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AVIT ANNUAL DAY 2026



The Annual Day of AVIT was celebrated with great enthusiasm and grandeur on 18 March 2026. The event served as an important occasion to recognize the achievements of students and faculty and to reflect on the institution's progress during the academic year 2025–2026.



The programme commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. S. P. Sangeetha, Vice-Principal (Academics), AVIT. The Annual Report of AVIT for the academic year 2025–2026 was presented by Dr. J. Janet, Principal, AVIT, while Prof. P. S. Balaganapathy, Deputy Director, Department of Management, presented the annual report of the Department of Management. A. S. Ganesan, Honourable Chancellor of VMRF (DU), conveyed his wishes and congratulations to the prize winners and appreciated the achievements of the institution. The Presidential Address was delivered by Anuradha Ganesan, Vice President, VMRF (DU), commending the institution's steady growth and encouraging students to pursue excellence in all spheres. The Felicitation Address by J. Suresh Samuel, Member, Executive Council, VMRF (DU), acknowledged the valuable contributions of faculty members and students in bringing recognition to the institution.



The Chief Guest, Joshua David, India Campus Head, Mphasis, delivered an inspiring address, emphasizing the importance of passionate learning and encouraging students to remain human, healthy, and happy in both personal and professional life. A major highlight of the celebration was the release of the AVIT Annual Magazine “Footprints – 2026,” which showcased the creative, academic, and extracurricular achievements of students and faculty. The programme also featured the announcement of the Annual Day Special Awards, including the Best Outgoing Student Awards and Academic Excellence Awards, presented by Dr. J. Senthil, Annual Day



Coordinator, AVIT. The Best Outgoing Student Gold Medals were awarded to Mr. Md. Shabaz Alam (IV Year EEE) and Mr. Pankaj Kumar (II Year MBA). In addition, 96 students received Academic Excellence Awards for securing top positions in the university examinations. Subsequently, the AVIT Ambassador Awards were

announced by Dr. M. Prabhakar, Professor and Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering recognizing students who significantly contributed to enhancing the institution’s reputation and outreach.

The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. L. Prabhu, Vice Principal (Administration), AVIT. The Annual Day 2026 concluded as a grand success, reflecting the spirit of excellence, unity, and achievement that defines AVIT. The event was efficiently coordinated by the faculty members and student members of the AVIT Student Council.





FROM STRATEGY TO SPORTSMANSHIP: LEADERS ON THE CRICKET FIELD

The NEP Cell of VMRF (DU) held a friendly cricket match named “Network Enhancing Play 2020” on 24 March 2026 at the Variyar Sporters Cricket Ground, VMKVMC&H Campus, Salem. The event brought together University Officers and Heads of Institutions (Hols) with the aim of promoting physical activity, strengthening professional relationships, and fostering teamwork for improved institutional governance.

The match was inaugurated by Barrister Shri Gokul Krishnan Sharavanan, Executive Vice President, Campus Development (VMKVMC Campus), Salem, encouraging the participants to embrace sports as a means of enhancing leadership, bonding, collaboration, and well-being.

Two teams were formed under the captainship of Dr. P. K. Sudhir, Vice Chancellor, VMRF (DU), and Dr. K. EzhilVendan, Dean, VMKVMC&H. The match was played in a 12-over format, creating an atmosphere of excitement and healthy competition. The team led by the Vice Chancellor won the toss and chose to bat first, setting a competitive target of 138 runs for the loss of four wickets.



In response, the team led by the Dean showcased an impressive batting performance and successfully chased the target in just seven overs, securing a well-deserved victory. The friendly match not only highlighted the sporting spirit of the participants but also served as a platform for strengthening camaraderie and networking among the University leadership.

The event concluded on a cheerful note, reinforcing the importance of recreational activities in building stronger professional connections and promoting a culture of teamwork and collaboration within the University community.



VINAYAKA MISSIONS SALEM CAMPUS



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

Vinayaka Mission's Sankarachariyar Dental College, Salem

TRIO PARTICIPATED IN ADVANCED IMPLANT MASTERSHIP PROGRAM

Professor and HoD of Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Dr. Balamanikandasrinivasan C., Professor Dr. G. Rajkumar and Dr. D. Jayachandran participated in the “Advanced Implant Mastership program,” on March 16 and 17, at VMSDC.

Dr. A. KUMAR PARTICIPATED IN CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS PROGRAM

Dr. A. Kumar from the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology participated in a Cyber security Awareness Program, organized by the Women Empowerment Committee.



Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Salem

Dr. H. VENKATESAN COMPLETED REFRESHER COURSE ON E-CONTENT, AI AND MORE

Professor and HoD Dr. H. Venkatesan, from the Department of Practice of Medicine, completed a Two-Week Online Multi-Disciplinary Refresher Course on E-content, MOOCs and Artificial Intelligence in Education (A+ grade). The course was organized by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, New Delhi from February 9 to 21.



Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College Of Nursing, Salem

PRINCIPAL OFFICIATED GRADUATION CEREMONY AT COIMBATORE COLLEGE

Principal Dr. K. Maheswari was the Chief Guest for the Graduation and Oath Taking Ceremony at Karpagam Nursing College, Coimbatore



Dr. R. NAGANANDINI REVIEWED A JOURNAL ARTICLE FOR SAGE

Dr. R. Naganandini was appreciated for reviewing an article titled "A Case of Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis in an Elderly Female Patient," in the SAGE Open Medical Case Reports Journal.



Dr. S. LAKSHMIPRABHA WAS A DELEGATE AT NAMAKKAL CONFERENCE

Dr. S. Lakshmi Prabha was a Delegate at a Conference held on 13th March, at Dhanvantri College of Nursing, Namakkal.

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem

DIRECTOR OFFICIATED CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMME AT CHENNAI SCHOOL

Professor and Director Dr. B. Sendilkumar was the Chief Guest for the Career Guidance Programme organized by Behindwoods at Velammal School, Mogappair, Chennai. During the programme, he shared valuable insights into our nation's growth, opportunities, and emerging trends.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Engineering College, Salem



B.TECH STUDENTS QUALIFIED FOR GATE 2026

Ms. Keerthana P. and Ms. Rajalakshmi R. (both III/VI/B.Tech) qualified for the GATE 2026, one of India's most competitive

national examinations.

TEAM F-CULT WINS FIRST PRIZE AT YUVA 2026 INTER-COLLEGIATE CULTURAL FEST

The Team F-CULT (Fashion Cultivate) won the First Prize and Rs. 15,000 at the Fashion Parade Event, part of the YUVA 2026, an Inter-Collegiate Cultural Fest. The fest was hosted by R.P. Sarathy Institute of Technology, Salem. The Team F CULT Members:

S.No	Name of Student	Year/Department
1	Vishnuvarathan	I Mech
2	Dinesh	I Mech
3	Naveen Kumar	II CSE
4	Sunnatha	I IT
5	Rohit	II CSE A
6	Hrithik	II CSE A
7	Abinaya	I BTE
8	Priyadharshini	I BTE
9	Navin Vishal	II BTE
10	Siddharath	II BTE

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN POST UNION BUDGET WEBINAR



The students and faculty members participated in the Post Budget Webinar as per the instructions from the UGC. The Hon'ble Union Finance Minister announced a major initiative aimed at strengthening the Allied Health sector in India. As part of this initiative, existing institutions offering Allied Health Professional (AHP) courses will be upgraded, and new AHP institutions will be established in both Government and Private sectors.

NOTABLE ALUMNI

Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem

Mythili R

At VMACoN: B.Sc.(N), 2025

After VMACoN: Staff Nurse

Neuro Foundation Hospital

3 Roads, Salem, India



School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem



Mr.Thennarasan

At SAHS: Physician Assistant, 2017

After SAHS: Physician Assistant

Kauvery Hospital, Chennai, India

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AI IN MASTERCLASS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON WORLD WATER DAY

The EVS Club will organise a World Water Day awareness programme to highlight the importance of water conservation, sustainable water management, and responsible use of water resources.

