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SPARK 2026 – university-level ideathon promotes student innovation and entrepreneurship







Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University) organised Spark 2026 – Ideathon, a university-level innovation initiative, on 5 November 2026 at Annapurna Auditorium, Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Engineering College (VMKVEC), Salem. The event aimed to foster creativity, innovation, entrepreneurial thinking and social responsibility among students by providing a common platform to identify real-world challenges and develop practical solutions.

The programme commenced with an invocation and the traditional lighting of the lamp. Dr. R. Sasikumar, Principal, VMKVEC, Salem, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the significance of innovation-oriented education in nurturing students' creative and technical capabilities. Dr. P. Gnanasekar, Director – IIE & IC, VMRF(DU), presented an overview of Spark 2026, outlining its objectives and emphasising the importance of developing innovative solutions to address societal and industrial challenges.The Ideathon was inaugurated by Dr. P. K. Sudhir, Vice Chancellor, VMRF(DU), Salem, who delivered the inaugural address. He encouraged students to develop an innovation-driven mindset, identify challenges beyond conventional academic learning and transform their ideas into meaningful solutions through creativity, teamwork and experimentation.Spark 2026 invited innovative concepts under eight broad themes: HealthTech and Wellness Innovation; Sustainable Living; Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence; Education Reimagined; Rural Development and Social Impact; Smart Mobility and Infrastructure; Women Empowerment and Safety; and Beyond the Defined Themes.

The event received an encouraging response, with 62 teams comprising 228 students (108 boys and 120 girls) representing 11 institutions participating in the preliminary stage. Following the shortlisting process, 30 finalist teams comprising 112 students (47 boys and 65 girls) from nine institutions qualified for the final pitching sessions. The participating institutions included VMKVEC, Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Schools of Allied Health Sciences at Salem, Puducherry and VMKVMC Campus, Vinayaka Mission's College of Physiotherapy, Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Vinayaka Mission's Sankarachariyar Dental College and Vinayaka Mission's School of Health Systems.The idea pitching sessions were conducted in two phases. The finalists presented their concepts before an expert evaluation panel, explaining the identified problems, proposed solutions, technological approaches, feasibility and potential applications. The presentations enabled students to demonstrate their creativity, critical thinking, technical knowledge and entrepreneurial capabilities while receiving valuable feedback and suggestions from the evaluators.

The valedictory function commenced with a welcome address by Dr. S. Arunkumar, President, Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), VMKVEC. Dr. A. Nagappan, Registrar, VMRF(DU), Salem, felicitated the gathering. The valedictory address was delivered by Shri N. Raghavan, President, Lucas India Service Limited, Chennai, who emphasised the importance of industry-oriented innovation, practical problem-solving and developing solutions relevant to emerging industrial and societal requirements. Students were encouraged to strengthen their technical knowledge and pursue their innovative ideas with confidence and commitment.

The prize distribution ceremony recognised the outstanding ideas and efforts of the finalist teams. The winners were:

First Prize – Medical Mavericks, School of Allied Health Sciences, Puducherry – ₹25,000.

Second Prize – Vitae Vanguards, School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem – ₹20,000.

Third Prize – Rescue Path, School of Allied Health Sciences, Puducherry – ₹15,000.

Consolation Prize – Exo Alert, Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Salem – ₹7,500.

Consolation Prize – Strength Detectors, Vinayaka Mission's Sankarachariyar Dental College, Salem – ₹7,500.

The guests and jury members were also felicitated in recognition of their valuable contributions and support. A feedback session provided an opportunity for participants to share their experiences and suggestions. Dr. P. Gnanasekar, Director – IIE & IC, VMRF(DU), presented the key insights and highlights of the event and appreciated the efforts of the organising team and coordinators. Dr. C. Arunkumar Madhuvappan delivered the vote of thanks. The programme concluded with the National Anthem. Spark 2026 provided an enriching platform for interdisciplinary collaboration among students from engineering, healthcare and other academic

disciplines. The initiative encouraged problem-solving, entrepreneurial thinking and the exploration of practical applications for innovative concepts, while strengthening the innovation and startup ecosystem across the constituent institutions of VMRF(DU).Through this initiative, VMRF(DU) reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing future innovators and entrepreneurs and motivating students to transform promising ideas into viable prototypes, products and socially impactful solutions.

MY Bharat Youth Convention – YUVA CHETNA 2026: inspiring youth for a drug-free and fit India







The MY Bharat Youth Convention – YUVA CHETNA 2026, organised by Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), Salem, was held on 30 October 2026 at Annapurna Auditorium, VMKV Engineering College, Salem, under the theme "Youth Awakening for a Drug-Free and Fit India." The convention brought together 527 students and staff members to promote youth leadership, nation-building, substance-abuse prevention, cyber safety, physical fitness, yoga and holistic well-being.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Dr. P. K. Sudhir, Vice Chancellor, VMRF (DU), as the Chief Guest, and Ms. A. Abinaya Anguraj, Nominated Youth Icon, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, as the Guest of Honour.

Three technical sessions were conducted as part of the convention. Ms. A. Abinaya Anguraj delivered a session on "From Youth Power to Nation Power: Building Viksit Bharat 2047," highlighting youth leadership and their role in nation-building. Mr. K. Velmurugan, Sub-Inspector of Police, Cybercrime Police Station, Salem City, and Cyber Commando – I4C, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, addressed "Youth Empowerment for a Drug-Free and Digitally Responsible Viksit Bharat," focusing on substance-abuse prevention, cybercrime awareness and responsible digital practices. Dr. C. Vijay, Founder and CEO, SMART 7 Wellness, conducted a session on "Yoga 360 to Fitness, Focus and Future," emphasising yoga, physical fitness and holistic well-being.A Nasha Mukt pledge was taken to reinforce the commitment towards a drug-free society and encourage healthy lifestyle choices. The valedictory ceremony was attended by Prof. Dr. A. Nagappan, Registrar, VMRF (DU), Dr. R. S. Shanmugasundaram, Director of Students' Welfare and Convener of the convention, Dr. E. Saravanan, Principal, VM College of Physical Education and Coordinator, and Dr. A. Sam Thamburaj, Principal, VM College of Physiotherapy.

As part of the Young Talent Recognition initiative, Ms. S. Kanishka, International Indian Chess Player from Salem, was honoured with a cash award of ₹25,000 in recognition of her achievements in chess and her contribution to bringing recognition to the country.

The convention reinforced the importance of youth participation in building a healthy, responsible and progressive society, while motivating students to contribute towards the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

Applicable Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being: Promoting drug-free living, yoga, physical fitness and mental well-being.

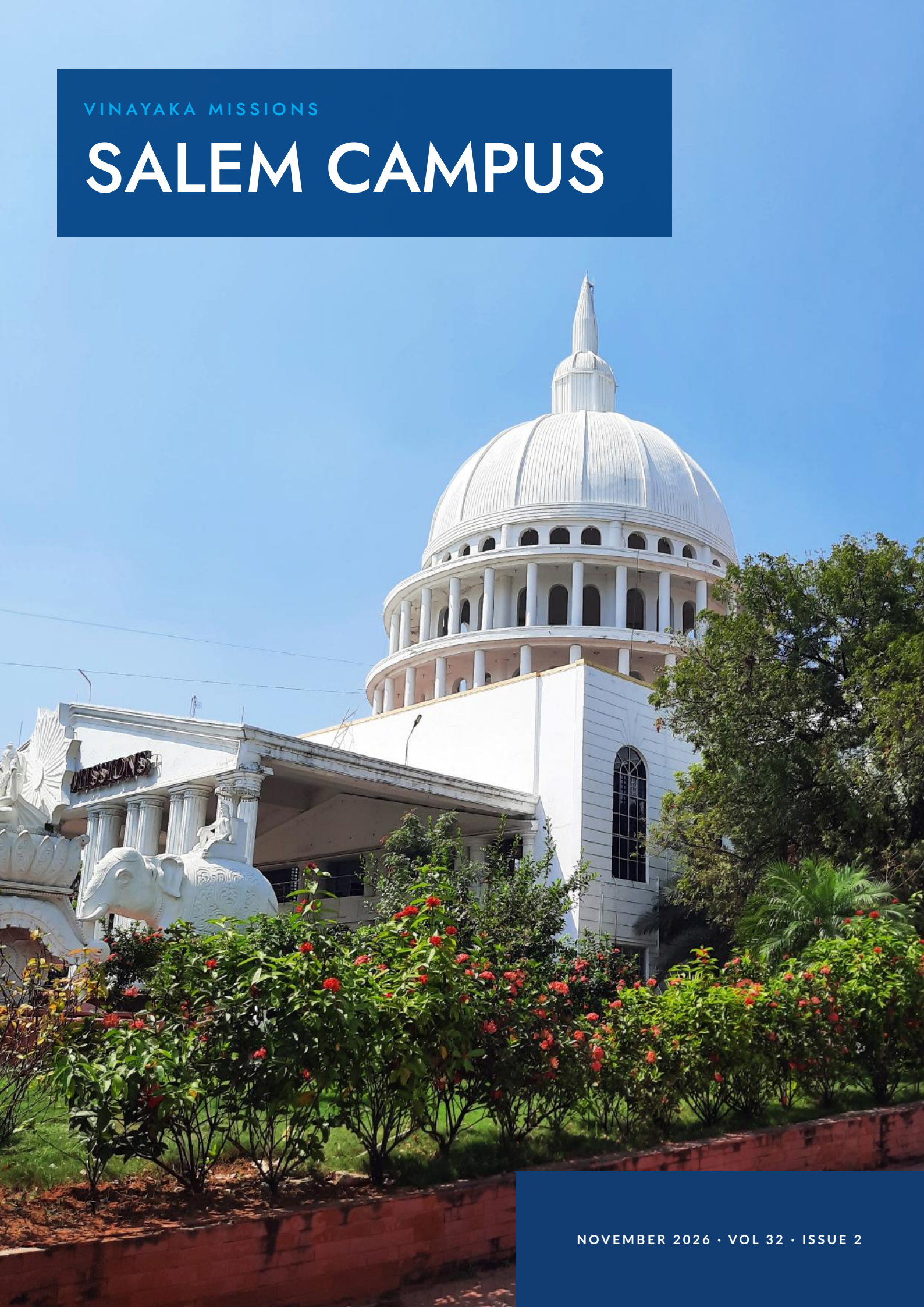
- SDG 4 – Quality Education: Creating awareness through expert-led sessions and youth learning initiatives.

- SDG 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions: Encouraging cyber safety, responsible digital behaviour and active citizenship.

- SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals: Facilitating collaboration among the university, government agencies and invited experts.

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FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

Vinayaka Mission's Sankarachariyar Dental College, Salem

Dean participated in SAMANVAY 2026 business fest



Professor and Dean Dr. J. Baby John, participated in the "Udyami – Connecting Startups and Investors," event, held as part of SAMANVAY 2026, the Annual Business Fest. The fest was organized by IIT Madras, on November 1.

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem

Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar shares insights at Chennai Conclave



Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Dean and Director, Allied Health Sciences, VMRF (DU), was a Panel Speaker at the Chennai Conclave organised by Plus Nine One Media on 28 October 2026. Speaking on the theme "University Continuum: Creating a Seamless Learning Journey," he emphasised the need for a strong link between school and university education, highlighting the importance of a smooth transition to higher studies and equipping students with the knowledge, skills and confidence needed for their academic journey.

Dr. K. Srividhya completes SWAYAM course on research methodology



Dr. K. Srividhya, completed the SWAYAM-NPTEL course on "Research Methodology."

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Salem

Four students participated in SPARK Ideathon 2026

The following students secured Fourth Place at the SPARK Ideathon 2026, conducted by the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), VMRF (DU).

Name of the Student	Department	Year/Semester/Branch
Dr. Monica V	Practice of Medicine	Postgraduate Scholar
Tharunika S	UG	CRRI
Muthuvelan J	UG	Final Year BHMS
Sibhi P. S	UG	Final Year BHMS

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem

II Prize and Rs. 20k at SPARK Ideathon 2026

S.Arun, Caleb Edison D., Gajendran P. and Thangamalar A. won the II Prize and a Rs. 20,000 Cash Prize at the SPARK Ideathon 2026, conducted by the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), VMRF-(DU). The students presented their innovative project titled "Low-Cost IV Line Safety Sensor," focusing on enhancing patient safety during intravenous (IV) fluid administration.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem

Promoting gender equality through creative poster presentations



Devendhu Madhu, I year Cardiac Technology, and Nandhakumar, I year Postgraduate of Anaesthesia Technology participated in a poster presentation competition organised by the Gender Sensitization Cell to mark the International Day of the Girl Child. The winners were honoured at the prize distribution ceremony held on 27 October 2026.

