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6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 marked a historic day for Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) with the Investiture Ceremony of its 3<sup>rd</sup> Chancellor, Mrs. Jayanthi Radhakrishnan. Formerly the Pro-Chancellor, Mrs. Jayanthi Radhakrishnan assumed her new role with pride and a commitment to furthering the institution's legacy. In her address, she honored the institution's Founder Chancellor, Thiru A.N. Radhakrishnan, and Chief Patron, Mrs. R. Gomathi, pledging to build on their vision and take MAHER to new heights.



*The Chief Patron ceremoniously hands over the sceptre to the new Chancellor.*

Known for her visionary leadership and effective administrative skills, Mrs. Jayanthi Radhakrishnan has overseen significant milestones during her tenure as Pro-Chancellor, including MAHER's A+ accreditation from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, a strong standing in the National Institutional Ranking Framework, the prestigious 12B status from the University Grants Commission, and internationally recognized ISO accreditation.



*The new Chancellor formally signs the affirmation document.*

The ceremony began with Thamizh Thai Vazhthu, followed by a tribute to Thiru A.N. Radhakrishnan. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. C. Sridhar, welcomed Mrs. Jayanthi Radhakrishnan and highlighted her accomplishments. The Chief Patron ceremoniously handed over the sceptre to the new Chancellor, symbolizing the trust and responsibility placed in her. Following the oath-taking and formal signing of the affirmation, the Chancellor delivered her Flagship Address, outlining her visionary aspirations to establish MAHER as a world-class institution. She

also announced a series of special welfare initiatives aimed at benefiting both the staff and students of the institution, as well as the broader community.



## MAHER WELCOMES NEW PRO-CHANCELLOR

The special occasion was further enhanced with the appointment of Mr. Akash Prabhakar as the new Pro-Chancellor of MAHER. The Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. C. Krithika, formally introduced Mr. Akash Prabhakar, highlighting his commitment to supporting MAHER's mission in education, research, and innovation. Mr. Akash Prabhakar, a University of Michigan alumnus with degrees in Engineering and Management, brings technical expertise and leadership to his role as Pro-Chancellor. After completing his education in the U.S., he returned to India to support MAHER's growth alongside his mother, Mrs. Jayanthi Radhakrishnan. Mr. Akash Prabhakar brings a fresh perspective to the leadership team and addressed the gathering with enthusiasm about his new role.



*Pro-Chancellor delivering the keynote speech*

Special guests included Mr. Prabhakar Edward, Executive Director at JPMorgan Chase and Co., who was the Guest of Honor, as well as Mr. Naveen Rakesh, Managing Director of Sri Muthukumaran Medical College and Hospital, and Dr. G. Ra. Gokul, Managing Trustee of Meenakshi Ammal Trust.

In recognition of their exceptional contributions, Mrs. Jayanthi Radhakrishnan honored academic and administrative leaders from MAHER's constituent colleges. The event concluded with a cultural performance by students in honor of the new Chancellor, a vote of thanks by Prof. Dr. B. Srinivasan, Controller of Examinations, and the National Anthem.

## WELCOMING NEW VICE CHANCELLOR Prof. Dr. C. SRIDHAR

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2024, Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) welcomed its new Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. C. Sridhar. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Interim Chancellor Mrs. Gomathi Radhakrishnan, Pro-Chancellor Mrs. Jayanthi Radhakrishnan,

Trustee Mr. Akash Prabhakar, along with university officials, deans, principals, and faculty members from MAHER's constituent colleges. The program began with a special address by Pro-Chancellor Mrs. Jayanthi Radhakrishnan, who formally introduced the new Vice Chancellor. In his flagship

address, Prof. Dr. C. Sridhar shared his vision for the university, presenting an ambitious 100-day and 1000-day plan focused on academic excellence and growth. He emphasized his commitment to holistic development for both students and faculty, highlighting the importance of creating a safe campus environment. Additionally, he stressed the need to enhance research initiatives and improve the university's position in rankings like the NIRF.

The event concluded with the MAHER community promising their full support and cooperation to the new Vice Chancellor.



*Pro-Chancellor Mrs. Jayanthi Radhakrishnan introduces the new Vice Chancellor, Dr. C. Sridhar, and extends her best wishes for his success*



## COMMENDATION AWARDS- 2024

Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) organized the 'Commendation Award Ceremony 2024' at Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. Hon'ble Mrs. Jayanthi Radhakrishnan, Chancellor and the higher officials of the Institution graced the occasion with their esteemed presence along with Deans, Principals, and faculty members from constituent colleges. The event commenced with the Tamil Thaa Vazhthu, followed by the welcome address, by the Principal Dr.N.Velmurugan, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital (MADCH). The presidential address was delivered by the Chancellor while Vice Chancellor delivered the special address.

A total of 140 awards were presented to 86 faculty members under the following categories: Highest H index of the institution, most cited article of the institution, granted and published patents, sponsored research projects, fellowships, distinguished awards received from reputed organizations. The awardees were felicitated with a certificate and a cash prize. The Principal, MADCH was felicitated for securing the 13<sup>th</sup> rank in the NIRF ranking 2024 along with the faculty members who contributed towards the participation in NIRF 2024. The final event of the commendation award ceremony was the release of a book titled "Manual of Procedures for Emergencies, Morbidity, and Mortality in Dental Outpatient and

Hospital Practice" authored by Dr. R. Manikandhan, Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, MADCH, by the Honourable Chancellor. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Lambodaran G, Vice-Principal, MADCH.



*Dr.N.Velmurugan receiving Commendation award*



## NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EMERGING TRENDS IN HEALTHCARE AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (NCETHMS'24)

Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) hosted the National Conference on Emerging Trends in Healthcare and Multidisciplinary Studies (NCETHMS'24) on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2024, in hybrid mode. The conference aimed to unite scientists, academicians, clinician and researchers from various fields to share insights and advance research. The event included, plenary sessions, panel discussions, oral and poster presentations, and workshops, fostering a collaborative environment for delegates.

NCETHMS'24 was organized by Department of Research with Prof. Dr. N. Arunagirinathan, Dean of Research at MAHER as Organising Chairman along with key team members Dr. Pushpa Nagini Sripada as Co-Organising Chairman Dr. Pavithra .A as Organising Secretary and Dr. D. Nalini as Organising Co Secretary. Preconference workshops on emerging medical trends were held across four campuses on July 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, attracting 790 participants. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Samiran Panda, Former Additional Director-General

of ICMR, in the presence of Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor and Registrar of MAHER. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. N. Gopukumar, Joint Secretary of the UGC. Notable plenary speakers include Dr. Sylvia Fernandez Rao Scientist 'E' ICMR, National Institute of Nutrition and Dr. Priya Abraham. Former Director ICMR, National Institute of Virology. A panel discussion on multidisciplinary approaches to healthcare research, moderated by Dr. Nagendra Boopathy Senguttuvan, featured experts from various fields.

NCETHMS'24 drew 1,040 participants, from across the country. The scientific sessions included 565 oral and poster presentations judged by over 80 experts, with 130 awards presented. Sponsors for the conference included Indraprastha Medical Corporation, Apollo Hospitals, Siemens Healthineers. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, encouraging MAHER to continue advancing healthcare and research initiatives that contribute to global societal welfare.



Inaugural function of the National Conference.



Felicitation of Dr. Samiran Panda, former Additional Director-General of ICMR.

