to differently-abled individuals and the local community. A team of doctors, interns, and healthcare professionals conducted comprehensive health screenings, including general physical examinations and medical consultations. Patients received appropriate treatment advice, medicines, and referrals for further medical care when necessary. The camp served as an important initiative to promote preventive healthcare and ensure medical support for underserved populations.



OPHTHALMOLOGY SPECIALTY CAMP AT SAATHIPATTU SATELLITE CENTRE

An Ophthalmology Specialty Camp was conducted on 26 March 2026 at the Saathipattu Satellite Centre. The camp focused on the early detection and management of eye-related disorders among the local population. Eye specialists carried out detailed eye examinations, vision testing, and screening for common conditions such as refractive errors, cataracts, and other ocular diseases. Patients were provided with appropriate medical advice, prescriptions, and guidance regarding further treatment or surgical intervention if required.



ORTHOPAEDICS SPECIALTY OUTREACH CAMP AT PACHAIYANKUPPAM SATELLITE CENTRE

A Specialty Outreach Camp in Orthopaedics was conducted on 23 March 2026 at the Pachaiyankuppam Satellite Centre. The camp aimed to address musculoskeletal problems among the local residents, particularly those experiencing joint pain, fractures, and mobility issues. Orthopaedic specialists examined patients and provided consultations, treatment recommendations, and advice on physiotherapy and lifestyle modifications to improve musculoskeletal health.



PAEDIATRICS SPECIALTY CAMP AT VELLAKARAI SATELLITE CENTRE

A Paediatrics Specialty Camp was organized at the Vellakarai Satellite Centre on 23 March 2026. The camp primarily focused on child healthcare and the early detection of pediatric health conditions. Pediatricians conducted health check-ups for infants and children, monitored growth and development, and provided medical guidance to parents regarding nutrition, immunization, and preventive care. The initiative helped promote child health awareness among families in the region.



MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT CAMP AT RAMAPURAM & VAZHISOOTHANAIPALAYAM

A Mobile Medical Unit Camp was conducted on 23 March 2026 at Ramapuram and Vazhisothanaipalayam by AVMC and Seva Bharathi. The mobile medical team provided essential healthcare services to rural



communities that have limited access to hospitals. Medical professionals carried out health screenings, offered consultations, distributed medicines, and educated the public about preventive healthcare practices.

MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT CAMP AT THANGALIKUPPAM & RAMANTHANKUPPAM

A Mobile Medical Unit Camp was organized on 24 March 2026 at Thangalikuppam and Ramanthankuppam. Conducted by Aarupadai Veedu Medical College (AVMC) in association with Seva Bharathi, the camp aimed to extend medical services to underserved rural populations. The medical team provided consultations, health assessments, and medicines, ensuring that community members received timely medical attention and guidance.



MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT CAMP AT VELLAPAKKAM & MARUDHADU

On 26 March 2026, a Mobile Medical Unit Camp was organized at Vellapakkam and Marudhadu jointly organised by AVMC and Seva Bharathi. The outreach initiative brought essential healthcare services directly to the community. Residents benefited from medical consultations, health check-ups, and distribution of medicines, along with health education on hygiene, nutrition, and disease prevention.



MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT CAMP AT THIRUMANIKKUZHI & KURAVANPALAYAM

A Mobile Medical Unit Camp was conducted on 27 March 2026 at Thirumanikkuzhi and Kuravanpalayam by Aarupadai Veedu



Medical College in association with Seva Bharathi. The camp provided basic healthcare services to rural communities through medical consultations, health screening, and distribution of medicines. The initiative highlighted the institution's commitment to community outreach and accessible healthcare.

FIRST AID CAMP AT THIRUPATHIRIPULIYUR IN VIEW OF KUMBABISHEGAM

In view of the Kumbabishegam ceremony held at Thirupathiripuliyur, a First Aid Medical Camp was organized on 25 March 2026

by AVMC in association with Seva Bharathi. The camp was set up to provide immediate medical assistance and first aid services to devotees and visitors attending the religious event. Medical personnel were stationed to manage minor injuries, provide emergency care, and ensure the health and safety of participants throughout the ceremony.



