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One-day induction programme for newly admitted Ph.D. research scholars









The Ph.D. section of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (DU) organised a comprehensive One-Day Induction Programme on 30 October 2026 for newly admitted Ph.D. research scholars from both Medical and Non-Medical streams. The programme aimed to familiarise the scholars with the University's research framework, academic

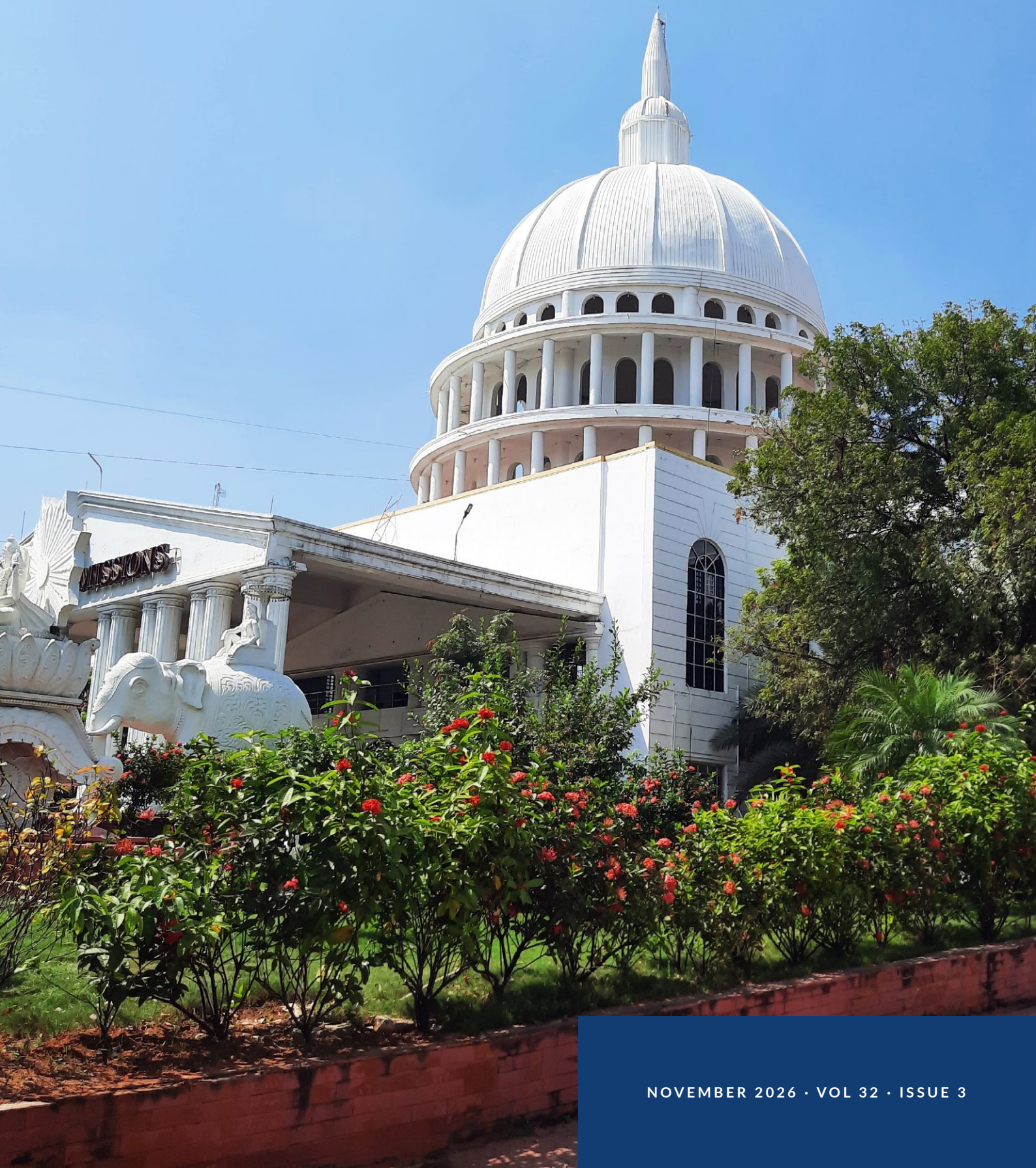
requirements, institutional procedures and responsibilities associated with doctoral research.The programme commenced with a formal inaugural session with the Presidential Address by Prof. Dr. P. K. Sudhir, Vice-Chancellor, VMRF (DU),. He emphasised the importance of purposeful, systematic and ethical research in advancing knowledge and contributing to society. An overview of the University's Ph.D. Regulations and academic framework was also presented.The technical sessions covered several essential aspects of the doctoral research process. Prof. Dr. R. S. Shanmugasundaram, Director – Student Welfare, VMRF (DU), addressed the Grievance Redressal Mechanism, while Prof. Dr. Deepti Shastri, Deputy Dean, VMKVM&H, Salem, discussed research objectives, types of research, challenges faced by researchers in India and ethical clearance procedures. Prof. Dr. P. P. Sheela Joice, Professor, VMKVM&H, Salem, explained the schedule of research processes and activities. Prof. Dr. Premalatha Thiyagarajan, Senior Scientific Script Writer, VMSDC, Salem, elaborated on problem identification and systematic literature review.

The subsequent sessions included a demonstration of official University email ID activation by Dr. A. Murugan, Deputy Director – IT, VMRF (DU), Salem, and an introduction to Digital Library resources and their effective utilisation by Dr. R. Nanthini, Digital Librarian, VMRF (DU), Salem. The University's Ph.D. Regulations were explained by Prof. Dr. R. Indra Gandhi, Deputy Director, Ph.D. Programme, VMRF (DU), while Prof. Dr. A. Nagappan, Registrar, VMRF (DU), shared the insights into UGC and University guidelines governing doctoral research.

Interactive question-and-answer sessions were conducted throughout the programme, enabling scholars to clarify their queries on research methodologies, academic requirements and institutional procedures. The programme concluded with an interactive discussion, followed by the distribution of certificates by Prof. Dr. A. Nagappan, Registrar, VMRF (DU), and the Vote of Thanks. Participant feedback highlighted the programme's informative content, systematic organisation and relevance to the research journey.A total of 99 research scholars from Health Sciences and Non-Health Sciences streams participated in the programme, comprising 89 scholars from the April 2026 batch and 10 scholars from the October 2025 batch.The induction programme served as a valuable platform for familiarising research scholars with the University's doctoral framework and equipping them with the essential knowledge and guidance required to pursue their research with confidence, commitment and academic integrity. The initiative reaffirmed VMRF (DU)'s commitment to nurturing responsible researchers and fostering a culture of quality research, academic excellence and knowledge creation.