## FACULTY AWARDS

Dr Jaideep Mahendra was awarded the Tamilnadu Scientist Award for Medical Sciences, on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024, by the Tamilnadu State Council for Science and Technology. She received the award from Thiru Ponmudy, Honourable Minister of Higher Education, Government of Tamilnadu.



Dr. Jaideep Mahendra receiving TANSa award from Thiru. Ponmudy, Hon Minister of Higher Education

Dr. R. Rajkumar, Professor, Department of Community Medicine at MMCHRI, was awarded the Research Excellence Award by the Institute of Scholars on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. He was also appointed as a Reviewer for the International Publishing Platform by the Institute of Scholars (InSc).

Dr. S. Saravana Kumar, Associate Professor of Anatomy at MMCHRI, was honored as the Best Alumnus by the Department of Anatomy, SRM Medical College, on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.



Research excellence award of Dr. R. Rajkumar



Dr. Saravana Kumar being honored

Dr. S. Sarath Kumar, Senior Resident, MMCHRI was awarded the Young Faculty Dissertation Award for presenting on "Embryogenesis of Transgender in Humans and Their Associated Anomalies" by the Association of Anatomists at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference, organised by the Department of Anatomy, SRM Medical College, on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024.



Dr. S. Sarath Kumar being honored

The Tamil Nadu Table Tennis Association – Veterans Committee recognized Dr. Rajasekhar, Dean MMCHRI, as a Quarter Finalist in the Doubles 60+ category in the 1<sup>st</sup> Tamil Nadu State Master's Ranking Tournament held at the Table Tennis Academy in Chennai.



Dr. Rajasekhar being recognised



## STUDENT AWARDS

Ms. S.M. Keerthana, a 1st-year BDS student from Meenakshi Ammal Dental College, won a gold medal in the Chennai District Taekwondo Championship, held at J.N. Stadium, Chennai, on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.



Ms. S.M. Keerthana receiving Gold medal in the Chennai District Taekwondo Championship

Ms. Sai Divya J, a Phase-II MBBS student, was awarded the Dr. M.M. Cooper Merit Award by the Association of Anatomists at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference, organized by the Department of Anatomy, SRM Medical College, on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.

MMCHRI students participated to showcase their exceptional talents at the National Sports Event, Pegasus 2024, organized by CMC Vellore. S.R. Aishwarya, a final-year student, secured the top spot in Table Tennis singles, while P.K. Madhumitha and Sriram S.S. (CRMI) emerged as runners-up in the Mixed Doubles Table Tennis event. Jeffin, a final-year student, was the winner in Tennis at Pegasus 2024.



Ms. P.K. Madhumitha and Mr. Sriram S.S. receiving award for Mixed doubles table tennis



Ms. S.R. Aishwarya receiving award for Table tennis



Mr. Jeffin receiving his award for tennis

## ACADEMIC EVENTS

The Department of Oral Medicine & Radiology at Meenakshi Ammal Dental College & Hospital, in association with Apollo Proton Cancer Centre, Taramani, organized a CDE Program on Advanced Treatment Modalities in Head and Neck Cancer on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024. The internal speaker for the event was Dr. B.G. Harsha Vardhan, Professor of Oral Medicine and Radiology, while the external speakers included Dr. Sandip Duarah, Senior Consultant; Dr. Nagarjuna Burela, Consultant Radiation Oncologist; and Dr. Prasadeswaran, Lead and Senior Consultant Medical Oncologist, from Apollo Proton Cancer.



Inauguration of CDE program

The Faculty of Humanities and Sciences (FHS) at MAHER launched a 21-day Readathon challenge for students in July 2024. The inauguration on July 5 featured a talk on cultural studies by Dr. Sailaja, Head of the Department of English at Stella Maris

College, Chennai. The first book was sponsored by Prof. Deepa Sundareswaran, Principal Faculty of Occupational Therapy (FOT), who also recited a poem to kick off the challenge. Students from the English Literary Club provided readings and presentations, highlighting the event's significance. Dr. Pushpa Nagini Sripada, welcomed the gathering and sponsored books for the challenge.



Lecture on cultural studies by Dr. Sailaja



Lecture by Prof. Deepa Sundareswaran

The Department of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics conducted its Annual CDE program 'Recapitulation – XVI' on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, focusing on the topic "Anxiety & Pain Management in Endodontics". Delegates were enriched by lectures on various modalities of endodontic pain management, followed by a workshop and demonstration on nitrous oxide conscious sedation.



Lecture and Workshop at 'Recapitulation – XVI'



The Innovation and Incubation Cell of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research organized a seminar titled "Evolving as an Entrepreneur: How and Why?" on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, from 11 AM to 1 PM at the Kanchipuram campus. The program featured Mr. K. Shree Jayaram, Head of the MAHER Innovation & Incubation Centre and Vice President of the MAHER Institution's Innovation Council as the resource person. The seminar aimed to explore the pathways and motivations behind entrepreneurial growth. Approximately 75 students actively participated in this event and gained valuable knowledge about startups and entrepreneurship.



*Guest Lecture by Mr. K. Shree Jayaram  
at Faculty of Allied Health Sciences*

Thirty BBA students from the Department of Management Studies at the Faculty of Humanities and Science, MAHER, visited the IITM Research Park on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2024. They participated in engaging sessions on the startup ecosystem and incubation, touring several startups, including Atral in the Bio-Incubator and AGNIKUL, among others.



*Industrial visit of students at IITM Research Park*

The Department of Management Studies at the Faculty of Humanities and Science, MAHER, organized a pre-conference workshop titled "Elevating Your Research – Transforming Ideas into Results" on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2024. A total of 35 participants benefited from the enlightening session led by Dr. S.

Vasantha, Professor in the Department of Management Studies at Saveetha Engineering College. This eye-opening workshop provided thought-provoking insights on research for both internal and external attendees.



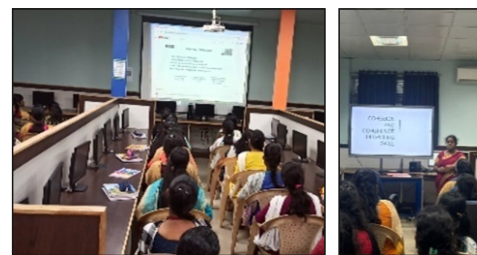
*Session by Dr. S. Vasantha on Elevating Your  
Research – Transforming Ideas into Results  
at Faculty of Humanities and Sciences*

The Department of Visual Communication at the Faculty of Humanities and Science, MAHER, organized a workshop on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024, in collaboration with MAAC (Maya Academy of Advanced Creative), which provided a hands-on experience in Visual Effects (VFX). The workshop aimed to introduce participants to the fundamentals of VFX and offer practical experience with industry-standard tools and techniques. A total of 17 students attended the workshop, demonstrating great enthusiasm and eagerness to learn.



*Workshop by Maya Academy of Advanced  
Creative by at Faculty of Humanities and Sciences*

The Department of Computer Science and Applications at the Faculty of Humanities and Science, MAHER organized a one-day workshop on Cloud Computing with AWS on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, led by Mr. G. Bala Murugan, Technical Speaker from Nova Spark Hub. The workshop aimed to familiarize participants with key AWS services and their uses while providing hands-on experience with basic AWS functionalities. Approximately 50 students from III B.Sc. (Computer Science) and III BCA actively participated to enhance their knowledge and skills.