WORLD WATER DAY 2026 - DRAWING COMPETITION

On the occasion of World Water Day 2026, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Environmental Science Students Club and NSS jointly organized a Drawing Competition on 23 March 2026 to create awareness about

the importance of water conservation. The programme aimed to highlight the crucial role of water in sustaining life and maintaining environmental balance, while also encouraging students to adopt eco-friendly practices to prevent water pollution. As part of the observance, a drawing competition was conducted for undergraduate students with the theme "Water & Gender." Students from various departments actively participated and creatively



expressed their ideas through their artwork. Addressing the gathering, Dr. R. Mani, Dean, spoke about the importance of conserving water resources and the significance of observing World Water Day as a global initiative for sustainable water management. The programme was organized under the guidance of Dr. Kavitha, Professor & Head – Organizing Chairman, and Dr. Franc Oumanath, Professor & IQAC Coordinator, and coordinated by Dr. Anandbabu R., Assistant Professor – Organizing Secretary, with the support of organizing committee members Dr. Harikaran A and Dr. Durairaj M, Junior Residents. The winners were appreciated and awarded for their creativity, and the programme concluded with a vote of thanks.

Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Puducherry

POSTER COMPETITION

A Poster Competition was organised by the Department of Medical Surgical Nursing in observance of World Kidney Day on 25.03.2026. The programme was coordinated under the guidance of Dr. Edna Sweenie J, Principal cum Professor.



GENERAL MEDICAL CAMP AT OASIS TRUST



A General Medical Camp was organised at Oasis Trust for the differently abled, Vanniyarpalayam, Cuddalore on 24.03.2026. The camp was conducted by AVMC&H in collaboration with the Department of Community Health Nursing to provide healthcare services and medical support to the residents.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION & FOOD STALL



A Cooking Demonstration and food stall were organised on 24.03.2026 and 25.03.2026. The programme aimed to promote awareness about nutritious food preparation and healthy dietary practices.

School of Allied Health Sciences, Puducherry

CELEBRATION ON WORLD OPTOMETRY DAY



The Department of Optometry celebrated World Optometry Day on 23.03.2026 with great enthusiasm. The celebration featured a cake-cutting ceremony with the active participation of students and faculty members. The event highlighted the importance of eye health awareness

and recognised the significant contributions of optometry professionals in promoting vision care and improving the quality of life of individuals.

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE TO FOUNDER CHANCELLOR



SAHS solemnly observed the 12th Memorial Day of the beloved Founder Chancellor, Dr. A. Shanmugasundaram, on 25.03.2026. On this occasion, the faculty members, administrative staff, and students paid floral tributes in remembrance of his visionary leadership and remarkable contributions

to the growth of the institution. The gathering reflected with deep respect and gratitude on the enduring legacy of the Founder Chancellor. His vision laid the strong foundation for the institution, and his wisdom and dedication have shaped countless lives. His values and principles continue to inspire the academic community as they strive for excellence and uphold the ideals he established.

School of Rehabilitation and Behavioral Sciences, Puducherry

FACULTY INDUCTION PROGRAMME



SRBS conducted the “Guru-Dakshta 2025–2026 – Faculty Induction Programme” from 16.03.2026 to 23.03.2026. The programme was organized under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Arun Banik, Director, SRBS (Convenor) and Prof. Dr. Prajna Bhat, Deputy Director, SRBS (Organizing Chairperson), with Mr.

Arunkumar M as the Organizing Secretary. The programme aimed to orient faculty members to the university’s academic system, focusing on quality initiatives, research ethics, and modern teaching methods in line with UGC guidelines. The programme began on 16.03.2026 at SMT. Annapoorani MPH with sessions by Prof. Dr. Latha R, Vice Dean (Academic & Digitalisation),

AVMC, on institutional planning and quality practices, followed by Prof. Dr. Manju M, HOD of Biochemistry, AVMC, who discussed Bloom's Taxonomy and assessment strategies.

Subsequent sessions at MEU Hall, AVMC covered curriculum planning, Outcome-Based Education (OBE), CBCS structure, and digital learning platforms such as SWAYAM and NPTEL, delivered by Prof. Dr. Deepa Shanmugam, Mr. Kirubaharane S.I, and Dr. Anandbabu R. Sessions on 18.03.2026 focused on research ethics, methodology, academic writing, and plagiarism, conducted by Prof. Dr. Arun Daniel and Dr. P. L. Ambika. An online session on POCO Mapping was delivered by Dr. Hari Prakash (MAHE, Manipal), followed by a talk on research funding and leadership by Prof. Dr. S. Ravikumar, AVMC.