Students recognised for excellence in e-poster competition



R. Elakkiya (III Year, Optometry) won First Prize, while Sudharsana S (I Year, Forensic Science Technology) and Abinayasri M (II Year, Radiotherapy Technology) secured Second and Third Prizes, respectively, in the E-Poster Competition organised by the Department of Forensic Science Technology to promote integrity, transparency and ethical values.

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Vinayaka Mission's Sankarachariyar Dental College, Salem

Dr. Ajith GV's innovative orthodontic design receives copyright registration



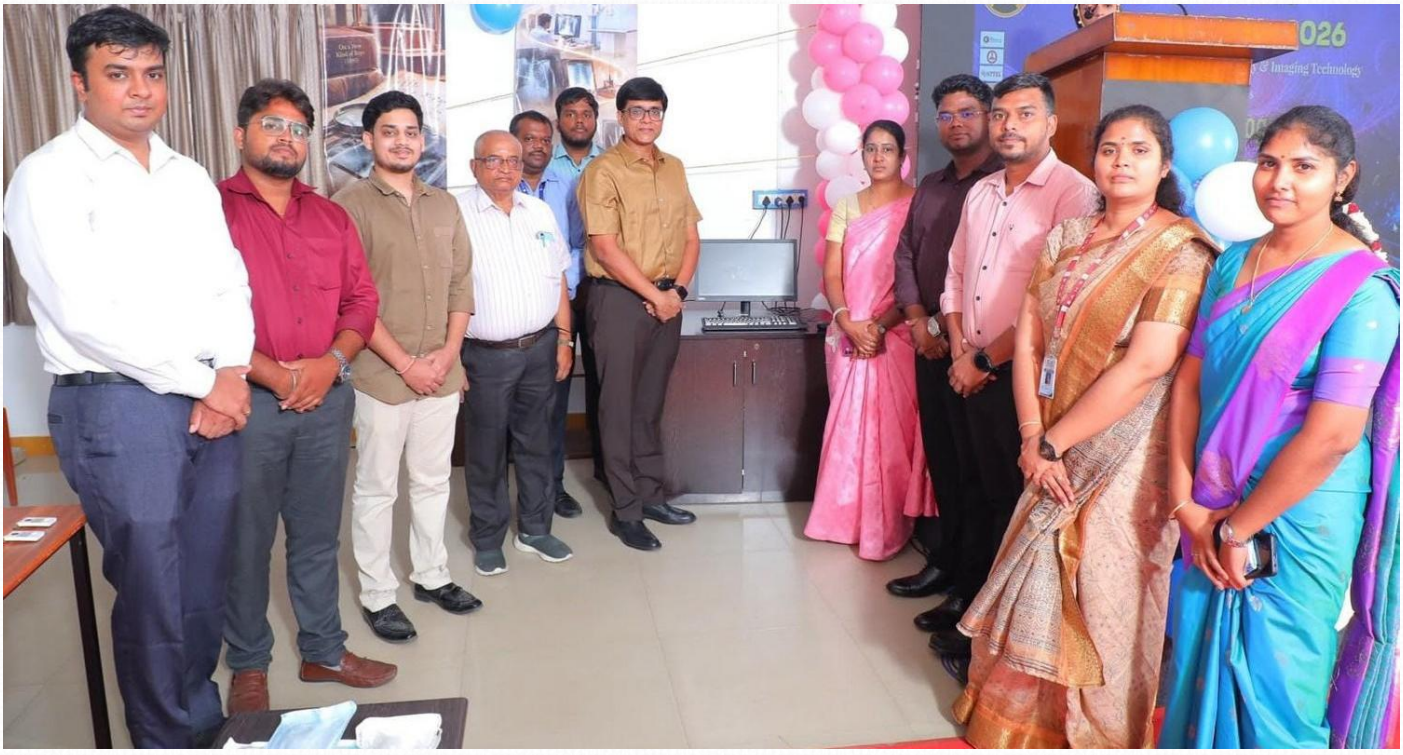
Dr. Ajith GV, Associate Professor, Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopaedics, has been granted a patent for his innovative work titled "Conceptual Design of a Customized Orthopedic Facemask for Improving Patient Acceptance and Compliance."

This achievement recognises his contribution to innovation in orthodontic care, with a focus on patient comfort, acceptance and treatment compliance.

NEW INFRASTRUCTURE/FACILITIES CREATED/RENOVATED ON CAMPUS

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem

Installation of PACS software to enhance digital radiology training



On the occasion of the International Day of Radiology, the students of the Department of Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology (MRIT) took the initiative to procure and install Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) software as an additional academic learning facility in the department.

The newly established facility was formally inaugurated by Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, School of Allied Health Sciences, VMRF (DU), Salem. The occasion was graced by Dr. R. Ramamoorthy, Consultant Radiologist, VIMS Hospital, Salem; Dr. R. Vishnu Karthick Raj, Consultant Radiologist; and Mr. Jayavel, Senior Radiographer Technologist, VIMS Hospital, Salem.

Recognising the importance of practical exposure to digital radiology workstations, the students voluntarily contributed towards establishing the facility to strengthen their technical competencies. The PACS software provides hands-on learning opportunities in medical image viewing, processing, manipulation, analysis and interpretation using digital imaging tools.The facility enables students to familiarise themselves with the digital workflows followed in modern radiology departments and develop essential workstation skills. It also bridges the gap between theoretical knowledge and clinical practice, enhancing their confidence and professional readiness.

This student-driven initiative reflects teamwork, responsibility and a commitment to academic excellence. It represents an important milestone towards strengthening the department's learning infrastructure and providing sustainable, technology-enabled learning opportunities for current and future batches of MRIT students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem

Guest lecture on emerging approaches to the management of psychiatric emergencies

A GUEST LECTURE titled "Emerging Approaches to the Management of Psychiatric Emergencies" will be organised to discuss contemporary management strategies, updated clinical practices and effective interventions for handling psychiatric emergencies.

NEWS IN MEDIA

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem

National Unity Day


விம்ஸ் வளாக அலைடு ஹெல்த் சயின்ஸ் கல்லூரியில்
தேசிய ஒற்றுமை தினம் கடைபிடிப்பு

International Day of Radiology


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கதிரியக்கவியல் தினம் கொண்டாட்டம்

Neighbourhood Youth Parliament Awareness Programme on Drug-Free Youth, Developed India


விம்ஸ் அலைடு ஹெல்த் சயின்ஸ் கல்லூரி சார்பில்
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Neighbourhood Youth Parliament – Know Your Vote


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Diwali Celebration



தினத்தந்தி

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சேலம் விநாயகா மிஷனின் விம்ஸ் வளாக அலைடு ஹெல்த் சயின்ஸ் கல்லூரியின் நுண்கலை அமைப்பு மற்றும் மாணவர் சங்க பேரவை மூலம் கல்லூரி வளாகத்தில் தீபாவளி கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. நிகழ்ச்சிக்கு கல்லூரி முதல்வர் செந்தில்குமார் முன்னிலை வகித்தார். தொடர்ந்து அவர் சுற்றுச்சூழலை பாதுகாக்கும் வகையில் தீபாவளி கொண்டாடுமாறு மாணவர்களுக்கு அறிவுரை வழங்கி, வாழ்த்து தெரிவித்தார்.

இதையடுத்து கல்லூரியை சேர்ந்த மாணவர்கள் தீபாவளி கொண்டாடுவதின் வரலாற்று சிறப்பை ராவணன் வதம் நாடகம் வாயிலாக அரங்கேற்றினர். மேலும் தீபாவளியையொட்டி கல்லூரி வளாகத்தில் மாணவர்கள் நிறுவியிருந்த பல்வேறு விற்பனை நிலையங்களை முதல்வர் செந்தில்குமார் திறந்து வைத்தார். முடிவில் சிறப்பு பூஜைகள் நடத்தப்பட்டு அனைவருக்கும் இனிப்பு வழங்கப்பட்டது. இதற்கான ஏற்பாடுகளை நுண்கலை அமைப்பு, மாணவ சங்க பேரவை ஆகியவற்றின் உறுப்பினர்கள் செய்திருந்தனர்.

NOTABLE ALUMNI

Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem



Jerrin Wilson.W
At VMACoN: B.Sc Nursing, 2005-2009
After VMACoN: Staff Nurse
MOH
Kuwait

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem



Ms.Ahina Sree
At SAHS: Forensic Science Technology, 2025
After SAHS: Admin Assist
Spy Shot Detective Agencies
Coimbatore
India

EVENTS ORGANISED

Vinayaka Mission's Sankarachariyar Dental College, Salem

Dental camp at Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Salem



The Department of Public Health Dentistry conducted a free dental camp at the Ramakrishna Mission Charitable Dispensary on 31 October 2026.The camp provided dental screening and treatment services to the local community. A total of 24 beneficiaries received dental consultations, and eight dental treatments were performed.The initiative reflected the department's commitment to promoting oral health awareness and extending accessible dental care to the community.

Alumni talk for undergraduates on the importance of oral pathology in dentistry



The Career Guidance and Placement Cell, in association with the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Microbiology organised an Alumni Talk for undergraduate students on "The Importance of Oral Pathology in Dentistry" on 27 October 2026.The session was delivered by Dr. Seema Yoganna, a postgraduate alumna of the 2010–2013 batch and currently Vice Chairman of Suyog Group of Medical Institutions, Mysuru.The interaction provided undergraduate students with valuable insights into the role of oral pathology in dental practice and highlighted the importance of the speciality in clinical diagnosis and patient management.

Orientation on anti-ragging and session on women safety



The Anti-Ragging Committee, Internal Complaints Committee and Women's Empowerment Committee jointly organised an Anti-Ragging Orientation Programme and Women's Safety Awareness Session on 26 October 2026 at Lecture Hall III.The programme was presided over by Prof. Dr. J. Baby John, Dean, VMSDC. Tmt. S. Anandhajothi, Inspector of Police, and Tmt. S. Prabavathi, Head Constable, Town All Women Police Station, Salem City, were the resource persons.The session addressed the legal consequences of ragging, cybercrime, cyber safety, women's safety measures and emergency helplines. Students were encouraged to report incidents of harassment without fear and adopt safe online practices.The programme sensitised first-year BDS students to their rights, the institution's zero-tolerance policy towards ragging, personal safety measures and available support systems. It reinforced the importance of maintaining a safe, secure and inclusive campus environment.

Dental camp at Police Hospital, Annathanapatti



The Department of Public Health Dentistry conducted a free dental camp at Annathanapatti Police Hospital on 3 November 2026.The camp aimed to extend dental screening and consultation services to the beneficiaries of the hospital. Dr. Aishweryalakshmi R., Lecturer, Department of Public Health Dentistry, coordinated the camp.A total of two beneficiaries received dental consultations as part of the initiative, reflecting the department's continued commitment to community-oriented oral healthcare services.

Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Salem

Diwali Celebration 2026



VMHMC&H celebrated Diwali with enthusiasm through "□□□□□□ 2026," organised by the Fine Arts Club and Student Council on 5 November 2026.The celebration featured a vibrant array of cultural programmes, including energetic dance performances and melodious singing, through which students showcased their talents. Fun-filled activities such as the Copy the Dance Challenge and other entertaining games added excitement to the occasion and encouraged active student participation. The celebration concluded on a joyful note, bringing the colours, excitement and festive cheer of Diwali to the campus and creating memorable moments for the students and faculty members.

Vinayaka Mission's College of Pharmacy, Salem

Rally and awareness programme on drug abuse prevention and illicit trafficking



The National Service Scheme Unit in association with the Salem District Collectorate, Salem City Police Commissioner's Office and Assistant Commissioner of Police, Hasthampatti Range, organised a Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking Awareness Rally and Pamphlet Distribution Programme on 3 November 2026, in accordance with the directives of the Government of Tamil Nadu and VMRF (Deemed to be University).

The rally was inaugurated and flagged off from the college premises by Mr. A. G. Babu, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Salem, and Prof. Dr. R. Kothai, Principal (I/c), Vinayaka Mission's College of Pharmacy. Mr. R. Vasudhevan, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Ammapettai Range, along with police personnel from Kannankurichi Police Station, also participated.