VINAYAKA MISSIONS

SALEM CAMPUS



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INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Salem

MoU signed with special school for healthcare services and more



Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Salem, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Anbu Illam Special School for Intellectual Disability, functioning under Our Lady of the Poor Charitable Trust, Cluny, Salem, on 11 November. The MoU was established to foster collaboration in providing healthcare services, including medical consultations, laboratory investigations, awareness programmes and more.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Salem

MS completed NPTEL courses on biological engineering and more





Professor, HOD and MS Dr. A.S. Shivasaravanan, completed two NPTEL Online Certification courses during the 2026 academic session. He completed a 12-week course on Biological Engineering (July-October 2026) with a consolidated score of 57% and an 8-week course on Cell Culture Technologies (August-October 2026) with a consolidated score of 63% with Elite Certification.

Vinayaka Mission's College of Pharmacy, Salem

Dr. G. R. Vijayasankar completed NEP orientation programme



Dr. G. R. Vijayasankar, completed an eight-day Online NEP Orientation and Sensitization Programme. It was conducted under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) by IGNOU, New Delhi, from 28 October to 6 November.

Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem

Trio completed NEP orientation programme

Dr. Lakshmi Prabha S., Ms. Neethupaul and Mr. Mano P., completed an eight-day Online NEP Orientation and Sensitization Programme. It was conducted under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) by IGNOU, New Delhi, from 28 October to 6 November.







School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem

Director and Mrs. R. Ranjitha authored article on phenolic phytochemicals

Professor and Director Dr. B. Sendilkumar and Mrs. R. Ranjitha, authored a Research Article titled "Meta-Analysis for Phenolic Phytochemicals for Colorectal Cancer Prevention and Treatment" in the Journal of Experimental Biology and Agricultural Sciences.

Ms. Gayathiri officiated a school's Children's Day celebration

Ms. Gayathiri, was the Chief Guest for the Children's Day Celebration at SBIOA Public School, Salem, on November 13.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem

Children's Day celebration

The NSS Unit will organise a Children's Day Celebration to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

The programme will focus on highlighting the importance of children's rights, education, well-being and holistic development. Various activities will be conducted to encourage participation, creativity and awareness among the participants.

World Diabetes Day observance

The Department of Medical-Surgical Nursing will observe World Diabetes Day to create awareness about diabetes prevention, early detection and effective management. The programme will highlight the importance of healthy lifestyle practices, regular health screening, balanced nutrition and physical activity. Awareness activities will also emphasise the significance of diabetes education and community participation in promoting better health outcomes.

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem

International Men's Day celebration

The female faculty members will organise an International Men's Day Celebration to recognise the contributions of men to society, families and the workplace. The programme will highlight the importance of men's health and well-being, gender equality, mutual respect and positive role models. Various activities will be organised to encourage awareness, appreciation and meaningful participation among faculty members and students.

Medical camp

The NSS Unit will organise a Medical Camp as part of its community outreach initiative to promote health awareness and accessible healthcare services. The camp will aim to provide basic health screening, medical consultations and health education to the local community. The initiative will also encourage students to actively participate in social responsibility activities while creating awareness about preventive healthcare and healthy lifestyle practices.

NEWS IN MEDIA

Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Salem

MoU with Anbu Illam



NOTABLE ALUMNI

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem



Ms.Vemuri Mahalakshmi
At SAHS: Anaesthesia Technology,2025
After SAHS: Lecturer
EMVERSITY
Huballi
Karnataka
India

EVENTS ORGANISED

Vinayaka Mission's Sankarachariyar Dental College, Salem



Clinical Society meeting highlights advances in revascularization

The Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry participated in the Clinical Society Meeting organised by the institution on 5 November 2026. The session focused on "Revascularization in Young Permanent Teeth," with presentations by Dr. T. Shanmuga Priya, Assistant Professor, and Dr. Aashika, CRI. Dr. Praveen Kumar, postgraduate student, also presented a case series on the topic. The meeting provided a platform for academic exchange and discussion on contemporary treatment approaches for young permanent teeth. The session concluded with a quiz, and the top scorer received a Certificate of Appreciation.

Awareness on cervical cancer prevention and HPV vaccination





The Women's Empowerment Committee hosted an awareness programme on cervical cancer prevention and HPV vaccination on 13 November 2026 at Lecture Hall 2. Chaired by Dr. K. Indra Priyadharshini, Member Secretary of the Committee, the programme was attended by 51 female CRIs and postgraduate students. Dr. Aarthi G., Committee Member, highlighted the role of HPV vaccination in preventing cervical cancer. The session covered the link between HPV and cervical cancer, the importance of vaccination, screening and early treatment, and the types and approximate costs of HPV vaccines available in India. An interactive discussion addressed students' queries and misconceptions, while counselling was provided to encourage eligible students to consider vaccination. A vaccination camp is also planned for interested students.

Breast cancer awareness and mammography screening programme



The Women's Empowerment Committee organised a breast cancer awareness and mammography screening programme for female non-teaching staff members on 12 November 2026 at Lecture Hall 2. The session highlighted breast cancer risk factors, warning signs and the importance of early detection through regular screening, breast self-examination, clinical breast examination and mammography. A total of 40 staff members participated in the programme, gaining awareness of preventive measures and early detection practices.

Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Salem

ELC promotes voter awareness through quiz and essay competitions

The Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) organised quiz and essay writing competitions on 10 November 2026 at the Histology Laboratory to promote voter awareness among students. A total of 20 students participated, exploring topics related to the electoral process and democratic values. The activities encouraged students to develop a better understanding of their electoral rights and civic responsibilities. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Thangapandiyan, Coordinator, Electoral Literacy Club, VMHMCH, Salem.



Awareness pledge programme on AIDS



The Red Ribbon Club conducted an AIDS Awareness Pledge Programme for CRRI students on 10 November 2026. Mr. Palaniswamy, ICTC Counsellor, District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit (DAPCU), Salem District Collectorate as the resource person and administered the HIV/AIDS awareness pledge. A total of 40 CRRI interns, along with the Medical Officer, participated and took the pledge to promote awareness of HIV/AIDS prevention and responsible health practices. The programme encouraged future healthcare professionals to take an active role in spreading awareness within the community.

Awareness lecture on World Pneumonia Day



An awareness lecture for first-year senior batch students was conducted on 12 November 2026 to mark World Pneumonia Day, emphasising the importance of early diagnosis and effective prevention. Dr. Rony K. James, Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology, served as the resource person and explained the causes, symptoms, effects, prevention and management of pneumonia. He also highlighted the need for timely medical intervention. The session enhanced students' understanding of pneumonia and preventive healthcare.

Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem

Guest lecture on advances in psychiatric emergency care





The Department of Psychiatric Nursing conducted a guest lecture on "Emerging Approaches in the Management of Psychiatric Emergencies" on 12 November 2026. Dr. Renasre Moorthy, M.D. (Psychiatry), Senior Resident, Department of Psychiatry, Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variar Medical College and Hospitals, Salem, explained patient assessment, immediate management, crisis intervention, de-escalation techniques and safety measures. The session helped students understand the critical role of nurses in managing psychiatric emergencies and strengthened their knowledge of timely and appropriate patient care.