Further sessions addressed student mentoring, digital pedagogy, ICT tools, and experiential learning, led by Prof. Dr. Lakshmi Jatiya, Prof. Dr. P. Deepa Kameswari, and Prof. Dr. M. Gopinath. On 20.03.2026, Dr. Venugopal M and Mr. Ajeethkumar R conducted sessions on stress management, emotional intelligence, and work-life balance.

Online sessions on sustainable development and constitutional values were delivered by Mr. Siddharth Raja and Dr. Arun D Raj from Vinayaka Mission's Law School. The programme concluded on 23.03.2026 with a session by Prof. Dr. Sudha B (VMCON) on the role of teachers in nation-building, followed by Ms. Iyyamma B (SAHS) who discussed quality assurance and accreditation practices. The programme ended with participant feedback and post-test evaluation.

ELECTION AWARENESS PROGRAMME BY NSS



The NSS Unit organized an Election Awareness Programme on 27.03.2026 at Indira Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute. As part of the programme, NSS students participated in the Election Anthem and Meiporul Programme and conducted awareness activities for first-time voters.

The session highlighted the importance of voting, democratic responsibility, and active civic participation.

Students also demonstrated the use of various election-related mobile applications to help participants access voter information and services easily. The initiative helped promote informed and responsible participation in the electoral process.

SPEECH AND HEARING SCREENING CAMP



The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, School of Rehabilitation and Behavioural Sciences (SRBS) conducted a Speech and Hearing Screening Camp on 09.03.2026 at National English School, Thavalakuppam. The camp was conducted by six SRBS student volunteers under the

supervision of Mr. Vinayagamurthi, Clinical Supervisor, and Ms. Sneha, Clinical Supervisor Grade I. The screening included hearing tests such as the Tuning Fork Test and Pure Tone Audiometry, along with speech and language screening including OPME, articulation, fluency, and voice assessment. A total of 143 school children were screened, helping to identify possible speech and hearing concerns and encouraging early detection and intervention.



VINAYAKA MISSIONS
CHENNAI CAMPUS

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai

Dr. R. K. SANGEETHA PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL FDP ON INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGIES

Dr. R. K. Sangeetha, from the English/ H&S Department, participated in a 14-day International Faculty Development Programme conducted by Rajalakshmi Institute of Technology. The FDP was titled “Innovative Pedagogies & Digital Transformation in English Language Teaching & Learning,” and was held from February 18 to March 9.



Dr. M. SURENDIRAN CHAIRED ICMMRM-2026 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dr. M. Surendiran from the Chemistry Department was the Chairperson for the 5th International Conference on Multifunctional Materials and Radiation Measurements (ICMMRM-2026). The conference was held at SSN Chennai, in association with Fukushima University, Japan on March 26 and 27.



CSE ACADEMICIAN WAS A REVIEWER AT TWO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES



Dr. Poonguzhali S. served as a Review Committee Member for the International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Energy Technologies (ICECET 2026). She also completed two article reviews for the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Computer, Data Sciences and Applications (ACDSA 2026).

Dr. SARIKA N. PARTICIPATED IN INNOVATION AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Dr. Sarika N., CSE participated in the Innovation Ambassador (IA) in Advanced Level program for the academic year 2025–26.



Mr. B.S. SESHADRI APPRECIATED FOR MENTORING TEAM IN COMPETITION

Mr. B.S. Seshadri, CSE received a Certificate of Appreciation for mentoring the Surgiguide Team in Pals innoWAH Finals Competition. The team was among 64 Finalists in the national level.



PROFESSOR JOINED THE WORLD RESEARCH UNION AS A MEMBER

Professor of CSE Dr. S. Pitchumani Angayarkanni, was recognized as an official member of the World Research Union (WRU). This membership reflects her active contributions to research and provides opportunities for global collaboration and knowledge exchange.