The rally proceeded through Kondappanaickenpatti and returned to the college, spreading awareness among the public about the adverse consequences of drug abuse and illicit trafficking.

As part of the Drive Against Drugs initiative, Mr. Ankit Singh, IPS, delivered an awareness address highlighting the harmful effects of substance abuse and the importance of safeguarding young people from drug addiction. Mrs. K. M. Aswini, B.E.,

Assistant Commissioner of Police, Hasthampatti Range, administered the DAD pledge, which was taken by all participants. Awareness pamphlets were also distributed to the public, emphasising the need for collective action towards creating a drug-free society. More than 100 NSS volunteers and 400 students actively participated in the programme. The event was coordinated by Dr. L. Janarthanan, Associate Professor and NSS Programme Officer, with the support of faculty members and student volunteers.

Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem

National seminar on empowering nurse-midwives in SBA



The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecological Nursing, in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell organised a National Seminar titled "Empowering Nurse-Midwives in SBA: Clinical Excellence, Technological Innovations and Safe Motherhood" on 4 November 2026. The seminar was approved by the Tamil Nadu Nurses and Midwives Council (TNNMC), Chennai, with 8 credit hours.The inaugural session was graced by Prof. Dr. K. Jayaraman, Ph.D., Dean, Periyar University, Salem, as the Chief Guest. The seminar souvenir was released by the Chief Guest and received by Dr. K. Maheswari, Principal, VMACON, Salem. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. S. Lakshmi Prabha, Head of the Department and Associate Professor, while the seminar report was presented by Dr. S. Parimala, Organising Secretary, Head of the Department and Vice-Principal, VMACON, Salem.

Eminent resource persons from Kerala, Karnataka, Puducherry and Tamil Nadu conducted scientific sessions covering various aspects of skilled birth attendance, clinical excellence, technological advancements and safe motherhood. The seminar witnessed the participation of 350 delegates from different states across India. The sessions were highly interactive and provided valuable opportunities for knowledge sharing and professional development.The delegates and the observer from TNNMC expressed positive feedback, appreciating the relevance, effectiveness and academic value of the seminar. Participation certificates were distributed to all the delegates at the conclusion of the programme.

School of Allied Health Sciences, Salem

National Unity Day pledge ceremony



The NSS Unit organised a National Unity Day Pledge Ceremony on 31 October 2026 at the SAHS Auditorium to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The occasion honoured his significant contribution to the political integration of India and highlighted the importance of national unity, integrity and social harmony. Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU), emphasised the significance of upholding national unity and integrity. Students, faculty members and administrative staff enthusiastically participated in the ceremony and collectively took the National Unity Day pledge, reaffirming their commitment to preserving the unity and integrity of the nation.The programme was coordinated by Dr. Rajesh Kumar and Mr. Arun Kumar, NSS Programme Coordinators, SAHS, VMRF (DU).

Upskilling programme and workshop on AI-driven medical imaging



The Department of Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology organised an Upskilling Programme and Workshop on 3 November 2026 at the Skill Lab Auditorium to commemorate World Radiography Day 2026, under the theme "From X-Rays to AI: Reaching the Sky."The programme commenced with a prayer song, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and the welcome address. Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU), presided over the programme and highlighted the importance of adopting emerging Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies and continuously upgrading professional competencies to keep pace with advancements in medical imaging.Dr. R. Ramamoorthy, Consultant Radiologist, VIMS Hospital, Salem, delivered the

keynote address. Dr. R. Vishnu Karthick Raj, Consultant Radiologist, and Mr. Jayavel, Senior Radiographer Technologist, VIMS Hospital, also graced the occasion.The technical sessions featured experts from academia and industry. Mr. N. Swaminathan, Senior Manager and Clinical Education Specialist (CT), Siemens Healthineers, delivered a session on the application of AI in Computed Tomography (CT), highlighting technological advancements and their role in improving imaging protocols and clinical workflows.

Mr. Alphones, Academic Faculty and Research Scholar, Saveetha Allied Health Sciences, Chennai, conducted an interactive workshop on "Cross-Sectional Clinical Anatomy Using 3D Models." Through practical demonstrations, participants gained insights into anatomical structures, identification of abnormalities and the correlation of anatomical features with their appearance in CT and MRI images.Mr. Yogikannan, Alumnus of SAHS and Lecturer, SRM Allied Health Sciences, Trichy, delivered a technical session on "AI-Driven Protocol Optimization," highlighting the role of AI in optimising imaging protocols and enhancing radiological workflow efficiency.The programme was organised under the coordination of Prof. V. Kalaivani, In-charge, MRIT, along with Mr. Antony Ruban, Mr. Antony Godson, Ms. K. Kiruthika and Ms. S. Divya, Assistant Professors, SAHS, VMRF (DU).

Youth awareness programme on building a drug-free and developed India

The SAHS Youth Club in association with Mera Yuva Bharat Kendra, Salem District, organised a Neighbourhood Youth Parliament Awareness Programme on 4 November 2026 at Dr. ASG Auditorium under the theme "Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat" (Drug-Free Youth, Developed India).

The initiative, promoted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), aimed to sensitise young people to the harmful effects of substance abuse and encourage their participation in building a drug-free and developed nation.Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU), presided over the programme and highlighted the importance of creating awareness among students about substance abuse and their responsibility towards fostering a healthy society.The programme featured distinguished resource persons who addressed various aspects of substance abuse prevention. Dr. Ashwanth Vetrivel, Salem District Tobacco Control Officer, District Collectorate Office, Salem, sensitised students to the harmful effects of substance abuse and its impact on individual health and well-being.

Mr. Prakash, Salem Fort Excise Officer, highlighted the vital role of youth in preventing substance abuse and promoting a drug-free society. Mrs. Shoba, District Public-Private Partnership Coordinator, Salem District Tuberculosis Centre, and Mr. Senthilkumar, Senior Treatment Supervisor, further created awareness about the adverse health and social consequences of drug and tobacco consumption.

As part of the programme, students actively participated in the Drug-Free India Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to staying away from drugs, adopting healthy lifestyles and contributing towards a drug-free society.

The initiative also encouraged students to become ambassadors of the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan and disseminate awareness among their peers and communities.The programme was coordinated by Mr. Kuberan and Ms. Kiruthika, Youth Club Coordinators, SAHS, along with Dr. Rajesh Kumar and Mr. Arun Kumar, NSS Programme Coordinators, whose efforts contributed to its successful organisation.



Know Your Vote: promoting electoral awareness and responsible citizenship

The SAHS Youth Club in association with Mera Yuva Bharat Kendra, Salem District, organised a Neighbourhood Youth Parliament – Youth Dialogue on "Know Your Vote" on 4 November 2026 at Dr. ASG Auditorium. The initiative, promoted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), aimed to create awareness among young people about democratic values, constitutional rights, voting responsibilities, leadership and active citizenship.Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU), presided over the programme and highlighted the significant role of youth in nation-building, emphasising the importance of informed voting and active democratic participation.Mr. Nirmal Kathirvel, Chief Minister's State Youth Awardee, Social Activist and Founder of Towards the Foundation, participated as the Special Guest and delivered an insightful address on voting rights, democratic participation, the role of youth in social transformation and the contribution of individual initiatives towards national development. Mr. Surya, an accomplished athlete and nine-time world record holder, also addressed the gathering, inspiring students to cultivate determination, discipline and leadership qualities.A major highlight of the programme was the interactive Youth Parliament session, during which students recreated a mock parliamentary setting and engaged in discussions and debates on voting rights, democratic awareness, the Indian Constitution and government welfare schemes. The programme successfully sensitised students to their electoral responsibilities and the



importance of becoming informed, active and responsible citizens.The event was coordinated by Mr. Kuberan and Ms. Kiruthika, Youth Club Coordinators, SAHS, along with Dr. Rajesh Kumar and Mr. Arun Kumar, NSS Programme Coordinators.

Diwali Celebration 2026



The Fine Arts Club and Student Council jointly organised a Colourful Diwali Celebration on 5 November 2026 at the college campus with great enthusiasm and festive spirit.The celebration commenced with the traditional lighting of lamps, followed by the firing of eco-friendly crackers, creating a joyful atmosphere while promoting environmental responsibility.Prof. Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Director, SAHS, VMRF (DU), highlighted the importance of celebrating Diwali in an eco-friendly and sustainable manner and extended his heartfelt festive wishes to the faculty members and students, wishing them happiness, prosperity and success.A major highlight of the celebration was a thematic drama titled “Ravana Vadham”, performed by SAHS students based on the epic Ramayana. The performance depicted the battle between Lord Rama and Ravana, culminating in Ravana's defeat and symbolising the triumph of good over evil. This was followed by a series of vibrant cultural performances that showcased the students' artistic talents and creativity.A special Diwali stall was also arranged on the campus and inaugurated by the Director, receiving an enthusiastic response from students and faculty members. The celebrations concluded with a special pooja, followed by the distribution of sweets to all faculty members and students, spreading festive cheer across the campus.The event was organised under the coordination of Prof. V. Kalaivani, Ms. Uma Maheshwari, Ms. Merlin, Ms. Rajasree, Mrs. U. Anitha and Dr. Deepika, with the support of the Fine Arts Club and Student Council members of SAHS, VMRF (DU).

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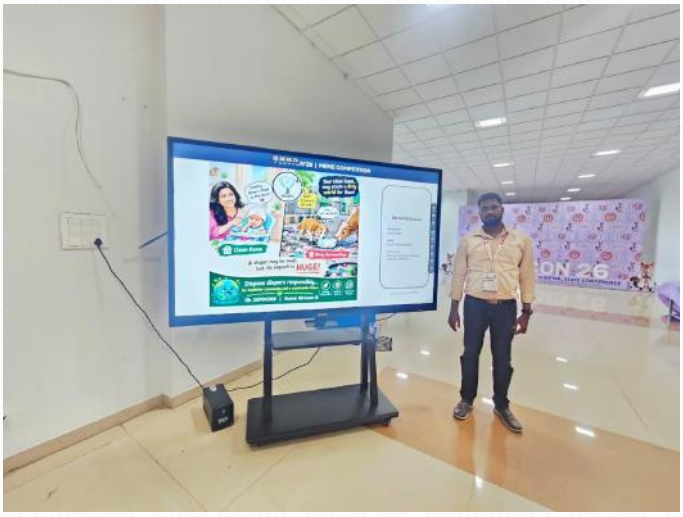


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FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

Mr. B. Russo Rickson participates in PUDUCON'26



Mr. B. Russo Rickson, Project Technical Support, ICMR-funded project, Department of Community Medicine participated in PUDUCON'26, the Joint IAPSM–IPHA State Conference of the Puducherry Chapters, held at IGMCRI, Puducherry, on 26 and 27 October 2026.

Dr. Nancy Sebastian presents scientific poster at PUDUCON'26

Dr. Nancy Sebastian of the Department of Community Medicine presented a scientific poster in the Faculty Category at PUDUCON'26, the Joint IAPSM–IPHA State Conference of the Puducherry Chapters, held at Indira Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute (IGMCRI), Puducherry, on 26 and 27 October 2026. The conference, themed "Healthy Communities, Resilient Systems, Sustainable Future," provided a platform for scientific discussions and knowledge exchange in public health.



Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

Trio were resource personnel at AI-IGNITE 2026

Dr. Janakiraman K., Dr. Sathiyaruban and Dr. Naveenraja, served as Resource Persons for "AI-IGNITE 2026 – Igniting Innovation in Health Professions Education," a hands-on Faculty Development Programme (FDP). The FDP was held on 4 November at our Karaikal Campus.



Senior residents participated in CM CONNECT series

Dr. Sindu K. and Dr. Saratha Princy K., participated in "CM CONNECT – A Community Medicine Learning Series," organised by the Tamil Nadu Alliance for Development of Community Medicine (TADCOM) through an online webinar.



Dr. S. Nancy achieves first place in oral presentation competition



Dr. S. Nancy, secured First Place in the Professional (Faculty) Category – Oral Presentation Competition at the 3rd International Conference on One Health 2026. The conference was organised by Project One Health from 24 October to 1 November at Punnamada Backwaters, Alappuzha, Kerala.

Five academicians authored research article on chronic kidney disease

Dr. Vasagam Shomnath M Chellam, Dr. Rajendran Babu, Dr. Jeyakumar Balakrishnan, Dr. T. Rajendran and Dr. Suganya Kannan, authored a research article titled "Differential Mitochondrial DNA Copy Number and Redox/Inflammatory States in Diabetic and Nondiabetic Chronic Kidney Disease: A Study in a South Indian Cohort" in the Annals of African Medicine (2026; 25(6):1670–1677).