*Workshop on Cloud Computing at Faculty  
of Humanities and Sciences*

The Faculty of Humanities and Science at MAHER organized a guest lecture titled "Crafting Seamless Narratives: Enhancing Coherence and Cohesion in Writing" for the students of the Department of English. The talk was delivered by Mrs. Priya S., Guest Faculty at Government Law College, Vellore. Twenty-five undergraduate and postgraduate students, along with research scholars from the English Department, honed their writing skills during the session held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2024, in the English Language Lab.



*Guest lecture by Mrs. S. Priya,  
Government Law College*

On 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2024, the Department of Surgery at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute hosted a CME on "Organ Donation and Transplant," attracting over 300 participants, including faculty, postgraduates, and undergraduates. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. V. Eswari, Vice Principal Academics, Prof. Dr. P. S. Saravanan, HOD, Dr. K. Boopathi, Medical Superintendent, guest speakers Dr. K. Elankumaran (Liver Transplant Surgeon), Dr. Gowthaman S. (Renal Transplant Surgeon), and Dr. P. T. Saravanan, TNMC observer. The scientific sessions included "Transforming Lives with Liver Transplantation" by Dr. K. Elankumaran (Apollo Hospitals), "Renal Transplantation: Myths & Truths" by Dr. S. Gowthaman (Sundarajan Hospital), "Hand Transplant" by Prof. Dr. K. Boopathi (MMCHRI). The event concluded with a quiz on organ transplantation for undergraduates, hosted by Dr. MDS Paul Dinakaran.





*Inauguration of CME program at MMCHRI*

The Medical Education Unit at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute conducted the Curriculum Implementation Support Programme III (CISP III) on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, with the guidance from Madras Medical College, Chennai, as per NMC norms. Dr. Thilagavathi from Madras Medical College served as the NMC-appointed coordinator. A total of 30 participants attended the program.



*Participants at Curriculum Implementation Support Programme III at MMCHRI*

Meenakshi Ammal Dental College hosted a Continuing Dental Education (CDE) program, 'Patho Insights,' on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, focusing on Sjögren's Syndrome. The event featured talks by Dr. Divya Manohar (Aravind Eye Hospital) on ophthalmic aspects, Dr. B. Kavitha (Head, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology) on oral manifestations, and Dr. M. Kavitha (Rheumatologist, Kauvery Hospital) on rheumatologic aspects of Sjögren's syndrome. Postgraduate students, interns, and participants from various colleges gained a comprehensive understanding of the syndrome. The event concluded with a quiz, with winners receiving certificates and mementos.



*Lecture by Dr. M. Kavitha at CDE Program in MADC*

On 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, students from the Faculty of Humanities and Science went on an industrial visit to the Institution of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) Academy. This visit aimed to provide practical insights into corporate secretaryship, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world applications. During the visit, experts shared valuable insights into the challenges and innovations in company secretaryship, offering students a unique learning experience. The event served as a significant motivation, informing students about their future career prospects and inspiring them to pursue their goals with renewed enthusiasm. Overall, the industrial visit was a resounding success, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the corporate secretaryship profession and its evolving landscape.



*Industrial visit to the Institution of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) Academy*

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research organized Faculty Sensitization Program on "International Accreditation and Quality of Higher Education" on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2024. Mr Benjamin Benhur M, Project Associate, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Anna University was invited as the Guest Speaker for the Session. The Guest Speaker shared his in-depth knowledge on various parameters and key indicators that are considered in International Accreditations. A total of 106 faculty members attended the program.

Department of Computer Science and Applications, Faculty of Humanities and Science at MAHER in association with Cognitec proudly hosted a program on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024 on "Full Stack Development" for the final year students of B.Sc Computer Science and BCA. The seminar took place from 10AM to 12:30 PM, aiming to provide a gateway to learning web design in a step-by-step approach. Around 64 students benefitted from the seminar.



*Seminar on "Full Stack Development" by Cognitec*

Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute's Troizeans conducted Accumbens'24 Inquisito, an inter-college medical quiz program on the topic of "Central Nervous System" on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.



*Intercollegiate medical Quiz Prog 'ACCUMBENS'24'*



## DEEKSHARAMBH INDUCTION PROGRAMS

Meenakshi College of Nursing organized the Student Induction Programme, "Deeksharambh", for the first year B.Sc Nursing students 1-year batch (2024-28) on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024, adhering to UGC guidelines. The event commenced with invocation song & warm welcome address by Dr. Kavitha, Professor, MCON. The traditional kuthuvilakku lighting ceremony was performed by dignitaries, followed by the welcome dance by Ms. S. Kamali, a B.Sc Nursing III-year student. Dr. Fabiola M. Dhanaraj, Principal, MCON, delivered the keynote address, orienting students and parents to the B.Sc Nursing programme. Highlights of the event included an introduction to college rules, hostel regulations, and various student committees, with faculty members briefing attendees on supporting systems such as the Anti-Ragging Committee, Student Welfare, National Service Scheme, and more. The vote of thanks was delivered by Mrs. E. Bhuvaneswari. The programme concluded with positive feedback from parents & students.



Induction Program for the 2024-2025 batch  
MCON students

Arulmigu Meenakshi College of Nursing conducted a week-long induction program from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024, welcoming its 17<sup>th</sup> batch of B.Sc. Nursing students. The event began on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2024 with an inaugural ceremony, the college faculty sensitized the students on the institution's rules, services, and support systems. Each day featured distinct activities such as campus and hospital orientation, educational sessions on ethics, code of conduct, and anti-ragging policies, and discussions on career opportunities. A Talent Corner showcased students' creativity. The newly admitted students were formally introduced to their mentors. The program concluded with a warm fresher's welcome by senior students, followed by cultural events and a valedictory ceremony.



Principal introducing about inception of the AMCON



AMCON Students Mime on "Awareness against Ragging"

The Faculty of Humanities and Science organised its induction Programme for the 2024-2025 batch on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research. Dr. Krithika, the Pro Vice Chancellor, offered warm greetings and shared a message reflecting the institution's spirit. Dr. P. Sagayaraj, Dean of MAHER-FHS, welcomed the new students, emphasizing the institution's values and mission. Principal Dr. V. Shanthi highlighted the resource person's expertise relevant to the students' academic growth. The resource person delivered an engaging session on academic life, personal development, and available opportunities. An inspiring alumnus also shared their success stories. The cultural programme showcased a vibrant array of traditional dances and performances. The event concluded with a vote of thanks who contributed to its success.



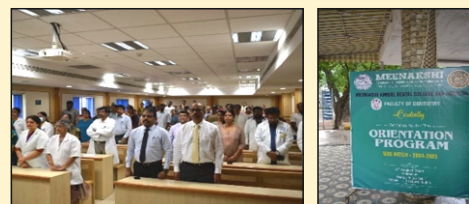
Induction Program for the 2024-2025 batch  
FHS students

The Faculty of Yoga Science and Therapy conducted its induction program for the 2024-2025 batch on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, at MAHER auditorium. The program began with the Tamilthai Vazhthu and the lighting of the kuthuvilakku. The chief guest, Dr. C. Anuradha, Former Director of EMRC at Anna University, delivered a special address, sharing her personal experiences to motivate the students. Prof. Dr. C. Krithika, the Pro Vice Chancellor, welcomed the new students with a message reflecting the institution's vision and values. An alumnus inspired the new students by sharing her remarkable journey at the college and the support she received from the management. Principal Dr. V. Subbulakshmi explained the scholarships and financial support available to students.



