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# A MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT: QS I-GAUGE DIAMOND RATING FOR VINAYAKA MISSION'S SANKARACHARIYAR DENTAL COLLEGE



**V**inayaka Mission's Sankarachariyar Dental College has achieved a significant milestone by securing the DIAMOND rating in the prestigious QS I-GAUGE Rating Process, issued on 01 April 2026 and valid until 01 April 2028. This recognition was awarded following the successful completion of a comprehensive institutional audit, which assessed the institution across several key performance indicators. The college demonstrated exceptional performance in the areas of Teaching & Learning, Employability, and Governance & Structure, reflecting its commitment to academic excellence and effective institutional management.

The institution also showcased outstanding performance in Facilities, Social Responsibility, and Academic Development, highlighting its focus on providing quality infrastructure, contributing to societal welfare, and fostering continuous academic growth. In addition, the college recorded good performance in the Faculty Quality criterion, further reinforcing its dedication to maintaining competent and qualified academic personnel.

This achievement stands as a testament to the institution's sustained efforts toward quality enhancement, academic innovation, and holistic development, strengthening its reputation as a leading dental education institution in the region.



# Vinayaka Mission's Law School, Chennai

## NATIONAL SEMINAR ON AI, LAW & REGULATION

**V**MLS hosted a National Seminar on “AI, Law & Regulation: Shaping the Future of Education, Profession & Justice” on 02.04.2026 in Chennai. The seminar was conducted in collaboration with Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, and the Cyril Shroff Centre for AI, Law and Regulation, with HCLTech Career Shaper™ as the Upskilling Partner. The programme commenced with a keynote address



by Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Honourable Minister for Information Technology & Digital Services, Government of Tamil Nadu, who spoke on the transformative impact of artificial intelligence and the importance of balanced regulatory frameworks.

The inaugural session included introductory remarks by Dr. A. Francis Julian, Chairperson, Mentoring Committee, VMLS, followed by insightful addresses by Prof. (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University; Mr. Justice Michael Wilson, Former Judge, Supreme Court of Hawaii, USA; and Prof. R. Padmanabha Ramanujam, Dean – Academic Governance, O.P. Jindal Global University. Institutional remarks were delivered by Mr. J. Suresh Samuel, Member Executive Council, VMRF (DU), and Mr. Siddharth Raja, Executive Dean, VMLS, highlighting the institution’s vision for advancing justice through technology. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Sinjini Sen, Assistant Professor, VMLS. The seminar featured three thematic panel discussions focusing on AI governance, legal education, and the evolving legal profession, addressing key issues such as data ethics, regulatory frameworks, and emerging professional skills. A special address was also delivered by Ms. Srimathi Shivashankar, Corporate Vice President and Global Head – EdTech Business, HCLTech, who emphasised the importance of AI-driven upskilling and strong collaboration between academia and industry. The seminar provided valuable insights into the intersection of artificial intelligence, law, and policy, fostering meaningful discussions among academicians, legal professionals, and students.



# BLOOD DONATION CAMP AT VMCC



On the occasion of the birthday of Our Honourable Vice President Dr. Anuradha Ganesan, a Blood Donation Camp was organised on 31.03.2026 at VMCC by the Institutional Social Responsibility Cell, National Service Scheme (NSS), and Red Ribbon Club of the School of Allied Health Sciences (SAHS) and AVIT, in association with Kumaran Hospitals, Chennai.

The camp was inaugurated by Dr. R. Shanmugasundaram, Students Affairs, VMRF, Salem, who emphasised the importance of voluntary blood donation in saving lives. A team of qualified doctors and medical staff ensured a safe and hygienic donation process. All volunteers underwent basic health screening before donating blood. A total of 207 donors participated in the camp, and 167 units of blood were successfully collected. The event was conducted smoothly with enthusiastic participation from students, staff members, and local residents, reflecting a strong sense of social responsibility.



# KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY Dr. RAMESH KRISHNAN AT ISPPD CONVENTION 2026



**D**r. Ramesh Krishnan, MDS, FDSRCS (Edinburgh), FRCS (England), Director of Alumni Relations and Placements, delivered the keynote address at the 22nd ISPPD Postgraduate Convention, organised by the Indian Society of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry in Visakhapatnam from 12.03.2026 to 14.03.2026. During the convention, he presented a keynote lecture titled “Pulp Dentin Complex,” sharing advanced insights into this important area of pediatric dentistry with delegates from across the country. His participation highlighted the academic excellence and research contributions of Vinayaka Mission’s Research Foundation – Deemed to be University in the field of dental education.



# Prof. Dr. B. JAYKAR AS GUEST OF HONOUR AT PHARMA ANVESHAN 2026

**P**rof. Dr. B. Jaykar, Director (Clinical Trials), participated as the Guest of Honour at the inauguration of Pharma Anveshan 2026 – Karnataka National Pharmacy Education Day Celebrations, organised by Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, in Manipal on 30.03.2026. He delivered a keynote address on the theme “Future Pharma Ecosystem: Fostering Synergy among Academia, Industry, Research, Regulatory and Practice.”



# VINAYAKA MISSIONS SALEM CAMPUS



## INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

### Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Salem

#### SECOND PRIZE BAGGED AT INTER-HOSPITAL TURF CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The team from VMHMC&H bagged the Second Prize at the Inter-Hospital Turf Cricket Tournament 2.0. The tournament was held at Kick It Arena Turf, Salem, on March 29. With participation from 10 hospital teams, the tournament was highly competitive.



### Vinayaka Mission's College of Physiotherapy, Salem

#### FINE ARTS CLUB SECURES OVERALL CHAMPION TITLE AND HAT TRICK OF VICTORIES

The Fine Arts Club secured the Overall Champion Title at the Krivvas 2K26 National Level Cultural Fest, organized by Sona College of Technology, Salem. The cultural events included Mime, dance, music, drama, arts, fireless cooking, fashion show, an IPL auction and more.



## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

### Vinayaka Mission's Sankarachariyar Dental College, Salem

#### Dr. B. MANOVIJAY APPRECIATED FOR REVIEWING EFFORTS BY TWO JOURNALS

Dr. B. Manovijay, from the Department of Periodontology, was awarded a Certificate of Excellence in Reviewing by the Asian Journal of Research in Nursing and Health for the Academic Year 2025-2026 and the Journal of Academy of Dental Education.



#### TWO DENTISTRY ACADEMICIANS RECEIVED ACADEMIC AWARDS FROM THE PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR

Professor and HoD Dr. N. Saravanan and Assistant Professor Dr. Prarthana M received Academic Awards in their respective title categories from the Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. J. Sabarinathan at the Academic awards held at Founder's hall, March 27.



### Vinayaka Mission's College of Physiotherapy, Salem

#### Mrs. S. BRINDA DEVI RECEIVED THE ICONIC PERSONALITY AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Mrs. S. Brinda Devi, Associate Professor received the Iconic Personality Award during the World Women's Day celebrations from Nesam Nanbargal Club, Salem. The award was presented by Salem Deputy Collector Mrs. Shalini, recognizing her outstanding contributions to Environmental Conservation, education, and community initiatives towards sustainable practices.



## **School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem**

### **DIRECTOR AUTHORED RESEARCH PAPER ON HIGHER-ORDER PARITY BIRTHS**

Professor and Director Dr. B. Sendilkumar, SAHS, VMRF(DU) authored a research paper in Springer Nature titled “The Latent Determinants of Higher-Order Parity Births in Cheyyar and Tenkasi Districts of Tamil Nadu – A Qualitative Exploration.”