Diwali celebrations bring festive cheer to VMACON, Salem





Diwali was celebrated on 6 September 2026 with enthusiasm and festive spirit. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. K. Maheswari, Principal, VMACON, and began with a welcome address. Students showcased their talents through a variety of cultural performances, including group dances, solo dances and group songs, adding colour and vibrancy to the celebration. Department Heads, faculty members and students took part in the festivities, making it a joyful occasion that encouraged cultural expression and togetherness. The programme concluded with the National Anthem.

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KARAIKAL CAMPUS



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FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

Dr. M. Danasegaran completed two international CMEs



Professor Dr. M. Danasegaran, from the Department of Physiology, completed two International Continuing Medical Education Programmes in November 2026. He completed an Online Short Course on "Continuous Glucose Monitoring," offered by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), and earned one European CME credit (ECMEC®). He also completed the American Diabetes Association's CME on "Evidence-Based Eating Patterns for Diabetes and Cardiometabolic Health."

Four academicians authored article on prediabetes risk

Dr. A. Ramesh Bala, Dr. S. Selvamuthukumaran, Dr. Ligin Lavichan and Dr. Suganya Kannan, authored a Research Article titled "Comparative Validity of American Diabetes Association Diabetes Risk Score Questionnaire and Conicity Index as Non-invasive Screening Tools for Prediabetes Risk in Indian Rural Adults" in the Nigerian

Postgraduate Medical Journal, November–December 2026. The journal is indexed in Scopus, Web of Science (ESCI) and PubMed.

Duo from the Central Research Laboratory authored a review on ESKAPE pathogens

Dr. Vinitha Ganesan and Dr. Kokila Manickam, authored a Systematic Review titled "Cold Atmospheric Plasma and Plasma-Antibiotic Combinations Against ESKAPE Pathogens: A Systematic Review of Preclinical Evidence" in Frontiers in Microbiology on 9th November 2026 (Q1 Scopus Indexed).

Seven faculty members draft article on smartphone addiction

Professor Dr. R. Niranjjan, Dr. C. Lalithambigai, Dr. K. Murugesan, Dr. U. Udhayakumar, Dr. K. Sindu and Dr. K. Yuvanraman drafted a Research Article titled "Determinants of Smartphone Addiction and Its Association with Psychological Morbidity Among School-Going Adolescents in Karaikal, Puducherry, India: A Cross-Sectional Study." The article was published in the Discover Public Health Journal (Scopus indexed).

Dr. Karthiga Jayabal presented on analysis of sleep quality at international conference

Dr. Karthiga Jayabal, delivered a Virtual Presentation titled "Comparative Analysis of Sleep Quality, Sympathetic Cardiovascular Reactivity and Anxiety in Night- and Day-Shift Healthcare Workers – A Pilot Study" in the Professional Category at the 3rd International Conference on One Health. The conference was organized by Project One Health at Punnamada Backwaters, Kerala.



Community Medicine and Dentistry faculty participated in social science workshop

Dr. Nancy Sebastian, Dr. Sofia Sebastian, Mr. B. Russo Rickson and Mr. V. Vignesh, participated in a six-day Online Training Workshop on "Social Science Research Methodology & Writing Skills." The workshop was conducted at the Chandragupt Institute of Management, Bihar.



Dr. Sindu K. participated in international webinar on humanitarian crises


Certificate

This is to certify that
Dr. Sindu K
has participated in the Webinar on the
Role of Academia in Humanitarian Crises
as part of the International Webinar Series, organized by
SBV School of Public Health, and the
Department of Community Medicine, Mahatma Gandhi
Medical College and Research Institute
Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Puducherry
on 28th October 2026

Dr. Sindu K., participated in an International Webinar on "Role of Academia in Humanitarian Crises," held on 28th October. The webinar was organized by the SBV School of Public Health in association with Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute and Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Puducherry.

Dr. S. Nancy appreciated by Springer Nature for reviewing journals


This certificate is awarded to
Dr. S. Nancy
In recognition of their contribution by
Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition

Dr. S. Nancy, Community Medicine was appreciated by Springer Nature for her contributions as a peer reviewer to three international journals.

NEW FACULTY

Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Karaikal



Mrs.Kamalini.R, B,Sc(N) joined as Tutor in the Department of Nursing.



Mrs.Prabhavathi.M, B,Sc(N) joined as Tutor in the Department of Nursing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

VIN TRANSFUSION CME – 2026

The Department of Immuno-Hematology and Blood Transfusion will organise "VIN TRANSFUSION CME – 2026" on 14 November 2026. The inaugural address will be delivered by Dr. K. Cheran, Dean, VMMC&H. Felicitations will be offered by Dr. G. Vijayakumar Nair, Deputy Dean (Administration); Dr. M. Thirumaran, Deputy Dean (Academics); Dr. A. Sivaraman, Medical Superintendent; and Dr. A. Ganesh Bala, Deputy Medical Superintendent, VMMC&H.

The academic programme will commence with capsule talks by Dr. Eswar K. (MD, IHBT), Dr. Duraiprabakaran R. (MD, Transfusion Medicine, DNB IHBT), and Dr. Prabhakaran P. (MD, IHBT, F.BMT). The scientific sessions will feature "Introduction to Blood Centre", to be delivered by Dr. Renuka A. (MD, IHBT, DMRD), Chief Medical Officer, Government Hospital, Nannilam, and "Blood Component Therapy: The Essential W's – What, When and Why to Transfuse", to be presented by Dr. Sriraman P. (MD, IHBT), Assistant Professor, Saveetha Medical College and Hospital, Chennai.

Run for Unity

"Run for Unity" will be hosted on 15 November 2026 to commemorate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The event will be conducted by the Department of Physical Education and organised by the Student Council, with the participation of students and staff members of the institution. The run will commence from the Old College premises of Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and will aim to promote national integration, unity, solidarity and a spirit of togetherness among the institutional community. Through this initiative, the institution will reaffirm its commitment to the ideals of national unity and collective responsibility championed by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, while encouraging physical fitness and active participation among students and staff members.

Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Karaikal

Workshop on research for evidence-based nursing practice

The Department of Child Health Nursing will organise a Workshop on Research for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice, featuring eminent academicians, nursing professionals and research experts as resource persons. The workshop will provide a platform for participants to enhance their understanding of research methodologies and the application of evidence-based practices in nursing care.