Dr. C. Lalithambigai authored research article on women's health in Puducherry

Dr. C. Lalithambigai, authored a research article titled "Invisible Barriers: Economic Abuse and Its Hidden Toll on Women's Health in Puducherry, India" in the Indian Journal of Community Health (2026; 38(5):785–791).

Biochemistry faculty members authored research article on cardiometabolic risk

Dr. Sridurga Mattyvanan, Dr. Sivaa Rajendran, and Dr. V. Shanmugapriya, authored a Research Article titled "Thyroid Dysfunction and Cardiometabolic Risk: A Comparative Analysis of Lipid Profile, Glycemic Markers, and Atherogenic Indices in Hypothyroidism and Hyperthyroidism" in the Annals of African Medicine in November 2026.

Dr. Meena R. completed NPTEL course on research methodology

Dr. Meena R., completed the NPTEL Online Certification Course in Research Methodology conducted by SWAYAM-NPTEL and Indian Institute of Technology Madras, during July–October 2026. She secured a consolidated score of 63% and earned an Elite certification.



Dr. Manjula Navakodi completed CME on suicide risk



Dr. Manjula Navakodi, completed an online Continuing Medical Education (CME) session on "Suicide Risk Assessment & Management" organised by Shadithya Psychiatric Hospital in October 2026.

Mr. Russo Rickson B. presented on plastic waste at an international conference

Mr. Russo Rickson B. delivered an Oral Presentation titled "Beyond Plastic Waste: Exploring the Human–Street Animal–Environment Nexus Through a One Health Approach in Rural and Urban Karaikal" at the 3rd International Conference on One Health. It was organised by Project One Health at Alappuzha, Kerala, from 24 October to 1 November.

School of Allied Health Sciences, VMMC Campus, Karaikal

Mrs. Asha Sharmili completed four NPTEL certifications

Mrs. Asha Sharmili completed the following SWAYAM-NPTEL Certifications: Basic Course in Biomedical Research; Good Clinical Laboratory Practices (GCLP); Development Research Method (Silver Medal); and Development Research Method Faculty Programme.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

Dr. Eswar B. participated in IMA TNSB JDN CME IX 2026

Dr. Eswar B. participated in the IMA TNSB JDN CME IX 2026, a Continuing Medical Education Program, conducted by the IMA Tamil Nadu State Headquarters on 25 September. He was awarded one credit hour by the Tamil Nadu Medical Council.



Dr. Vidhya S. and Dr. Sowmiya K. completed CME on antimicrobial resistance





Dr. Vidhya S. and Dr. Sowmiya K. completed a CME on Antimicrobial Resistance conducted by CLTR NET on 1 November. She also successfully completed the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Online Quiz conducted through the MY Bharat platform by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports on 1 November.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

Ms. Trushna Chute secured three medals at State Powerlifting Championship



Ms. Trushna Ganpat Chute (II MBBS), secured three medals at the Maharashtra State Powerlifting (SBD) Championship and Single Event Bench Press and Deadlift Championship – 2026 (Raw), held from 2 to 4 October at Nagpur, Maharashtra. Competing in the 63 kg women's weight category, she won a Gold Medal in the Bench Press event, a Bronze Medal in the Deadlift event and a Gold Medal in the Overall Powerlifting Championship.

Karaikal sports teams participated in ALTIUS '26



The Sports Teams of VMMC&H, participated in ALTIUS '26 – The Inter-Collegiate Medical and Dental Sports Meet, organised by Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai, from 22 to 25 September. A total of 29 students represented the institution and competed in Futsal (Men and Women) and Football (Men).



Karaikal sports teams participated in RIVALRIA'26

The Sports Teams of VMMC&H, participated in RIVALRIA'26, an inter-medical sports meet organised by Thanjavur Government Medical College, from 24 to 27 September. A total of 37 students demonstrated their sporting abilities. Notably, the Women's Basketball Team secured the Runner-Up position, while some of the other teams advanced to the semi-final stages in their respective events.

EVENTS ORGANISED

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal

VIN-PSYCON 2026



The Department of Psychiatry in association with the South Asian Society for Sexual Medicine (SASSM), organised VIN-PSYCON 2026 – "Sexual Dysfunction and Management" on 31 October 2026 at Lecture Hall 4, New Academic Block, VMMC&H, Karaikal.Dr. R. T. Kannapiran, Professor and Head, Department of Psychiatry, delivered the welcome address, followed by the inaugural address by Dr. K. Cheran, Dean, VMMC&H. Felicitation addresses were delivered by Dr. G. Vijaya Kumar Nair, Deputy Dean (Administration); Dr. M. Thirumaran, Deputy Dean (Academics); Dr. A. Sivaraman, Medical Superintendent; and Dr. A. Ganesh Bala, Deputy Medical Superintendent.

The scientific sessions featured Dr. Alla Sathyanarayana Reddy, who delivered lectures on "Female Sexual Dysfunction and Management" and "Pornography: Pleasure, Habit or Problem?" Dr. M. Natesh Prabhu presented a session titled "Beyond the Symptom:

Treating the Core of Male Sexual Dysfunction – A Metabolic, Vascular and Hormonal Approach."Dr. J. Reuben, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, delivered the vote of thanks. The conference provided an academic platform for enhancing clinical knowledge and promoting evidence-based approaches to the assessment and management of sexual dysfunction.

Fire Safety Mock Drill at VMMC&H, Karaikal

A Fire Safety Mock Drill was conducted near the Intensive Medical Care Unit at on 4 November 2026. The exercise was jointly organised by the Hospital Safety Committee and the Fire Department.Doctors, nurses, hospital staff and students participated in the drill, which included practical demonstrations on fire safety precautions, safe evacuation procedures for patients during emergencies and the appropriate use of fire extinguishing equipment.The initiative aimed to strengthen emergency preparedness, enhance awareness of fire safety measures and familiarise healthcare personnel with appropriate response procedures. The exercise reinforced the institution's commitment to ensuring the safety of patients, healthcare professionals, students and visitors within the hospital premises.



CARDIOLOGY UPDATE – 2026: continuing medical education programme



The Department of General Medicine and Cardiology and ANU Hospital, Thanjavur, organised "CARDIOLOGY UPDATE – 2026," a Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme, on 6 November 2026 at Lecture Hall IV, New Academic Block, VMMC&H, Karaikal.

Dr. V. Sakthivel, Professor and Clinical Lead, Department of General Medicine, delivered the welcome address, followed by the chief guest address by Prof. Dr. K. Cheran, Dean, VMMC&H. Felicitation addresses were delivered by Prof. Dr. G. Vijaya Kumar 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 scientific sessions featured Dr. R. V. Shivakumar, Senior Cardiologist, ANU Hospital, Thanjavur, who spoke on "Prevention, Detection and Evaluation of Hypertension – Guideline Approach". Dr. R. Praveen Babu, Associate Professor and Cardiologist, Department of General Medicine, VMMC&H, delivered a session on "Hypertension: The Drug You Choose Matters," while Dr. V. Sakthivel presented an update on "Hypertensive Crisis."

Dr. Seetha Rami Reddy Mallampati, Assistant Professor, Department of General Medicine, delivered the vote of thanks. The CME provided an academic platform for updating clinicians on current guidelines, pharmacological management and evidence-based approaches to hypertension and its complications.

15th Integrated VINCLISCI – multidisciplinary clinical case discussions



The 15th Integrated VINCLISCI was conducted on 5 November 2026 featuring four interesting clinical cases from the Departments of General Medicine, Surgery and Dentistry. The programme was presided over by Dr. A. Sivaraman, Medical Superintendent, and Dr. Pagadpally Srinivas, Coordinator, Medical Education Unit (MEU).The first case, presented by Dr. Akshat Kulwal, Postgraduate, Department of General Medicine, and moderated by Dr. Ashok Kumar, Pulmonologist, and Prof. Dr. Shaktivel, Head of the Department, concerned a 56-year-old male with recurrent left hydropneumothorax and active bilateral pulmonary tuberculosis. The clinical findings and investigations established a diagnosis of left bronchopleural fistula with hydropneumothorax. The causes, differential diagnoses and treatment options for chronic bronchopleural fistula were discussed, with inputs from the moderators and the Medical Superintendent.

The second case was presented by Dr. Kiran, Postgraduate, Department of Surgery, and moderated by Dr. Rajesh Kannan, Surgical Gastroenterologist. The case involved a 50-year-old male with a history of sigmoid carcinoma who had previously undergone transverse colostomy and chemoradiotherapy. Following evaluation, Hartmann's reversal was planned. An intraoperative video demonstrated the challenges posed by extensive adhesions and the subsequent use of the Deloyers procedure to achieve a tension-free anastomosis. Dr. Rajesh Kannan elaborated on the surgical challenges, procedural technique and clinical outcomes.The third case was presented by Dr. Sofia, Senior Resident, Department of Dentistry, and moderated by Dr. Santosh Kumar, Head of the Department. It concerned a 50-year-old female with an ulcerative growth over the left buccal mucosa and a longstanding history of areca nut chewing. Clinical examination, imaging and histopathological findings confirmed moderately differentiated oral squamous cell carcinoma. The patient underwent wide surgical excision with lymph node removal and reconstruction using buccal flaps. The incidence, risk factors, differential diagnoses and management approaches were discussed.The fourth case was presented by Dr. Vasantha, Postgraduate, Department of Surgery, and moderated by Prof. Dr. Sankararaman. The case involved a 40-year-old male diagnosed with right submandibular salivary duct calculus. An operative video demonstrated the removal of the calculus through transoral sialolithotomy under local anaesthesia by opening

Wharton's duct. The causes, differential diagnoses and available treatment approaches were discussed.A total of 111 participants attended the programme, comprising 13 Professors and Associate Professors, 35 Assistant Professors and Senior Residents, 40 Postgraduate students and 23 Compulsory Rotatory Residential Medical Interns (CRMI). The programme concluded with a vote of thanks.

The multidisciplinary academic forum provided an opportunity for clinical knowledge sharing, interactive discussions and exposure to diagnostic and therapeutic approaches across medical and surgical specialities.

Outreach medical camp at Kottucherry Medu

The Department of Outreach Activity organised an outreach medical camp at Kottucherry Medu on 5 November 2026, with the support of Dr. Vignesh, MLA, and SNEHA NGO.The camp provided outpatient medical services and screening for non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Specialist teams from the Departments of General Medicine, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics, and Obstetrics and Gynaecology examined patients and provided appropriate medical consultations.The camp was coordinated by Dr. K. Murugesan, Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine and Head, Department of Outreach Activity, VMMC&H.The initiative aimed to improve access to essential healthcare services, encourage early identification of health conditions and promote preventive healthcare among the community.



School medical camp at Nava Sithi Vinayagar School



The Department of Outreach Activity conducted a school medical camp at Nava Sithi Vinayagar School on 3 and 4 November 2026.The camp was coordinated by Dr. K. Murugesan, Head, Department of Outreach Activity and Assistant Professor of Community Medicine. The initiative focused on assessing the health status of schoolchildren, providing medical consultations and creating awareness about health and hygiene. The programme reinforced the institution's commitment to promoting preventive healthcare and supporting the overall health and well-being of schoolchildren.

White Coat Ceremony for first MBBS batch (2026–2027)

Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital organised the White Coat Ceremony for the First MBBS Batch (2026–2027) in October 2026 at the college auditorium.The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the Kuthuvilakku, followed by the rendition of Thamizh Thai Vazhthu. Dr. M. Thirumaran, Deputy Dean (Academics), delivered the welcome address, while Dr. G. Vijayakumar Nair, Deputy Dean (Administration), highlighted the significance of the white coat in the medical profession.The Dean, Prof. Dr. K. Cheran, addressed the students and emphasised the importance of academic excellence, professional competence and human values in medical practice. The white coats were ceremoniously donned by the students with the assistance of the Heads of Departments and faculty members. This was followed by the White Coat Pledge, administered by Dr. K. S. Saravanan, Professor and Head, Department of Orthopaedics. Dr. A. Ganesh Bala, Deputy Medical Superintendent, delivered the vote of thanks.The organising team comprised Dr. R. Siva, Professor, Department of Biochemistry and First MBBS Academic Coordinator (Organising Secretary); Dr. K. Janakiraman, Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology and IQAC Coordinator (Organising Coordinator); Dr.