HOD, CSE REVIEWED RESEARCH MANUSCRIPTS FOR ELSEVIER JOURNALS

Dr S. Balakrishnan, HoD received the Certificate of appreciation of Reviewing by Elsevier for reviewing manuscripts in the iScience and Software X journal.



Dr. S. PITCHUMANI ANGAYARKANNI AUTHORED ARTICLE ON AI IN Q3 JOURNAL

Professor Dr. S. Pitchumani Angayarkanni, authored a research article titled “Artificial Intelligence Empowered Data Analytics to Enhance the Detection and Prevention of Security Breaches in IoT Networks” in the National Journal of Antennas and Propagation (ISSN: 2582-2659), Volume 8, Issue 1, 2026, a Scimago-indexed Q3 journal (SJR: 0.194, H-index: 7).

Dr. S. PITCHUMANI ANGAYARKANNI WAS RESOURCE PERSON AT AI WORKSHOP

Professor Dr. S. Pitchumani Angayarkanni, was the Resource Person for a 6-hour hands-on “AI-Powered Productivity Enhancement Workshop,” conducted at Atria Power Corporation, Bengaluru, on 27 March.

CSE PROFESSOR REVIEWED MANUSCRIPT FOR ELSEVIER JOURNAL

Professor Dr. S. Pitchumani Angayarkanni, reviewed a manuscript for the Journal Signal, Image and Video Processing.



Dr. M. RAJESH CHAIRED PAPER PRESENTATION SESSION AT PECTEAM 2K26 CONFERENCE

Dr. M. Rajesh served as a Session Chair for Paper Presentation at the International Conference for Phoenixes on Emerging Current Trends in Engineering and Management (PECTEAM 2K26), held at Panimalar Engineering College on 27th and 28th March.



Dr. S. BALAKRISHNAN PRESENTED WITH ANNUAL APPRECIATION AWARD

Professor and HOD Dr. S. Balakrishnan, was honoured with the Annual Appreciation Award with Silver Medal as an SPSC Ambassador.



Dr. S. BALAKRISHNAN SPOKE AT ICCBLEP-26 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Professor and HoD Dr. S. Balakrishnan, delivered the Keynote Address at the International Conference on Cloud-Based Learning Environments and Pedagogy (ICCBLEP-26), hosted from Rome and held virtually on 24th March. He spoke on the title “Metaverse and Cloud Integration for Immersive Learning.”



Dr. R. SHOBANA PRESENTED PAPER AT ICMLAS 2026 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dr. R. Shobana presented a research paper titled “A Hybrid CNN-RNN Framework with Attention-Guided Fusion for Low Latency Real-Time Predictive Analytics,” at the 3rd International Conference on Machine Learning and Autonomous Systems (ICMLAS 2026). The conference was organised by Stamford International University and held in Thailand from March 11 to 13.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION) CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai

TWO CSE STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN PALS INNOWAH! 2025-26

CH Nikhil and Aravind S. (III/VI/CSE AIML) participated as members of Team Surgiguide in the PALS innoWAH! 2025–26 Finals. The competition was organized by IIT-Madras.



Mr. SRI VATSA G. COMPLETED COURSE ON BASIC OF SAAS BUSINESS

Mr. Sri Vatsa G (III/V/CSE-B) completed the online course titled “Basic of SaaS Business Online,” through Simplilearn. The course was completed on 25th March.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai

MS. PRATHIKKSHA S. AND MR. JEYARAMAN BAGGED MULTIPLE PRIZES AT CREA 2K26

Ms. Prathikksha S. (II/IV/AIML Intel) and Mr. Jeyaraman (II/IV/CSE) bagged the prizes at CREA 2K26

S.No	Name of the Student	Name of the Award/Recognition/Prize
1	Ms. Prathikksha S.	Overall Championship Award CREA 2K26 1st prize - Essay writing 1st prize - Vegetable Carving 1st prize - Poster Making, 1st prize - Duel Dance 2nd prize - Duel Singing, 3rd prize - Tamil Anthakshiri
2	Mr. Jeyaraman V.	1st Prize - Photography 2nd Prize - Poster Designing 3rd Prize - Just A Min Speech Competition 3rd Prize - Essay Writing 3rd Prize - Tamil Anthakshiri

CSE DUO WIN PRIZES AT AVIT CULTURAL COMPETITIONS

Ms. Lavanya V and Mr. Eswar D. (III/VI/CSE) won First Prize in Group Dance, Second Prize in Tamil Anthakshiri and Second Prize in Duel Dance. The events were part of AVIT's Cultural Day Celebrations, held on March 17.