The Red Ribbon Club (RRC) will arrange a visit to the ART (Antiretroviral Therapy) Centre to provide students with exposure to HIV care services and to enhance awareness about HIV prevention, treatment, and support systems.

ART CENTRE VISIT

WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The Department of Community Health Nursing will conduct an awareness programme on World Tuberculosis Day to educate the public and students about TB prevention, early diagnosis, and treatment, while promoting community participation in TB elimination efforts.

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem

OBSERVANCE OF WORLD OPTOMETRY DAY

The Department of Optometry will observe World Optometry Day under the leadership of Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar to raise awareness about eye health, vision care, and the importance of regular eye examinations.

EVENTS ORGANISED

Vinayaka Mission's Sankarachariyar Dental College, Salem

ADVANCED IMPLANT MASTERSHIP PROGRAM

The Department of Implantology successfully organised a two-day Advanced Implant Mastership Program on 16 and 17 March 2026 in association with DIO Implants. The program aimed to provide comprehensive knowledge and hands-on training in advanced implantology techniques.



The inaugural ceremony was graced by Dr. Tarun Kumar, a renowned implantologist from Sydney, Australia, as the Chief Guest. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Dr. D. Jayachandran, Professor and In-charge, Department of Implantology. The Dean, Prof. Dr. J. Baby John, addressed the gathering and emphasised the importance of advanced implant training for enhancing clinical practice. Prof. Dr. Reena Rachael John, Associate Dean – Research, extended her best wishes to the participants for a productive learning experience. The session concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. G. Rajkumar.

A total of 32 participants, including faculty members, postgraduate students, and private practitioners from various institutions, attended the program. The training included case-based discussions, treatment planning exercises, and interactive Q&A sessions. During the valedictory session, participation certificates were distributed to all attendees. The program was accredited with 12 credit points by the Tamil Nadu Dental Council. The mastership program concluded successfully, providing a valuable platform for enhancing knowledge and clinical expertise in implantology.

DENTAL CAMP AT POLICE HOSPITAL, SALEM

The Department of Public Health Dentistry organised a Free Dental Camp at Police Hospital, Salem, on 17 March 2026. The camp was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Ajith Kumar. A team of postgraduate students and interns actively participated in the program, providing dental examinations, oral health counselling, and oral hygiene instructions. A total of 7 beneficiaries received dental care during the camp. The initiative aimed to promote oral health awareness and provide basic dental services to the police personnel and hospital beneficiaries.



SPECIAL DENTAL CLINIC FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry organised a Special Dental Clinic services for Children with Special Care Needs on 10 March 2026. Children from the Salem Institute of Rehabilitation, a special education school in Salem, were brought to the



clinic using the college vehicle and were accompanied by their parents or caregivers. The program aimed to provide specialized dental care tailored to the unique needs of these children. The initiative also served as an important learning opportunity for postgraduate students, enabling them to understand the behavioral patterns and clinical management of children with special needs. Dental treatment and preventive care were provided under the close supervision of faculty members to ensure compassionate and high-quality care. A total of 5 children benefitted from the program.

1ST CDE SERIES 2026 FOR INTERNS

The 1st CDE Series 2026 for the batch of interns was conducted on 16 March 2026 (Monday) at VMS Dental College, Salem. The session featured Dr. Chandramouli Basavaraja, Manager – Marketing, Septodont Healthcare, as the resource person. He delivered an engaging lecture titled “Aah Se Aaha Tak: Turning Fear into Confidence – Anesthesia: The Unsung Hero of Dentistry.”



The session focused on enhancing interns’ understanding of anesthesia in dentistry and emphasized how effective pain management can improve patient confidence and clinical outcomes. A total of 59 interns and 15 postgraduate students attended the session and benefited from the informative program.

WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Department of Public Health Dentistry celebrated World Oral Health Day on 20 March 2026 by organising a series of awareness and educational activities across multiple venues, including the Outpatient Department (OPD) of VMSSDC, Silverline School, and Vinayaka Mission’s Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital, Salem. The program at Silverline School was conducted in association with the Pierre Fauchard Academy (PFA).



At the OPD of VMSDC, awareness banners and a rangoli display were arranged to attract public attention. Oral health awareness pamphlets were distributed, and an educational video on oral hygiene was screened in the patient waiting area. A selfie activity involving postgraduate students, interns, and students was also organised. A total of 65 beneficiaries participated in the program at this venue.

At Silverline School, oral health awareness lectures were delivered to school children, followed by demonstrations on proper tooth-brushing techniques. Oral health screening of students was carried out, and a colouring competition was conducted with prize distribution. Oral health aids were also distributed to the students. Approximately 250 children benefited from these activities.

At Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital, Salem, an oral health orientation program was conducted by faculty members of the Department of Public Health Dentistry. An e-poster competition was also organised for students, and winners were recognized with prizes. Around 85 beneficiaries participated in this program.

The events were conducted under the guidance of Dr. N. Saravanan, Professor and Head, with active participation from faculty members, postgraduate students, and interns.

Through various educational, clinical, and interactive activities, the program successfully promoted awareness about oral hygiene and preventive dental care among patients, school children, and students.

CDE WORKSHOP ON “DENTISTRY 2.0: THE BIOACTIVE UPGRADE”

A CDE Workshop titled “Dentistry 2.0: The Bioactive Upgrade” was conducted on 16 March 2026 (Monday) at VMSDC.

The session began with a welcome address by Dr. Yadav Chakravarthy, Professor and Head of the Department. The workshop featured Dr. Chandramouli Basavaraja, Marketing Manager –



Septodont Healthcare, as the resource person. He shared valuable insights into selecting appropriate anesthesia based on clinical indications, understanding bioactive dental materials, and the evolving approach towards vital pulp therapy and tooth preservation.

The program included both lecture sessions and hands-on training. The morning lecture was conducted in Lecture Hall II, followed by a workshop for postgraduate students in the PG Clinic. The afternoon session included a hands-on workshop, tooth model demonstrations, and a live demonstration on a patient for local anesthesia administration. A total of 30 participants, including faculty members and postgraduate students, attended the workshop and benefited from the training.

Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Salem

NABH TRAINING ON HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

VMHMC&H organised a training session on NABH Human Resource Management Standards on 17 March 2026 in Lecture Hall I, as part of the NABH Annual Training Plan. The session was delivered by Prof. Dr. N. Nirubanraj (BHMS, MD Hom). The training highlighted the significance of effective human resource management in healthcare institutions, covering



key aspects such as staff recruitment, credentialing, training, performance appraisal, staff safety, and continuous professional development. The session also emphasised the importance of structured HR policies in maintaining high-quality healthcare services and ensuring compliance with NABH accreditation standards.

A total of 29 participants, including faculty members, medical officers, paramedical staff, and hospital support personnel, attended the program. The effectiveness of the training was evaluated through pre-test and post-test assessments.

GLOBAL RECYCLING DAY AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The Environmental Club organised an awareness programme in observance of Global Recycling Day on 18 March 2026 in Lecture Hall I. The programme aimed to promote environmental awareness and sustainable living practices among students



under the theme “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: A Way of Life.” The resource person, Prof. Dr. T. Satesh, Environmental Club Programme Officer and Professor in the Department of Homoeopathic Pharmacy, delivered an informative session on environmental sustainability.

He highlighted the importance of reducing waste, reusing materials, and recycling resources in everyday life, while also discussing practical approaches to waste management and the role of individuals in conserving natural resources.

A total of 64 students and Environmental Club members actively participated in the programme, which successfully created awareness about environmental issues and encouraged the adoption of eco-friendly habits.

PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE SESSION FOR CRRI INTERNS

A Professor of Practice session on 18 March 2026 for CRRI interns through the Zoom virtual platform. The session was delivered by Dr. Adline Jerald Paul, Professor of Practice, on the topic “Common Clinical Mistakes in Homeopathic Practice and How to Avoid Them.”



