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18th CONVOCATION OF MAHER



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The Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) proudly celebrated a momentous occasion on 16th and 17th December, 2024 as it hosted its 18th Annual Convocation ceremony at the auditorium of the Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute, Enathur, Kanchipuram. The convocation was presided over by the Honourable Chancellor of MAHER, Mrs. Jayanthi Radhakrishnan. The Chief Patron, Mrs. Gomathi Radhakrishnan, and the Pro-Chancellor, Mr. Akash Prabhakar, graced the occasion with their presence.

Padma Shri Dr. V. Mohan, Chairman of the renowned Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialities Centre and Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, Chennai, was the Chief Guest of the event. He delivered the convocation address, inspiring the graduands with his words of wisdom and experience.

The convocation began with the Tamil Thai Vazhthu. In her welcome address, Mrs. Jayanthi Radhakrishnan reflected on MAHER's remarkable journey since its inception in 2004. She emphasized the institution's commitment to delivering affordable, high-quality education and contributing to the advancement of research and healthcare. Prof. Dr. C. Sridhar, Vice Chancellor of MAHER, presented the Annual Report, showcasing MAHER's key achievements in institutional accreditations, curriculum development, research advancements, innovation, infrastructure expansion, and student welfare initiatives.



Padma Shri Dr. V. Mohan being honoured with a plaque

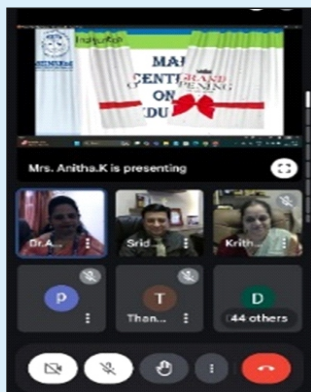
Padma Shri Dr. V. Mohan lauded MAHER's constituent colleges for their exceptional track record, achievements, and accreditation accolades, and extended his congratulations to the graduating students.

He encouraged them to embrace a service-oriented professional journey and make meaningful contributions to society. In recognition of his exceptional contributions to healthcare, MAHER donated a sum of Rs. 10 Lakhs to the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation to support research and patient care services. Dr. K. R. Suresh Bapu, a distinguished neurosurgeon, was awarded the D.Sc (Honoris Causa) in recognition of his exceptional contributions to medical science and his dedication to advancing the field of micro neurosurgery.

The convocation celebrated the academic accomplishments of 832 candidates, including 705 undergraduates, 103 postgraduates, and 24 PhD scholars, who were awarded their degrees. A special segment recognized the achievements of 76 meritorious candidates who received medals and certificates for their exemplary performance and dedication to academic excellence in the fields of medicine, dentistry, nursing, allied health sciences, and other constituent colleges of MAHER. A highlight of the event was the presentation of the Mrs. Gomathi Radhakrishnan Distinguished Alumni Award 2024, which honoured eight distinguished alumni of MAHER for their exceptional contributions in their respective fields.

CENTER FOR ONLINE EDUCATION

MAHER successfully inaugurated the Centre for Online Education on 26th December, 2024. The event was honoured by the esteemed Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. C. Sridhar, and Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. C. Krithika, whose visionary leadership marked this transformative milestone. This initiative paves the way for a new era in education, equipping our students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in a digital world.



Inauguration of Centre for Online Education

COLLABORATIONS

The Placement Cell at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) formalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Magic Bus India Foundation on 7th November, 2024. This strategic alliance is dedicated to offering comprehensive training programs and robust placement support, empowering undergraduate and postgraduate students with vital employability skills and promising career prospects.



"MAHER collaborates with The Magic Bus India Foundation via MoU"

FACULTY AWARDS

Dr. Sugasri Suresh Kumar, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Physiotherapy, MAHER, was conferred with the prestigious Best Physiotherapist (Academic) award at the International Physiotherapy Conference held at the Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences (SIMATS) in Chennai on 24th October, 2024.