S. Kamaludeen, Professor and Head, Department of Emergency Medicine; and Mr. M. K. Dharmaraj, Manager, Accounts and Finance (Finance Coordinators).The ceremony marked an important milestone in the academic journey of the incoming medical students, reinforcing the values of compassion, professionalism, integrity and ethical medical practice.

Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Karaikal

Pledge on National Unity Day



National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) was celebrated on 31 October 2026 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Prof. Dr. K. Kamala, Principal, VMCON, Karaikal, addressed the students on their responsibilities as citizens of India and emphasised the importance of national unity and integrity in safeguarding the nation against actual and potential threats to its unity, integrity and security. Faculty members and students collectively took the National Unity Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to preserving the unity and integrity of the nation. A total of 13 faculty members and 100 students participated in the programme.

Rangoli competition on ill effects of drug use and illicit trafficking

The Social Welfare Department, Karaikal, in association with the Department of Mental Health Nursing and NSS Unit organised a Rangoli Competition on 5 November 2026 as part of Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan 2026, focusing on the theme "Ill Effects of Drug Use and Illicit Trafficking".

The competition was conducted under the guidance of Prof. Dr. K. Kamala, Principal, VMCON, Karaikal. A total of 10 students actively participated, showcasing their creativity and awareness through thematic rangoli designs. The entries were evaluated based on relevance to the theme, drawing, colouring and presentation. The winners were recognised and presented with certificates and gifts.



Raising awareness on substance abuse through poster competition

As part of Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan 2026, the Social Welfare Department, Karaikal, in association with the Department of Mental Health Nursing and NSS Unit organised a Poster Competition on 6 November 2026 on the theme "Ill Effects of Drug Use and Illicit Trafficking". The competition was conducted under the guidance of Prof. Dr. K. Kamala, Principal, VMCON, Karaikal. Seven students actively participated by presenting creative and informative posters highlighting the harmful consequences of substance abuse and illicit trafficking. The entries were evaluated based on thematic relevance, drawing, colouring and presentation. The winners were awarded certificates and gifts in recognition of their efforts.



Seminar on the responsible use of AI tools

The NEP Students' Club and NEP Saarathis of Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing participated in a seminar on "Responsible Use of AI Tools" organised by the NEP Saarathi of Shanmuga College of Physiotherapy, VMMC Campus, Karaikal, on 6 November 2026. The session was delivered by Dr. Akinesh, Professor, Department of Dentistry, JIPMER, Karaikal, who highlighted the responsible utilisation of various Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools and explained their applications in the field of education.

A total of 10 NEP Saarathis actively participated in the seminar, gaining valuable insights into the effective and ethical use of AI tools in academic and learning environments.

School of Allied Health Sciences, VMMC Campus, Karaikal



National Dialysis Technician Day celebrated at SAHS, Karaikal

National Dialysis Technician Day was observed on 2 November 2026, recognising the specialised skills and dedication of dialysis technicians in patient care. Dr. D. Karthikeyan, Director, SAHS, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the significance of the occasion. The programme featured a special guest lecture by Dr. Kalaimani S,Associate Professor of Medicine, JIPMER, Karaikal, who discussed the responsibilities of dialysis technicians and their contribution to safe and effective dialysis treatment. Organised by Ms. Gayathri, Tutor, Department of Renal Dialysis Technology, the event highlighted the importance of dialysis professionals in delivering quality healthcare.

Skill development programme on microbiological techniques



A practical learning session on microbiological techniques was conducted by the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences in association with the NSS Unit on 4 November 2026. Organised under the guidance of Dr. D. Karthikeyan, Director, SAHS, the programme featured activities such as Gram staining, microscope handling, a PPE Kit Challenge, poster presentations and urine sediment identification. These activities helped students strengthen their microbiological knowledge and develop essential laboratory skills. The event was coordinated by Mrs. S. Lakshmi, Assistant Professor and In-charge, along with Ms. S. Manibharathy, Tutor.

International Radiology Day celebrations



The Department of Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology observed the International Day of Radiology 2026 on 5 November under the theme "Upholding Patient Safety Through Innovation." Dr. D. Karthikeyan, Director, SAHS, graced the occasion, with Dr. Sagadevan Vijay, Professor and Head, Department of Radiodiagnosis, as the Chief Guest and Dr. P. Kanimozhi, Associate Professor, as the Guest of Honour. The celebration featured an inaugural address and cake-cutting ceremony, followed by student presentations on recent advancements in medical imaging and the importance of patient safety. The programme highlighted the vital role of radiology in modern healthcare.

Tsunami awareness programme 2026



The NSS Unit, NEP Students' Club and Fine Arts Club organised a Tsunami Awareness Programme in association with the Indian Coast Guard on 5 November 2026 at the SAHS Multipurpose Hall. The programme featured Comdt. S. Chandola, TM, Commanding Officer, Indian Coast Guard Station, Karaikal, as the Chief Guest. Dr. C. Cheran, Dean, Vinayaka Mission's Medical College and Hospital, Dr. Velmurugan, Principal, Shanmuga College of Physiotherapy, and Dr. Ambedkar, Director, SRBS, also graced the occasion. Comdt. S. Chandola highlighted tsunami preparedness and interacted with students, while Mr. Varunkumar demonstrated essential safety measures and evacuation procedures. An awareness talk, mime performance and interactive session further engaged participants on disaster preparedness and emergency response. Students and faculty members from SAHS, Shanmuga College of Physiotherapy, SRBS and Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing took part in the programme.

FDP on AI-IGNITE 2026

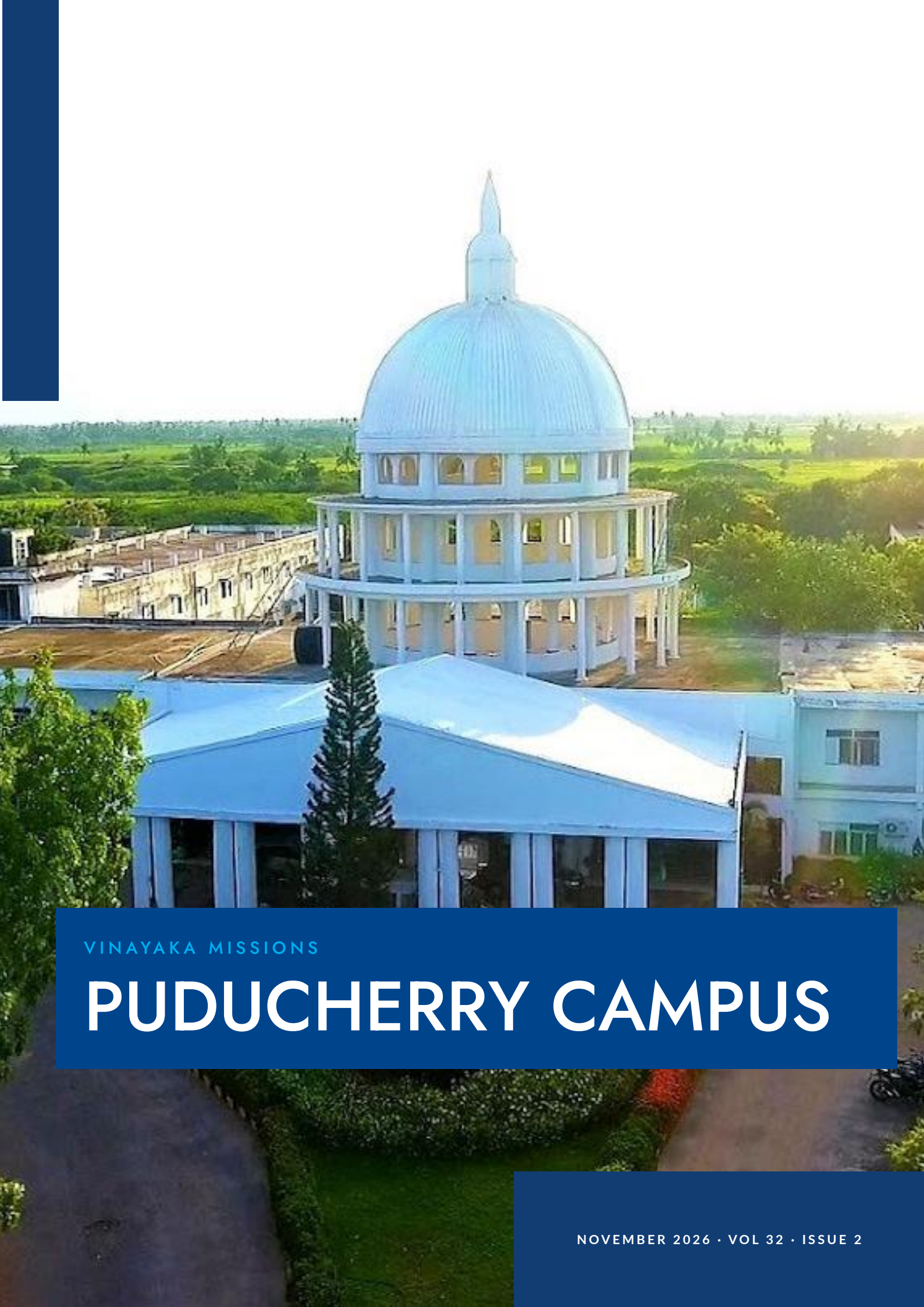


SAHS hosted a hands-on Faculty Development Programme titled "AI-IGNITE 2026 – Igniting Innovation in Health Professions Education" on 4 November 2026 at the SAHS Multipurpose Hall. Organised by the IQAC, the programme aimed to familiarise faculty members with AI-powered tools for teaching, academic writing and research. Three technical sessions were led by Dr. Janakiraman K, Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology; Dr. Sathiyaruban and Dr. Navinraja, Assistant Professors, Department of Pharmacology, VMCH, Karaikal. The sessions covered the use of ChatGPT and Google Gemini for smarter teaching, Claude and Paperpal for academic writing and research, and NotebookLM for creating study guides, summaries, quizzes and interactive learning resources. Faculty members from the VMMC Campus, Karaikal, and VMRF (DU), Salem, participated in the programme, gaining practical exposure to the applications of AI in health professions education.

SAHS celebrates Diwali with cultural festivities



The NSS Unit and Fine Arts Club celebrated Diwali on 6 November 2026 with enthusiasm and festive spirit. The celebration was inaugurated by Dr. D. Karthikeyan, Director, SAHS, through the ceremonial lighting of firecrackers. The programme featured colourful cultural performances by students, who showcased their talents and artistic abilities. Various festive activities organised by the Fine Arts Club added to the excitement and created a lively atmosphere on campus. The celebration provided an opportunity for students and faculty members to come together, share the festive spirit and strengthen the bonds of unity and togetherness.



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Two academicians completed SWAYAM courses

Mrs. Angelin Jenifer and Mrs. Parkavy P. completed the SWAYAM-NPTEL - Soft Skills Course.





School of Allied Health Sciences, Puducherry

Ms. Shree Sruthi honoured with Best Nodal Officer Award



Ms. Shree Sruthi, Department of Psychology and Faculty Advisor of the SAHS Youth Club, received the Best Nodal Officer Award on 31 October 2026 for her contributions to organising Youth Club activities and encouraging student participation in various youth initiatives. The award was presented by Mr. Chukka Shalem Raju, District Youth Officer, during the My Bharath Foundation Day celebration organised by My Bharath Kendra, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Puducherry.

Dr. Pagadalu Ambika completed workshop on meta-analyses



Dr. Pagadalu Lokababu Ambika completed an online workshop on Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses. This workshop was organized by MentorMost.

Four faculty members completed SWAYAM courses

The following faculty members completed SWAYAM-NPTEL Courses and the NPTEL-AICTE Faculty Development Programme.

Name of Faculty	Name of Department	Name of Course
Dr. K. Nivedha	Department of Public Health	One Health– ELITE+SILVER
Mrs.Iyyamma.B	Department of Optomtery	Research Methods in Health Promotion - ELITE
Mr.Suriyamoorthi.V	Department of Perfusion Technology	Research Methods in Health Promotion –ELITE+SILVER
Ms.Abinaya	Department of Cardiac Technology	Electrocardiogram- Interpretation and Application in Clinical Practice – ELITE+SILVER

PY CM presents Young Scientist Award to Dr. Mohanraj received 2026

Dr. Naveenraja Mohanraj, received the "Young Scientist Award 2026" from Scientific Laurels – International Scientific Awards. The award was presented by the Chief Minister of Puducherry, Thiru. N. Rangasamy.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

School of Allied Health Sciences, Puducherry

Winners at Worm Quest 2026 announced







The following trio won the Top 3 Prizes at Worm Quest 2026, an awareness program about the ecological importance of earthworms and their role in maintaining soil health.