The resource persons will include Dr. M. Thirumaran, Deputy Dean (Academics), VMMC, Karaikal; Dr. P. Mekala, Vice Principal (Academics), VMCON, Karaikal; Dr. Manjubala Dash, Principal, MTPG&RIHS, Karaikal; Dr. K. Vijayalakshmi, Vice Principal, Apollo College of Nursing, Chennai; Dr. D. Karthikeyan, Director (I/c), SAHS, Karaikal; Dr. M.P. Venkatesan, Vice Principal (Administration), VMCON, Karaikal; Mr. S. Maheswaran, Infection Control Officer and In-charge, Department of Forensic Nursing, Government Hospital, Karaikal; and Dr. U. Niyamathulla, Associate Professor, SAHS, Karaikal.The workshop will aim to strengthen research competencies, encourage critical thinking and promote the integration of current research evidence into nursing education and clinical practice.

EVENTS ORGANISED

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

TARANG 2026: A celebration of talent, creativity and togetherness

VMMC&H celebrated its annual cultural fest, TARANG 2026, under the theme "Fake Sangeet" on 13 November 2026 at the College Auditorium. Organised by the Student Council, the event was graced by Dean Dr. K. Cheran, Deputy Dean (Academics) Dr. M. Thirumaran and Medical Superintendent Dr. A. Sivaraman. The celebration began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, followed by the unveiling of the Student Council banner and introduction of its 2026–2027 office-bearers by Dr. K. Janakiraman, Faculty Advisor, Department of Pathology.The programme also featured the unveiling of the college magazine cover and the inauguration of the Arundhati Roy Literary Club to encourage reading, writing and creative expression. The club recognised winners of its poetry and writing competitions. Students showcased their talents through duet singing, dance performances, interactive games and a live band performance. The Mr. and Ms. Tarang

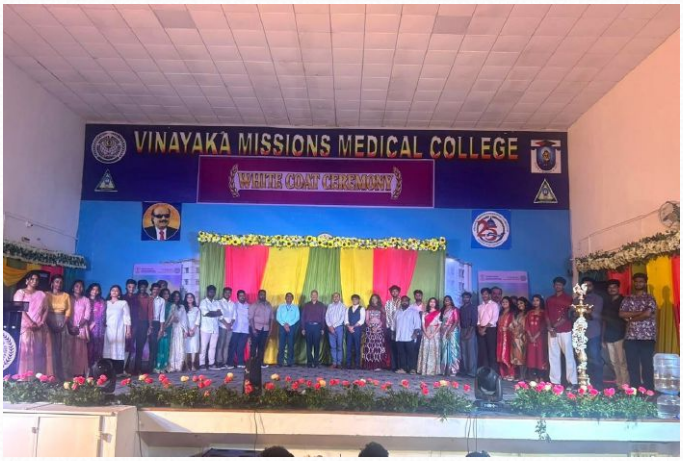


competition crowned Rahul (Old Final Year) and Kavyadarshini (Second Year) as the winners. The celebration concluded with a sky lantern release, bringing students and faculty together in a spirit of creativity, leadership and camaraderie.

Annai Annapoorani Health and Wellness Camp

The Department of Outreach Activity organised the Annai Annapoorani Health and Wellness Camp on 10 November 2026 at Sapthaswarangal Old Age Home and Kilinjal Medu. The camp was coordinated by Dr. K. Murugesan, Head of the Department of Outreach Activity and Assistant Professor of Community Medicine.Faculty members and final-year MBBS students participated in the initiative.Each team consisted of an Assistant Professor, a junior faculty member and three final-year students. The teams were provided with the necessary medical equipment and materials to ensure the smooth and effective conduct of the camp activities.The initiative focused on extending healthcare services and promoting health and wellness among residents of the old age home and members of the surrounding community. The programme reflected the institution's continued commitment to community-oriented healthcare and social responsibility.

A festive welcome for the new MBBS batch



Marking the beginning of a new academic journey, VMMC&H welcomed its first-year MBBS batch (2026–2027) with a vibrant Freshers' Day celebration titled "Desi Movie Night" on 13 November 2026 at the College Auditorium.Organised by the second-year MBBS students (2025–2026 batch) in association with the Student Council, the event featured singing, dance performances and traditional Silambam showcases. A ramp walk and the Mr. and Ms. Fresher competition added to the festivities, with Jishnu and Jiya receiving the respective titles. The celebration offered freshers an opportunity to showcase their talents, interact with seniors and begin their college journey on a joyful note.



Diabetic Screening and Awareness Camp – World Diabetes Day 2026

In observance of World Diabetes Day 2026, the Department of Outreach Activity organised a Diabetic Screening and Awareness Camp at Nagapattinam on 14 November 2026, in collaboration with the Lions Club. The camp was coordinated by Dr. K. Murugesan, Head of the Department of Outreach Activity and Assistant Professor of Community Medicine.The initiative focused on creating awareness about diabetes, highlighting the importance of early detection and encouraging preventive healthcare practices among the public. The collaborative outreach programme reaffirmed the institution's commitment to community engagement and the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.



Student contribution to the herbal garden

The Department of Pharmacology received 15 saplings from two MBBS students, Mouli and Anu Ilakiya, towards the development of its Herbal Garden. While Mouli contributed 4 saplings, Anu Ilakiya contributed 11.The initiative encouraged student participation in campus greening while highlighting the educational and medicinal significance of plants. The department appreciated the students for their thoughtful contribution and invited other MBBS students and faculty members to support the development of the Herbal Garden. The collective effort aims to foster environmental responsibility and promote experiential learning through the cultivation of medicinal plants.



Community awareness initiative on safe disposal of children's faeces and used diapers



As part of an ICMR Extramural Funded Project, Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials were distributed during November 2026 across Thirunallar and Karaikal Main Railway Stations, Karaikal Bus Stand, Beach Road and coastal fishing villages. The initiative aimed to raise public awareness about the safe and hygienic disposal of children's faeces and used diapers, thereby promoting improved sanitation and environmental health.The activity was coordinated by Dr. Nancy Sebastian, Principal Investigator, and implemented by B. Russo Rickson and V. Vignesh, Project Technical Support personnel, Department of Community Medicine, Vinayaka Mission's Medical College & Hospital, Karaikal. The outreach initiative sought to encourage responsible waste-disposal practices and strengthen community awareness of environmental sanitation and public health.

Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Karaikal

VMCON students participate in Nasha Mukt Bharat awareness quiz



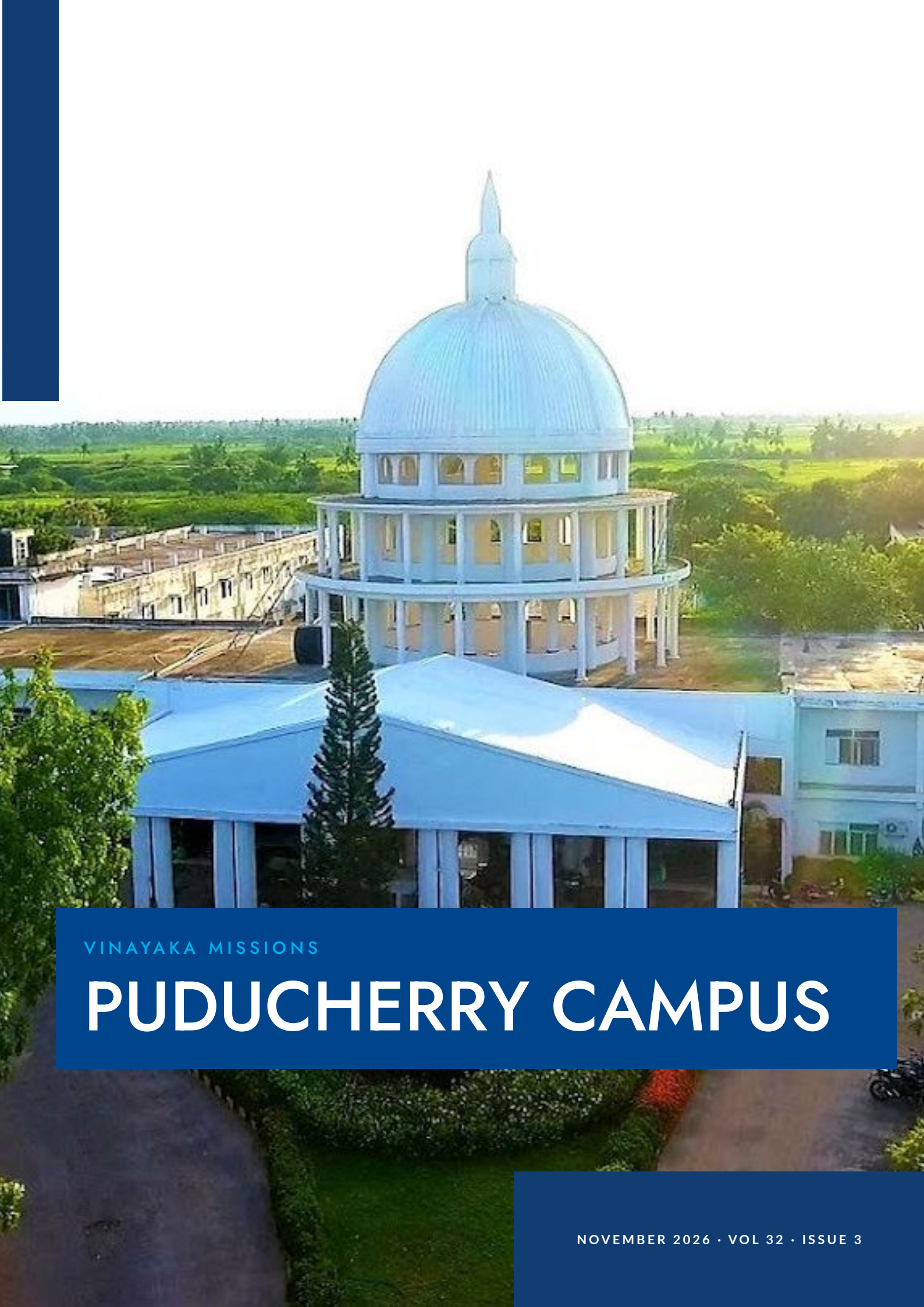
As part of the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan 2026, the Department of Mental Health Nursing and NSS Unit in association with the Social Welfare Department, Karaikal, organised a drug awareness programme on 10 November. Under the guidance of Prof. Dr. K. Kamala, Principal, VMCON, a quiz competition was conducted on the theme "Ill Effects of Drug Use and Illicit Trafficking." Five teams comprising 25 students participated, with the top three teams receiving certificates and gifts.

School of Allied Health Sciences, VMMC Campus, Karaikal

SAHS conducts community healthcare camp in Karaikal



The NSS Unit of SAHS, VMMC Campus Karaikal, in association with Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, organised a One-Day NSS Special Camp on 10 November 2026 at Sapthaswaram Old Age Home and Kilinjalmedu Chettiar Gramam, Karaikal. The camp offered medical consultations, basic health screenings, eye examinations, mental health guidance, and speech and hearing assessments to the local community. A multidisciplinary medical team, supported by 30 student volunteers and 6 faculty members, provided healthcare services to 80 beneficiaries. The camp also gave students practical exposure to community healthcare and encouraged social responsibility and service.



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PUDUCHERRY CAMPUS

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FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

School of Allied Health Sciences, Puducherry

Mr. Tamilselvan L. completed SWAYAM course on research methodology

Mr. Tamilselvan L., completed a SWAYAM–NPTEL course on Research Methodology in Humanities and Social Sciences. He secured 82% with an Elite + Silver certification.



Ms. Rida Wani completed course on picture archiving

Ms. Rida Hilal Wani, from the RIT Department, completed an Online Course titled "Introduction to the Picture Archiving and Communication System." The course was offered and organized by the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists



MLT duo completed FDP on competency-based education and more



Mrs. R. Selvasundari and Dr. P.L. Ambika from the Department of Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT), completed a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Competency-Based Education, Curriculum Design and Assessment in Allied and Healthcare Education." The FDP was organized by the Assam down town University.

EVENTS ORGANISED

Aarupadai Veedu Medical College and Hospital, Puducherry



Gurudhakshatha 2026 – faculty induction programme

The Medical Education Unit organised Gurudhakshatha 2026, the fifth edition of its three-day, UGC-mandated Faculty Induction Programme, from 5 to 7 October 2026 for newly appointed faculty members. A total of 39 faculty members participated in the programme.Following the inaugural address by Dr. R. Mani, Dean, on professional ethics and the code of conduct for teachers, a series of sessions was conducted by the MEU faculty resource persons.

The programme covered key areas of medical education, including the systems approach to education, domains of learning, adult learning principles, learning theories, outcome-based education, large- and small-group teaching, skills training and simulation, self-directed and blended learning, teaching-learning media, assessment principles, LAQ/SAQ and MCQ preparation, item analysis, accreditation, lesson planning, academic leadership, programmatic assessment, reflection and feedback.

The final day featured live microteaching sessions conducted in small groups, followed by constructive feedback from MEU facilitators, peers and students. The programme demonstrated measurable learning improvement, with the mean score increasing from 10.32 in the pre-test to 12.03 in the post-test.

Hands-on workshop on exploring zebrafish as an animal model in medical and biomedical research



In observance of World Anatomy Day 2026, the Departments of Anatomy and Medical Biotechnology organised a one-day hands-on workshop titled "Exploring Zebrafish as an Animal Model in Medical and Biomedical Research" on 30 October 2026 at the Smt. Annapoorani Shanmugasundaram Mini Auditorium, AVMC&H. The workshop witnessed the participation of 65 attendees.Dr. R. Mani, Dean, inaugurated the programme, released the workshop manual and delivered the inaugural address. The academic sessions were led by Dr. Lakshmi Pillai, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, who discussed zebrafish as an alternative model organism, its applications in biomedical research and emerging research trends.The afternoon featured hands-on training in male and female identification, embryonic developmental stages, anaesthesia, oral and intraperitoneal drug administration, and fin amputation techniques for regeneration studies. Feedback was collected from participants, and certificates were distributed upon completion of the workshop.