"Dr. Sugasri Suresh Kumar receiving the honour of the Best Physiotherapist award"

Dr. P.G. Mahesh Kumar, Professor in the Faculty of Physiotherapy at MAHER, was honoured with the Best Physiotherapist (Academic) award at the International Physiotherapy Conference, held at the Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences (SIMATS) in Chennai on 24th October, 2024.



Dr. P.G. Mahesh Kumar receiving the Best Physiotherapist award.

Dr. P.V. Hari Hara Subramanyam, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Physiotherapy at MAHER, was honoured with the prestigious "Best Physiotherapist (Academic)" award during the International Physiotherapy Conference, held at the Saveetha Institute of Medical & Technical Sciences (SIMATS), Chennai, on 24th October, 2024.



Dr. P.V. Hari Hara Subramanyam was honoured with the Best Physiotherapist award.

Dr. R. Naageswari from the Department of Anatomy showcased exceptional artistic talent at the Indian Medical Association – TNSB North Zone Fine Arts Competitions in 3rd November 2024, earning multiple accolades, including 1st Prize in ADZAP, Doctors' Couple Dance, Doctors' Group Dance, and Skit Performance, 2nd Prize in Classical Solo Dance and Fashion Show, and 3rd Prize in Dumb Charades.



Dr. R. Naageswari receiving certificate of appreciation

Dr. Kavitha U., Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology, secured the First Prize in the Oral Poster Presentation under the Faculty Category for her research on "The Therapeutic Potential of Acorus calamus in mitigating the Pathophysiological Manifestations of Autism in Valproate-Induced Autistic Rat Models." This achievement was recognized at Euphonic 7th and 8th November 2024 – The National Conference on Speech Physiology, hosted by Sree Balaji Medical College and Hospital, Chennai.



Dr. Kavitha securing first prize in Oral Poster Presentation

Dr. Amit Kumar Rai, Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute, clinched the gold medal in the walkathon and the silver medal in the discus throw at the IMA National Sports on 14th and 15th November 2024 held in Aurangabad, Maharashtra.



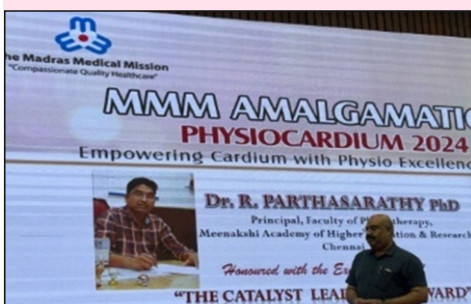
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Prof. R. Parthasarathy, Principal of the Faculty of Physiotherapy at MAHER, was conferred with the inaugural edition of the book History of Physiotherapy, authored by the distinguished philanthropist Dr. Sivabalan, on 28th November, 2024.



"Dr. Sivabalan Recognized for Book Edition"

Prof. Dr. R. Parthasarathy, Principal of the Faculty of Physiotherapy at MAHER, was bestowed with the prestigious Catalyst Leadership Award at the National Conference organized by MMM Speciality Hospitals, Chennai, on 7th December, 2024.



Dr. R. Parthasarathy receiving the Catalyst Leadership Award

Dr. K. Namitha Bhuvaneshwari from the Department of Ophthalmology was conferred with the prestigious "State President's Appreciation Award" in recognition of her exemplary contributions to the Indian Medical Association (IMA) at the 79th Annual State Conference – TIMACON 2024, organized by the Indian Medical Association – Tamil Nadu State Branch on 14th December, 2024.



"Dr. K. Namitha Bhuvaneshwari acknowledging with the State President's Award of Appreciation."

On 21st December, 2024, Prof. R. Parthasarathy, Principal of the Faculty of Physiotherapy at MAHER, was conferred with the Principal Award for Educational Excellence at the 2nd Annual State-Level Conference on "Navigating Pathways" held at Green Park Hotel, Chennai. He was recognized for his exemplary leadership as an educationist and his dedicated outreach efforts in providing healthcare services to rural and tribal communities across Tamil Nadu, significantly contributing to public health and awareness.