### **MS. PRATHYANGARA PRASAD WAS THE RESOURCE PERSON AT SEMINAR ON TB**

Ms. Prathyangara Prasad from the Department of Respiratory Care Technology was the Resource Person for a Seminar programme titled “TB Drive 2026,” organized by K R Mangalam University, on March 28.

### **PROFESSOR Ms. R. TAMILCHUDAR WAS A RESOURCE PERSON AT A NATIONAL CONFERENCE**



Professor Ms. R. Tamilchudar, In-charge of the Department of Optometry, was a Resource Person for the National Conference “Optologic-2026,” organized by Chaitanya Institute of Optometry & Vision Sciences, Kerala, on March 29. Mr. Suriya from the Department of Optometry, also participated in the Conference.

## Mr. PRANAV PARTICIPATED IN NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RESPIRATORY CARE

Mr. Pranav from the Department of Renal Dialysis Technology participated in the National Conference titled “ICU - Update - Respiratory Critical Care,” organized by KMCH, Coimbatore on March 29.



## RIT FACULTY MEMBER PARTICIPATED IN WEBINAR ON ADAPTIVE RADIOTHERAPY

Ms. Kiruthika, Radiology and Imaging Technology participated in a webinar titled “Discover MOZI-The New TPS for Adaptive Radiotherapy,” organized by PTW-The Dosimetry Company.



## PROFESSOR Ms. R. TAMILCHUDAR FELICITATED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Professor Ms. R. Tamilchudar was felicitated by Dr. M. R. Hulinaykar, Founder & Chairman of Sri Shridevi Charitable Trust, for serving as a panel member at “Global Connect 2026,” an International Conference held at MAHSA University, Malaysia. She also presented a paper at the conference.

## Mr. PRANAV PRESENTED PAPER ON SLEEP APNEA AT MALAYSIAN UNIVERSITY; GETS THIRD PRIZE

Mr. Pranav, Incharge of the Department of Respiratory Care Technology presented a paper on the topic “AI guided CPAP Titration in Patients with Obstructive Sleep Apnea,” at an International Conference held at MAHSA University, Malaysia, on April 3. He was awarded the Second Runners -Up Position for this presentation at the conference.



## Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Arts & Science College, Salem

### Mr. S. GOPINATH AUTHORED A POETRY COLLECTION BOOK

Mr. S. Gopinath from the English Department authored and contributed to the publication of a book titled "Whispers of Night (Collection of Poetry)". The book was published by Veritaz International Press.



## Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Medical College & Hospitals, Salem

### Dr. R. THAMILSELVI DELIVERS SESSION ON BREAST LESIONS AT CME COLLEGE

Dr. R. Thamilselvi, Professor and Head, Department of Pathology, was the guest speaker at CME College 2026 held at Stanley Medical College on 28.03.2026. She presented a seminar titled "From Ducts to Diagnosis - Breast Lesions", highlighting key aspects of the pathological evaluation and diagnostic approaches to breast lesions.



### Dr. MELVIN DOMINIC AS RESOURCE PERSON AT POSTGRADUATE INDUCTION PROGRAMME

Dr. Melvin Dominic and the team from the Emergency Department served as resource persons at the Emergency Medicine Postgraduate Induction Programme held at SRM Medical College Hospital & Research Centre on 03-04.04.2026. Their sessions contributed to orienting postgraduate students to key aspects of emergency medicine practice and training.



## Dr. R. RAMYA AS GUEST SPEAKER AT 10TH ASPIRE

Dr. R. Ramya was invited as a speaker at the 10th ASPIRE – Annual Sri Ramachandra Pharmacology Insight and Rapid Review Course, held on 06.04.2026 at Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

### CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem



## STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN CONFERENCE ON COMPASSION AND PRECISION

15 students from II B.Sc. Nursing participated in a State level conference on “Compassion and Precision - The Science Behind Forensic Nursing.” The

conference was organized by Shanmuga College of Nursing, Salem.

## School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem

## Mr. M. NIRANJAN AUTHORED RESEARCH PAPER IN SPRINGER JOURNAL

Ph.D. scholar, Mr. M. Niranjan, has authored a research paper in Springer Nature titled “The Latent Determinants of Higher-Order Parity Births in Cheyyar and Tenkasi Districts of Tamil Nadu – A Qualitative Exploration.”

## OPTOMETRY TRIO SECURE FIRST PRIZE IN QUIZ COMPETITION

Ms. Lakshana, Mr. Singupandi, and Mr. Vimalraj won First Prize in the Quiz Competition at “Optologic 2026,” held on March 29 in Kerala. A total of 51 SAHS students participated.



## STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RESPIRATORY CRITICAL CARE



13 students from the Department of Respiratory Care Technology participated in a National Conference titled “ICU Update - Respiratory Critical Care,” organized by KMCH, Coimbatore on March 29.

## NOTABLE ALUMNI

### Vinayaka Mission's College of Pharmacy, Salem

Mr.Kumaran. D

At VMCP: Pharm. D, 2021

After VMCP: Clinical Pharmacist

Dr.Balwant Singh's Hospital Inc. South Cummingsburg

Georgetown, South America

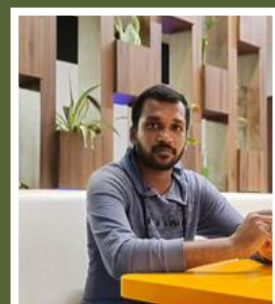


### School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem

Mr.Giri Dharan

At SAHS: Perfusion Technology, 2021

After SAHS: Senior Perfusionist Narayana  
Multispeciality Hospital, Bangalore, India





## NEW INFRASTRUCTURE / FACILITIES CREATED / RENOVATED ON CAMPUS

### School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem WORLD KIDNEY DAY INITIATIVE: STUDENTS DONATE DIALYSIS INSTRUMENTS TO ENHANCE PRACTICAL TRAINING

On the occasion of World Kidney Day, the students of Renal Dialysis Technology made a meaningful contribution to support academic and clinical learning.

As part of the celebration, the students presented a set of dialysis instruments to the School to enhance practical training and skill development for learners in renal care-related programmes.

The instruments were received by the Director of SAHS, lauding the students for their thoughtful initiative and appreciated their commitment to strengthening practical training and promoting hands-on learning in dialysis technology.



## NEW FACULTY

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



Dr. K. Kamalakannan, MD joined as Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology.



Dr. Sujitha. U, MD joined as Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology.

Dr. A. Benitta Vinolen, MD joined as Senior Resident in the Department of Pathology.



## EVENTS ORGANISED

### Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Medical College and Hospitals, Salem

#### POSTGRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAMME - 2026

A six-day Postgraduate Training Programme on Ethics, Good Clinical Practice (GCP), Good Clinical Laboratory Practice (GCLP), Medical Education Technology (MET), and Research Methodology was organised by the Medical Education Unit in association with the Postgraduate Committee, Departments of Pharmacology and Biochemistry, and the Central Research Laboratory at VMKVMC&H from 23.03.2026 to 28.03.2026. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. K. Ezhil Vendhan, Dean, in the presence of senior faculty members and administrative officials. The training programme was



conducted for first- and final-year postgraduate students from various disciplines, with around 126 participants on most days and 228 participants on the third day. The sessions focused on strengthening knowledge in research ethics, regulatory guidelines, clinical and laboratory practices, and modern teaching methodologies. Expert resource persons Dr. Ashok Shenoy K (Professor of Pharmacology, Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore) and Dr. Animesh Jain (Professor of Community Medicine, Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore) delivered interactive lectures on ethical principles in biomedical research, Good Clinical Practice, and the responsibilities of investigators and ethics committees. Discussions also addressed informed consent, documentation, safety monitoring, and reporting of adverse events in clinical research.