NEWS IN MEDIA

School of Allied Health Sciences, Chennai

THE VOTERS AWARENESS PROGRAMME - "HUMAN FORMATION: VOTE 100%"



EVENTS ORGANISED

School of Allied Health Sciences, Chennai

CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM

A Career Guidance Programme was organised by the Department of Optometry on 21.03.2026 in connection with World Optometry Day 2026. The session was delivered



by Ms. Agatha Susan Jero from the Indian Vision Institute, Chennai, who served as the resource person. During the programme, she highlighted the growing importance and future prospects of optometry as a dynamic healthcare profession. The session focused on the expanding scope of optometry, including advancements in clinical practice, contact lenses, low vision care, vision therapy, research, academics, and hospital-based practice. The programme provided valuable insights into the promising career opportunities available in the field of optometry.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION



The Gender Sensitization Cell, along with the male faculty members celebrated International Women's Day on 14.03.2026 at the campus.

The programme began with a welcome address, followed by an inspiring keynote highlighting the importance of empowering, respecting, and supporting women in society and professional environments. As part of the celebration, all female faculty members were honoured with crowns, title sashes, and gifts in recognition of their dedication and achievements. A special poetry presentation dedicated to the female faculty members added a meaningful touch to the event. The celebration also included memorable videos, fun-filled moments, and a cake-cutting ceremony, making the event lively and memorable.

VOTER AWARENESS INITIATIVE AT SAHS



The Voters Awareness Programme titled “Human Formation: Vote 100%” was organised by SAHS and the Department of Social Welfare and Election Commission, Chengalpattu District, on 24.03.2026. The programme was graced by Tmt. S. Malathi Helen, I.A.S., District Collector of Chengalpattu, as the Chief Guest, along with Mrs. Sangeetha, Social Welfare Officer, Chengalpattu District. During the programme, the dignitaries emphasised the importance of responsible citizenship and active participation in the democratic process. Around 650 students participated in the programme, demonstrating their commitment to promoting voter awareness and encouraging 100% electoral participation.

LAKE CLEANUP DRIVE AND TREKKING

A Lake Cleanup Drive and Trekking Programme was organised on 26.03.2026 by the National Service Scheme (NSS) and Environmental Students Club in association with the Tamil Nadu Forest Department.



The programme was conducted at Madiayathur Lake, Thiruporur Forest Range, Chengalpattu. The programme was guided by Mr. Senthilkumar, Forest Ranger, Thiruporur Range, Chengalpattu District, who served as the resource person. The initiative was conducted in connection with Jal Mahotsav – Desh Ka Mahotsav 2026 and World Forest Day, highlighting the importance of water conservation and wildlife protection.

Students enthusiastically explored the Madiayathur forest ecosystem and actively participated in the lake cleanup activity, promoting environmental sustainability and social responsibility.

KITE FESTIVAL & TRADITIONAL CULTURAL FEST 2026

The Kite Festival and Traditional Cultural Fest 2026, organised as part of a Voters Awareness Programme (#KitingForVoting), was conducted on 21.03.2026 at ECR, Mamallapuram. The event was organised by the NSS, Youth Club, and Electoral Literacy Club in association with the Chengalpattu Collectorate



and the Election Commission of Chengalpattu District. The programme was inaugurated by Tmt. S. Malathi Helen, I.A.S., District Collector of Chengalpattu, as the Chief Guest. Students displayed their creativity by preparing handmade kites with voter awareness slogans, promoting the importance of responsible voting.

The celebration also featured traditional cultural performances, making the programme vibrant while spreading awareness about electoral participation.