Prof. R. Parthasarathy being honoured with the "Principal's Award for Excellence in Education"

STUDENT AWARDS

Dr. Ajith, a first-year postgraduate student from the Department of General Medicine at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute, secured first place in the quiz competition at the ECG workshop conducted on 15th November, 2024, at the Melmaruvathur Adhiparasakthi Institute of Medical Sciences.



Dr. Ajith receiving First Place in ECG Workshop Quiz Competition

Two of our students, Mrs. Nivetha and Mr. Ramkumar, currently pursuing a Master of Physiotherapy in Sports Medicine, were selected through a rigorous interview process to serve as trainers for duration of two months, starting from 22nd November 2024.



"Mrs. Nivetha and Mr. Ramkumar are being chosen as trainers for the Master of Physiotherapy in Sports Medicine."

Dr. Moulika, 2nd year Postgraduate, was awarded the Second Prize in the E-Poster Presentation at the Glaucoma CME, organized by Sree Balaji Medical College & Hospital on 20th December, 2024, for her scholarly work titled "A Clinical Nexus of Cerebral Atrophy, Cerebellar Degeneration, and Glaucoma."



Dr. Moulika, receiving the second prize in the E-Poster Presentation.

Dr. Nivetha, 2nd year Postgraduate, secured the Third Prize in the E-Poster Presentation at the same Glaucoma CME, for her compelling research titled "Monocular Mystery: A Tale of Unilateral Glaucomatous Optic Atrophy" organized by Sree Balaji Medical College & Hospital on 20th December, 2024.



Dr. Nivetha, receiving the third prize in the E-Poster Presentation.

Postgraduate students from the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospitals, participated in the 34th National IAOMR Conference held from 22nd to 24th November, 2024, in Mangalore. Dr. Srinivas and Dr. Deborah Vasanth Kumar, were conferred with the Best Paper Award for their exemplary research presentations.



Dr. Srinivas receiving Best Paper Award



Dr. Deborah Vasanth Kumar receiving Best Paper Award

FACULTY ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Sensitization program on Mentorship - "Encourage and Engage"

The Medical Education Unit (MEU) and Mentorship Monitoring Committee of Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute organized a comprehensive Sensitization Program on Mentorship titled "Encourage and Engage" on 21st October 2024. The objective of the program was to equip faculty members with valuable insights and methodologies for fostering effective mentorship within the domain of medical education.

Dr. K. Parimala, IQAC Coordinator, then delivered the keynote address, which delved into the challenges and opportunities inherent in mentorship, highlighting its potential transformative impact on medical education. The program's Chief Guest, Dr. K. Muthu Prathibha, Professor of Physiology at Sri Ramachandra Medical College, Chennai, shared her expertise on mentorship strategies. She discussed a range of approaches and techniques aimed at effectively guiding and supporting mentees in their academic and professional endeavours.



Guest lecture by Dr. M. Shanmugapriya

DEEKSHARAMBH - INDUCTION PROGRAMS

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White coat ceremony



Foundational Course programme at MMCHRI

Foundational Course (FC) for the I-BDS batch of 2024-2025

The 1st BDS Induction Program for the academic year 2024-25 was conducted on 4th October at Meenakshi Ammal Dental College with great enthusiasm. The event commenced with addresses by the Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Principal, Vice Principals, and the Heads of various departments, who warmly welcomed the incoming batch and their parents.

The highlight of the program was the White Coat Ceremony, symbolizing the students' commitment to the noble profession of dentistry, conducted with great fervour. The session also included the administration of the Anti-Ragging Pledge, reinforcing the institution's dedication to a safe and respectful learning environment.

The event concluded with a Parents-Teacher Interaction and a Mentor-Mentee Interaction, fostering meaningful connections and providing guidance to the students as they embark on their professional journey.



Dr. Velmugan honoring the Chief Guest and dignitaries



Induction Program: Embracing New Beginnings

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

CME on "Imaging in Dermatology"

The Department of Dermatology at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute (MMCHRI) conducted a Continuing Medical Education (CME) program on "Imaging in Dermatology" on 3rd October, 2024. The event commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Dr. Kumaravel, Head of the Department of Dermatology, followed by the inaugural address delivered by Dr. Rajasekhar K.V., Dean of MMCHRI. The keynote address was presented by Dr. K. Boopathi, Medical Superintendent of MMCHRI.