Mobile Medical Unit camp at Thangalikuppam and Ramanathankuppam



The Outreach Services and Sevabharathi NGO, organised a Mobile Medical Unit screening camp at Thangalikuppam and Ramanathankuppam on 10 November 2026. The medical team comprised two medical officers, Dr. Harish and Dr. Sri Lakshmi, Junior Residents, along with two staff nurses and a camp coordinator. A total of 30 individuals were screened, including 22 beneficiaries at Thangalikuppam and 8 at Ramanathankuppam. No cases requiring referral to AVMC&H were identified.

Otorhinolaryngology (ENT) specialty camp at Silambinathanpettai Satellite Centre



The Outreach Services in association with the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, conducted an ENT Specialty Camp at the Silambinathanpettai Satellite Centre on 11 November 2026.The screening was carried out by Dr. Usha, Senior Resident, and Dr. Ashvinth, Postgraduate, Department of Otorhinolaryngology, with the support of Dr. Arulselvan, Medical Officer, Ms. Pachammal, Staff Nurse, and Mrs. Kunapriya, CNA. The camp was publicised through door-to-door outreach and vehicle announcements by the social workers to encourage community participation.

A total of 25 individuals, comprising 3 males and 22 females, underwent ENT screening. Of these, 8 individuals were referred to AVMC&H for further evaluation and management.

Pain and palliative care specialty camp at Vellakarai Satellite Centre



The Outreach Services and the Department of Pain and Palliative Medicine, organised a Pain and Palliative Care Specialty Camp at the Vellakarai Satellite Centre on 11 November 2026.The screening camp was attended by Dr. Janaventhiran, Junior Resident, Department of Pain and Palliative Medicine, with the support of Dr. Prithiviraj, Medical Officer, and Mrs. Sowmiya and Mrs. Lakshmi, Staff Nurses. The social workers facilitated community awareness through door-to-door outreach and vehicle announcements.Of the 23 outpatients screened, 17 were identified as requiring pain and palliative care services, comprising 3 males and 14 females. Five individuals were referred to AVMC&H for further evaluation and management.

Mobile Medical Unit camp at Silambimangalam and Kayalpattu

The Outreach Services in association support of Sevabharathi NGO, conducted a Mobile Medical Unit screening camp at Silambimangalam and Kayalpattu on 11

November 2026.The medical team comprised two medical officers, Dr. Harish and Dr. Sri Lakshmi, Junior Residents, along with a staff nurse and a CNA. A total of 51 individuals received medical screening, including 13 at Silambimangalam and 38 at Kayalpattu. One individual from Kayalpattu was referred to AVMC&H for further Orthopaedic evaluation and management.



Mobile Medical Unit camp at Vellapakkam and Azhagiyanatham

The Outreach Services and Sevabharathi NGO, organised a Mobile Medical Unit screening camp at Vellapakkam and Azhagiyanatham on 12 November 2026.The medical team comprised two medical officers, Dr. Harish and Dr. Sri Lakshmi, Junior Residents, along with a staff nurse, a CNA and a camp coordinator. A total of 54 individuals were screened, including 8 beneficiaries at Vellapakkam and 46 at Azhagiyanatham. No referrals to AVMC&H were required.



DBCS ophthalmology specialty camp at Clark Office, Ayikuppam, Cuddalore



The Outreach Services in association with the Department of Ophthalmology and the District Blindness Control Society (DBCS), Cuddalore, organised an Ophthalmology Specialty Camp at Clark Office, Ayikuppam, Cuddalore District, on 13 November 2026.The camp was publicised by Ms. Kavipreetha K., DBCS Team Lead, with the support of PREPARE NGO, C.N. Palayam, Cuddalore. The medical team was led by Dr. Nanthene, Assistant Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, and included a postgraduate, a General Medicine postgraduate, an optometrist and the outreach nursing team.Screening commenced with emphasis on identifying cataract cases. Participants were also informed about the ophthalmology services available at AVMC&H under the DBCS initiative.A total of 104 individuals, comprising 100 adults and 4 children, underwent screening. Of these, 13 individuals were referred to the Department of Ophthalmology, including 3 suspected cataract cases, while one individual was referred to Neurology at AVMC&H for further evaluation.

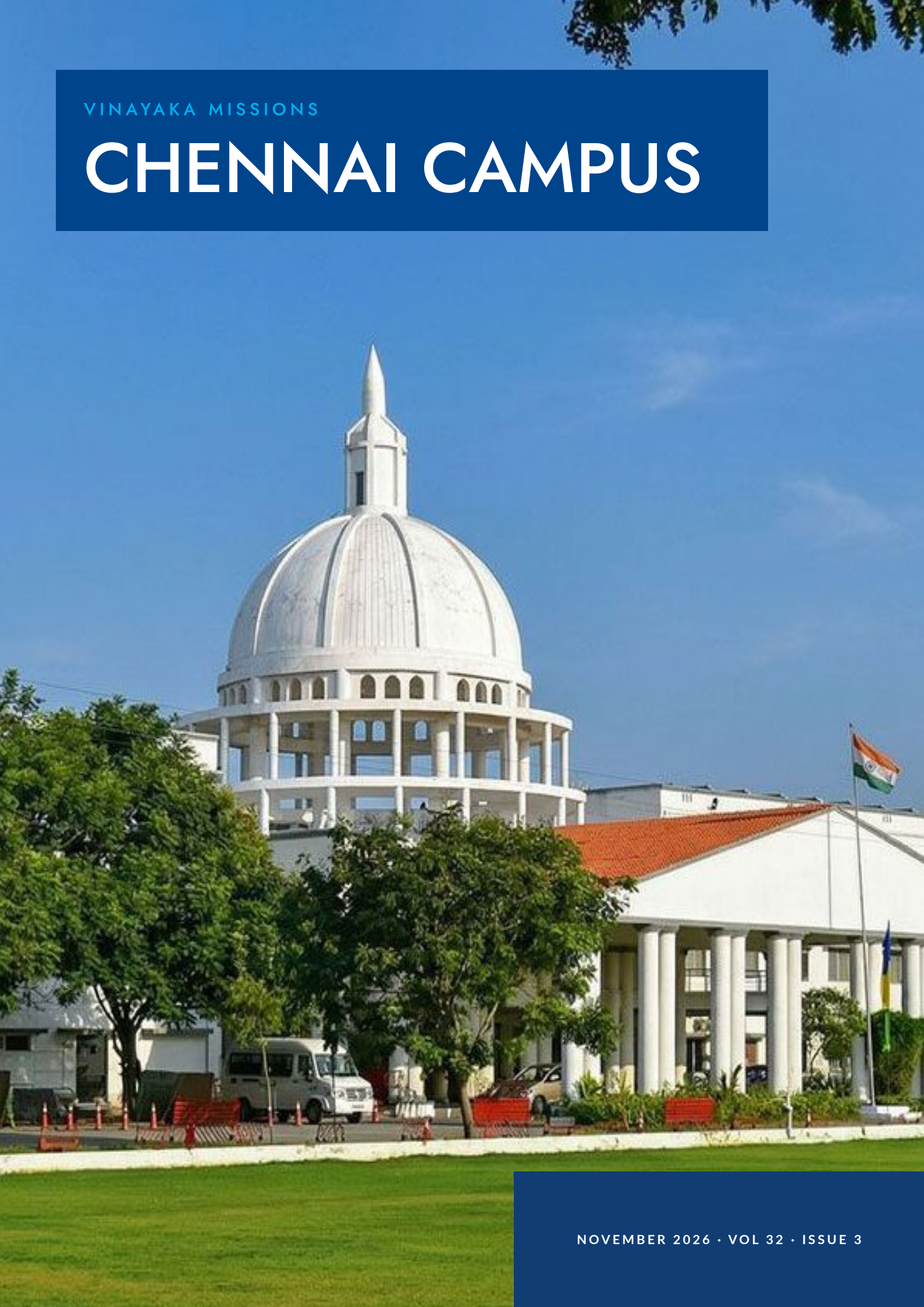
Mobile Medical Unit camp at Thirumanikuzhi and M. Pudhur