Name of the Student	Department	Name of the Award/Recognition/Prize
Aiysha	Anaesthesia Technology	First Place
Delight	Cardiac Technology	Second Place
Yamuna	Anaesthesia Technology	Third Place

Top honors for eight students at SPARK Ideathon 2026





The following students won First and Third at the at the SPARK Ideathon 2026, conducted by the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), VMRF (DU)

Name of Student	Name of Department	Year	Name of Prize
Gowtham M	Accident and Emergency Care Technology	II Year	First Place
K. Sarathi	Accident and Emergency Care Technology	II Year	
Saranraj R.	Accident and Emergency Care Technology	II Year	
Anusha S	Radiology and Imaging technology	II Year	
Rithishvaran K	Operation Theatre Technology	III Year	Third Place
Anbarasi S	Operation Theatre Technology	III Year	
Sowmiya J	Operation Theatre Technology	III Year	
Pradeep Kumar R	Operation Theatre Technology	III Year	

Ms. Rutba Hilal received Best Intern Award

Ms. Rutba Hilal (B.Sc. MLT), was awarded the Best Intern Award by the Maternity Hospital, Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura, Srinagar.



NEWS IN MEDIA

School of Allied Health Sciences, Puducherry

National Dialysis Technician Recognition Week 2026



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International Music Day 2026



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EVENTS ORGANISED

Aarupadai Veedu Medical College and Hospital, Puducherry

Mobile Medical Unit camp at Ramapuram and Vazhisodhanaipalayam



The Outreach Services Unit with the support of Sevabharathi NGO, organised a Mobile Medical Unit screening camp at Ramapuram and Vazhisodhanaipalayam on 2 November 2026. The medical team comprised Dr. Harish and Dr. Sri Lakshmi, Junior Residents, a staff nurse, a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), and a camp coordinator. A total of 54 people were screened, with 27 beneficiaries from each village. No referrals were required.The initiative aimed to extend accessible healthcare services to rural communities through preventive screening and early identification of health concerns.

Mobile Medical Unit camp at Thangalikuppam and Ramanathankuppam



The Outreach Services Unit of AVMC&H, with the support of Sevabharathi NGO, conducted a Mobile Medical Unit screening camp at Thangalikuppam and Ramanathankuppam on 3 November 2026.The medical team included Dr. Harish and Dr. Sri Lakshmi, Junior Residents, two staff nurses and a camp coordinator. A total of 39 people received medical screening, comprising 22 beneficiaries from Thangalikuppam and 17 from Ramanathankuppam. No referrals were required.The camp facilitated access to basic healthcare services for residents of both villages.

General medical camp at CN Palayam, Cuddalore



The Outreach Services Unit in association with PREPARE NGO, CN Palayam, organised a General Medical Camp at Panchayat Union Middle School, CN Palayam, Cuddalore, on 4 November 2026.The camp was inaugurated by Ms. Kavipreetha, Team Lead, PREPARE NGO, with the traditional lighting of the lamp. Specialists from General Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Orthopaedics and Ophthalmology participated in the camp, supported by optometry staff, physician assistants, VMCON students and the outreach nursing team. Medical screening, including diabetes and hypertension screening. A total of 156 people, comprising 135 adults and 21 children, were screened. Of these, 25 individuals were referred to AVMC&H for further management, including eight to General Medicine, five to General Surgery, five to Ophthalmology, four to Orthopaedics and three to ENT.The initiative provided multidisciplinary healthcare services and promoted awareness of preventive health screening among the local community.

Paediatrics specialty camp at Sembiyapalayam Satellite Centre



The Outreach Services Unit in association with the Department of Paediatrics, conducted a Paediatrics Specialty Camp at the Sembiyapalayam Satellite Centre on 4 November 2026. Dr. Abishek, Postgraduate, Department of Paediatrics, participated in the screening camp, supported by Dr. Preethy, Medical Officer, and Mrs. Monika, Staff Nurse. Social workers publicised the camp through door-to-door visits and vehicle announcements to encourage community participation.A total of 14 outpatients were screened, including four paediatric cases comprising three boys and one girl. One patient was referred to AVMC&H for further management.

The camp aimed to improve access to specialised paediatric healthcare services for children in the surrounding communities.

General Medicine specialty camp at Saathipattu Satellite Centre



The Outreach Services Unit and the Department of General Medicine, conducted a General Medicine Specialty Camp at the Saathipattu Satellite Centre on 4 November 2026.Dr. Elakyan, Senior Resident, Department of General Medicine, participated in the camp, supported by Dr. Suresh Kumar, Medical Officer, and Mrs. Ananthi, Staff Nurse. Social workers created awareness about the camp through door-to-door visits and vehicle announcements.A total of 32 patients, comprising nine males and 23 females, received medical screening. Five individuals were referred to AVMC&H for further evaluation and management.The initiative facilitated access to specialised medical consultation and strengthened community-based healthcare services.

Mobile Medical Unit camp at Silambimangalam and Kayalpattu

The Outreach Services Unit and the Sevabharathi NGO, organised a Mobile Medical Unit screening camp at Silambimangalam and Kayalpattu on 4 November 2026.The medical team comprised Dr. Harish and Dr. Sri Lakshmi, Junior Residents, a staff nurse, a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), a camp coordinator and the Sevabharathi ambulance driver.A total of 54 people, including two children, received medical screening. The beneficiaries included 12 people from Silambimangalam and 42 from Kayalpattu. No referrals were required.The camp provided essential healthcare screening services to residents of both villages, reinforcing the institution's commitment to rural healthcare outreach.



Mobile Medical Unit camp at Vellapakkam and Azhagiyanatham

The Outreach Services Unit of AVMC&H, with the support of Sevabharathi NGO, conducted a Mobile Medical Unit screening camp at Vellapakkam and Azhagiyanatham on 5 November 2026. The medical team included Dr. Harish and Dr. Sri Lakshmi, Junior Residents, a staff nurse, a Certified Nursing Assistant and a camp coordinator. A total of 42 people, including three children, were screened. The beneficiaries comprised eight people from Vellapakkam and 34 from Azhagiyanatham. No referrals were required during the camp, which concluded at 1:30 p.m.The initiative contributed to improving access to basic medical screening and healthcare services in the rural communities.

Mobile Medical Unit camp at Thirumanikuzhi and M. Pudhur

The Outreach Services Unit in association with Sevabharathi NGO, organised a Mobile Medical Unit screening camp at Thirumanikuzhi and M. Pudhur on 6 November 2026.The medical team comprised Dr. Harish and Dr. Sri Lakshmi, Junior Residents, a staff nurse, a Certified Nursing Assistant and a camp coordinator. A total of 22 people, including three children, received medical screening. The beneficiaries included 10 people from Thirumanikuzhi and 12 from M. Pudhur. No referrals were required, and the camp concluded at 1:30 p.m.The outreach initiative aimed to bring essential healthcare services closer to rural communities and encourage timely health screening.



Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing, Puducherry

Guest lecture on domestic violence and the role of community health nurses



The Department of Community Health Nursing organised a guest lecture on "Domestic Violence and the Role of Community Health Nurses" on 31 October 2026 in the presence of Prof.Elakkiya, Principal incharge. The session aimed to sensitise students to the various dimensions of domestic violence and highlight the significant role of community health nurses in identifying, supporting and protecting affected individuals.

General medical camp at Cuddalore



Second-year Diploma in General Nursing and Midwifery (DGNM) students participated in a Free General Medical Camp organised in collaboration with Prepare NGO at C.N. Palayam, Cuddalore, on 4 November 2026. The camp provided students with an opportunity to gain practical exposure to community healthcare services while contributing to public health initiatives.



Farewell Celebration



The Student Council and Student Nurses Association organised a Farewell Celebration on 4 November 2026 at the college auditorium under the guidance of Prof.Elakkiya, Principal incharge. The celebration provided an opportunity for students and faculty members to extend their best wishes to the outgoing students and cherish their memorable moments on campus.

Celebration of Festival of Lights



The Student Council and Student Nurses Association organised a Diwali Celebration on 5 November 2026 led by Prof.Elakkiya, Principal incharge. The celebration brought together students and faculty members to share the joy and festive spirit of Diwali through a lively campus gathering.

Quiz competition on NEP 2020 updates and developments

The NEP Student organised a quiz competition on "NEP 2020 – Updates and Developments" on 4 November 2026 as part of the NEP Day celebrations under the guidance of Prof.Elakkiya, Principal incharge. A total of 15 students participated in the competition, which comprised preliminary, semi-final and final rounds. The winning team was recognised and awarded for its performance.

NEP Brain Teasers



The NEP Student Club organised an engaging Brain Teasers Activity on NEP Insights on 6 November 2026. The activity encouraged students to explore key concepts and developments related to the National Education Policy (NEP), while promoting critical thinking, knowledge enhancement and active participation.

School of Allied Health Sciences, Puducherry

Mindfulness workshop on International Music Day 2026

Celebrating the power of music to nurture the mind and promote emotional well-being, the Youth Club and NEP Students' Club organised a Mindfulness Workshop on 31 October 2026 at the SAHS Auditorium to mark International Music Day. Prof. Andrew John Silvester, Director, SAHS, Puducherry Campus, delivered the keynote address. The special session was led by Ms. Jenita Caren Rajakumari, Assistant Professor, School of Music Therapy, Institute of Salutogenesis and Complementary Medicine, Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), along with her team. Through interactive activities, participants explored how music can support mindfulness, relaxation and stress management. Nearly 200 students benefited from the workshop.



DIALYSIS SPARKERS 2026



The Department of Renal Dialysis Technology marked the National Dialysis Technician Recognition Week by organising "DIALYSIS SPARKERS 2026" on 4 November 2026 under the theme "Energized. Empowered. Essential." The programme celebrated the dedication of dialysis technologists in supporting quality renal care and featured a guest lecture by Mr. Darshan V, Clinical Specialist, Portea Medical Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, and a special address by Dr. Venkatesh A, Head, Department of Nephrology, AVMC & Hospital, Puducherry. Poster and quiz competitions were conducted, with winners felicitated during the event. Special appreciation sessions also acknowledged the contributions of dialysis professionals. Nearly 150 participants attended the programme, which provided opportunities for knowledge sharing and professional interaction.

59th Physician Assistant Week



The Department of Physician Assistant celebrated the 59th Physician Assistant Week on 5 November 2026 under the theme "PAs Go Beyond."The celebration featured a White Coat Ceremony and oath-taking for the 2023 batch, followed by the distribution of prizes to the winners of Quiz and E-Poster competitions. A Nursing Mannequin was also contributed to enhance students' practical learning and clinical training.Expert guest lectures were delivered by Dr. Sabarathinam, Senior Resident, Department of Pathology, JIPMER, who spoke on Laboratory Medicine, and Mr. Ariputhiri, Physician Assistant, Dr. Sleep Qure, Cuddalore, who highlighted the evolving role of Physician Assistants in specialised healthcare.A total of 135 students participated in the celebration, gaining valuable insights into professional practice, clinical competencies and the expanding responsibilities of Physician Assistants in the healthcare sector.



"அகல் 2026" – Diwali celebrations

The Fine Arts Club organised "அகல் 2026" on 6 November 2026 as part of the Diwali celebrations.The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of lamps, symbolising the triumph of light over darkness and the spirit of hope and prosperity. The Director addressed the gathering, highlighting the significance of Diwali and the values associated with the festival.The celebration continued with a series of vibrant cultural performances by students, showcasing their artistic talents, creativity and festive enthusiasm. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members and was successfully coordinated by the Fine Arts Club members.

Human chain formation and Unity Day pledge



The National Service Scheme organised a Human Chain Formation and Unity Day Pledge on 31 October 2026 at Kirumampakkam Traffic Police Station to commemorate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.The initiative aimed to promote national unity, integrity and solidarity among students and the public. A total of 100 students and four faculty members participated in the programme, demonstrating their commitment to national integration.As part of the event, police personnel conducted a Road Safety Awareness Session, highlighting the importance of wearing helmets, following traffic regulations and practising safe driving habits. The programme reinforced students' sense of patriotism, civic responsibility and community engagement.