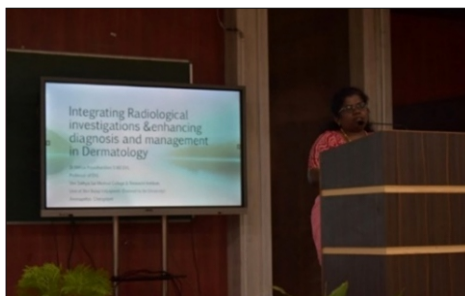


"Notable Personalities on the Dice"

The distinguished Chief Guest, Dr. Nithya Priyadharshini, Professor at Shri Satya Sai Medical College & Research Institute, Kanchipuram, provided an insightful discussion on the significance of integrating radiological imaging with clinical evaluations for precise diagnosis and effective management of dermatological conditions. Dr. Parameshwar

Dr. Keerthi, Assistant Professor of Radiology at MMCHRI, elaborated on the utility of imaging modalities in the diagnosis of neurocutaneous disorders. Dr. R. Rajesh, Professor of Dermatology at MMCHRI, presented an in-depth exploration of the advancing role of artificial intelligence in dermatological image analysis.

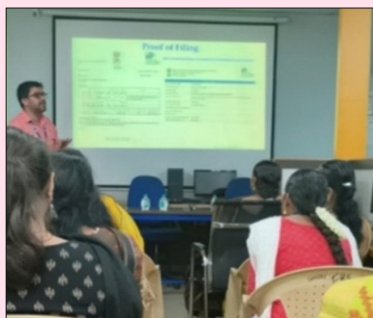
The afternoon sessions highlighted the practical use of imaging in dermatology, with Dr. Manasa Rajkumar, MMCHRI alumna and ESIC Medical College faculty, stressing dermoscopy's importance in practice. Dr. Sivayogana R, Assistant Professor of Dermatology, shared insights on cutting-edge imaging technologies. The event concluded with a lively panel, moderated by Dr. Sivayogana R, where experts discussed the challenges and future of dermatological imaging.



Chief Guest Conducting an In-depth Discourse on the Topic

Intellectual Property Rights

On 18th October 2024, the Faculty of Humanities and Science, in collaboration with the IPR Cell at MAHER, organized a distinguished guest lecture titled "Overview of Intellectual Property Rights." The session featured Dr. P. Ponmurugan, Associate Dean of IPR, as the keynote speaker. He delivered an enlightening discourse, providing an in-depth exploration of various forms of intellectual property, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets. The event included the participation from approximately 50 enthusiastic faculty members from the Faculty of Humanities and Science, highlighting a strong interest in the nuances and practical applications of intellectual property rights. The lecture emphasized the pivotal role of intellectual property in both academic and industrial domains.



Insights of Intellectual Property Rights by Dr. P. Ponmurugan

Guest lecture - Interview Etiquette

The Department of MBA at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) organized a guest lecture on 8th October 2024, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 pm, in the PhD Viva Voce Hall. The session was conducted by the esteemed Mr. PCR Suresh from ESIGO Consulting, Chennai, who delivered an engaging lecture on the topic "Interview Etiquette" for first-year MBA students and third-year BBA students.



Guest lecture by Mr. Suresh, with Extensive Lecture Experience

Mr. Suresh, a distinguished speaker, provided comprehensive insights into the fundamentals of interview skills, focusing on strategies to confidently face interviews. He emphasized the importance of both hard skills and soft skills in professional growth and career development. Mr. Suresh elaborated on the principles of Interview Etiquette, including preparation techniques, professional conduct, and communication skills essential for success. Additionally, he highlighted the significance of finding a mentor within an organization to acquire skills and knowledge necessary for career advancement. The lecture proved to be highly informative and impactful, equipping participants with practical tools to excel in their professional journeys.