The Outreach Services and Sevabharathi NGO, conducted a Mobile Medical Unit screening camp at Thirumanikuzhi and M. Pudhur on 13 November 2026.The medical team comprised two medical officers, Dr. Harish and Dr. Sri Lakshmi, Junior Residents, along with two staff nurses and a camp coordinator.A total of 32 individuals received medical screening, including 9 at Thirumanikuzhi and 23 at M. Pudhur. No cases requiring referral to AVMC&H were identified.

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INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai

PALS appreciates AVIT for hosting engineer workshop

AVIT WAS APPRECIATED by PALS for hosting the PALS – Think Like an Engineer Workshop on 31 October. The workshop was conducted by Professor Srinivasan, from IIT Madras, and provided an engaging platform for students on engineering, creativity, problem-solving abilities, and addressing real-world challenges.


PALS

From
The Chairman,
PALS
IIT Madras Alumni Association Office, CCW building,
IIT Madras Campus, Chennai – 600 036.

Date – 11 November 2026

To
The Principal
Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology
Chennai.

Dear Dr Janet J,

Greetings from PALS!

On behalf of PALS, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai for the invaluable support, hospitality and cooperation extended to PALS in successfully hosting the PALS Think Like an Engineer workshop on 31 October 2026.

Think Like an Engineer is a hands-on programme designed to help students move beyond textbook concepts and develop practical engineering intuition. The programme encourages curiosity, practical problem-solving and learning by doing. The workshop was conducted by Prof. Sivakumar M. Srinivasan, Professor, IIT Madras. The enthusiastic participation of the students and the smooth execution of the programme contributed significantly to making the event a meaningful learning experience.

We would like to place on record our sincere appreciation to Dr. S. P. Sangeetha, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Vice Principal (Academics), Dr. S. Balakrishnan, Professor and Head of the Computer Science and Engineering department, Dr. Franco K, Assistant Professor, Ms. Swarnalakshmi J, Assistant Professor, Mr. B S Seshadri, Professor of Practice for their valuable guidance, encouragement and support in facilitating the programme.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to the other faculty coordinators and student volunteers for their dedicated efforts, responsiveness and enthusiastic involvement. We gratefully acknowledge your leadership and the collective efforts of your team in making this programme a success.

The successful conduct of TLE reflects the strong institutional support and commitment extended by Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology. We deeply value this association and look forward to many more opportunities to collaborate and create impactful learning experiences for students through the PALS network.

With sincere appreciation and warm regards,

C N Chandrasekaran
Chairman, PALS

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FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

School of Arts & Science, Chennai

Dr. D. Agalya authored book on AI and machine learning

Dr. D. Agalya, has written a book titled "Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (2026)" with Tietora Press, an international academic publication. The book focuses on artificial intelligence, machine learning, and deep learning applications in medical image analysis and diagnostic systems.


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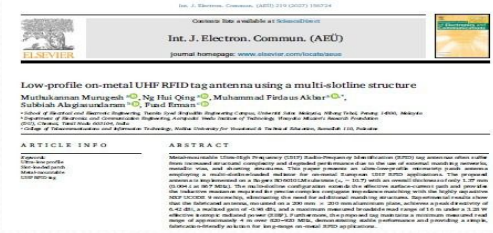
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Dr. Subbiah A.,ECE authored research paper on UHF RFID tag antenna

Dr. Subbiah A, authored a Research Paper titled "Low-Profile on-Metal UHF RFID Tag Antenna Using a Multi-Slotline Structure" in the AEÜ – International Journal of Electronics and Communications (Q1 Journal published by Elsevier.)


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Low-profile on-metal UHF RFID tag antenna using a multi-slotline structure

Muthukannan Murugesh, Ng Hai Qing, Muhammad Firdaus Akbar, Subbiah Alagiamalingam, Fuad Emam

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ABSTRACT

Academicians complete NPTEL certifications

The following academicians completed SWAYAM-NPTEL certifications.

S.No	Name of the Staff Member	Department	Name of NPTEL Certification
1	Dr. Subbiah A.	ECE	Introduction to Internet of Things – Elite + Silver
2	Ms. Sattenapalli Kalyani	ECE	Introduction to Internet of Things
3	Ms. Ramya S	ECE	Introduction to Internet of Things
4	Ms. Ramya S	ECE	Introduction to Internet of Things
5	Dr. S. Narendran	CSE	FDP on Cyber Security and Privacy
6	Dr. S. Narendran	CSE	FDP on Cyber Security and Privacy
7	Dr. S. Narendran	CSE	FDP on Cyber Security and Privacy

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8	Dr. S. Narendran	CSE	FDP on Cyber Security and Privacy
9	Dr. S. Narendran	CSE	Operating System Fundamentals - Elite
10	Dr. S. Narendran	CSE	Ethical Hacking - Elite
11	Dr. S. Narendran	CSE	FDP on Ethical Hacking
12	Dr. S. Narendran	CSE	FDP on Operating System Fundamentals
13	Ms. K. Krishnaveni	CSE	Big Data Computing - Elite
14	Mr. Rajat Kumar Dwibedi	ECE	Research Methodology
15	Mr. Rajat Kumar Dwibedi	ECE	FDP on Research Methodology
16	Ms. Sattenapalli Kalyani	ECE	FDP on Introduction to Internet of Things
17	Dr. Subbiah A.	ECE	FDP on Introduction to Internet of Things
18	Dr. Joseph G.S.	BME	Research Methodology

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai

Ms. Motati Vennela participated in hackathon

Ms. Motati Vennela (III/V/CSE AIML) participated in the Imagination Forger, a 24-hour Hackathon and Intercollegiate Event.