The lecture focused on identifying common errors in homeopathic clinical practice, including inaccurate case-taking, improper remedy selection, incorrect potency and dosage, and inadequate follow-up. Dr. Paul emphasised the importance of detailed case analysis, individualized treatment approaches, and adherence to classical homeopathic principles to prevent such mistakes.

Through practical insights and real-time clinical examples, the session enhanced the interns’ understanding and clinical decision-making skills. A total of 42 interns actively participated and benefited from the informative program.

NABH DISASTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND MOCK DRILL

A training session on “NABH Disaster Management Training and Mock Drill” was conducted on 18 March 2026 in Lecture Hall I as part of the NABH Annual Training Plan.



The session was facilitated by Dr. A. Vetrivel (BHMS, MD Hom) and focused on hospital disaster preparedness, NABH protocols, emergency roles and responsibilities, code activation, communication procedures, and triage principles.

A mock drill was also conducted to simulate emergency response and assess preparedness. A total of 35 participants, including faculty, medical officers, non-teaching staff, and support personnel, actively participated, demonstrating effective coordination and adherence to protocols, thereby enhancing overall disaster readiness.

WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY 2026 PROGRAMME

World Oral Health Day 2026 was observed on 20 March 2026 at the PG Seminar Hall to promote awareness on oral hygiene and preventive care. The programme featured expert sessions by Dr. N. Saravanan, Professor and Head, and Dr. Santhakumari, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health Dentistry, VMSSDC, highlighting oral-systemic health integration and the importance of preventive oral care.



The event included expert lectures, an E-poster competition, interactive awareness activities, and prize distribution for the best presentations. Students from I BHMS and III BHMS, along with faculty members, actively participated, making the programme informative, engaging, and educational.

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem

AI MASTERCLASS BY IQAC

The IQAC Cell organised a Faculty Training Programme titled “AI Masterclass” on 17 March 2026 at the Dr. ASG Auditorium. The programme aimed to enhance faculty competencies in applying Artificial Intelligence in academics, research, and modern teaching-learning practices.



The session commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU), who highlighted the growing importance of Artificial Intelligence in transforming higher education, strengthening research innovation, and enriching student engagement. The resource person, Dr. Kathiresan, Senior Data Science and Machine Learning Trainer from HCL Technologies, Chennai, delivered an insightful and interactive session covering the fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence, emerging AI tools for academic applications, and practical use cases in education and healthcare sectors. The programme also included hands-on demonstrations and interactive discussions, enabling faculty members to gain practical exposure to AI-based tools and methodologies.

The training programme proved to be highly informative and engaging, encouraging faculty members to explore innovative AI-driven approaches in teaching and research

FACULTY WELLNESS TRIP TO CS GRAND, KRISHNAGIRI



The Serenity Club organised a one-day faculty wellness trip to CS Grand, Krishnagiri, on 14 March 2026 under the guidance of Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU). The programme aimed to promote relaxation, team bonding, and faculty well-being. Participants engaged in recreational and team-building activities that enhanced coordination and collaboration among staff. The serene environment provided a refreshing break from academic responsibilities, and the programme concluded on a positive note, leaving faculty members rejuvenated, motivated, and more closely connected.

Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Engineering College, Salem

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION THEMED "SHE SHINES 2026"



The Women Empowerment Cell and Internal Compliance Committee organised the Women's Day celebration titled "She Shines 2026" on 07 March 2026. The programme was conducted to recognise and celebrate the achievements and contributions of women while promoting awareness about gender equality and empowerment within the academic community. Faculty members and students actively participated in the event, making the celebration meaningful and inspiring. There was no chief guest for the programme.

GAC GALA 2026

The Sports Club and Department of Physical Education organised the Annual Sports Meet titled “GAC Gala 2026” on 13 March 2026. The programme was graced by Dr. A. Sam Thamburaj, Principal of Vinayaka Mission’s College of Physiotherapy, as the Chief Guest. The event aimed to encourage physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship among students through various athletic competitions and sports events.



DANZIC 2K26: RISE, PERFORM, INSPIRE

The Annual Day 2026 along with the cultural fest “DANZIC 2K26 – Rise, Perform, Inspire” was organised on 20 March 2026. The programme was graced by S. Narayanan, Vice President – Digital Engineering and Global Head – App Modernisation at Virtusa Consulting Services Ltd., Chennai, as the Chief Guest. The event celebrated student achievements and showcased vibrant cultural performances, highlighting the creativity, talent, and enthusiasm of students across the institution.



VINAYAKA MISSIONS

KARAIKAL CAMPUS



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

FACULTY MEMBERS FACILITATE TB MUKTH PANCHAYAT TRAINING IN KARAİKAL

Dr. Lalithambigai, Dr. Frank, Dr. Sindu, and Dr. Murugesan from the Departments of Community Medicine and Respiratory Medicine were resource persons for the TB Mukth Panchayat Training Program held at the Deputy Director (DD) Office, Karaikal, in March 2026. The training emphasised the coordinated efforts under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) to achieve a TB-free panchayat.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT PARTICIPATED IN GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

Dr. A. Sivaraman took part in a record-setting event titled “The most viewers of an artificial intelligence in healthcare lesson on live stream on YouTube,” which was organized by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) in collaboration with Dr. Dilip Jha Sheikh (Delhi, India) at Calicut, India, on 25 February 2026. The event witnessed an unprecedented participation of 17,993 viewers, thereby establishing a global benchmark in digital medical education.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

Dr. K. YUVANRAMAN WAS RESOURCE PERSON AT ADOLESCENT TRAINING PROGRAMME

Dr. K. Yuvanraman from the Community Medicine Department was the Resource Person for an Adolescent Training Programme on Reproductive Health, Hygiene, and Family Strengthening organized by SOS Children's Villages of India on March 17. The event program was conducted at the Government Higher Secondary School, Kurichi.



PG TRIO PRESENTED PAPERS AT KIMSCOMCON 2026 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The following PG Students from Community Medicine presented papers and posters at the KIMSCOMCON 2026 National Hybrid Conference. The conference was organized by Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, Chengalpattu.

S.No	Name of the Student	Paper/Poster Presented
1	Dr. Priya. M	Poster - Sleep Quality and its Influence on Academic Performance among Medical Students: A Cross-Sectional Study in Karaikal, South India
2	Dr. Sowmiya. K	Scientific Paper - Role of Social Media and Mobile Applications in Self-Care and Prevention of Non-Communicable Diseases: A Community-Based Cross-Sectional Study in Karaikal
3	Dr. Yuvanraman. K	Scientific Paper - Assessment of Healthcare Seeking Behaviour, Out-of-Pocket Expenditure and Mental Health Status among Migrant Workers: A Cross-Sectional Study in Karaikal

Dr. M. PRIYA COMPLETED MEDICAL ETHICS COURSE

Dr. M. Priya completed an online course titled “Medical Ethics,” on March 19. The course provided comprehensive insights into key principles of medical ethics, including patient autonomy, confidentiality, informed consent, and professional responsibility in clinical practice.



NEWS IN MEDIA

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

**Dr. K. KALAIVANI,
HOD, OPHTHALMOLOGY IN AIOC
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

WORLD TB DAY OBSERVATION 2026

The Institute TB Core Committee will observe World TB Day on 23 March 2026 at the Ground Floor OPD, Hospital Block, under the theme “Yes! We can end TB: Led by countries and powered by people.” Dr. Gokul, District TB Officer, GH Karaikal, will be the Special Guest in the presence of the Dean and senior administrators. The programme will include TB awareness activities, experience sharing, and felicitation of TB champions, with support from Community Medicine, Outreach Activities, General Medicine (Pulmonary Medicine), and Emergency Medicine.

QUIZ HEALTH DAY

The Department of Community Medicine will conduct the Final Round of the Nationwide Undergraduate Quiz for World Health Day 2026 on 25 March 2026 under the aegis of the Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine (IAPSM), aligned with the theme “Together for Health: Stand with Science.”