Address by Principal of Faculty of Yoga Sciences  
and therapy

The Induction Program for the 2024-2025 batch of MDS programs was successfully organized on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, at Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital. Principal Dr. N. Velmurugan warmly welcomed the new postgraduate students and their parents to the institution. The event featured an engaging audiovisual presentation showcasing the college's state-of-the-art resources, departments, and facilities. Heads of various departments took the stage to extend a warm welcome to the students and provide an overview of their specialties, highlighting the opportunities and expertise available to them. The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Vice Principal Dr.G.Lambodharan, who expressed gratitude to all attendees and set the tone for a productive and successful academic year ahead.



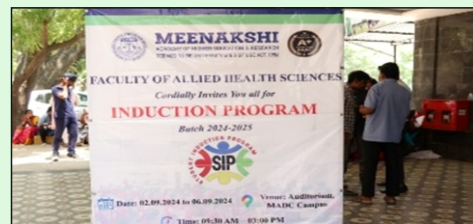
MDS Induction Program for the 2024-2025 batch

The Faculty of Allied Health Sciences conducted the Student Induction Program for the 2024-2025 batch from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at Meenakshi Ammal Dental College, Maduravoyal, Chennai,



aiming to introduce freshers to the institution's academic culture, student life, and opportunities for holistic development. The program commenced with an inauguration by Registrar Prof. Dr. V. Sureka Varalakshmi and a presidential address by Principal Prof. Dr. V. Ramnath, followed by insights from the Student Welfare Committee led by Dr. Lilly Christopher and Dr. Burnice Nalina Kumari on available support services. Mr. Thulasi Dass from SRIHER discussed career opportunities in Allied Health Sciences on Day 1. Day 2 featured Vice Principal Dr. K.S. Sridevi Sangeetha presenting an overview of the academics, while Dr. B. Durga discussed about the regulations, and Dr. Saravana Kumar spoke on healthcare cohesion. The day also included discussions about committees functions towards student

welfare. A talk was given by Sub Inspector Mr. Thaveethu on the harmful effects of ragging. On Day 3, Prof. Dr. Balasubramanian shared insights on how teachers shape generations, and Mrs. Sangeetha Chandrasekaran emphasized the importance of effective communication. Day 4 honored Nutrition Week with a talk by Dr. Prabavathy Devi, Vice Principal, FHS on healthy eating, followed by Prof. Dr. Ponmurugan Panneer Selvam discussing on Intellectual Property Rights. The final day featured a campus tour led by faculty, where Mr. Shree Jayaram highlighted the significance of various committees. Overall, feedback indicated a highly positive response to the induction program, supporting students' smooth transition into college life.



*Induction Program for the 2024-2025 batch FAHS students*

The Faculty of Physiotherapy organized its induction program for the 2024-2025 batch on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2024, at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research. The event began at 11:00 AM, welcoming new undergraduate and postgraduate students along with their parents. Assistant Professor Mrs. S. Divya provided an overview of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), including its structure, types of complaints addressed, and how to access its services.

The presiding officer, Mrs. Mohana Vidhya, explained the procedures for issue resolution, while Prof. Balumurugan emphasized the importance of building relationships with faculty and mentors. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Vice Principal Mrs. Mohana Vidhya, who expressed gratitude to all attendees. The program set a positive tone for the upcoming academic year. From 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August, various sessions were conducted to

inform students about various aspects of college life including anti-ragging, cultural values, mentoring, grievances, library orientation, health and hygiene, time management, NSS, sports, code of conduct, and cultural activities. The program focused on guiding students on how to make the most of their college experience, fostering a positive outlook for their future prospects.



*Faculty of Physiotherapy students of 2024-25 Batch*

The Faculty of Occupational Therapy at MAHER conducted a Student Induction Program from 30<sup>th</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, with a concluding session on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, in accordance with UGC guidelines on "Deeksharambh." The seven-day program aimed to familiarize newly admitted undergraduate and postgraduate students with college life and resources. Day 1 featured a formal inauguration attended by 120 participants, including 48 UG students, 3 PG students, and 80 parents. The dignitaries for the inaugural ceremony included the Vice-Chancellor Dr. C. Sridhar and Chief Guest Dr. G. Ravishankar. Group activities were organized as the part of program to promote soft skills. The

orientations on sports facilities, student councils, and library resources were also given.

The program culminated in an industrial visit to the National Center for Assistive Health Technology at IIT Madras, where students engaged with peer trainers and learned about the role of assistive technology in enhancing quality of life.

This initiative not only prepared students for academic challenges but also fostered a sense of belonging to the college. The students were given sensitisation to the various committees that functions for student welfare.



*Inauguration of Induction program to students of Occupational Therapy*



## NON ACADEMIC EVENTS

The Placement Cell of MAHER, in collaboration with the Faculty of Humanities and Science, organized an insightful placement orientation program titled "Career Pathway: Effective Job Search Strategies for the Modern Market" on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2024. The event featured two informative sessions led by Mr. Kartikey Vithlani, Director of Career School HR Solutions, and Ms. Kathyayini VVS, Managing Director of Career School HR Solutions, benefiting a total of 171 students. This initiative aimed to empower students with valuable knowledge and skills to navigate their career paths and expand their professional horizons.



*Career guidance program by Mr. Kartikey Vithlani, Director of Career School HR Solutions, and Ms. Kathyayini VVS, Managing Director of Career School HR Solutions*

The Placement Cell of MAHER, in collaboration with the Faculty of Humanities and Science, organized an Analytical Skills Orientation Program titled "Data-Driven Insights: Enhancing Analytical Skills with SAP" on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2024. Mr. Parthasarathy from TechMax IT Solutions led the session, providing valuable insights into the importance of mastering cutting-edge software used by today's leading corporations. A total of 152 students benefited from this informative program.



*Analytical Skills Orientation Program by Mr. Parthasarathy from TechMax IT Solutions*

The Internal Complaint Committee of Meenakshi Ammal Dental College organized an orientation program for first-year MDS students on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. Dr. Priya presented a video outlining the committee's role, functions, and procedures.

The program aimed to educate students about sexual harassment and workplace issues. Key takeaways included definitions and types of sexual harassment, the legal framework and policies, the role and responsibilities of the Internal Complaint Committee, the procedure for filing complaints, and aspects of confidentiality and privacy.



*Awareness program on the role and responsibilities of the Internal Complaint Committee by Dr. Priya at Meenakshi Ammal Dental College*

The Placement Cell of MAHER, in collaboration with the Faculty of Humanities and Science, organized an insightful career guidance program titled "Exploring Career Opportunities Abroad" on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2024. The event featured two informative sessions led by Mr. Abdul Navas from KS Overseas, benefiting a total of 149 students. This initiative aimed to empower students with valuable knowledge and skills to navigate international career paths and expand their professional horizons.



*Career guidance program by Mr. Abdul Navas from KS Overseas*

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute, in collaboration with the Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd., conducted a vaccination drive for the prevention of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) for the benefit of students and faculty on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. Following an awareness program, the OBGY department successfully vaccinated around 270 individuals (151 on August 12, 2024, and 119 on August 13, 2024), collecting their personal information for follow-up on the next doses.



*Vaccination given to students at MMCHRI*

The Placement Cell of MAHER, in collaboration with the Faculty of Humanities and Science, hosted a transformative Analytical Skill Development Program titled "The Future of Marketing: Integrating Digital Strategies, Consumer Insights, and Ethical Practices" on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. This enlightening session, led by Mr. Lance Denny, Group Product Manager at Edvoy, provided 81 students from BBA, BCA, and general streams with valuable insights.