Sessions on Medical Education Technology covered topics such as adult learning principles, competency-based medical education, teaching–learning methods, assessment techniques, AETCOM, and microteaching. A dedicated session on Good Clinical Laboratory Practice by Dr. A. Leena Devi (Professor & Head, Biochemistry, Government Medical College, Namakkal) and Dr. Sushmitha J (Consultant Pathologist, Kauvery Hospital, Salem) highlighted quality assurance, specimen handling, equipment calibration, and documentation standards in clinical laboratories. The programme also included comprehensive sessions on research methodology, covering research design, hypothesis formulation, literature review, sampling techniques, basic statistical analysis, and the role of artificial intelligence in biomedical research. The final sessions addressed research

ethics, protocol writing, scientific writing, and publication in indexed journals, along with the functioning of Institutional Research and Ethics Committees. The programme concluded with a valedictory ceremony on 28.03.2026, during which certificates were distributed to the postgraduate participants by the Dean, recognising their successful completion of the training programme.

## **COURT VISIT FOR PRE-FINAL MBBS STUDENTS**

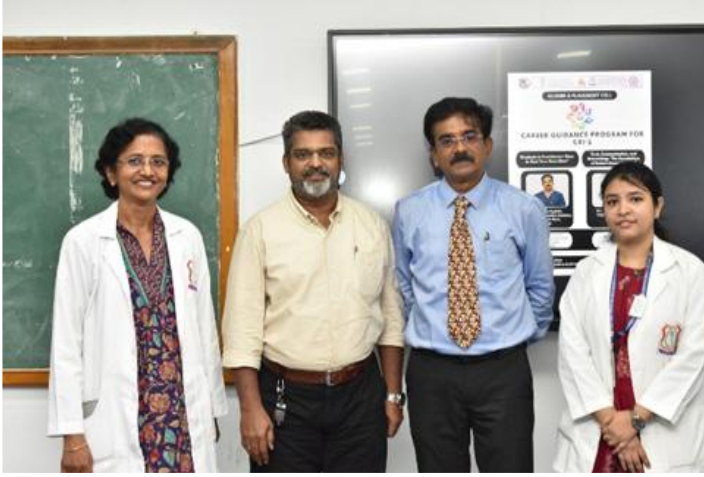
On 09.04.2026, the Department of Forensic Medicine organised a visit for pre-final MBBS students to the court to observe judicial procedures and gain practical exposure to medico-legal proceedings. As part of this academic activity, the students were permitted to be absent from their scheduled clinical classes for the day. The visit was coordinated by Dr. R. Vallinayagam, MD, Professor of Forensic Medicine.



## **Vinayaka Mission's Sankarachariyar Dental College, Salem**

### **CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMME FOR CRI STUDENTS**

The Alumni and Placement Cell organised a career guidance programme for CRI students on 31 March 2026, with the participation of 61 students. The programme began with a welcome address by Maya Ramesh, Professor and Head, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology and Microbiology, and Alumni and Placement Cell Coordinator.



The session featured guest lectures by Stephen Raj, Pediatric and Preventive Dentist and Founder of Ryan's Tooth Place, who spoke on "Graduate to Practitioner – How to Start Your Own Clinic," followed by Rajkumar, Professor from the Department of Prosthodontics, who delivered a talk on "Trust, Communication and

Networking – The Foundations of Modern Dental Practice." The programme was coordinated by R. T. Reethika Rathan, Assistant Professor, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology. The sessions were highly interactive and provided practical insights, helping students prepare confidently for their transition from academic learning to professional dental practice.

## **SPECIAL DENTAL CLINIC FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL CARE NEEDS**

The Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry hosted a Special Dental Clinic Programme on 31 March 2026 to provide dental care for children with special care needs. Children from Salem Institute of Rehabilitation were brought to the clinic along with their parents and caretakers. Dental treatment and preventive care were provided under the close supervision of faculty members to ensure compassionate and specialised care tailored to the children's needs.



The programme also served as an important learning opportunity for postgraduate students, enabling them to understand the unique behavioral patterns of children with special needs and develop appropriate treatment approaches. A total of five children benefited from the initiative.

## DENTAL AWARENESS AND SCREENING PROGRAMME

In observance of World Oral Health Day, the Department of Public Health Dentistry conducted a Dental Awareness and Screening Programme on 30 March 2026 at the Ramakrishna Mission Charitable Dispensary. The programme aimed to promote oral hygiene awareness and encourage healthy dental practices among the general public. Activities included a dental screening camp, oral health education sessions, and distribution of informational pamphlets to reinforce key oral health messages. Referral cards were also issued to enable beneficiaries to access free dental services at the institution. The initiative benefited 45 members of the public and was coordinated by S. Santhakumari, Assistant Professor, along with undergraduate and postgraduate students of the department.



## WORKSHOP ON TOBACCO CESSATION INTERVENTION

First- and second-year postgraduate students from the Department of Public Health Dentistry participated in a Workshop on Tobacco Cessation Intervention for Healthcare Professionals on 31 March 2026 at the Cancer Institute (WIA). The workshop was organised by the Resource Center for Tobacco Control, in collaboration with the Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, the Indian Cancer Society, and Vital Strategies.

The programme covered key topics such as tobacco-related cancers in India, tobacco control policies, neurobiology of nicotine dependence, screening and clinical assessment of tobacco use disorder, behaviour change counselling techniques, pharmacotherapy for tobacco dependence, and AI-assisted tobacco cessation tools. The workshop provided valuable knowledge and practical



strategies for healthcare professionals involved in tobacco cessation and public health promotion.

## Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Salem

### ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ON AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

The Orientation Programme on Autism Awareness Day was held on 2 April 2026 in Lecture Hall - V on the themed “Compassionate Care for Autism: Integrating Homoeopathy & Humanity,” emphasizing the integration of medical knowledge with empathy and holistic care. The session was delivered by M. Gnanaprakasham, M.D (Hom), PhD, who spoke about the clinical features, early diagnosis, and management of Autism Spectrum Disorder, along with the importance of individualised homoeopathic treatment and compassionate patient care. The programme was attended by 60 undergraduate students from III BHMS and Final BHMS, enhancing their awareness and understanding of autism and its holistic management.



### GUEST LECTURE ON COMMUNICATION FOR HEALTH EDUCATION

A guest lecture was organised on 3 April 2026 at 2:00 PM for Final BHMS students through the Zoom platform. The lecture was delivered by Adline Jerald Paul on the topic “Communication for Health Education”. The session highlighted effective communication strategies, including verbal, non-verbal, and interpersonal skills, along with the use of educational aids in health education. Emphasis was placed on clear and audience-oriented communication,



overcoming communication barriers, and improving patient understanding to achieve better health outcomes. The lecture was informative and helped strengthen students' communication skills for both health education and clinical practice.

## MARAKKUMA NENJAM - FAREWELL TO THE 21ST BATCH OF M.D. (HOM)

VMHMC&H hosted "Marakkuma Nenjam," a farewell for the 21st Batch of M.D. (Hom) postgraduates on 4 April 2026 at the PG Seminar Hall. Organised by the 22nd Batch under the theme "Some journeys come to an end, but the memories stay forever," the event celebrated their journey, achievements, and lasting memories.



## Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem

### SAARANG 2026

SAARANG 2026 was held on 01-02.04.2026 at the VMACON Auditorium by Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem. The two-day cultural fest featured events including Essay Writing, Rangoli, Pencil Drawing, Cooking Without Fire, Quiz, Short Film Making, Photography, Mehendi, Dance, Song, Mime, Antakshari, and Adaptune, with enthusiastic student participation making it lively and memorable.



## School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem

### EVS CLUB MARKS WORLD WATER DAY WITH BIRD WALK AND AWARENESS PROGRAMME

On the occasion of World Water Day, the Student EVS Club organised a programme on 30.03.2026 to highlight the importance of freshwater and sustainable water management. The event was presided over by Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU). As part of the celebration, a “Bird Walk for Young Birders” was conducted under the guidance of Ms.



Angelin Mano, Research Assistant and Nature Educator, Salem Ornithological Foundation, Salem. The activity focused on observing bird species in wetland and water-rich habitats, helping students understand the relationship between water ecosystems and avian biodiversity. Around 25 students participated and gained practical insights into bird habitats, ecological balance, and the importance of conserving water resources and wetland ecosystems.

### EVS CLUB MARKS WORLD SPARROW DAY AND WORLD FORESTRY DAY WITH AWARENESS EVENT

In observance of World Sparrow Day and World Forestry Day, the EVS Club hosted an awareness programme on 30.03.2026 to highlight the decline in sparrow populations and the importance of forest conservation. The event was presided over by Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU). The session was delivered by Ms. Angelin Mano, Research Assistant and Nature Educator, Salem Ornithological Foundation,



Salem, who spoke about the conservation of endangered species and the role of forests in maintaining ecological balance and environmental sustainability. Nearly 200 students participated in the programme and gained awareness about biodiversity protection and environmental conservation.

## **OBSERVANCE OF WORLD KIDNEY DAY BY RENAL DIALYSIS TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

The Department of Renal Dialysis Technology celebrated World Kidney Day on 30.03.2026 at the SAHS Auditorium to create awareness about kidney health and the prevention of kidney-related diseases. The programme was presided over by Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU). The chief guest, Mr. Yuvaraj V.,



Alumnus and Dialysis Technologist, Department of Nephrology, ACS Medical College & Hospital, Chennai, delivered a special address on the “Role of Dialysis in Patient Care.” On this occasion, RDT students presented dialysis instruments to the institution, which were received by the Director. The programme also included cultural events and an awareness mime emphasising kidney health and disease prevention.

## **GUEST LECTURE ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION AS A CAREER OPPORTUNITY**

The Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC) and E-Cell organised a guest lecture on “Entrepreneurship and Innovation as a Career Opportunity” on 30.03.2026. The programme was presided over by Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU), emphasising the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship in the healthcare sector. The resource person, Dr. S. Jaisankar,

Project Officer, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Ahmedabad, delivered an insightful lecture highlighting entrepreneurship as a promising career path. Following the session, entrepreneurial stalls were inaugurated by the Director. The programme was highly informative and motivated students to explore innovative career opportunities.



## LOGO UNVEILING CEREMONY OF ENTHUZIA 2K26

The Student Council, Sports Club, and Fine Arts Club organised the logo unveiling ceremony for Enthuzia 2K26 on 30.03.2026 at the college campus. The ceremony was presided over by Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU), who unveiled the official logo of Enthuzia 2K26. The logos of six participating teams were also released during the event. Additionally, the rules and guidance booklet was distributed to team in-charges and captains to ensure smooth coordination and adherence to event guidelines. The ceremony marked the official commencement of the sports and cultural celebrations with great enthusiasm among students and faculty.



## ENTHUZIA 2K26

The Student Council Association, Sports Club, and Fine Arts Club conducted the Sports and Cultural Inaugural Ceremony – Enthuzia 2K26 for the academic year 2025–2026 on 31.03.2026. The programme was presided over by Prof. Dr.



B. Sendilkumar, Director,

SAHS, VMRF (DU). The event was graced by Mr. Manathi P. Ganesan, Arjuna Awardee and Indian Kabaddi player, as the Chief Guest, who delivered an inspiring address encouraging students to actively participate in sports. Dr. Saravanan, Principal, VMCPE, VMRF (DU), Salem, attended as the Special Guest. The programme included the presentation of the annual sports report, NCC parade, march past, cultural performances, and a traditional silambam display. The ceremonial torch lighting and release of pigeons symbolised unity and aspiration, and the sports meet was officially declared open.

## VOTERS AWARENESS PROGRAMME BY NSS

The NSS Unit organised a Voters Awareness Programme on 01.04.2026 at the college premises in collaboration with the Taluk Supply Office (TSO), Salem, to promote awareness about the importance of voting and responsible citizenship. The programme was presided over by Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU), and was conducted



in the presence of TSO Officer Mr. Madheswaran and Revenue Inspector Mrs. Ellammal of Veerapandi Block, Salem District. The dignitaries addressed the gathering on the role of every citizen's vote in strengthening democracy. Students actively participated in the programme and delivered talks emphasising voter responsibility and ethical voting practices.

## Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Arts & Science College, Salem

### TREKKING EXPEDITION BY NSS AND EVS CLUB

The NSS and EVS Club organised a trekking expedition on 19.03.2026 to promote environmental awareness, fitness, and team spirit. Students explored nature, learned about biodiversity and conservation, and developed teamwork and resilience, making it a refreshing and educational experience.



### EXCURSION TO VAGAMON AND COCHIN

The Departments of Commerce, Management, Computer Science, and Chemistry organised a two-day educational tour to Vagamon and Cochin on 26–27 March 2026. The trip combined learning with cultural exposure, helping students explore regional culture, history, and economic activities while strengthening teamwork and practical understanding, making it both informative and memorable.



# **VINAYAKA MISSIONS**

## **KARAIKAL CAMPUS**

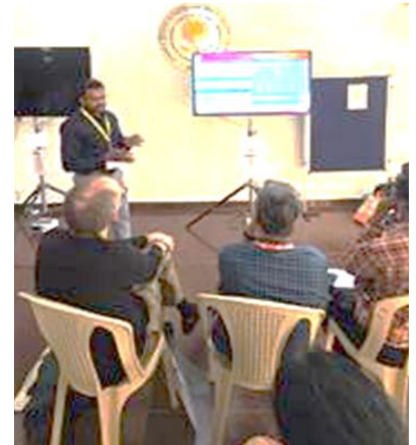


## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

### Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

#### COMMUNITY MEDICINE PROFESSOR PRESENTED SCIENTIFIC POSTER AT MEDUCON 2026

Professor Dr. R. Niranjjan presented a scientific poster at MEDUCON 2026, organized by Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), in April 2026. The presentation highlighted his academic and research contributions in the field of Community Medicine.



#### DUO AUTHORED REVIEW ARTICLE ON VIRULENCE STRATEGIES

Dr. Kokila Manickam and Dr. Suganya Kannan from the Central Research Laboratory for Biomedical Research, authored a review article titled “Brucella Spp. – Emerging Insights Into Virulence Strategies: T4SS, CG, Intracellular Replication, and Beyond” in the Journal of Basic Microbiology in March 2026.

The journal is published by Wiley-VCH, is a reputed peer-reviewed international journal indexed in major databases including Scopus, PubMed, and Web of Science.