The final round will feature 12 shortlisted students organised into four teams, and will test knowledge in epidemiology, national health programmes, preventive strategies, and recent advances in public health. The programme will promote critical thinking, teamwork, and evidence-based understanding of public health among undergraduate medical students.

EVENTS ORGANISED

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

MEDICAL CAMP ON WORLD KIDNEY DAY

The Department of General Medicine and Nephrology organised a Free Medical Camp on 12 March 2026 at the OPD Building in observance of World Kidney Day 2026. The initiative aimed to promote awareness about kidney health and provide free consultation and screening services to the public.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Dr. V. Sakthivel, Head and Lead, Department of General Medicine. The inaugural address was delivered by Prof. Dr. K. Cheran, Dean, VMMC&H. Felicitation addresses were offered by Prof. Dr. G. Vijayakumar Nair, Deputy Dean (Administration); Prof. Dr. M. Thirumaran, Deputy Dean (Academics); Prof. Dr. A. Sivaraman, Medical



Superintendent; and Prof. Dr. A. Ganesh Bala, Deputy Medical Superintendent. The programme introduction was presented by Prof. Dr. T. Rajendran, Nephrologist. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Dr. R. Babu from the Department of General Medicine. The camp emphasised the theme “Kidney Health for All – Caring for People, Protecting the Planet,” highlighting the importance of early detection and preventive care for kidney-related disorders.

FAMILY ADOPTION PROGRAM AT THIRUVETTAKUDY

The Department of Community Medicine conducted a Family Adoption Program (FAP) from 11 to 13 March 2026 at Thiruvettakudy for third-year MBBS students as part of community-based medical education.



The programme aimed to provide early field exposure by enabling students to interact with families and understand the various determinants of health within the community. During the activity, students visited households, observed living conditions, and engaged with residents to gain insights into socio-environmental and health-related factors affecting wellbeing.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. S. Nancy, Assistant Professor, along with postgraduate students Dr. Eshwar and Dr. Vidhya. Medical Social Workers (MSWs) and ICMR project staff from the Department of Community Medicine supported and supervised the students throughout the field activities. The initiative significantly enhanced experiential learning and strengthened students' understanding of community-oriented healthcare.

RALLY AND AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

The Department of Community Medicine organised a rally and house-to-house awareness programme on 13 March 2026 at Thiruvettakudy in connection with International Women's Day. The programme aimed to sensitise the public about the importance of women's health, empowerment, and gender equality. During the activity, students and faculty members interacted with community residents and disseminated important health messages related to women's wellbeing, preventive healthcare, and social awareness. The programme was led by Dr. S. Nancy, Assistant Professor, with active participation from postgraduate students, ICMR project staff, a Medical Social Worker (MSW), and third-year MBBS students. The initiative strengthened community engagement and promoted awareness on women's health at the grassroots level.



WALKATHON PROMOTING HEALTH AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

The Department of Physical Education arranged for a 5 km Walkathon on 14 March 2026, from the Town OPD Centre, Karaikal. The event was conducted to commemorate the birthday of the Honourable Vice President and to mark the celebration of International Women's Day. The walkathon witnessed enthusiastic



participation from nearly 350 faculty members, staff, and students, promoting awareness about health, fitness, and social wellbeing. The route covered Nehru Nagar, Thalatheru, Keelakasakudi, Kottucherry, Vellai Pillaiyar Kovil Street, and Jeeva Nagar before concluding at the New Block of VMMC&H. The event was inaugurated by Dr. K. Cheran, Dean, along with Dr. G. Vijayakumar Nair, Deputy Dean (Administration); Dr. M. Thirumaran, Deputy Dean (Academics); Dr. A. Sivaraman, Medical Superintendent; Dr. A. Ganesh Bala, Deputy Medical Superintendent; Dr. V. Sakthivel, Head of General Medicine; and Dr. K. Saravanan, Head of Orthopaedics.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. S. Ananth, Director of Physical Education, who ensured arrangements for water and refreshments for the participants. The walkathon successfully encouraged physical activity and community participation.

EARLY CLINICAL EXPOSURE PROGRAMME FOR FIRST-YEAR MBBS STUDENTS

The Early Clinical Exposure (ECE) programme for first-year MBBS students was conducted on 13 March 2026 in accordance with the Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME) curriculum.



The programme aimed to familiarise students with the clinical environment at an early stage of their medical training and bridge the gap between theoretical learning and clinical practice. During the session, students were introduced to patient care settings, clinical procedures, and the importance of compassionate doctor-patient communication. Faculty members guided the students through interactive demonstrations and discussions, helping them gain practical insights into

hospital functioning and patient-centered care. The programme served as an important platform to enhance motivation and reinforce the clinical relevance of their foundational medical studies.

WORLD HEARING DAY AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology observed World Hearing Day on 9 March 2026 with the theme “From Communities to Classrooms: Sensitising Hearing Care for All.” The programme aimed to raise awareness about hearing health, emphasising early detection



and prevention of hearing impairment among children and the community. The event also coincided with the birthday celebration of Vice-President Sri N. V. Chandrasekhar. A keynote lecture was delivered by Dr. Vijaya Shankar, Head of ENT at Government General Hospital, Karaikal, and District Nodal Officer for the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD). He highlighted the importance of community participation in hearing care and preventive strategies.

Around 20 undergraduate B.ASLP students actively participated in academic and advocacy activities. Nearly 230 school children from private and government schools benefited from awareness sessions, drama-based sensitization programmes, and hearing screening conducted by the Department of ENT. Audiological assessments, including Pure Tone Audiometry and Immittance Audiometry, were carried out to evaluate hearing levels and middle ear status. Referral cards were issued to children requiring further evaluation, and teachers were counselled regarding the hearing status of students and appropriate follow-up measures. The programme significantly strengthened awareness and community engagement in preventive hearing healthcare.

AI 3.0 WORKSHOP ON “TURBOCHARGE RESEARCH, ACADEMICS AND CLINICAL PRACTICE WITH AI”

The AI 3.0 Workshop titled “Turbocharge Research, Academics and Clinical Practice with AI” was conducted on 16–17 March 2026 organised by the Accreditation and Ranking Cell. The programme was inaugurated in the presence of



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 welcome address was delivered by Dr. K. Janakiraman, Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology.

Dr. Sharon Baisil served as the resource person and conducted hands-on sessions on prompt engineering, AI-assisted literature search, automated medical writing, data analysis, visual communication, and ethical use of AI in healthcare. A total of 52 faculty members and postgraduate students participated and were awarded certificates along with three TNMC credit points. The workshop was interactive and well appreciated for its practical learning approach, successfully enhancing participants’ understanding of AI applications in research, academics, and clinical practice.

WORLD HEAD INJURY AWARENESS DAY

The Department of General Surgery and Neurosurgery organised a programme in observance of World Head Injury Awareness Day on 20 March 2026 at the Main OPD Block. The programme began with a welcome address by Prof. Dr. R. Bharathidasan, Head of the Department of General Surgery, followed by the inaugural address by Prof. Dr. K. Cheran, Dean.



Felicitation addresses were delivered by Prof. Dr. G. Vijayakumar Nair, Deputy Dean (Administration); Prof. Dr. M. Thirumaran, Deputy Dean (Academics); Prof. Dr. A. Sivaraman, Medical Superintendent; and Prof. Dr. A. Ganesh Bala, Deputy Medical Superintendent. The session included presentations by Prof. Dr. R. Raju, Neurosurgeon; Dr. R. Pathmarajan, Neuro Physician; and Mr. R. Shanmugam, Inspector of Police, Traffic Wing, Karaikal, highlighting the prevention and management of head injuries. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Dr. B. Sankararaman, Department of General Surgery.

PRELIMINARY ROUND OF IAPSM UG QUIZ

The Department of Community Medicine hosted the preliminary round of the Undergraduate Quiz for World Health Day 2026 on 18 March 2026 under the aegis of the Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine (IAPSM). The event followed the theme "Together for Health: Stand with Science".