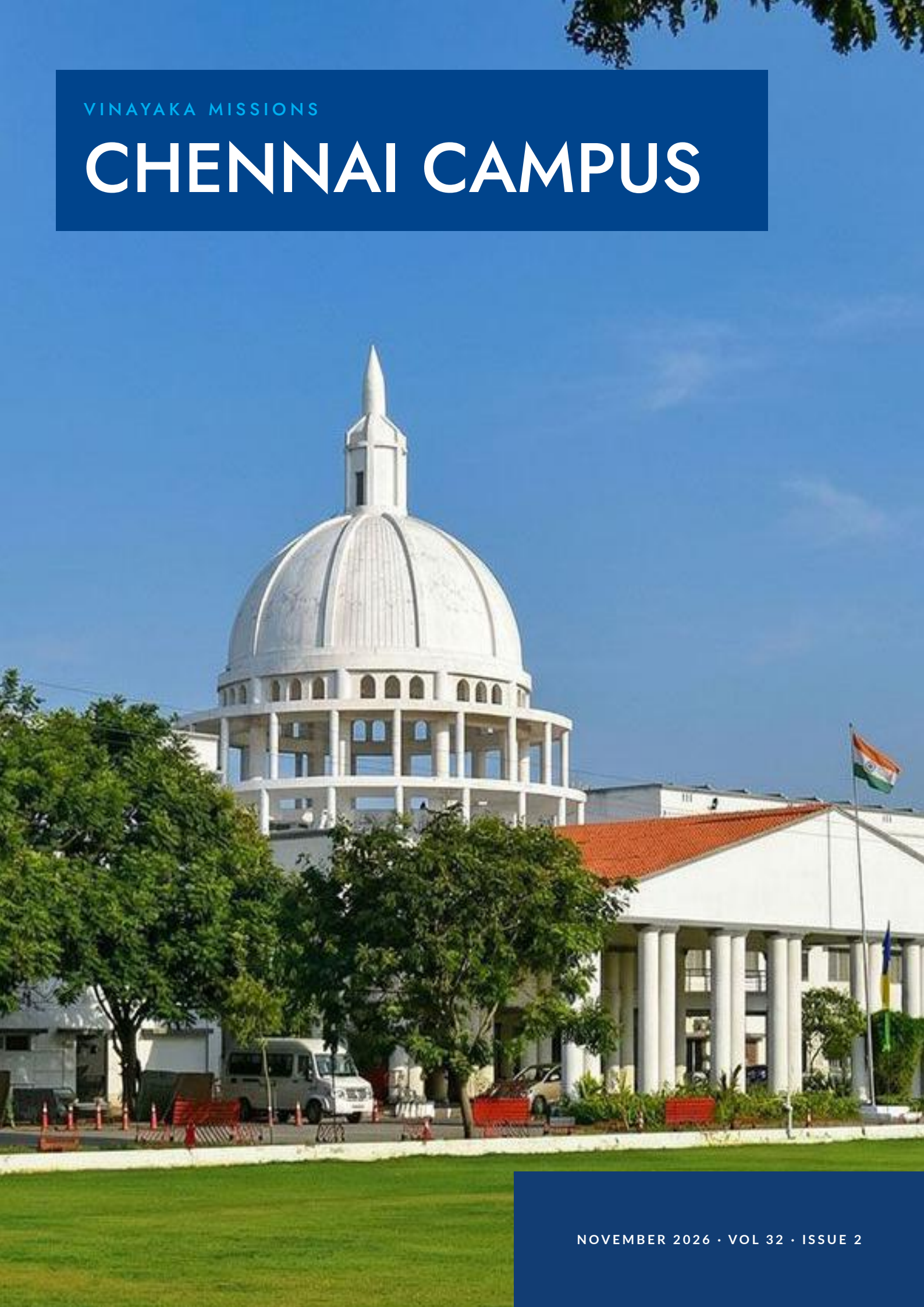


Students reaffirm commitment to national unity and solidarity

The National Service Scheme facilitated a National Unity Pledge Ceremony on 31 October 2026 at the SAHS Campus, Puducherry, to commemorate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.The programme aimed to instil the values of national unity, integrity, solidarity and harmony among students. A total of 200 students actively participated in the ceremony and collectively took the pledge, reaffirming their commitment to preserving the unity, integrity and security of the nation.The initiative fostered patriotism, social responsibility and a sense of togetherness among students, encouraging them to contribute towards building a peaceful, united and stronger India.

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FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai

Ms. A. Keerthika participated in quiz competition on IPR



Ms. A. Keerthika, ECE participated in a Quiz Competition on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) during a one-day Workshop on Patent Drafting, Copyright, Trademark, Basics and Filing Procedures.

Academicians complete NPTEL certifications

The following academicians completed SWAYAM-NPTEL Certifications, including courses and FDPs.

S.No	Name of the Staff Member	Department	Name of NPTEL Certification
1	Dr. Mohana Priya R	ECE	12-Week Course in Medical Image Analysis
2	Dr. Mohana Priya R	ECE	12- Week Faculty Development Programme on Medical Image Analysis
3	Dr. Dayanidhy M	ECE	12- Week Course on OBE and Accreditation with an Elite certification
4	Dr. Dayanidhy M	ECE	12-Week Faculty Development Programme on OBE and Accreditation
5	Ms. M. Kavitha	ECE	12- Week Course on Research Methodology with an Elite certification
6	Dr. M. Yasmin Regina	Civil Engineering	12- Week Course on AI for Earth Observation conducted during July–October 2026.
7	Dr. M. Yasmin Regina	Civil Engineering	12- Week Course on AI For Earth Observation during July–October 2026.
8	Ms Vanitha R	EEE	12 Week Course on User Research Methods during July-October 2026
9	Ms Vanitha R	EEE	4 Week Course on Research Writing during July-October 2026.
10	Ms Vanitha R	EEE	12 Week Course on User Research Methods during July-October 2026
11	Ms Vanitha R	EEE	4 Week Course on Research Writing during July-October 2026
12	Mr. Senthil Kumar Rajasekaran	CSE	12 Week Course on Cyber Security and Privacy
13	Dr. Saravanan Thirunavukkarasu	CSE	12 Week Course on Instruction for Good Leaning
14	Dr. Saravanan Thirunavukkarasu	CSE	12 Week Course on Instruction for Good Leaning

ECE duo participated in FDP on research writing techniques

Ms. Jenitha J. and Ms. Ramya S. participated in a six-day International Virtual FDP on "Research Writing Techniques for Scopus-Indexed Journals and Funded Project Proposals."





Dr. Suganya Josephine spoke at international conference on hybrid supercapacitors

Dr. Suganya Josephine G.A., from the Department of Chemistry, spoke on "Design and Synthesis of Carbon supported Peruoskite/ Polymer Ternary composites for Hybrid Supercapacitors," in the 2nd International Conference on Innovations in Nanomaterials, Nano Devices & Smart Technologies (INNOST NANO 2026). The conference was held from 26-28 October.

Dr. M. Yasmin Regina participated in quiz on IPR



Dr. M. Yasmin Regina,Civil participated in a Quiz competition on Intellectual Property Rights, part of the Workshop on " IPR: Patent Drafting, Copyright & Trademark, Basics and Filing Procedures." It was organised by IPR&TT, AVIT and iTNT Hub, Chennai on September 30.

HOD,CSE received the Excellence in Academic Leadership – 2026 award



Professor and HOD Dr.Balakrishnan, received the "Excellence in Academic Leadership – 2026" Award at the Chennai Education Conclave 2026. It was held on 28th October in Chennai.

Dr. M. Yasmin Regina participated in AI program

Dr. M. Yasmin Regina, participated in an Online Training Program on "AI Prompt Engineering for Construction Professional." It was organised by Construction Management Training Institute, Bengaluru on November 7.

Dr. S. Balakrishnan co-authored article on climate-resilient crop production

Professor and HOD Dr. S. Balakrishnan co-authored a Research Article titled "Deep Learning Driven Multimodal Phenotyping for Drought and Salinity Stress Detection in Water-Efficient and Climate-Resilient Crop Production" in the journal Discover Sustainability.

The study introduces an innovative Multimodal Stress-Aware Attention Fusion Network (MSAF-Net), leveraging deep learning and multimodal data analysis to accurately detect and classify drought and salinity stress in crops.

Dr. S. Angayarkanni-authored article on early detection of MIS-C

Professor Dr. S. Pitchumani Angayarkanni,CSE co-authored a Research Article titled "A secure AI-Powered Healthcare 5.0 Framework for Early Detection of MIS-C using intelligent IoH and Neuro-Fuzzy Logic in Large-Scale IoT Environments." It was published in the Information Security Journal: A Global Perspective, Taylor & Francis, on 29 September.

Dr. R. Shobana participated in international conference on IC13T 2026



Dr. R. Shobana, CSE participated in an International Conference on Intelligent Computing, Information & Innovative Data Technologies (IC13T 2026). It was held on 26–27 October at Gheorghe Asachi Technical University of Iasi, Romania.

School of Arts & Science, Chennai

Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan joins jury at Bright Minds STEM Fest 2026

Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry as the Jury Member at the Bright Minds STEM Fest 2026, held on 4 November 2026 at the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing (IIITDM), Melakottaiyur.

Faculty members complete NPTEL certifications

The following faculty members completed NPTEL Certifications.

S.No	Name of the Faculty Member	Department	Name of NPTEL Certification
1	Dr. J. Suganya	Chemistry	Advanced Transition Metal Chemistry
2	Dr. A. Padmapriya	Chemistry	Two NPTEL Certification Programmes 1. Patent Search for Engineers and Lawyers 2. Patent Law for Engineers and Scientists

S.No	Name of the Faculty Member	Department	Name of NPTEL Certification
3	Dr.Ambikavathi C	Computer Science	Developing Soft Skills And Leadership Through Indian Knowledge System (SILVER)
4	Dr. Leelavathy K,	Commerce	Gender Justice and Workplace Security
5	Dr. Leelavathy K,	Commerce	Organizational Behaviour
6	Ms. Nithyakalyani B.	Commerce	Marketing Management

Faculty members participate in XPS–2026 national workshop

Dr. R. Jayaprakash, Dr. A. Padmapriya, Dr. S. Arunachalam, Dr. J. Suganya, Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan and Dr. Rameesha participated in the X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS–2026) National Workshop. The workshop was organized by the Pondicherry University, on 30 October.

Department of Chemistry participated in FDP on material science

Dr. Rameesha, Dr. A. Padmapriya, Dr. S. Arunachalam, Dr. J. Suganya, Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan and Dr. R. Jayaprakash participated in a six-day Virtual Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Recent Trends in Material Science and Its Applications. It was organised by Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies, Chennai

Dr. Rameesha authored research paper on nitroaromatic pollutants

Dr. Laila Rameesha from the Department of Chemistry, authored a Research Paper entitled "Cobalt–Nitrogen–Carbon Nanocomposite as a High-Surface Electrocatalyst for

Ultrasensitive Electrochemical Detection of Nitroaromatic Pollutants," in the Materials Research Innovations Journal. The journal is part of Taylor & Francis.

Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan was a jury member at Young Kalam Science Festival 2026



Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan,Chemistry was the Jury Member at the Young Kalam Science Festival 2026, held on 29 October. It was conducted at Loyola Institute of Business Administration, Chennai.

Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan officiated Thithikkum Deepavali Celebration 2026

Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan, was the Chief Guest for the 17th Year Thithikkum Deepavali Celebration 2026. It was organised by the Gold Heart Foundation, on 1 November.

Chemistry academician appointed as Head – Delegations & Protocols Hosting



Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan, has been appointed as Head – Delegations & Protocols Hosting under the Sustainable Development Council (SDC) and CREGU India.

Dr. Susitha N. completed FDP on robotics, transformers, and agentic AI



Dr. Susitha N., CSE completed a 40-hour Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Frontiers in Intelligent and Quantum Systems: Robotics, Transformers, and Agentic AI," organized by NIT Warangal.

CSE duo completed FDP on learning pedagogy

Dr. Shunmuga Priya K. and Dr. M. Jayakandan completed a six-day online FDP on "Innovative Teaching and Learning Pedagogy." It was organized by Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science & Technology, Vallam, Thanjavur.