VOTE SYMBOL AND ELECTION COMMISSION LOGO FORMATION BY STUDENTS

A Human Formation of the Vote Symbol and Election Commission Logo was organised on 21.03.2026 at ECR, Mamallapuram by the NSS, Youth Club, and Electoral Literacy Club in association with the Chengalpattu Collectorate and Election Commission of



Chengalpattu District. The programme was inaugurated by Tmt. S. Malathi Helen, I.A.S., District Collector of Chengalpattu, as the Chief Guest. During the event, students formed the vote symbol and the Election Commission logo, conveying a strong message on the importance of voting. The programme successfully created awareness among participants and encouraged 100% voter participation in the upcoming elections.

School of Arts and Science, Chennai

CHEMVERSE CLUB INAUGURATION AND WORKSHOP ON DYES IDENTIFICATION AND TESTING

The Department of Chemistry successfully inaugurated the Chemverse Club on 24 March 2026 at the Mini Auditorium. The event was conducted along with a workshop on Dyes Identification and Testing.



The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members.

The Chief Guest, Gladys Lourdu Josephin, Founder of Glaudia Sustainable Clothings Pvt. Ltd., delivered an insightful session on dye identification and testing, highlighting the importance of sustainable practices in textile chemistry and eco-friendly approaches in the textile industry. The afternoon session featured a hands-on training programme on dye making, allowing students to gain practical knowledge and real-time exposure to dye preparation techniques. The event marked a promising beginning for the Chemverse Club, aiming to encourage innovation, sustainability, and experiential learning among students.

ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION

The Annual Day Celebration was held on 26 March 2026 with great enthusiasm and participation from students, faculty, and guests. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Rajendran Dandapani, Founding Member of Zoho Corporation.

The programme commenced with the formal inauguration by the Chief Guest along with the Director, Dr. Christianna Singh. During the event, Dr. Christianna Singh presented the Annual Report, highlighting the academic achievements, institutional activities, and student accomplishments of the year. In his address, the Chief Guest shared valuable insights and encouraged students to pursue excellence in both academic and professional domains.

The celebration concluded with the distribution of prizes, medals, and certificates to academic toppers, students who excelled in extracurricular activities, the Best Outgoing Student, and outstanding volunteers of the NSS unit.



CAREER AWARENESS BOOTCAMP

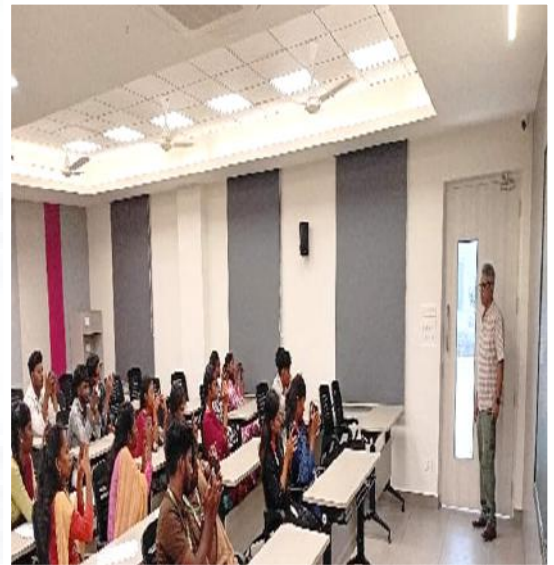
A Career Awareness Bootcamp on 23 March 2026 to guide students in identifying and planning their career paths. The session was delivered by Varadharajan Sridharan, Professor of Practice, addressing the students on the importance of career awareness as the first step toward building a meaningful and successful professional life.



The programme included engaging self-learning and career development activities, interactive screenplays, and quizzes designed to motivate students and help them explore different career possibilities.

MOBILE FILMMAKING WORKSHOP

A Mobile Filmmaking Workshop was conducted on 24 and 25 March 2026 at the Model Classroom of the School of Arts and Science. The workshop was facilitated by Varadharajan Sridharan, Professor of Practice, who introduced students to the fundamentals of filmmaking using mobile devices, including storytelling, framing, shooting techniques, and editing. Students from various departments enthusiastically participated in the two-day workshop and gained practical exposure to creative content production using smartphones.