A total of 120 third-year MBBS students participated, and the top 12 students were shortlisted into four teams for the final round. The programme was graced by Dr. G. Vijayakumar Nair, Deputy Dean (Administration). It was organised under the leadership of Dr. K. Mujibur Rahman, Head of the Department, with support from Dr. K. Mohamed Ali and Dr. P. K. Govindarajan, Professors in Community Medicine, and coordinated by Dr. S. Nancy, Assistant Professor and IAPSM Quiz Nodal Officer. The event successfully encouraged scientific thinking and public health awareness among students.

THETHI ORPHANAGE HOME VISIT

A visit to Thethi Orphanage was organised in March 2026 by the Department of Outreach Activity as part of a community outreach initiative. The visit aimed to promote social responsibility and provide supportive interaction with the children residing at the orphanage.



Faculty members, students, and volunteers participated in educational, recreational, and motivational activities with the children. Essential items and basic necessities were distributed to support their well-being. The programme sensitized participants to the psychosocial needs of vulnerable groups and reinforced the institution's commitment to community service and compassionate care.

ESI HEALTH CAMP IN JOTHI LABS

An ESI health camp was conducted at Jothi Labs in March 2026 by the Department of Outreach Activity. The camp was coordinated by Dr. K. Murugesan, Senior Resident, Department of Community Medicine, who served as the Camp In-charge.



The programme aimed to provide accessible healthcare services to employees through general health check-ups, screening for common conditions, and health education on preventive practices. Faculty members, students, and healthcare staff actively participated in delivering services. The camp

received good participation and successfully promoted occupational health awareness among the beneficiaries.

MULTI-SPECIALTY MEDICAL CAMP FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

A medical examination camp for the students of Bright Academy School was conducted in March 2026 by the Department of Outreach Activity, following a request from the People's Progressive Welfare Association. The camp focused on comprehensive health screening and early identification of health



problems among school children. Faculty members, postgraduate students, CRRIs, and nursing staff from the Departments of Paediatrics, Ophthalmology, ENT, Dental, and Dermatology participated in the programme. The camp was coordinated by Dr. K. Murugesan, Senior Resident, Department of Community Medicine.

The initiative effectively promoted child health and preventive healthcare within the community.

7TH VINCPC MEETING

The 7th VINCPC meeting was conducted on 19 March 2026 at ASG Hall. The session featured a case presentation of a 27-year-old female with right hip pain, auto-amputation of digits, sensory loss, and renal agenesis. The case was presented by Dr. Jeyanth, second-year postgraduate from Orthopaedics.

The session was moderated by Dr. Vejaykumar and Prof. Dr. Saravanan, Head of Orthopaedics, and chaired by Dr. A. Sivaraman, Medical Superintendent; Dr. A. Ganesh Bala, Deputy Medical Superintendent; and Dr. Pagadpally Srinivas, MEU Coordinator. Participants including CRMI, postgraduate students, and senior residents actively discussed differential diagnoses and management aspects. Dr. Shaktivelu, Head of Medicine, offered expert insights, and the final diagnosis of Hereditary Sensory Autonomic Neuropathy Type II with pathological fracture and renal agenesis was revealed.

The meeting had 101 participants and served as an effective interdisciplinary academic platform.

INDUSTRY EXPOSURE VISITS BY COMMUNITY MEDICINE

The Department of Community Medicine organised industry exposure visits for its second-year MBBS students from 16 to 18 March 2026. The visits included Om Shakthi Oil Industry on 16 March, the Water Purification and Storage Centre at Melaodudurai on 17 March, and the Colait Milk Society, Karaikal, on 18 March 2026.



These visits were arranged to provide students with practical exposure to industrial processes, food safety practices, and public health aspects related to water and dairy management. The programme was coordinated by Senior Residents Dr. Udhayakumar, Dr. Muthukumaran, and Dr. Jeffrey; Postgraduates Dr. Vidhya and Dr. Eshwar; and Medical Social Worker Ms. Mounica. The visits enhanced students' understanding of environmental health, hygiene standards, and the role of industry in safeguarding public health.

School of Allied Health Sciences, VMMC Campus, Karaikal

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

The NSS Unit and Fine Arts Club celebrated International Women's Day on 11 March 2026 with active participation from faculty and students.

The programme began with a welcome address by Mrs. P. Vinodhini, followed by the presidential address by Dr. M. P. Venkatesan, Director, SAHS, highlighting the importance of women's empowerment and equality.

The keynote address by Dr. Sriram focused on empowering women through education and support systems. The Chief Guest, Dr. P. Vandarkuzhali, delivered an inspiring talk on women's empowerment and nutrition and conducted an awareness session on "Nutrition and Immunity: How Food Protects Our Health."

Students presented speeches and a mime performance on women's empowerment, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony and distribution of gifts. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Jassra, marking a meaningful celebration of International Women's Day.



A large, white, domed building with a central spire, likely a church or mission building. The building features multiple levels of arched windows and columns. In the foreground, there is a paved area with a black and white striped curb, and a well-maintained hedge. Lush greenery, including palm trees and other tropical plants, surrounds the building. A street lamp is visible on the left side of the image.

VINAYAKA MISSIONS
PUDUCHERRY CAMPUS

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS(AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

Aarupadai Veedu Medical College and Hospital, Puducherry

PROFESSORS COMPLETE HARVARD EXECUTIVE PROGRAM ON AI

Professor and Vice Dean (Academic & Digitalisation), Dr. R. Latha, Professor and HoD of Pathology Dr. Jawahar, and Professor and HOD of Medical Biotechnology Dr. S. Ravikumar, completed an 8 week Online Executive Program titled “AI in Healthcare: From strategies to Implementation,” from December 11, 2025 to February 26, 2026. The program was conducted by Harvard Medical School.



VICE DEAN WAS RESOURCE PERSON AT NATIONAL WORKSHOP IN MUMBAI

Vice Dean (Admin) Dr. T. Rajan was the Resource Person at “Where Tradition Meets Technology,” a National Workshop on Plastination and Casting Techniques. The workshop was held on March 6 and 7, R.A. Podar Medical College, Mumbai.



School of Allied Health Sciences, Puducherry

MR. GOVINDARAJ S. PARTICIPATED IN WEBINAR ON MRI SAFETY

Mr. Govindaraj S, from the Radiology and Imaging Technology Department participated in an academic webinar titled “MRI Safety in Clinical Practice.” The webinar was organized by Radiology in a Nutshell on March 8,

and focused on important aspects of MRI safety protocols, risk management, patient protection, and safe clinical practices in magnetic resonance imaging environments.

FACULTY MEMBERS COMPLETED MEDICAL WRITING PROGRAM

12 faculty members completed the “Medical Writing Skills for Beginners” Certification Program conducted by the International Medical Writers Association (IMWA), and presented by Virginia Chachati, via LinkedIn Learning.

SNo	Name of Faculty Member	Department
1	Mrs. Pagadalu Lokababu Ambika	Medical Lab Technology
2	Ms. Rida Hilal Wani	Radiology and Imaging Technology
3	Mr. Guru Prakash	Radiology and Imaging Technology
4	Mr. Joel Martin	Radiology and Imaging Technology
5	Mr. Jowin Adams J.J.	Radiology and Imaging Technology
6	Mr. Govindaraj S.	Radiology and Imaging Technology
7	Mr. Gowtham R.	Radiology and Imaging Technology
8	Mr. V. Sabarinathan	Medical Lab Technology
9	Mr. Mithun Kumar	Anaesthesia Technology
10	Mr. Sudhakar Krrish	Medical Lab Technology
11	Ms. Sivasankari M.	Perfusion Technology
12	Ms. Govarthani V.	Perfusion Technology

School of Rehabilitation and Behavioral Sciences

Dr. C. SARAVANAN RECEIVES ICSSR RESEARCH GRANT FOR SCHIZOPHRENIA STUDY

Dr. C. Saravanan, Ph.D., Professor and Head of the Department of Clinical Psychology, received an external research grant of Rs. 7,75,500 from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) for the project titled "Development and Validation of relapse symptoms identification scale application for schizophrenia"



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Aarupadai Veedu Medical College and Hospital, Puducherry

AVMC STUDENTS SHINE IN THADAYAM '26

Keshavapriya K (1012210267), IV MBBS secured First Prize for the poster titled “Narcotic Drug Abuse – A Growing Medico-Legal Challenge” at the THADAYAM '26 Poster Competition held at Nagapattinam Government Medical College & Hospital.