ECE students earned NPTEL certifications

The following students completed NPTEL certifications.

S.No	Name of the Student	Name of the Certification
1	Banavathu Sri Ram Nayak	Introduction to Internet of Things
2	D Sakthivel	Introduction to Internet of Things
3	M Prakash	Introduction to Internet of Things
4	Netala Manohar Reddy	Introduction to Internet of Things
5	Panuganti Sreedhar	Introduction to Internet of Things
6	R Santhosh	Introduction to Internet of Things
7	Sajeeth B	Introduction to Internet of Things
8	Shaik Abdul Sufiyan	Introduction to Internet of Things
9	Shaik Shaziya	Introduction to Internet of Things
10	Sure Kowshik	Introduction to Internet of Things
11	Vadde Hemanth Kumar	Introduction to Internet of Things
12	Vishnu K	Introduction to Internet of Things

S.No	Name of the Student	Name of the Certification
13	Vundela Sneha Reddy	Introduction to Internet of Things
14	Yallavula Pavan Kumar	Introduction to Internet of Things
15	Annapureddy Sai Kumar Reddy	Basic Electrical Circuits
16	Chinthamreddy Ramana Reddy	Microelectronics: Devices to Circuits
17	Golla Krishna	Introduction to Internet of Things
18	Gumpu Ravi Kumar Reddy	Artificial Intelligence: Concepts and Techniques
19	Kolla Govardhan Kumar	Introduction to Internet of Things
20	Korlakunta Obulesu	Introduction to Internet of Things
21	Sathish S	Introduction to Internet of Things
22	Syed Mohammed Yunus	Introduction to Internet of Things

Ms. Motati Vennela completed course on Data by Coursera

Ms. Motati Vennela completed a Course on Data from Coursera and Google.



Ms. R.G. Keerthika reached finals of the SPARK 2026 Ideathon

Ms. R.G. Keerthika (II/III/CSE AIML INTEL) participated in SPARK 2026 – Internal Ideathon as a member of Team VISIONX and reached the Finals. The event was organized at our Salem Campus, on November 5.



Mr. Bablu Singh completed AI course from IndiaAI-Mission

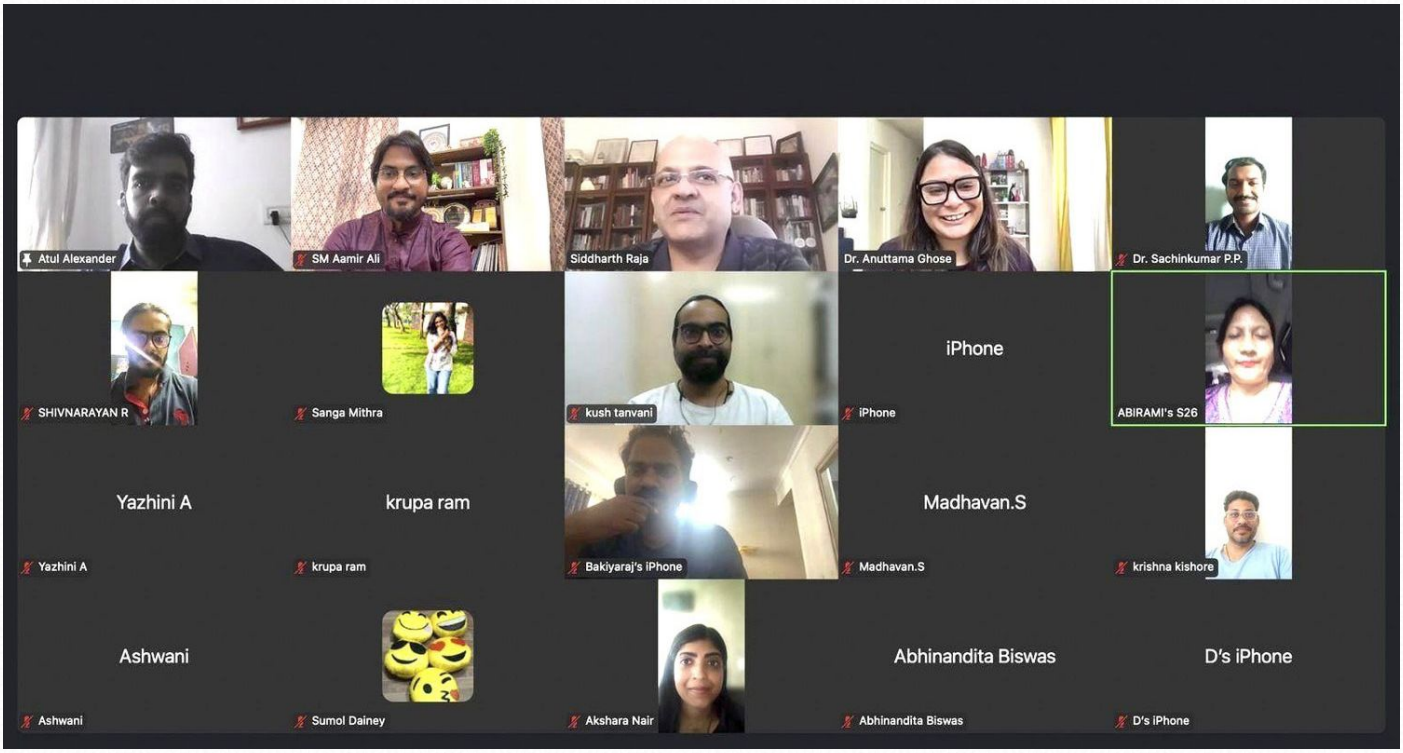


Mr. Bablu Kumar Singh (CSE) completed the "YUVA AI For All" course offered by the IndiaAI Mission through TCS iON.

EVENTS ORGANISED

Vinayaka Mission's Law School, Chennai

VMLS hosts workshop on legal research writing



A RESEARCH WORKSHOP titled "The Craft and Praxis of Legal Research Writing" was facilitated on 7 November 2026, led by Dr. Atul Alexander, Assistant Professor (Law), West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), Kolkata, as the resource person. The session explored essential aspects of legal research, including identifying research gaps, framing research questions, choosing suitable methodologies, structuring research papers and upholding academic integrity. Dr. Alexander also highlighted emerging areas of international legal scholarship, such as climate change, digital surveillance, migration and human rights. The programme was organised under the guidance of Executive Dean Mr. Siddharth Raja, with coordination by the VMLS Office of Research.

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ஆங்கிலம் (ENGLISH)

Ezhupirappum Theeyavai Theentaa Pazhipirangaap
Panputai Makkat Perin

No harm will befall in all seven births If one begets blameless children.

தெலுங்கு (తెలుగు)

ఏడు జన్మములకు నేదోష మంటదు.
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