Analytical Skill Development Program by Mr. Lance Denny, Group Product Manager at Edvoy

The Department of Commerce of MAHER-FHS conducted a Career Development Program in collaboration with ACCA on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2024 to help students advance their careers by gaining new skills and knowledge. Guest speaker Mr. Shaaz Faruqui, Co-Founder of Fin Chartered Academy and visiting faculty at SRM Institute, discussed the benefits of CMA, including sustainability, risk management, forensic accounting, and the value of expanding professional networks. The session, presided over by Dr. P. Sagayaraj and Dr. V. Shanthi, saw active participation from 98 students in the B.Com (General), CA, and CS programs. The program concluded with a vote of thanks from the student committee.



Career Development Program by Mr. Shaaz Faruqui, Co-Founder of Fin Chartered Academy

The Faculty of Humanities and Science of MAHER organized a Career Development Program titled "Prospects in Software Technologies" on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. The event was honored by the presence of Ms. A.R. Abinaya, Leading Operations Associate at Accenture, as the chief guest. A distinguished alumnus of MAHER, having graduated from the Department of Commerce, Ms. Abinaya captivated the audience of 100 students by sharing her industry experience and valuable insights into the evolving world of software technologies. The program's success was largely attributed to the seamless coordination of Mrs. R. Anuradha, the Alumni Coordinator. This event underscores the institution's unwavering commitment to equipping students with industry-relevant knowledge, fostering meaningful alumni engagement, and preparing students for the dynamic demands of the job market.



Career Development Program by Ms. A.R. Abinaya, Leading Operations Associate at Accenture

The Faculty of Physiotherapy organized an invitation tournament on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, for school students in and around Chennai. The event aimed to promote physical activity and encourage sports participation among young people. By bringing together students from various schools, it provided a platform to showcase athletic skills, foster teamwork, and develop a passion for sports. The tournament also emphasized the importance of physical fitness, offering participants exposure to different sports disciplines while fostering healthy competition. Eight schools and 96 students participated in the event, which highlighted the Faculty's commitment to promoting an active lifestyle. The program gave students the opportunity to build confidence, enhance their physical abilities, and enjoy a positive, energetic experience.



Invitation sports tournament by Faculty of Physiotherapy

The IQAC Cell and Fine Arts Committee of the Faculty of Humanities and Science celebrated Thiruvonam 2024 on 13<sup>th</sup> September with vibrant festivities. Students showcased their incredible talents through Athapoo Kolam, Kathakali face painting, singing, and dance competitions. The day was filled with joy, creativity, and celebration.



Thiruvonam Celebration at Faculty of Humanities and Science

### Alumni Meet- Zionz

The Alumni Association of Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute conducted Alumni Meet 2024, "Zionz," on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2024, at the college campus. This meet was successfully held for the batch of 2005, fondly known as Zionz. The MBBS Phase III students delivered an inspiring speech highlighting the institution's achievements, followed by an interactive session with the alumni members. The event featured various cultural performances, including music and dance, along with several games. The meet concluded with a group photograph and lunch.



Alumni Meet- Zionz organised by Alumni Association of Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute



## OBSERVANCE OF COMMEMMORATIVE DAYS

### KAMARAJAR BIRTHDAY

The Faculty of Humanities and Science at MAHER celebrated the 122<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of Thiru. Kamarajar on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Viva Hall. The event was organized by the Department of Tamil and coordinated by Dr. S. Maheswari, Assistant Professor in the Tamil Department. The program began with the Thamizhthai Vazhthu, followed by a felicitation ceremony for the dignitaries, including Professor Dr. R. S. Neelakandan (Vice Chancellor), Professor Dr. C. Krithika (Pro Vice Chancellor), Professor Dr. V. Sureka (Registrar) and Dr. Pushpa Nagini Sri Pada (Dean, FHS). Dr. V. Shanthy, Principal of FHS, gave a special address about Former CM of Tamilnadu Thiru.Kamarajar. The opening speech was delivered by Ph.D. scholars from the Tamil Department. Dr. G. Amala Karthiga, Assistant Professor at FHS,

welcomed the guests and introduced the chief guest, Dr. V. Sivasankar, Professor and Head of the Department of Tamil at Vel Tech, Pallavaram, Chennai, who delivered a lecture on "Padikkatha Methayin Pattarivu Sindhanai." A total of 57 students from B.A. Tamil, B.A. English, B.Sc. Mathematics, and Ph.D. programs participated in the event. A PowerPoint presentation about Kamarajar was also shown. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. S. Maheswari.



*Kamarajar Birthday celebrated by Department of Tamil, FHS*

### ORGAN DONATION AWARENESS MONTH

In observance of Organ Donation Awareness Month, the Department of General Surgery at MMCH&RI, led by Dean Dr. Rajashekar and HOD Dr. Saravanan, held an awareness session in the patients' waiting hall on July 31, 2024. Approximately 50 members of the public attended, including the Medical Superintendent, Vice Principal, and RMO, alongside active participation from postgraduate and undergraduate students. Throughout July 2024, the department organized various events to raise awareness about organ donation and donor scarcity. Activities included a public rally, an undergraduate quiz contest, and a postgraduate symposium on technical, medical, and legislative issues in organ transplantation. In the last week, a public awareness meeting featured Dean Dr. Rajashekar, RMO, and Vice Principal, with

Dr. Selvaraj, HOD of Urology, as the chief guest. The month concluded with a CME on organ donation, showcasing presentations by Dr. Gowthaman (renal transplant surgeon), Dr. Elankumaran (liver transplant specialist), and Dr. Boopathy (Medical Superintendent and HOD of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery). The event inspired attendees to pledge their organs and become organ donors.



*Organ Donation Awareness Month programs by Department of General Surgery at MMCHRI led by Dean Dr. Rajashekar and HOD Dr. Saravanan*

### NASHA BHARAT ABHIYAN

Constituent units of MAHER organized a rally to observe the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024, aimed at raising awareness about the dangers of drug abuse, promoting preventive measures, and fostering community engagement in the fight against substance abuse. Constituent colleges hosted various activities, including rallies with diverse participation from students and faculty members, guest lectures on the theme "People First: Stop Stigma and Discrimination, Strengthen Prevention," and discussions on "Stress Management Strategies for Caregivers of

Individuals with Addiction." Students delivered speeches and recited poems on peer support and awareness in preventing drug abuse, expressing hope for a future free from addiction. Additionally, students and faculty members took a pledge against drug abuse, reinforcing the community's commitment to maintaining a drug free environment. A total of 674 students and 63 faculty members participated in this impactful event.



*Awareness rally against Drug Abuse by Students of FAHS*



### MASS ANTI-DRUG PLEDGE DAY

As part of the Mass Anti-Drug Pledge initiative for a Drug-Free Tamil Nadu, led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, students from all Constituent units of MAHER gathered on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, to take a pledge against drug use. This coordinated event emphasized commitment to a healthier, drug-free society.

At Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute, the pledge ceremony took place at 10:00 AM in the New Lecture

Hall complex. MBBS students and faculty joined the pledge, with key attendees which included Dr. K. V. Rajasekhar (Dean), Dr. Boopathi K. (Medical Superintendent), Dr. Eswari V. (Vice Principal), Dr. Radha (RMO), and several professors.