#### Dr. R. ARUN PEER REVIEWED TWO ARTICLES FOR AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL AND CO-AUTHORED ARTICLES ON GENE INTERACTION AND FRUCTOSE METABOLISM

Dr. R. Arun, from the Community Medicine Department peer reviews for two research articles titled “Out-of-Pocket Expenditure and Catastrophic Health Spending Among Patients With Type 2 Diabetes in Rural Tamil Nadu: A Cross-

Sectional Study” and “Unequal Access to Evidence-Based Cardiometabolic Therapies: Racial Disparities in SGLT2 Inhibitor and GLP-1 Receptor Agonist Use Among Patients With Type 2 Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease,” in the Cureus Journal of Medical Science. And he has co-authored a research article titled “Microbiome–Host Gene Interactions: Role of Bifidobacterium Metabolites in Obesity” published in the Journal of Microbes and Infectious Diseases.



Additionally, he co-authored a review article titled “Fructose Metabolism and Disease Mechanisms: From Nutritional Excess to Obesity and Multiorgan Pathophysiology” in Frontiers in Bioscience (Elite Edition).

## **SENIOR RESIDENTS PARTICIPATED IN AWARENESS PROGRAM ON ZONOTIC DISEASES**

Dr. S. Muthukumaran and Dr. U. Udhayakumar, senior residents of Community Medicine participated in a health Camp-Cum-Awareness



Programme on Zoonotic Diseases conducted under the ICMR One Health Project at Vadavur Primary Health Centre on 31 March. Approximately 60 patients attended the camp, where health education, screening, and basic medical services were provided.

## **HOD OF DENTISTRY CO-AUTHORED PUBLICATION ON PERIODONTAL LIGAMENT FIBROBLASTS**

Dr. C. Santhosh Kumar, co-authored an article titled “mRNA-Based Regeneration of Periodontal Ligament Fibroblasts: A Translational Pilot Study,” published in The New Armenian Medical Journal. The study explored the role of mRNA-based therapeutic approaches in enhancing proliferation and migration of periodontal ligament fibroblasts, highlighting its potential in next-generation periodontal regenerative therapies.

## FOUR ACADEMICIANS AUTHORED REVIEW ARTICLE ON GENETICS INSIGHTS OF HERNIA

Dr. E. Balamurugan, Dr. Guna Ravichandran, Dr. Suganya Kannan and Dr. Kanagalakshmi Krishnamoorthy authored a review article titled “Understanding the Genetics Insights of Hernia – An Updated Overview” in the journal Surgical Chronicles (Surg Chron) in March 2026. The authors were affiliated with the Departments of General Surgery, Central Research Laboratory and Department of Biochemistry.

## Dr. R. SOWMYA COMPLETED GOOD CLINICAL PRACTICE WORKSHOP

Dr. R. Sowmya, from the Department of Pharmacology, completed the Good Clinical Practice (GCP) National Online Workshop conducted in March 2026. The workshop was organized by the National Association of Pharmacology and Therapeutics in association with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Nagpur.



## Dr. SOFIA SEBASTIAN PEER REVIEWED ARTICLE FOR AN ELSEVIER JOURNAL

Dr. Sofia Sebastian peer reviewed two articles for the Journal of Stomatology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, published by Elsevier.



## Dr. NANCY SEBASTIAN PEER REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS FOR SPRINGER NATURE JOURNALS

Dr. Nancy Sebastian, Community Medicine peer reviewed two manuscripts for the Journal Discover Mental Health and BMC Public Health, in April 2026.



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

#### WINNERS OF WHD UNDERGRADUATE QUIZ 2026 ANNOUNCED

The following III MBBS students were winners at the Nationwide IAPSM World Health Day (WHD) Undergraduate Quiz 2026, conducted on March 25.

S.No	Name of Student	Prize
1	Chidambara Rahul Krishnaraj	First Position
2	Karpakarooma L.A.	First Position
3	L. Arundhati Ashok	First Position
4	Abinaya V.A.	Second Position
5	Amitha Jebisha Malar C.	Second Position
6	Lohita R	Second Position
7	Shaikh Ayeman	Third Position
8	Rafflecia S.	Third Position
9	Ashish Raj	Third Position
10	Kandarpsetya	Fourth Position
11	Adelene Rai	Fourth Position
12	Keshi Ishwarya	Fourth Position

#### PG STUDENT COMPLETED REFRESHER COURSE AT PIMS

Dr. B. Eshwar, from the Community Medicine Department completed the PG Refresher Course – Part 1 conducted on 30th and 31st March (Module A) at the Pondicherry Institute



of Medical Sciences (PIMS). The programme was organized under the National IAPSM Presidents' Action Plan Initiative 2025–26 by PIMS.

## EVENTS ORGANISED

# Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

## VINPAEDIA 2026 - CME ON ADVANCES IN PAEDIATRIC PRACTICE

The Department of Paediatrics organised “VINPAEDIA 2026,” a Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme on 4 April 2026 at the New Academic Block. The programme was presided over by K. Cheran, Dean of the institution, and attended by G. Vijayakumar Nair, Deputy Dean (Administration); M. Thirumaran, Deputy Dean (Academics); A. Sivaraman, Medical Superintendent; and A. Ganesh Bala, Deputy Medical Superintendent. The inaugural session began with a welcome address by Pagadpally Srinivas, Professor and Head of the Department of Paediatrics, followed by the inaugural address by the Dean. The academic sessions featured expert lectures by S. Ramesh, Former Medical Superintendent and Professor & Head of Paediatrics at Rajah Muthiah Medical College of Annamalai University, on “Art and Science of Paediatrics with Interesting Case Scenarios,” and Manoj Madhusudan, Consultant Paediatric Interventional Pulmonologist at RK Hospital for Women and Children, Thanjavur, who spoke on “Common Pulmonological Emergencies in the Paediatric Age Group.”



The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by S. Vinoth, Associate Professor, Department of Paediatrics, followed by the National Anthem. The CME programme was noted for its academic significance, and Tamil Nadu Medical Council credit points were applied for the event.

## MEDITATION SESSION PROMOTES MENTAL WELL-BEING AMONG MEDICAL STUDENTS

A meditation programme for medical students was conducted as part of the Inner Engineering at VMMC&H on 4 April 2026. Around 70 volunteers actively participated in the session, reflecting students' growing interest in holistic well-being and stress management.



The programme was coordinated by Monica, Senior Resident, along with postgraduate students from the Department of Dermatology under the guidance of Manavalan, Professor of Ophthalmology. M. Thirumaran, Deputy Dean (Academics), attended the programme and encouraged students to incorporate mindfulness and meditation practices into their daily routines to support both personal growth and professional development. The session highlighted the importance of mental health, concentration, and emotional resilience among future healthcare professionals.

## 8<sup>TH</sup> INTEGRATED VINCLISCI SESSION SHOWCASES MULTIDISCIPLINARY CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

The 8th Integrated VINCLISCI Session was conducted on 2 April 2026, providing a multidisciplinary academic platform for the discussion of clinically significant cases. The session was presided over by A. Sivaraman, Medical Superintendent; A. Ganesh Bala, Deputy Medical Superintendent; and Pagadpally Srinivas, Medical Education Unit Coordinator. Four cases from different specialties were presented and discussed. Dermatology postgraduate Praveen presented a pediatric case of Tuberous Sclerosis moderated by Venkateswaran. Postgraduate Gangan Lokesh presented a case of young-onset Idiopathic Parkinson's disease with inputs from neurologist Pathamrajan and



Head of Department Shaktivel. Surgery postgraduate Pratyush presented a case of aggressive squamous cell carcinoma moderated by Bharatidasan and surgical oncologist Nithin. Obstetrics and Gynaecology postgraduate Rashmika presented a case involving a high-risk postmenopausal pregnancy conceived through assisted reproductive techniques, moderated by Geeta.