PRAVEGHA 2K26

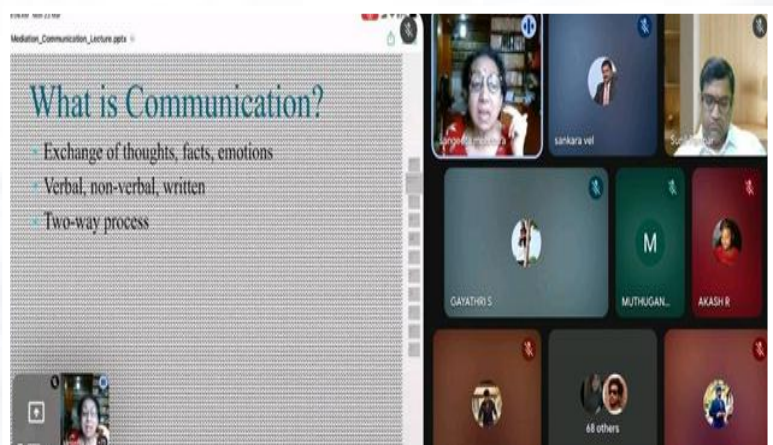
Pravegha 2K26, a vibrant cultural event was conducted on 26 March 2026, bringing together students to showcase their artistic talents. The event was graced by popular singer Yogi Sekar as the Chief



Guest. The programme featured a wide range of performances by students, including solo dance, group dance, singing, adaptune, mime, and fireless cooking competitions, making the celebration lively and memorable. Prizes and certificates were awarded to the best-performing students across the various cultural events, recognising their creativity, enthusiasm, and talent.

Vinayaka Mission's Law School, Chennai GUEST LECTURE ON COMMUNICATION, MEDIATION, AND THE ETHICS OF A MEDIATOR

An online guest lecture titled “Communication and Mediation & The Role and Ethics of a Mediator” was held on 23 March 2026, initiated by Dr. Fowmina. Featuring ADR experts Sangeeta Mehrotra and Sunil Parmar, the session focused on effective communication and key mediation principles such as neutrality, confidentiality, professionalism, and ethics, offering students practical, case-based insights into alternative dispute resolution.



LAW SCHOOL PREMIER LEAGUE

VMLS proudly launched the Law School Premier League (LSPL) – Season 2 on 19 March 2026, marking a significant milestone in the institution’s student-led sporting initiatives. Originally introduced as a football tournament, LSPL has now evolved into a multi-sport league, featuring Football, Cricket, and Kabaddi, with participation from more than 130 students and faculty members. The event was graced by Chief Guest Kaviya Pakkirisamy, an Indian women’s football player, who shared her inspiring journey of perseverance and dedication. In her address, she encouraged participants to strive for excellence, maintain sportsmanship, and pursue success both on and off the field.



ONE DAY LIFE @ VMLS CAMPUS EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME



The “One Day Life @ VMLS” campus immersion programme was held on 24 March 2026 for around 30 Class XII students from Gurukulam Tuition Centre. It offered a firsthand experience of campus life through interactive activities, career guidance, and classroom sessions, helping students explore opportunities in legal education.

Department of Sports, Chennai

NATIONAL WUSHU CHAMPIONSHIP & INTERNATIONAL TAIJIQUAN DAY CELEBRATION



The Department of Sports, VMCC organised the National Wushu Championship from 21–23 March 2026 alongside International Taijiquan Day under the theme “Fit for Life, Go for Taiji,” with the blessings of Dr. A. S. Ganesan and guidance of Dr. V. K. Omprakash.

Held in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Wushu Association and the Wushu Association of India, and graced by Wang Xinming and Zhang Hailin from the Embassy of China in India, the event featured the 1st Beach Senior and Junior Wushu National Championship and saw over 200 athletes from across India.

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ANCIENT INSIGHTS FOR MODERN LIFE

அறத்தினூடங்கு ஆக்கமும் இல்லை அதனை
மறத்தலின் ஊங்கில்லை கேடு. (குறள் எண் 32)

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ஆங்கிலம்
(ENGLISH)

Araththinooung Aakkamum Illai Adhanai
Maraththalin Oongillai Ketu

There is no greater gain than virtue.No surer path to ruin than its neglect.

தெலுங்கு
(తెలుగు)

ధర్మనిష్ఠ కన్నడగు మంచి లేదొండు
వీడ దాని కన్నడ గీడు లేదు. (32)

மலையாளம்
(മലയാളം)

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கன்னடம்
(ಕನ್ನಡ)

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