Antidrug Pledge Day program at MMCHRI

Similarly, students at Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital participated in an Anti-Drug Abuse Awareness Program initiated by the Government of Tamil Nadu. During this event, students took the Anti-Drug Abuse Pledge, showcasing their dedication to a drug-free lifestyle and promoting the positive values of health and responsibility.



Antidrug Pledge Day program at MADC

The students and faculty members of Faculty of Humanities and Science, took the Mass Anti-Drug Pledge at 10:00 AM. Dr. V. Shanthi (Principal), Dr. P. Sagaya Raj (Dean), and other faculty members attended, lending their support to this significant initiative.



Antidrug Pledge Day program at FHS

The Faculty of Allied Health Sciences actively participated in the pledge, with Principal Dr. V. Ramnath and other faculty members joining students to advocate for a drug-free Tamil Nadu.

Through these collective efforts, MAHER's students and faculty united for a powerful stand against drug abuse, promoting a culture of wellness and responsibility to the society.



Antidrug Pledge Day program at FAHS

### WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK

The Dept. of Paediatrics at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute celebrated World Breastfeeding Week from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, with the theme "Closing the Gap - Breastfeeding Support for All." The week kicked off with an event on 1<sup>st</sup> August, attended by the Dean Dr. Rajashekar and Medical Superintendent Dr. Boopathy. Approximately 250 students gained insights on breastfeeding's significance.

A symposium was organised on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the benefits and challenges associated with breastfeeding, while

various activities, including quiz and poster presentation, engaged both undergraduate and postgraduate students. The program concluded with a valedictory function in which certificates were awarded to participants who won in various events.



World Breastfeeding Week- Awareness programs at MMCHRI



### ORAL HYGIENE DAY AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Department of Periodontology at Meenakshi Ammal Dental College conducted an "Oral Hygiene Day" Awareness Program, achieving national recognition for its outstanding planning, execution and thorough documentation. The program was conducted from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> August, targeting diverse social groups through tailored themes, including substance use awareness and oral hygiene screening for government school children, specially-abled children, the transgender community, geriatric patients, corporation workers, and Koyambedu daily wage workers. Each initiative addressed the specific oral health needs of these communities under the unifying theme "Oral Hygiene Day Awareness." The program was appreciated by the National Association.



*Oral Hygiene Day celebrations at various places by Department of Periodontology, MADC*

### ANTIRAGGING AWARENESS WEEK

All constituent colleges of MAHER marked "Antiragging Awareness Week" from 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, with various engaging activities focused on promoting a safe and respectful campus environment. The week featured orientation programs, national contest, a selfie corner, and multiple competitions, including slogan writing,

essay writing, and poster and logo designing. Interactive workshops, seminars, and screenings of short films, and documentaries further highlighted the importance of anti-ragging awareness.

College-specific highlights included Medical College's seminars and debates; FAHS's poster competition and speech; MCON's creative activities, including mime,

poetry, and a special talk; AMCON's skit and slogan writing; FPT's selfie corner and seminar; and FHS's slogan and poster competitions.

In total, 29 activities saw participation from 2,633 students and 123 faculty and staff, reinforcing MAHER's commitment to an anti-ragging culture across all campuses.



*Antiragging Awareness program at MADC*



*Debate conducted an anti ragging day celebration at MMCHRI*

### NATIONAL LIBRARIAN'S DAY

The National Librarian's Day celebration at Meenakshi Ammal Dental College was a three-day commemoration of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan's birth anniversary, held from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. In honor of National Librarian's Day and Padma Shri awardee, Dr. S.R. Ranganathan, the program featured a book exhibition, an essay competition, and library awards.



*Essay Competition for students on National Librarian Day*

the program honored exemplary library users from each year for their outstanding engagement with library resources, reinforcing the value of active library use.



*Principal addressing and awarding the students*

event featured Dr. K. Nithyanandam, President of the Madras Library Association, as the chief guest and a total of 152 participants attended the event.



*Dr. K. Nithyanandam, President of the Madras Library Association at Medical College*



A book stall was organized on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> August outside the Dental O.P. Block from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, offering a variety of books at discounted prices, attracting active participation from both students and faculty. An essay competition on the topic "Role of Libraries in Medical Education" encouraged many insightful submissions, with certificates awarded to all participants and winners by the Principal. Additionally,

The Library Committee of Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute also celebrated National Librarian's Day on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Central Library Reading Hall, marking the 132<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan. The

Both events paid tribute to Dr. Ranganathan's legacy, underscoring the critical role of libraries in supporting academic and professional growth.



**PARTITION HORRORS REMEMBRANCE DAY**

MAHER observed "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day" on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. The ceremony began with Thamizh Thai Vazhthu at 11 AM, followed by a special address by Lt. Col. Mohanrangan, who emphasized the day's significance in commemorating the tragic events of India's partition in 1947. He highlighted that this day serves as a reminder of the immense suffering, loss of life, and communal violence that marked one of the darkest chapters in the history of the Indian subcontinent, providing an opportunity to reflect on these horrors, honor the victims, and reaffirm our commitment to peace. Students displayed an exhibition showcasing the horrific consequences of partition, including massacre and violence, forced migration,

displacement, and loss of property and cultural heritage. Further awareness session was organised in which a curated play from the National School of Drama (NSD) was played to the participants. Students found the program informative and suggested similar future events. A total of 329 students and 38 staff members participated.



*Lt. Col. Mohanrangan inaugurates the exhibition showcasing the horrific consequences of partition and delivers a special address*

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute celebrated Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, at the Athletic Track, MMCH&RI, Kanchipuram. The national flag was hoisted by Surgeon Lieutenant Swapnil Pandey, a medical specialist at INS Rajali, Arakkonam. The NCC cadets and security personnel participated in the parade. Prof. Dr. K.V. Rajasekhar, Dean of MMCH&RI, welcomed the gathering. The celebration included a 4x100 meter relay race and the 100-meter race for boys and girls, followed by the distribution of prizes for various sports events held during the intra-college annual sports meet.



*Flag hoisting by Surgeon Lieutenant Swapnil Pandey, a medical specialist at INS Rajali, Arakkonam*

The Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER), Chennai, celebrated Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 with the theme "Viksit Bharat" or "Developed India" with great enthusiasm and patriotism. The program began with Thamiz Thai Vazhthu and a welcome address, followed by the hoisting of the national flag by ProVice Chancellor Prof. Dr. C. Krithika. Special Independence Day speeches were delivered by students and principals of the constituent colleges.

Special awards were also given to students who excelled in sports and brought laurels to the college and university. Faculty and students who utilized the MAHER library facilities effectively were appreciated and awarded certificates. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by the national anthem.



*Pro Vice Chancellor awarding the winners*

On this special occasion, various intercollegiate competitions, including patriotic songs, essay writing, painting, patriotic dress, group dances, and video stories on relevant themes, were conducted. Dances and speeches by students highlighted the spirit of freedom and honored the sacrifices made by freedom fighters.



*Flag Hoisting by Pro Vice Chancellor*

The efforts of the prize winners, organizing committee, and participants were recognized with awards and certificates.