The session highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in managing complex clinical conditions. A total of 166 participants, including faculty members, residents, postgraduate students, and CRMI interns, attended the programme.

## **ECO GREEN CLUB MEETING STRENGTHENS CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES**

The Eco Green Club meeting was held at the Council Hall on 2 April 2026. The meeting was attended by M. Thirumaran, Deputy Dean (Academics); A. Sivaraman, Medical Superintendent; and A. Ganesh Bala, Deputy Medical Superintendent, along with faculty members and club participants.



The session focused on promoting environmental sustainability within the campus, emphasizing eco-friendly practices, effective waste management, and the collective responsibility of students and staff in maintaining a clean and green institutional environment. Discussions were also held to plan future initiatives and strengthen the activities of the Eco Green Club in creating environmental awareness across the campus.

## FAP ENHANCES COMMUNITY-BASED MEDICAL LEARNING

The Department of Community Medicine conducted the Family Adoption Program (FAP) on 4 April 2026 at Nedungadu for first-year MBBS students as part of community-based medical education.

The field activity involved a Diet and Nutrition Survey, designed to enhance students' understanding of nutritional assessment and community health practices.

The programme was coordinated by faculty members along with postgraduate students and tutors, with support from Medical Social Workers and ICMR project staff.

During the field exercise, students gained valuable exposure to community interaction, data collection, and the evaluation of dietary patterns, strengthening their practical knowledge of public health and preventive medicine.



## MBBS STUDENTS PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS AT NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY EVENT

MBBS students actively participated in the National Voters' Day event held in Karaikal on 3 April 2026. Through various cultural performances and awareness activities, the students highlighted the importance of voting, ethical participation, and civic responsibility

in a democratic society. Their enthusiastic participation reflected a strong commitment to community engagement and social awareness. The students' contribution was widely appreciated,



showcasing their role in promoting public awareness and demonstrating the institution's emphasis on holistic education and social responsibility beyond academics.

## Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Karaikal

### ELECTION AWARENESS PROGRAMME BY NSS UNIT

As per the directions of the Government of Puducherry and the District Election Officer, Karaikal, an Election Awareness Programme was conducted by the NSS unit on 03.04.2026 at Karaikal Beach. As part of the programme, nine B.Sc. Nursing students performed an awareness dance highlighting the importance of voting and responsible civic participation. The performance effectively attracted public attention and helped spread awareness among the public about the significance of exercising their voting rights.

# School of Allied Health Sciences ,VMHC Campus, Karaikal

## WORLD OPTOMETRY DAY CELEBRATION AT SAHS KARAIKAL

The Department of Optometry celebrated World Optometry Day on 02.04.2026 at the SAHS Multipurpose Hall to promote eye health awareness. The programme included an inauguration by Dr. M. P. Venkatesan, an exhibition with eye care activities, and a guest lecture by Dr. M. Muvithra on global eye care collaboration. Expert talks, certificate distribution, and a vote of thanks marked the successful conclusion of the event.



## ELECTION AWARENESS PROGRAMME

SAHS actively participated in the Election Awareness Programme organised by the District Election Office, Karaikal, under the SVEEP initiative on 03.04.2026 at Karaikal Beach. Guided by Dr. M. P. Venkatesan, students and faculty engaged in cultural activities like dance and mime to promote voter awareness, highlighting the importance of voting and responsible participation in democracy.





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**PUDUCHERRY CAMPUS**

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS(AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

### School of Allied Health Sciences, Puducherry

#### FACULTY MEMBERS COMPLETED VARIOUS CERTIFICATION COURSES

13 faculty members from various departments completed certification courses conducted through the MindLuster digital learning platform. These courses promoted interdisciplinary learning in healthcare sciences.



#### Mrs. IYYAMMA B. AND Dr. NIVEDHA K. COMPLETED COURSE ON SCIENTIFIC WRITING

Mrs. Iyyamma B, from the Optometry Department and Dr. Nivedha K. from the Master of Public Health Department completed the “NieCer 103: Scientific Writing in Health Research,” Online Course with a score of 94% and 96 % respectively.



#### Dr. NIVEDHA K. COMPLETED COURSE ON INFANT FEEDING

Dr. Nivedha K., completed an online course on “Infant and Young Child Feeding.”

The course was conducted by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Welfare, ICMR- National Institute of Nutrition.



## School of Rehabilitation and Behavioral Sciences, Puducherry

### Mr. AJEETHKUMAR RAMADASS LED TRAINING SESSION ON SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIES

Mr. Ajeethkumar Ramadass from the Department of Clinical Psychology led a training session on “Understanding Loneliness among Persons with Down Syndrome and Promoting Emotional Well-being and Social Inclusion Strategies,” at Global Trust for the Differently Abled, Cuddalore, in observance of World Down Syndrome Day. The session was conducted on March 21.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

### CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## School of Allied Health Sciences, Puducherry

### STUDENTS COMPLETED CERTIFICATION COURSES THROUGH MINDLUSTER

The following departments and students completed online certification courses conducted through the MindLuster Digital Learning Platform.

Number of Students	Year/Department	Course Completed
33 Students	II and III UG, Forensic Science Technology	Principles of Criminal Investigations
60 Students	II and III UG Medical Laboratory Technology	Microbiology Viruses Types and Bacteriophage
3 Students	I and II PG, Medical Laboratory Technology	Microbiology Viruses Types and Bacteriophage
8 Students	I and II UG, Department of Perfusion Technology	Intra Aortic Balloon Pump Basics
50 Students	II and III UG, Department of Radiology and Imaging Technology	Ultrasound Basics
8 Students	I and II PG, Department of Radiology and Imaging Technology	Ultrasound Basics

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# School of Rehabilitation and Behavioral Sciences, Puducherry

## WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY 2026



## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Puducherry

## NATIONAL SAFE MOTHERHOOD WEEK CELEBRATION

The National Safe Motherhood Week Celebration will be organized by the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecological Nursing with an objective of creating awareness about the importance of maternal health and safe pregnancy practices. The programme will aim to educate students and the community on antenatal care, safe delivery practices, postnatal care, and the prevention of maternal and neonatal complications.

## NEW FACULTY

# Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Puducherry

Mrs. Jayanthi B, M.Sc. Nursing joined as Nursing Tutor in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecological Nursing.



Mrs.Vidhyalakshmi E, M.Sc.Nursing joined as Nursing Tutor in the Department of Child Health Nursing.



Mrs.Geethasri S, M.Sc.Nursing joined as Nursing Tutor in the Department of Community Health Nursing.

## EVENTS ORGANISED

### Aarupadai Veedu Medical College and Hospital, Puducherry

#### **OPHTHALMOLOGY SPECIALTY CAMP AT PANRUTI SATELLITE CENTRE**

An Ophthalmology Specialty Camp was organized by AVMC in association with DBCS at the Panruti Satellite Centre on 03.04.2026.

The camp aimed to provide specialized eye care services to the local community. A team of ophthalmologists and healthcare professionals conducted eye examinations, screened patients for common eye disorders, and offered medical advice and treatment.

The initiative helped improve awareness about eye health and ensured access to quality ophthalmic care for the surrounding rural population.



## MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT CAMP AT SILAMBIMANGALAM & AANDAAR MULLIPALLAM

A Mobile Medical Unit Camp was conducted by AVMC and Sevabharathi at Silambimangalam and Aandaar Mullipallam on 01.04.2026. The camp provided basic medical consultations, health screenings, and essential medicines to residents of the villages. The medical team addressed common health concerns and promoted awareness on preventive healthcare practices. This outreach initiative helped extend medical services to underserved communities.



## MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT CAMP AT VELLAPAKKAM & MARUDHADU

A Mobile Medical Unit Camp was organized by AVMC in association with Sevabharathi at Vellapakkam and Marudhadu on 02.04.2026. Doctors and healthcare staff provided consultations, basic diagnostic services, and free medicines to the villagers.



The programme focused on early identification of common illnesses and encouraged the community to adopt healthy lifestyle practices. The camp served as an important step in improving rural healthcare accessibility.

## MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT CAMP AT THIRUMANIKKUZHI & KURAVANPALAYAM

A Mobile Medical Unit Camp was conducted by AVMC and Sevabharathi at Thirumanikkuzhi and Kuravanpalayam



on 03.04.2026. The camp offered medical consultations, health check-ups, and distribution of medicines to the local residents. The healthcare team also provided guidance on preventive healthcare and hygiene practices. Such outreach programmes play a vital role in delivering essential medical services to rural populations.

## **MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT CAMP AT RAMAPURAM & VAZHISOOTHANAIPALAYAM**

A Mobile Medical Unit Camp was organized by AVMC in partnership with Sevabharathi at Ramapuram and Vazhisothanaipalayam on 30.03.2026. The camp aimed to bring healthcare services closer to rural communities by providing free consultations, basic health screening, and medicines. Doctors and healthcare professionals interacted with the villagers and offered guidance on maintaining good health and preventing common illnesses.



## **MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT CAMP AT THANGALIKUPPAM & RAMANTHANKUPPAM**

A Mobile Medical Unit Camp was jointly conducted by AVMC and Sevabharathi at Thangalikuppam and Ramanthankuppam on 31.03.2026. The medical team provided consultations, health screenings, and necessary medications to the residents. The initiative helped raise awareness about preventive healthcare and ensured that people in remote areas received timely medical attention.



## **DERMATOLOGY SPECIALTY CAMP AT SILAMBINATHANPETTAI SATELLITE CENTRE**

A Dermatology Specialty Camp was organized by AVMC at the Silambinathanpettai Satellite Centre on 30.03.2026.



The camp focused on diagnosing and treating various skin-related conditions among the local population.

Dermatologists examined patients, provided treatment recommendations, and distributed medicines where required. The programme also created awareness about skin hygiene and preventive measures for maintaining healthy skin.

## **DENTISTRY SPECIALTY CAMP AT SAATHIPATTU SATELLITE CENTRE**

A Dentistry Specialty Camp was conducted by AVMC at the Saathipattu Satellite Centre on 30.03.2026.



Dental specialists examined patients and provided consultations on common oral health issues such as dental caries, gum diseases, and oral hygiene practices.

The camp also emphasized the importance of regular dental care and preventive oral health measures, benefiting the local community.

# Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Puducherry

## EXTENDING CARE BEYOND CAMPUS

A General Free Medical Camp was organised on 28.03.2026 for the occupational workers of Sumangali Silks, Cuddalore by AVMC&H in collaboration with the Department of Community Health Nursing, Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing (VMCON), Puducherry.



The camp aimed to provide basic healthcare services and promote awareness of preventive health practices. General health check-ups, screening for common illnesses, and health education on hygiene, nutrition, and occupational health were provided to the workers. The initiative also offered valuable community exposure for nursing students while benefiting several workers through early health assessment and medical guidance.

## AUTISM AWARENESS DAY EVENT

The Department of Mental Health Nursing organised an Autism Awareness Day Programme on 03.04.2026.



The session was delivered by Mrs R. Priyadharshini, Assistant Professor, Department of Mental Health Nursing, Indira Gandhi College of Nursing, Kathirkamam, Puducherry, who spoke about the early signs, challenges, and management of Autism Spectrum Disorder, emphasising the importance of early diagnosis, supportive care, and inclusive approaches. The programme enhanced awareness among students and faculty about the role of healthcare professionals in supporting individuals with autism and their families.



**VINAYAKA MISSIONS**  
**CHENNAI CAMPUS**

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

### Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai

#### **Dr. M. PRABHAHAR AUTHORED PAPER ON DIESEL AND SME B20 FUELS**

Dr. M. Prabhahar, Mechanical Department authored a paper titled "Analysis of Performance and Emissions Characteristics of Diesel and SME B20 Fuels at Varying Start of Main Injection and Pilot Injection Timings," in the International Journal of Vehicle Structures & Systems during April 2026.

#### **HOD, CSE NOMINATED AS MENTOR FOR THE NATIONAL MISSION FOR MENTORING**

Professor and HoD Dr. S. Balakrishnan has been nominated as a Mentor under the National Mission for Mentoring (NMM). This initiative was envisioned under the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) and implemented by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), Ministry of Education, Government of India.

#### **Dr. A. NIRMALA'S PROPOSAL FOR AICTE RPS PROVISIONALLY SELECTED**

Dr. A. Nirmala from the Biotech Department presented a research proposal titled "Green Synthesis of Iron Oxide Nanoparticles Using Polyherbal Extracts for Sustainable Pest Management and Plant Growth Promotion," under the AICTE Research Promotion Scheme (RPS): Lab to Market.

This proposal was provisionally selected, subject to fulfilment of other eligibility conditions. A total budget of Rs. 19,50,000 has also been approved.

## Vinayaka Missions School of Health Systems, Chennai

### DUO PRESENTED PAPER ON SMART ECG INTERPRETATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Professor Mr. G. Senthil Kumar and Ms. R. Lakshmi presented a paper titled “Smart ECG Interpretation with ChatGPT for Enhancing Rural Healthcare,” at the 7th International Conference on Computational Intelligence and Industry 5.0 (ICCII 2026). The conference was organized by Velammal Institute of Technology, Chennai, on 27th & 28th March.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

### CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai

### Mr. SRI VATSA G. COMPLETED CERTIFICATION COURSE ON SEO AND AI SEARCH

Mr. Sri Vatsa G. (CSE) completed a certification course titled “Technical SEO and AI Search Essentials,” offered by Semrush Academy. The course focused on digital marketing and search engine optimisation and emerging AI-driven search techniques.



### Mr. AVULA REMANTHREDDY COMPLETED INTERNSHIP WITH ZEPTOWARE

Mr. Avula Remanthreddy, (B.E. Computer Science and Engineering) completed his internship at Zeptoware System Private Limited, from 12 January to 12 March. He specialised in Full Stack Web Development.

# Vinayaka Mission's Law School, Chennai

## TRIO OFFERED COMMENDABLE PERFORMANCE AT SRM SOLMUN 2026; GAINED CASH PRIZES

Mr. Muruganatham S., Mr. Kannabiran S., and Mr. Karithikayan E. showcased commendable performances at SRM SOLMUN 2026, organized by SRM School of Law on 27th and 28th March. Mr. Muruganatham S., representing the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, secured the Special Mention II Award along with a cash prize of Rs. 5,000. Mr. Kannabiran S, who represented the Chief Minister of Kerala, earned an Honourable Mention in the NITI Aayog committee for his insightful contributions and articulate deliberations. Mr. Karithikayan E. participated as the Union Minister for Labour and Employment, gaining valuable exposure and practical understanding of policy discussions in a Model United Nations setting.