Two Commerce academicians complete FDP on sustainable development

Dr. Manikandan K. and Dr. Leelavathy K. completed a Virtual FDP on "Reimaging Visual Communication for Sustainable Development." It was organized by St. Joseph's College of Arts & Science, Chennai.

Dr. Leelavathy and Dr. Manikandan K. complete workshop on research writing

Dr. Leelavathy and Dr. Manikandan K. participated in a seven-day Online Workshop at Star International Foundation for Research and Research and Education. The FDP was titled "A Research Writing in Skill Enhancement."

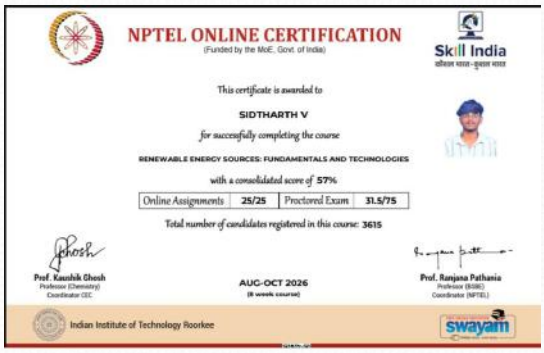
Dr. Leelavathy completed workshop on outreach awareness

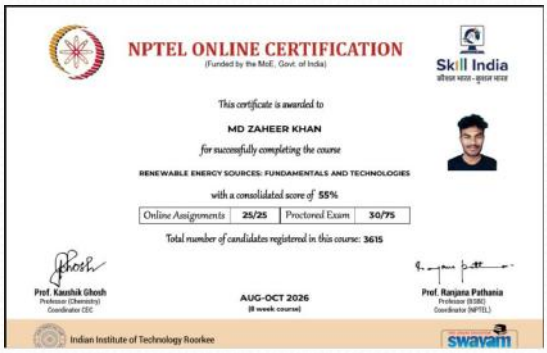
Dr. Leelavathy completed a nationwide Workshop on "Mooc Awareness Outreach Programme." It was organized by Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University, Uttar Pradesh and in collaboration with the Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC), New Delhi

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai





The following students completed SWAYAM- NPTEL Courses and Certifications.

S.No	Name of the Student	Department	Name of NPTEL Certification
1	Nellore Anil Kumar	EEE	8 weeks course on Renewable Energy Sources: Fundamentals and Technologies during July - Oct 2026 with an Elite Gold Certification.
2	MD Zaheer Khan	EEE	8 weeks course on Renewable Energy Sources: Fundamentals and Technologies during July - Oct 2026 with NPTEL Certification
3	Sidtharth V	EEE	8 weeks course on Renewable Energy Sources: Fundamentals and Technologies during July - Oct 2026 with NPTEL Certification
4	Varsha K	EEE	8 weeks course on Renewable Energy Sources: Fundamentals and Technologies during July - Oct 2026 with NPTEL Certification
5	Udhayalakshmi S	EEE	8 weeks course on Renewable Energy Sources: Fundamentals and Technologies during July - Oct 2026 with NPTEL Certification

Rahul Dev A receives AWS programme completion certificate



Rahul Dev A, a second-year Cybersecurity student of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), successfully completed the six-week AWS Student Builder Campus Leader (SBCL) Programme – July–August 2026 Batch, organised by Plus 1 Communications and Everymedia. He received a Certificate of Completion on 2 November 2026.

Baireddy Sneha receives internship completion certificate in AI



Ms. Baireddy Sneha, a third-year student of the Department of CSE, successfully completed an Artificial Intelligence internship conducted by Rinex in association with nimblegrids IT Solutions from 11 August to 11 October 2026 and received an Internship Completion Certificate.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/RECOGNITION)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai

Vedhachalam selected for Yuva Sangam Phase VII

Vedhachalam, a fourth-year EEE student of AVIT was selected to participate in Yuva Sangam Phase VII under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative.

Selected from among 4,720 applicants, he will have the opportunity to experience India's cultural diversity through this youth exchange programme. The participation was recognised with a Certificate of Participation from the University of Delhi.



EVENTS ORGANISED

Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Chennai

Guest lecture on earthworms and soil health

Highlighting the importance of soil biodiversity in maintaining ecological balance, the Environmental Students Club of AVIT organised a guest lecture titled "Earthworms: Guardians of Soil Health, Composting and Biodiversity" on 5 November 2026. Dr. A. Nirmala, Professor and Head, Department of Biotechnology, AVIT, delivered the session, explaining the role of earthworms in improving soil fertility, supporting composting and maintaining healthy ecosystems.The session helped students to understand the ecological significance of earthworms and their contribution to sustainable environmental management.



Diwali celebrations at AVIT



Celebrating the spirit of togetherness and the richness of Indian traditions, the Fine Arts Club of AVIT hosted a Diwali celebration on 5 November 2026, bringing festive enthusiasm to the campus. The event featured traditional diya decoration, colourful rangoli, cultural performances and fun games, providing students with opportunities to showcase their creativity and artistic talents. A special highlight was the Faculty Cooking Competition, where faculty members displayed their culinary skills through a variety of dishes, reflecting creativity and traditional flavours. The celebration offered a vibrant platform for cultural expression and strengthened interaction among students and faculty members.

School of Arts & Science, Chennai

NSS volunteers at World City Connect 2026



The NSS Unit extended its support to World City Connect 2026, organised by the Sustainable Development Council in association with UN-Habitat, on 31 October 2026. Student volunteers assisted with various event activities, gaining practical exposure to sustainable urban development, environmental responsibility and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Their participation demonstrated teamwork, discipline and a spirit of service. The initiative was carried out under the guidance of the Director - SAS, and Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan, NSS Programme Officer.

Vinayaka Mission's Law School, Chennai

AI masterclass on intellectual property law

Bridging academic learning with current developments in legal practice, Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) conducted an industry-oriented masterclass series on Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property Law in association with Surana & Surana International Attorneys. Held at the firm's RK Salai office in Chennai, the two sessions were designed for LL.M. students and coordinated by Dr. Anuttama Ghose. Ms. D. Sai Meera, Deputy Head, IP Practice and Patent Agent, led the first session on 24 October 2026, exploring patent rights and inventorship in AI-assisted inventions. The second session, conducted by Mr. Balaji P, Deputy Head, IP Practice, on 31 October 2026, examined copyright concerns surrounding AI-generated and AI-assisted works. The series familiarised students with emerging intellectual property challenges arising from the growing use of AI in creative and innovative fields.



Department of Sports, Chennai

Chancellor Dr. A. S. Ganesan Trophy 2026 – state-level intercollegiate volleyball tournament









The Department of Sports hosted the Chancellor Dr. A. S. Ganesan Trophy 2026, a state-level intercollegiate volleyball tournament, at Guduvanchery from 30 October to 1 November 2026, under the guidance of Honourable Chancellor Dr. A. S. Ganesan and the direction of Dr. V. K. Omprakash, Director of Sports. Organised in association with the Meiy Foundation, the three-day tournament brought together the top four teams in the men's and women's categories from Tamil Nadu and drew an audience of approximately 1,000 spectators. The matches provided an opportunity for participating teams to demonstrate their skills and competitive spirit.

Championship Results

Men's Category:

First Place – SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRM IST) – ₹30,000
Second Place – Loyola College – ₹25,000
Third Place – The New College – ₹20,000
Fourth Place – Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (VMRF) – ₹15,000

Women's Category:

First Place – SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRM IST) – ₹30,000
Second Place – Ethiraj College for Women – ₹25,000
Third Place – Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (VMRF) – ₹20,000
Fourth Place – M.O.P. Vaishnav College for Women – ₹15,000

The tournament celebrated the achievements of the participating institutions and highlighted the role of intercollegiate competitions in encouraging athletic talent and sporting excellence.

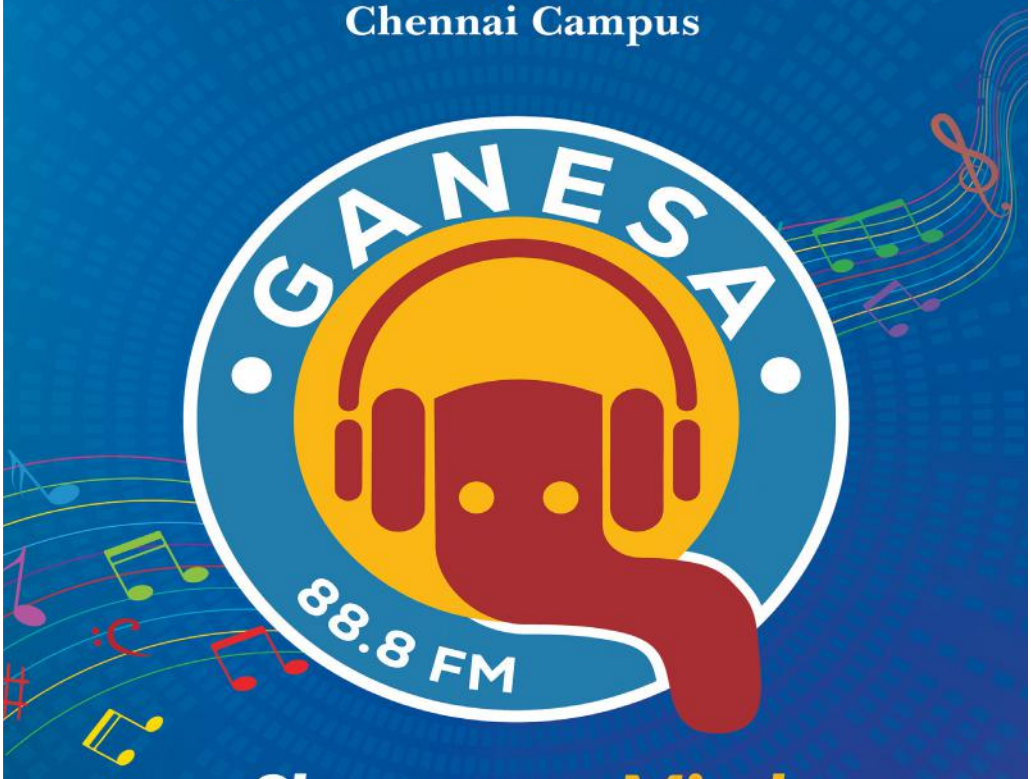
Ganesan Incubation & Entrepreneurship Centre

GIEC hosts startup fundraising session



GIEC organised a session on "Primer on Fundraising" on 31 October 2026 for aspiring entrepreneurs and pre-incubation students. Led by Mr. Premananth, Fundraising Expert, Startinsights, the session provided practical insights into startup funding opportunities, investor expectations, business scalability and valuation strategies. Participants explored how to identify suitable funding sources, determine financial requirements based on business milestones, evaluate potential investors and build long-term investor relationships. The session emphasised that fundraising is a means to building sustainable and scalable businesses, offering participants valuable perspectives on the financial considerations involved in launching and growing a startup.

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பண்புடை மக்கட் பெறின். (குறள் எண் 62)



விளக்க உரை : பழிக்கப்படாத நல்ல குணங்களை உடைய பிள்ளைகளைப் பெற்றால், பெற்றவளை அவனுடைய பிறவிகள்தோறும் துன்பங்கள் தொடமாட்டா.

- சாலமன் பாப்பையா

ஆங்கிலம் (ENGLISH)	Ezhupirappum Theeyavai Theentaa Pazhipirangaap Panputai Makkat Perin No harm will befall in all seven births If one begets blameless children.
Telugu (తెలుగు)	ఏడు జన్మములకు నేదోష మంటదు. ఏహ్యపడని బిడ్డ లింటనున్న. (౬౨)
Malayalam (മലയാളം)	അന്യരാൽ പഴികൂറാത്ത പുത്രനോന്നു ജനിക്കുകിൽ എഴുജന്മം വരാവുന്ന തീ വിനകളൊഴിഞ്ഞിടും (൬൨)
Kannada (ಕನ್ನಡ)	ಅಪಕೀರ್ತಿ ಇಲ್ಲದ, ಗುಣಶಾಲಿಗಳಾದ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದರೆ, ಏಳು ಜನ್ಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕೇಡಿನಿಂದ ಉಂಟಾಗುವ ದುಃಖವು ನಮ್ಮ ಬಳಿ ಸಾರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. (೬೨)
Hindi (हिन्दी)	सात जन्म तक भी उसे, छू नहिं सकता ताप । यदि पावे संतान जो, शीलवान निष्पाप ॥ (६२)

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