## HARGHAR TIRANGA – 2024

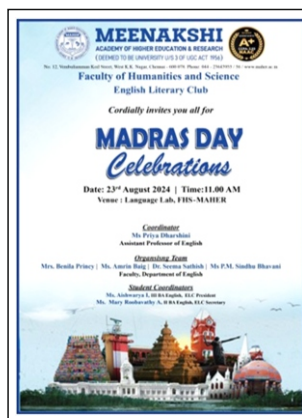
To mark the 77<sup>th</sup> year of India's independence, the National Service Scheme (NSS) Cell of Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (Deemed to be University), Chennai, organized 'Har Ghar Tiranga' event on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. This initiative aimed to foster patriotism and highlight the significance of the Indian National Flag. The 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign encourages citizens to hoist the national flag at their homes, symbolizing unity, pride, and shared national identity. At MAHER, the campaign actively involved students, faculty, and staff, not only in hoisting the flag but also in promoting awareness of the respect and honor it commands. A total of 734 students and 138 faculty and staff members from MAHER participated, pinning flags in their localities and uploading selfies with the Tiranga on the official website, harghartiranga.com. The event underscored the national flag as a powerful emblem of unity as India progresses toward its centenary Independence Day. Through this initiative, MAHER paid tribute to the nation's freedom while reinforcing the enduring values symbolized by the Tiranga.



Selfies uploaded by faculty and students with Tiranga on Official website

## MADRAS DAY

On 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024, the English Literary Club, Faculty of Humanities and Science, MAHER, organized a vibrant celebration to honour Madras Day. The event took place at the English Language Lab and began at 11:00 AM, with active participation from both students and faculty members. The celebration featured a series of activities, including presentations on the history and evolution of Madras, recitations of literary works by authors from Chennai, and interactive sessions where students shared their thoughts and experiences related to the city. It concluded with a lively discussion on the cultural significance of Madras and its impact on literature and language. The Madras Day celebration was a resounding success, leaving the 28 participants with a deeper appreciation for the city's heritage and a renewed interest in exploring its literary and cultural landscape.



Madras Day celebrations by Department of English, FHS

## NATIONAL SPACE DAY

The inaugural of the National Space Day celebration at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER), Deemed to be University, Chennai, was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2024, with great enthusiasm under the theme "Touching Lives While Touching the Moon—India's Space Saga." This event aimed to inspire a passion for space exploration among students and commemorate India's achievements in space science. The festivities began with a formal inauguration followed by a speech emphasizing the importance of space research and the contributions of Indian scientists. Various competitions, including Poster Making, Tamil and English Elocution, and a Space Exhibition, were held, while students also enjoyed a live stream of the

Honourable President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu's inaugural address, showcasing ISRO's accomplishments and future missions. The celebration attracted approximately 243 students and 34 staff members, making it a resounding success and a valuable platform for learning and exploration in space science.



Inauguration and Space exhibition by students from Faculty of Humanities and Sciences



## WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

The Department of Psychiatry at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute observed Suicide Prevention Week from 10th to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The week began with the "Let's Talk" campaign led by Dr. Karthigai Priya, followed by fine arts events for students, creating a platform for open discussions about mental health.



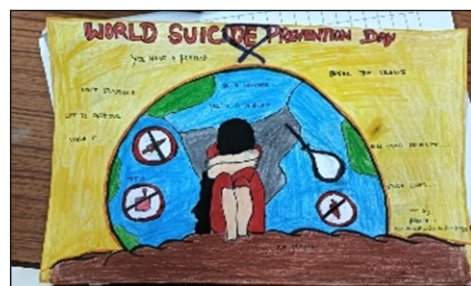
*Discussions about mental health at MMCHRI*



*Lecture by Dr. Veda Vijaya, Head of the Department of Pharmacology*

A guest lecture was delivered by Dr. Veda Vijaya, Head of the Department of Pharmacology, alongside the in-house psychologist. Certificate of appreciation was awarded to students for their contributions, towards the success of the program.

In observance of World Suicide Prevention Day 2024, the Internal Complaints Committee of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, MAHER hosted an awareness program. On 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, students attended a live webinar by the Directorate General of Health Services (Dte. GHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. Dr. B. Durga, Vice Principal (Admin) of FAHS, delivered a special lecture on suicide prevention, followed by a poster/art competition for first-year Allied Health Sciences students on the theme "Breaking the Silence – Connecting Hearts, Saving Lives." The winners were honored for their creative skills, with approximately 200 students participating, demonstrating a strong collective commitment to mental health awareness and support.

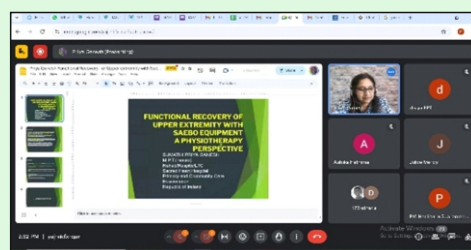


*Art competition for students at Allied Health Sciences*

## WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY DAY

In celebration of World Physiotherapy Day, the IQAC and Research and Development Committee of Faculty of Physiotherapy hosted an International Webinar on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024, featuring experts from Ireland, and the UAE. This event offered global perspectives on physiotherapy advancements and attracted faculty, students, and practitioners for meaningful knowledge exchange. The webinar included interactive Q&A sessions, enhancing understanding of worldwide practices and future directions, benefiting 356 students.

Additionally, on 28<sup>th</sup> September, the Faculty of Physiotherapy, MAHER organized a Reverse Walking Rally at Elliot's Beach, Besant Nagar, covering a distance of one kilometer from 7 to 8 AM. The rally aimed to raise awareness about the biomechanical benefits of reverse walking for fall prevention, coordination, and balance. Public feedback was positive, and gratitude was extended to the Vepery Police Department for their support for the event.



*International Webinar by experts from Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and the UAE*



*Reverse Walking Rally by Faculty of Physiotherapy*



### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS ON FOOD LOSS AND WASTE

In observance of the International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024, students from the Faculty of Occupational Therapy participated in Foodathon 2024, organized by 'No Food Waste (NFW)- Chennai Region'. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about

minimizing food waste and combating hunger. A total of 30 FOT students of faculty of occupational therapy, MAHER participated in the event, actively volunteering throughout the Foodathon. The theme, "Beat Food Waste, Step by Step, Meter by Meter," emphasized the fight against hunger in Chennai and its suburban areas.



Participants at Foodathon

### NATIONAL PHARMACOVIGILANCE WEEK CELEBRATION

The Department of Pharmacology and Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Centre (AMC) Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute conducted the 4th National Pharmacovigilance Week Celebration 2024 from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, under the theme "Building ADR Reporting Culture for Patient Safety." On Day 1, an awareness program on reporting adverse drug reactions was held at the rural health center, MMCH&RI, where AHS and Nursing students presented posters on Pharmacovigilance to educate the public about its importance. On Day 2, an e-poster presentation was organized for Phase II MBBS students, with prizes awarded for the best presentations. Day 3 featured a Rangoli Competition for Phase II MBBS, AMCON, and AHS students, with awards

given for the best rangolis on the theme. On Day 4, a sensitization program focusing on collecting and reporting adverse drug reactions was conducted for healthcare workers at Narbhavi Multispeciality Hospital, Kanchipuram, with pamphlets distributed to encourage the public to report adverse drug reactions and understand the reporting process. Finally, on Day 5, a CME titled "Ensuring Patient Safety in the Era of Emerging Therapies: Pharmacovigilance" was held for all healthcare workers and Phase II MBBS students, featuring distinguished speakers including Dr. R. Kavitha, Professor and HOD of Pharmacology at SRMC&RI, Chennai; Dr. Ramya S., M.D., Associate Professor of Pharmacology at SRMC&RI, Chennai; and Dr. G. M. Tamil Selvi, MBBS, DCP, Medical Director at Narbhavi Multispeciality Hospital, Kanchipuram, as chief guests.