## BEST RESEARCHER AND PAPER AWARDS FOR I LLB DUO

Ms. Vinmalar Sankar was awarded the Best Researcher Award for her paper on “Digital Burnout and the Right to Disconnect,” highlighting evolving labour rights in a technology-driven workplace. Ms. Shenukha Suresh Kumar received the Best Paper Award for her critical analysis of retail workers’ protection under Shops and Establishment laws. The awards were presented as part of the International Labour Law Conference hosted by Saveetha School of Law.



## NEWS IN MEDIA

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of  
Technology, Chennai

## BLOOD DONATION CAMP



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Ganesan Incubation  
and Entrepreneurship  
Center

## GIEC MENTOR DAY 2026

GIEC will celebrate GIEC Mentor Day 2026 at its center in Chennai. The event will recognize and honour mentors who have played a significant role in guiding and supporting startup founders in their entrepreneurial journey. As part of the celebration, entrepreneurs will be invited to nominate mentors who have contributed to their growth through strategic guidance, industry insights, and continuous encouragement. The programme aims to highlight the importance of mentorship in strengthening the startup ecosystem and fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

## NEW FACULTY

School of Arts and Science,  
Chennai

Dr. Shanmuga Priya K, M.C.A., M.Phil , Ph.D joined as Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science.



## EVENTS ORGANISED

### School of Allied Health Sciences, Chennai

#### **BHARATIYA BHASHA UTSAV A CELEBRATION OF INDIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURE**

The NEP Students Club organised Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav on 02.04.2026 to celebrate the rich diversity of Indian languages and culture. The programme aimed to create awareness about the importance of preserving regional languages and promoting multilingual communication among students. The event was graced by Dr. Rajan Samuel, Director – Academics, VMRF (DU), Salem, as the Chief Guest, speaking on the significance of India's linguistic diversity and cultural heritage.

The programme featured a variety of activities including poetry recitation, storytelling, singing, and cultural performances in different languages. Students from various departments participated enthusiastically, making the event vibrant and meaningful while fostering appreciation for India's linguistic heritage and the spirit of unity in diversity.

### Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai

#### **SEMINAR ON RSM BASED OPTIMIZATION USING DESIGN OF EXPERIMENTS SOFTWARE**

A seminar on RSM Based Optimization using Design of Experiments (DOE) Software was organised on 30 March 2026 for the Mechanical Engineering students of AVIT. The session was delivered by Dr. Rajesh M, Assistant Professor from Hindusthan Institute of Technology and Science, Chennai. During the seminar, students learned how to apply Response Surface Methodology (RSM)

using DOE software to optimise process parameters and improve system performance effectively. The session provided valuable insights into modern optimisation techniques used in engineering research and industry.

## WORKSHOP ON INTERFACE 2K26 - UI/UX



The Rotaract Club of AVIT organised INTERFACE 2K26 – UI/UX Workshop on 4 April 2026 to provide students with practical knowledge of user interface and user experience design. The workshop featured an expert session by Dr. S. Pitchumani Angayarkanni, Professor, Department of CSE, sharing an engaging and interactive presentation. Students gained hands-on experience in design thinking, wireframing, and prototyping while working on creative design challenges. The workshop encouraged teamwork, innovation, and creativity, making it a valuable learning experience for all participants.



## INNOVATION SPRINT 2026

The Department of CSE organised Innovation Sprint 2026, a one-day hackathon held on 1 April 2026, focusing on real-world healthcare challenges. A total of 102 students participated in 21 teams, demonstrating strong programming and problem-solving skills using Python and data structures. With restricted internet access, participants relied on independent thinking to develop innovative solutions and functional prototypes. The event was evaluated by Mr. Rajat Garg, Senior Tech Specialist at Edulateral, who also shared valuable industry insights with the students.



## ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

The Annual Sports Day of AVIT was held on 2 April 2026 at the college playground with enthusiastic participation from students and faculty. The event commenced with an inaugural ceremony and flag hoisting by Dr. J. Janet, Principal, declaring the meet open. A disciplined march past by NCC and sports teams showcased unity. Various indoor and outdoor events, along with fun activities like tug of war for faculty, were conducted. Winners received medals, trophies, and certificates. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Dhanusri, Sports Secretary.



## Ganesan Incubation and Entrepreneurship Center, Chennai

### GIEC HOSTS AVIT IDEA LAB TO FOSTER ENTREPRENEURIAL THINKING AMONG STUDENTS

On 30 March 2026, GIEC, in association with the CampusX Founder Community, organised the AVIT Idea Lab – Startup Essentials Cohort for over 700 first-year and MBA students. Led by Praveen Thiyagarajan, Siva Satya, and Poongodi, the programme was conducted across three venues and focused on startup fundamentals, ideation, and problem-solving. Through interactive sessions, mentorship, live Q&A, and pitch feedback, students gained practical insights and entrepreneurial exposure. The event also identified promising talent and was successfully organised with the support of the GIEC team, faculty, and staff.



## ONLINE SESSION ON AI INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURIAL STRATEGY

An online session titled “Startup Journey: Insights for Aspiring Entrepreneurs” was organised by GIEC on 04.04.2026, featuring Mr. Sasidharan Ayyavu – Co-Founder & CEO, IndiaSpeaks Research Labs. The session focused on the growing role of AI-driven speech-to-text, voice dubbing, and multilingual technologies in transforming communication and addressing the digital divide where many AI systems mainly support English.

The speaker explained how his startup uses transfer learning on open-source models to build efficient language AI solutions, including a proprietary tokeniser that reduces Tamil token usage by 30–40%, improving performance and lowering costs. The startup has achieved a 45.6 BLEU score in English–Tamil translation, outperforming several global tools in benchmarking conducted by IIT Hyderabad, with applications in call automation, defence communication, and accessibility for the visually impaired. The session also highlighted the importance of validating startup ideas using the Business Model Canvas (BMC) and adopting a strategic funding approach by utilising startup grants and innovation programs before seeking equity investment. Overall, the session provided valuable insights into AI innovation, entrepreneurship, and startup strategy, encouraging students to pursue entrepreneurial ideas with clarity and confidence.



## Department of Sports, Chennai

### KHELO INDIA ASMITHA KICKBOXING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Department of Sports organised the Khelo India Asmitha Kickboxing National Championship from 28.03.2026 to 30.03.2026 at the Chennai Campus. The championship witnessed enthusiastic participation from athletes across the country, promoting sportsmanship and competitive excellence in kickboxing. The event was conducted under the aegis of the WAKO India Kickboxing Federation and the Tamil Nadu State Amateur Kickboxing Association, with nearly 800 athletes representing various states. The inaugural ceremony was presided over by Shri Santhosh K. Agarwal, President of WAKO India and Member of the Technical Committee, WAKO, and was graced by distinguished guests including Dr. Arati Arun, Commonwealth Gold Medalist in Powerlifting and Vice President & Chairperson of the Women's Committee, TNSKA, and Ms. Maithreye Sivamurugan, Operational Manager, Soundarapandian Bone and Joint Hospital, Chennai. The championship concluded with a grand valedictory ceremony attended by Mrs. Kavitha Selvaraj, Dhyanchand Lifetime Achievement Awardee, Asian Games Gold Medalist, former Indian Team Captain, and Expert Coach at SDAT, along with other dignitaries. In the overall standings, Tamil Nadu secured the first position, while Maharashtra achieved the second position, reflecting the high level of competition and talent displayed during the championship.



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## ANCIENT INSIGHTS FOR MODERN LIFE

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Ollum Vakaiyaan Aravinai Ovaadhe  
Sellumvai Ellaanj Cheyal

The right thing to do is to be righteous At all places and all times.

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