Smrithi Santhagunam S (1012210328), IV MBBS secured Third Prize for the poster titled “Scientific Truth in the Pursuit of Justice” at the THADAYAM '26 Poster Competition held at Nagapattinam Government Medical College & Hospital.

EVENTS ORGANISED

Aarupadai Veedu Medical College and Hospital, Puducherry

MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT CAMP AT RAMAPURAM & VAZHISOOTHANAIPALAYAM

AVMC Outreach Services, in collaboration with Sevabharathi NGO, organized a Mobile Medical Unit Camp on 16 March 2026 to provide basic medical consultation, health screening, and medicines to the local community.



AI MASTERCLASS FOR EDUCATORS

The AI Masterclass for Educators – Bridging Academia & Industry, a VMRF (DU)-HCL Tech initiative, was organised by the Digital Transformation & AI Team of Vinayaka Mission’s Puducherry Campus in collaboration with the HCL Tech Career

Shaper™ Initiative from 23 to 27 February 2026 at Dr. A.S. Ganesan Learning Centre – I, the five-day programme aimed to enhance Artificial Intelligence (AI) literacy and digital competencies among faculty members.



The programme introduced educators to the fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI, practical AI tools for teaching and research, and prompt engineering techniques to effectively interact with AI platforms. It also highlighted the ethical and responsible use of AI, including aspects related to data privacy and academic integrity.

The sessions were delivered by Dr. Kathiresan, Senior Data Science and Machine Learning Trainer, and Mr. Sajin, Technical Mentor from HCL Technologies, who conducted interactive sessions with demonstrations and hands-on activities to help participants apply AI tools in academic workflows.

The programme witnessed the participation of 311 faculty members from Aarupadai Veedu Medical College & Hospital, Vinayaka Mission College of Nursing, School of Rehabilitation and Behavioral Sciences, School of Allied Health Sciences, Medical Biotechnology, and the School of Physiotherapy.

The masterclass significantly strengthened industry-academia collaboration and empowered faculty members to explore AI-enabled approaches in teaching, research, and academic administration, supporting the institution’s vision of digital transformation and future-ready education.

GENERAL SURGERY SPECIALTY CAMP AT NELLIKUPPAM SATELLITE CENTRE

AVMC Outreach Services conducted a General Surgery specialty camp on 16 March 2026, offering consultation, diagnosis, and guidance for patients requiring surgical care.



OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY (ENT) SPECIALTY OUTREACH CAMP AT PANRUTI SATELLITE CENTRE

AVMC Outreach Services organized an ENT specialty camp on 16 March 2026 to provide consultation and treatment for ear, nose, and throat-related conditions.

MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT CAMP AT THANGALIKUPPAM & RAMANTHANKUPPAM

AVMC Outreach Services, with the support of Sevabharathi NGO, organized a Mobile Medical Unit Camp on 17 March 2026, delivering primary healthcare services to residents of the villages.

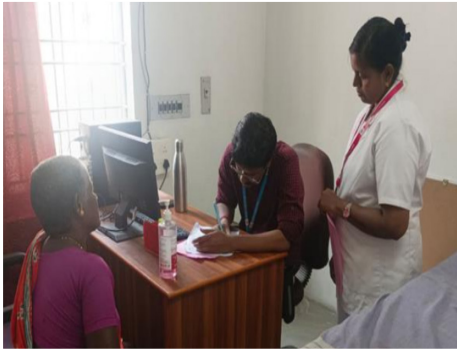


MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT CAMP AT SILAMBIMANGALAM & AANDAAR MULLIPALLAM

AVMC Outreach Services, in collaboration with Sevabharathi NGO, conducted a Mobile Medical Unit Camp on 18 March 2026, providing free medical consultation and health awareness to the community.

ORTHOPAEDICS SPECIALTY CAMP AT KULLANCHAVADI SATELLITE CENTRE

AVMC Outreach Services organized an Orthopaedics specialty camp on 18 March 2026, focusing on the diagnosis and management of bone and joint-related conditions.



PAIN AND PALLIATIVE CARE SPECIALTY CAMP AT KANDARAKOTTAI SATELLITE CENTRE

AVMC Outreach Services conducted a Pain and Palliative Care specialty camp on 18 March 2026, offering consultation and support for patients requiring long-term pain management and supportive care.

OPHTHALMOLOGY SPECIALTY CAMP AT KANDARAKOTTAI SATELLITE CENTRE

AVMC Outreach Services, in collaboration with DBCS, organized an Ophthalmology specialty camp on 19 March 2026, providing eye examinations and consultation for patients with vision-related concerns.



MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT CAMP AT VELLAPAKKAM & MARUDHADU

AVMC Outreach Services, with the support of Sevabharathi NGO, conducted a Mobile Medical Unit Camp on 19 March 2026, delivering essential medical services to underserved communities.



MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT CAMP

AVMC Outreach Services, supported by Sevabharathi NGO, organized a Mobile Medical Unit Camp on 20 March 2026 to extend accessible healthcare services to rural populations.



Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Puducherry

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON CHILDHOOD CANCER: ADVANCING CARE, IMPROVING SURVIVAL AND HOLISTIC CARE

The Department of Child Health Nursing organised a National Seminar on “Childhood Cancer: Advancing Care, Improving Survival and Holistic Care” on 18 March 2026. The seminar aimed to enhance awareness and knowledge among nursing students and healthcare professionals regarding the early detection, comprehensive management, and long-term care of children affected by cancer. The program highlighted recent advancements in pediatric oncology, emphasizing multidisciplinary approaches to treatment, improved survival rates, and the importance of holistic care that addresses the physical, emotional, and psychosocial needs of young patients and their families. Experts from the healthcare field shared valuable insights on modern treatment strategies, supportive care, rehabilitation, and the role of healthcare professionals in improving the quality of life of pediatric cancer patients. The seminar provided an interactive platform for participants to engage in discussions and gain deeper understanding of effective strategies for managing childhood cancer.



ONE-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON “BEYOND SURVIVAL: HEALING, RECOVERY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN CHILDHOOD CANCER”



The Department of Community Health Nursing hosted a One-Day National Seminar titled “Beyond Survival: Healing, Recovery and Community Support in Childhood Cancer” on 19 March 2026, under the theme “Together for Hope, Healing and Lifelong Support.”

The seminar focused on the importance of community involvement, long-term rehabilitation, and psychosocial support for children who have survived cancer. The sessions emphasized that care for childhood cancer patients extends beyond medical treatment and requires continuous support systems that promote healing, recovery, and social reintegration.

Resource persons and healthcare experts highlighted the role of community health professionals, caregivers, and support organizations in providing sustained care, emotional support, and health education for survivors and their families. The seminar also encouraged participants to understand the significance of collaborative healthcare efforts, community awareness, and early intervention strategies to improve the overall wellbeing and quality of life of childhood cancer survivors.

The program served as an informative platform for students, faculty members, and healthcare professionals to deepen their understanding of holistic, patient-centered care and community-based support systems in pediatric oncology.

School of Rehabilitation and Behavioral Sciences, Puducherry

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP ON HEARING AID TECHNOLOGY

A Hands-on Workshop titled “From Basics to Advanced: A Hands-on Workshop on Hearing Aid Technology” was conducted on 10 March 2026 by the Department of Audiology. The programme commenced with an inaugural session that included Tamil Thaaai Vaazhthu, the lighting of the kuthuvilakku, a welcome address,



and an overview of the workshop objectives. The event was graced by Dr. R. Mani, Dean, AVMC as the Chief Guest. The programme was attended by distinguished members including Dr. Arun Banik, Director (i/c), SRBS, Prof. N. D. Rajan, Consultant - SRBS, M.Sc (Speech & Hearing and Dr. J. Prajna Bhat, Deputy Director & HoD, Audiology and was coordinated by Mr. A. Vigneshkumar, Lecturer cum Clinical Supervisor Grade I.