Inauguration of Pharmacovigilance Week Celebration

### WORLD DEAFNESS DAY

The Department of ENT at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute conducted a health awareness program to commemorate "World Deafness Day" on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. Dr. K. Muthubabu delivered the welcome address, while the keynote address was delivered by Dr. Rajasekhar K.V., Dean of MMCHRI. Faculty members of the ENT department gave awareness talk, and distributed hearing aids to patients.



Keynote address by Dr. Rajasekhar K.V. on World Deafness Day

### EYE DONATION FORTNIGHT

The 39<sup>th</sup> Eye Donation Fortnight Awareness Programme, conducted by the Department of Ophthalmology on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, highlighted the importance of eye donation, along with its dos and don'ts and associated stigma. An "Eye Donation Awareness Walkathon" took place on Gandhi Road, Kanchipuram, where police personnel flagged off the rally. About 60 participants, including students and faculty, joined the walkathon, carrying placards and banners while distributing pamphlets to

raise awareness about eye donation. Following the walkathon, an awareness program was held near the casualty area of the Hospital block, attended by around 60 individuals, including outpatients, attendants, staff, CRMIs, postgraduate residents, and faculty.

The program was inaugurated by Dean Dr. K.V. Rajasekhar. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. C. Indhu, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology. Dr. K. Namitha Bhuvaneshwari, Head of the Ophthalmology

Department, presented a talk on eye donation, addressing myths, misconceptions, and stigma through a PowerPoint presentation and audiovisuals. Attendees engaged with the faculty to clarify their doubts about eye donation. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. S. Veluchamy, Senior Resident in department of Ophthalmology. A quiz on eye donation was organized for undergraduate students, following which certificates and prizes awarded to the winners.



Eye Donation Awareness Walkathon



Eye Donation Awareness lectures to the Patients





### USER AWARENESS PROGRAM ON ONLINE DATABASES

The user awareness program on online databases (Clinical Key, Scopus) was conducted by the Central Library on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM at MMCHRI. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. C. Velmurugan, Chief Librarian of the Central Library, who highlighted the subscription to eight online databases and their utilization. The inaugural speech was given by Dr. K. V. Rajasekhar, Dean of MMCHRI, who emphasized the significance of e-resources

in the digital era and encouraged students learn how to effectively access online resources. The Chief Guest and resource person for the program, Mr. Abhishek Gupta, explained how to access Elsevier Clinical Key and Scopus database.



Awareness program by Mr. Abhishek Gupta on online databases

### MEDICATION SAFETY DAY

The Department of Pharmacology and the Pharmacy & Therapeutic Committee celebrated Medication Safety Day on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, focusing on "Awareness on Safe Medication Practices" near the hospital casualty at MMCH&RI. A walkathon was organized from the MMCH&RI entrance to the casualty department, featuring health care workers, and students pursuing MBBS, Nursing, & allied Medical sciences. Dr. P. Sivagami, MD, DLO, Resident Medical Officer at Govt. Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital & RI, Karapettai, Kanchi-puram, delivered a guest lecture on

safe medication practices for health care workers, students, and the public. A skit performed by MMCH&RI staff nurses effectively conveyed the importance of medication safety. Additionally, a poster presentation was conducted for Phase II MBBS students on the theme of safe medication practices, with awards given for the best presentations.



Awareness program and guest lecture by Dr. P. Sivagami, Govt. Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital

### PATIENT SAFETY WEEK

The Patient Safety Cell and the Department of Microbiology Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute conducted Patient Safety Week from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, under the theme "Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety" with the slogan "Get It Right, Make It Safe." The week included various events such as sensitization on services, talks on patients' rights and responsibilities, safe surgical practices, and awareness on safe medication practices, along with a marathon run by staff and students.

On Day 2, Dr. Jayanthi, Professor and HOD of Microbiology at Panimalar Medical College, delivered a guest lecture on "Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety," which was

attended by 78 healthcare workers. On Day 3, Dr. P. Sivagami, Resident Medical Officer at Government Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital, spoke on "Safe Medication Practices." The week concluded with an awareness program at Vani Vidhyalaya School to educate students about infection control techniques and personal hygiene.



Awareness program to teaching staff, non teaching employees and students

### REPORT ON IMPLEMENTING NEW CRIMINAL LAWS

Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research Chennai, conducted various educational activities to raise awareness among students, faculty, and staff about the newly introduced criminal laws on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2024. In response to communication

from the University Grants Commission (UGC), the university organized events that included lecture sessions, quizzes, interactive question-and-answer rounds, and discussions. These activities aimed to highlight the significant transformations within the legal framework designed to enhance the pursuit of justice. The activities underscore MAHER's commitment to

keeping its academic community informed about important legal developments. The program witnessed enthusiastic participation, with 943 students and 127 faculty members actively engaging in the sessions.





Activities to students and awareness lectures to introduce criminal laws at colleges

### KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS DAY

On 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) commemorated the Kargil Vijay Diwas with a poignant and patriotic event at the MAHER Auditorium. The program was attended by 168 students, faculty members, and non-teaching staff. Organized by the faculties of Humanities and Sciences, Yoga Science and Therapy, and the Department of Research, the event featured a keynote speech by Prof. Dr. R.S. Neelakandan, an ex-Captain of the Indian Army and Vice-Chancellor of MAHER, who shared personal experiences and paid tribute to the valor and sacrifices of the Indian Armed Forces during the 1999 Kargil War.

The program included several motivational performances, such as a stirring rendition of

the national anthem by MAHER students, a mime show titled "Silent Salute" depicting the sacrifices of soldiers and their families, and a poignant flute recital that infused the hall with patriotic spirit.

Elocution performances by students highlighted the importance of remembering and learning from our past.

The ceremony concluded with an emotional audio-visual display honoring the bravery of Captain Vikram Batra and other Kargil War martyrs, followed by a vote of appreciation and the national anthem, serving as a fitting tribute to the martyrs and an inspiration for future generations.



Keynote speech by Prof. Dr. R.S. Neelakandan, an ex-Captain of the Indian Army

## OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY REACH ACTIVITIES

From July to September 2024, the Department of Community Medicine of Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute and the National Service Scheme unit, conducted a series of medical camps across various villages in and around Kanchipuram. On 8<sup>th</sup> July, a camp was conducted at the Government Primary School in Parandhur village in which 95

beneficiaries, followed by another camp on 9<sup>th</sup> July in Kottavakkam village, serving 91 individuals. A camp on 18<sup>th</sup> July in Valathur village reached 106 beneficiaries, while on 24<sup>th</sup> July, a camp in Purusai village benefitted 89 people. The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology conducted a special camp on 24<sup>th</sup> July in Periya Kanchipuram, in which screening was done.



Camp at Government Primary School in Valathur village

In August 2024, a health screening camp at Royal Nursery & Primary School in Pillaiyarpalayam was conducted in which 210 students from LKG to Class V were benefitted. A medical camp was conducted at the Government Library in Siruvakkam on 20<sup>th</sup> September, benefiting 80 individuals. Screening for ailments related to Orthopedics, ENT, General Medicine, Pediatrics, and Ophthalmology was carried out. Comprehensive health check up was conducted as a part of this camp. These initiatives highlight the Departments'

commitment to community health and wellness, offering essential medical services and screening to underserved populations.



Camp at Royal Nursery & Primary School in Pillaiyarpalayam





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