The workshop featured a technical session, hands-on training, and career guidance, delivered by the resource person, Ms. Sneha J. Participants gained practical exposure to the latest advancements in hearing aid technology, including device handling, fitting techniques, and clinical applications.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. A. Vigneshkumar, followed by the National Anthem. The workshop provided valuable practical insights and enhanced the professional skills of participants in the field of audiology.



VINAYAKA MISSIONS
CHENNAI CAMPUS

INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

Vinayaka Mission's Law School, Chennai

KABADDI TEAM SECURES RUNNERS' UP POSITION AT VIT CHENNAI



The Kabaddi Team of VMLS secured the Runners-Up position at the Intercollegiate Kabaddi event during Lex Sportiva 2026, hosted by VIT Chennai from March 12 to 14. This accomplishment reflects the team's strength, determination and exceptional teamwork.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai

Dr. SARIKA N. COMPLETED INNOVATION AMBASSADOR TRAINING

Dr. Sarika N. completed the Innovation Ambassador (IA) Training – Foundation Level. The program was organized by the Union Ministry of Education Innovation Cell in collaboration with All India Council for Technical Education under the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) initiative.



CSE ACADEMICIAN COMPLETED FDP ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Dr. Poonguzhali S. completed a one-week FDP on “Innovations and Industry Best Practices in Information Technology,” organised by Amity University, Mumbai from February 23 to 27.

HOD, CSE COMPLETED ENTREPRENEURSHIP COURSE BY QUALCOMM

Professor and HoD Dr. S. Balakrishnan completed the “Entrepreneurship Foundations for Deep Tech Startups” course, offered jointly by Turnip and Qualcomm on 20th March.



Dr. S. BALAKRISHNAN REVIEWED ELSEVIER JOURNALS

Professor and HoD Dr. S. Balakrishnan, was a Peer Reviewer for the leading international journals Array, iScience and Software X, part of Elsevier.



Mr. M. SARAVANAN NAMED AVIT FACULTY AMBASSADOR



Mr. M. Saravanan, Mechanical Engineering has been recognised as the AVIT Faculty Ambassador for bringing laurels to AVIT during the year 2025-2026.

FOUR FACULTY MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN POSH ACT TRAINING

Ms. Mary Praveena J., Dr. R. Mohana Priya and Dr. K.S. Kavitha Kumari and Dr. R. Nagalakshmi participated in a one-day training session on the Posh Act-2013.

MS. R. VANITHA PRESENTED WITH AVIT FACULTY AMBASSADOR AWARD

Ms. R. Vanitha, from the EEE Department received the AVIT Faculty Ambassador Award, for her outstanding dedication, leadership, and exemplary representation of AVIT. The award was presented on March 18, 2026.



DR. K. PUSHPAVATHI PARTICIPATED IN FDP ON GENERATIVE AI TOOLS

Dr. K. Pushpavathi, CSE participated in a one-day Faculty Development Programme on “Generative AI Tools for Teaching” held on March 21. The programme was organised by Annai Mathammal Sheela Engineering College, Namakkal.



CHEMISTRY ACADEMICIAN AUTHORED PAPER ON DEGRADATION OF ORANGE-G DYE MOLECULE

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Dr. Suganya Josephine G. A. authored a paper in the Scientific Report Journal titled “Mechanistic Insights and By-Product Analysis in Sonocatalytic Degradation of Orange-G Dye Molecule via Potassium Persulfate.”

Dr. MUTHUKUMARAN M. SPOKE AT THE IEEE YESIST12 2026 PROGRAM

Dr. Muthukumaran M. from the CSE Department was a Session Speaker at the IEEE YESIST12 2026 Magazine Committee associated with IEEE Indonesia Section and iExplore Foundation. The event was held on March 20.



AVIT FACULTY AMBASSADOR AWARD PRESENTED TO CSE PROFESSOR

Professor Dr. M. Muthukumaran was recognised as an AVIT Faculty Ambassador for the academic year 2025–2026. Dr. Muthukumaran's dedication to teaching, research and academic leadership has enhanced the reputation of the CSE Department.



School of Arts and Science, Chennai

Dr. A. PADMAPRIYA JUDGED ORAL PRESENTATIONS AT INECBA-2026 CONFERENCE

Dr. A. Padmapriya from the Chemistry Department served as a Jury Member for the Oral Presentation Session at the INECBA-2026 Conference held at VISTAS, Pallavaram.



Dr. L. RAMEESHA PRESENTED PAPER AT INECBA-2026 CONFERENCE

Dr. L. Rameesha from the Chemistry Department presented a Research Paper at the INECBA-2026 Conference.

THIRD PRIZE AT CREATIVE QUEEN COMPETITION FOR Dr. J. SUGANYA

Dr. J. Suganya from the Chemistry Department secured Third Position in the Creative Queen Competition organized by the Women Empowerment Cell (WEC) of Chennai Campus.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai

TWO STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AS AVIT STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Mr. Sukumar Ray (IV/VIII/Mech) and Mr. Sourangsu Chandra (IV/VIII/EEE) were recognized as AVIT Student Ambassadors.



Mr. M.D. SHAHBAZ ALAM RECEIVED THE BEST OUTGOING STUDENT AWARD 2026

Mr. M.D. Shahbaz Alam (IV/VIII/EEE) was honoured with the Best Outgoing Student Award 2026 for his outstanding academic achievements, leadership and lasting impact on the college community.



Mr. SRI COMPLETED GOOGLE ADS SEARCH CERTIFICATION

Mr Sri from the CSE Department completed the Google Ads Search Certification. This certification validates proficiency in creating, managing, and optimising search advertising campaigns using Google Ads.



CSE DUO PARTICIPATED IN INDIA AI IMPACT BUILDATHON

Mr. Divyansh Bharati (II / III / CSE - AIML-A) and Mr. M.D. Ashkanul Haque (II / III / CSE - B) participated in the India AI Impact Buildathon, a nationwide innovation challenge held as part of the AI Impact Summit 2026 on 16th February. The event brought together over 40,000 participants to collaborate on AI-driven solutions addressing real-world national challenges.



MR. SRI VATSA G. COMPLETED CERTIFICATION ON SEO AND AI SEARCH

Mr. Sri Vatsa G. (III / V/CSE-B) completed the "Content Marketing Essentials for SEO and AI Search" Online Certification from Semrush Academy, the learning platform of Semrush, on March 5.



Ms. AISHVARIYA S. RECORDS ACHIEVEMENTS IN ESSAY WRITING AND RANGOLI COMPETITIONS

Ms. Aishvariya S. (II/IV/CSEAIML INTEL) won the Second prize in Essay Writing and Third Prize in the Rangoli competitions, part of the CREA 2K26, held on March 17.



Mr. V. MOUNIKA RECEIVED ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD AT ANNUAL DAY

Mr. V. Mounika, received the Academic Excellence Award, during the AVIT Annual Day Celebrations on March 18.

Mr. C.H. NIKHIL SECURED SECOND POSITION AT THE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Mr. C.H. Nikhil (III/VI/CSE AIML) secured Second Position at the End Semester Examination, during academic year 2025-2026.



NEWS IN MEDIA

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai

ANNUAL DAY



NEW FACULTY



School of Arts and Science, Chennai

Mr. Anbazhagan R, MCA joined as Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science.

EVENTS ORGANISED

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai

ROARING 26

The Hostel Day 2026 celebration, titled "Roaring 26", was held on 17 March 2026 at the Vinayaka Missions Chennai Campus with the enthusiastic participation of hostel students. The event was organised to celebrate the vibrant hostel community and was conducted in the gracious presence of all Heads of Institutions (Hols) of the campus.

Students captivated the audience with a variety of cultural performances, including traditional dances, musical presentations, and skits, reflecting their creativity and unity. The programme also featured felicitation ceremonies honouring the hostel warden and associated officials for their dedicated



service and continuous support to the hostel community. The Hols appreciated the efforts of the students and organising team, highlighting the importance of such celebrations in strengthening community bonding and campus life. The programme concluded on an inspiring note, leaving participants motivated and energised.

CREA 2K26 - AVIT CULTURAL FEST



CREA 2K26, the grand cultural fest of Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, was organised by the Fine Arts Club of AVIT in association with ACCL on 17 March 2026. The event was coordinated by Dr. Jennifer G. Joseph and Dr. Saravanakumar, bringing together students and faculty members in a vibrant celebration of creativity, talent, and artistic expression.

A series of pre-event branding activities were conducted leading up to the fest, including a Flash Mob on 11 March 2026, Mic Set & Vocal Flash Mob on 12 March 2026, and a Banner Drop campaign to promote CREA 2K26. An Auto Expo held on 13 March 2026 featured thrilling bike and car stunt performances, attracting large crowds and generating excitement across the campus. A Retro





Walk competition was also organised for both faculty and students, showcasing vintage fashion and creativity.

The grand finale featured multiple on-stage competitions with prominent judges from different creative fields. The Singing Finale was judged by Hasanudeen S from Twin Heart Academy, while the Dance Finals (Solo, Duo, and

Group) were judged by Manas and Arun Kumar, known for their appearance in the television dance show Dance Jodi Dance. The Ramp Walk Finale was evaluated by Aishwarya Doss, Assistant Art Director.

During the event, a teaser of a game developed by AVIT student Mr. Ajay Raj was also released, earning appreciation from faculty and students alike. The audience was further entertained by an electrifying live band performance by Jonan, Rowan Samuel Jerome, Franklin Paul, and Aniruth, followed by performances from Super Singer contestants Vignesh Kabali and Abraham Nithya Pandian, along with Srinidhi Arun Kumar.

A special highlight of the evening was the celebrity walk-in by Ma Ka Pa Anand, who energised the audience with his presence and musical performance, receiving thunderous applause. The event concluded with the distribution of prizes to winners of nearly 25 competitions conducted earlier, covering categories such as literary events, arts, music, dance, and online competitions, including intercollegiate contests.

CREA 2K26 concluded as a vibrant celebration of creativity, talent, and student engagement, leaving participants with memorable experiences and a strengthened sense of campus community.

School of Arts and Science, Chennai

NSS SPECIAL CAMP 2026

The NSS Special Camp 2026 commenced with an inaugural ceremony on 09 March 2026 in the presence of Dr. Ulagammal, Educationist; Mr. Saravanan, President of Sembakkam Village; and Dr. Christianna Singh, Director, SAS, VMCC, VMRF (DU). The



programme marked the beginning of a week-long community service initiative promoting social responsibility among student volunteers. In the evening, Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan, NSS Programme Officer, gave an orientation on the objectives, values, and responsibilities of NSS volunteers.

Day 2, 10 March 2026

The day began with a cleanliness drive at the Samudhaya Koodam and nearby areas. Volunteers also visited village households to invite residents to the General Medical Camp, which was successfully conducted with active community participation. In the evening, Dr. Kovardhanan Selvam, Medical Officer, VMCC, VMRF-DU, delivered an informative and motivating talk to the volunteers.

Day 3, 11 March 2026

The day started with a Yoga session conducted by Mr. Duraipandi, benefiting both volunteers and villagers. This was followed by cleanliness activities in surrounding areas. In the evening, Dr. Jayaprakash, Head, Department of Chemistry, delivered a talk on Youth Development. Dr. Christianna Singh, Director, SAS, also visited the camp, interacted with students, and distributed badges to NSS committee members.

Day 4, 12 March 2026

Volunteers conducted cleanliness activities near the Sembakkam Library and nearby roads. An Environmental Awareness Rally was also organised to promote plastic-free practices and environmental protection. In the evening session, Dr. Padmapriya, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, conducted an awareness programme with interactive and talent-building activities for the volunteers.

Day 5, 13 March 2026

A cleanliness drive was carried out near the Sembakkam Post Office and Primary Health Care Centre, where officials appreciated the volunteers and issued certificates. Sessions were delivered by Dr. Saranya, Head, Department of English, on volunteerism and by Dr. Prasanth, VSEP Coordinator, on Vikshit Bharat Budget Awareness. The day concluded with a Road Safety initiative, including painting speed breakers.

Day 6, 14 March 2026

Volunteers conducted village surveys on literacy, first-generation graduates, and awareness of government schemes. Another team carried out a Jal Jeevan Mission survey on water usage and supply. In the evening, Dr. Jayabharathi, Assistant Director (Administration) and Head, Department of Tamil, delivered a session on Child Rights Awareness. The day ended with preparations for the campfire and cultural activities, creating memorable experiences for the volunteers.

Valedictory Function

The camp concluded on 15 March 2026 with a cleanliness drive at the Samudhaya Koodam. Dr. Surendrababu, AVIT, delivered an inspiring address encouraging continued social service. The Valedictory Function was held in the presence of Dr. P. Muthusamy, Former NSS Programme Officer, Pachaiyappa's College, along with village representatives and ward members. The speakers appreciated the dedication of the volunteers, marking the successful completion of the week-long NSS Special Camp.

WORKSHOP ON “FUNDAMENTALS IN PLASTIC TECHNOLOGY”



The Department of Chemistry organised a two-day workshop on “Fundamentals in Plastic Technology” from 11 to 12 February 2026, in collaboration with CIPET – Institute of Petrochemicals Technology (IPT), Chennai. The workshop provided students with valuable insights into the field of plastic and polymer technology. Participants had the opportunity to explore the moulding zone, observe various plastic processing machines, and gain practical exposure to industrial manufacturing practices.

The sessions covered important topics, including plastic product and mould design, processing techniques such as injection moulding, extrusion, and blow moulding, as well as testing and quality control procedures used in the plastics industry.

Overall, the workshop proved to be highly informative and beneficial, enriching students’ technical knowledge and offering meaningful exposure to real-world industrial processes.

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GUEST LECTURE ON “POWER OF MEDIATION IN RERA DISPUTES: STRATEGY, LEVERAGE, AND SETTLEMENT DESIGN”

VMLS in association with the Institution’s Innovation Council, organised a guest lecture on “Power of Mediation in RERA Disputes:



Strategy, Leverage, and Settlement Design” on 19 March 2026 for fourth-year integrated law students. The session was delivered by Advocate Vishwa, Member, MedArb International, who shared valuable practical insights into dispute resolution under RERA. The lecture highlighted mediation as an effective alternative to litigation and discussed common issues such as project delays, misrepresentation, and compensation claims. The speaker also emphasised the importance of strategic negotiation, leverage, and well-designed settlements in resolving real estate disputes.

CAREER GUIDANCE SESSION ON LAW

A Career Guidance Session on Law was conducted on 20 March 2026 for final-year students of S.I.V.E.T College by Prof. Sowmiya Narayan, Assistant Dean – PG Academics, Vinayaka Mission’s Law School (VMLS). The session provided students with a



comprehensive overview of career opportunities in the legal profession. Prof. Sowmiya Narayan discussed various academic pathways, key specialisations, and emerging trends in the field while sharing practical insights to help students plan their future in law.

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- சாலமனி பாப்பையா

ஆங்கிலம்
(ENGLISH)

Sirappu Eenum Selvamum Eenum
AraththinooungAakkam Evano Uyirkku

What gain greater than virtue can a living man obtain, Which yields fame and fortune?

தெலுங்கு
(తెలుగు)

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मोक्षप्रद तो धर्म है, धन दे वही अमेय ।
उससे बढ़ कर जीव को, है क्या कोई श्रेय ॥ (31)



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