River Rejuvenation Awareness Program

The Faculty of Humanities and Science at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) organized a River Rejuvenation Awareness Program on 14th November, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in the esteemed MAHER Auditorium. The event commenced with the Tamil Thai Vazhthu, followed by a cordial welcome address delivered by the Principal, Dr. V. Shanthi. The keynote address was delivered by the distinguished Chief Guest, Dr. K. Chandrasekar, Project Director of the River Rejuvenation (Naganadhi) initiative, who captivated the audience with an inspiring discourse on the critical importance of water rejuvenation to ensure sustainability for future generations.



Keynote address by Dr. K. Chandrasekar



*Guest lecture by Mr. Suresh,
with Extensive Lecture Experience*

The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from approximately 176 first-year students representing various departments, whose engagement contributed significantly to the event's success. The program culminated with the rendition of the National Anthem, marking a dignified conclusion.

Guest Lecture - "Unlocking Creativity: The Power of Mind Mapping"

The Department of MBA at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research organized an enlightening Guest Lecture on 14th October, 2024, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The esteemed Chief Guest, Mr. A.T. Raj Kumar - renowned author, writer, entrepreneur, and the visionary behind Spiritual Mind Thought, CUS MWS, Chennai - delivered an insightful lecture on the topic "Unlocking Creativity: The Power of Mind Mapping". The session was attended by first-year MBA students and third-year BBA students and was conducted in the distinguished Ph.D. Viva Voce Hall.



Guest lecture by Mr. Raj Kumar



Mr. Raj Kumar being honoured

The session witnessed active participation from approximately 50 attendees, including students and faculty members. Mr. Raj Kumar expounded on the concept of mind mapping as a visionary framework for enhancing creativity and fostering innovative thinking. He emphasized its efficacy in generating novel ideas and expanding cognitive potential within specific domains. Furthermore, he provided a comprehensive understanding of meditation techniques and mental exercise practices aimed at sharpening focus, achieving mental discipline, setting and accomplishing objectives, and augmenting energy levels.

Updates in Musculoskeletal Imaging Focusing on Joints

The Department of Radio-Diagnosis at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute (MMCH&RI) organized a Continuing Medical Education (CME) program titled "Updates in Musculoskeletal Imaging with a Focus on Joints" on 22nd November, 2024. The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. S. Jaiganesh, Professor of Radio-Diagnosis, followed by the inauguration by Dr. K.V. Rajasekhar, Dean of MMCH&RI, who emphasized the critical role of musculoskeletal imaging in contemporary clinical practice.

Dr. K. Boopathi, Medical Superintendent of MMCH&RI, delivered the keynote address, setting the tone for the day's proceedings. Prof. Dr. S. Sundarajan, Head of the Department and Professor of Radio-Diagnosis, provided an insightful overview of conventional imaging techniques utilized in joint evaluation. Prof. Dr. P. M. Venkata Sai, Senior Professor from the Department of Radio diagnosis at SRIHER, Chennai, elaborated on the principles of musculoskeletal ultrasound and its pivotal role in diagnosing and managing arthritis. Additionally, Prof. Dr. Babu Peter, Professor and Head of the Barnard Institute of Radiology, MMC Chennai, presented an in-depth review of MRI findings related to shoulder and ankle joint pathologies.

The program also featured a dedicated interactive session, fostering dynamic discussions and intellectual exchanges among participants. A quiz competition was conducted to assess and enhance the knowledge of attendees on musculoskeletal imaging. Furthermore, postgraduate students showcased their scholarly contributions by presenting research papers on various facets of musculoskeletal imaging, enriching the academic rigor of the event.



Distinguished Guests

Updates on silent killer disease - COPD

The Department of Respiratory Medicine at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute (MMCH&RI) organized a Continuing Medical Education (CME) program titled "Updates on the Silent Killer Disease – COPD" on 28th November, 2024. The event commenced with the registration of attendees, comprising faculty members, students, and medical professionals.



Distinguished guests during the program

Dr. Janarthanan V, M.D., Assistant Professor in the Department of Respiratory Medicine at MMCH&RI, warmly welcomed the attendees and gave an insightful overview of the department's mission and vision. Prof. Dr. K. V. Rajasekhar, M.D., DMRD, FIMSA, Dean of MMCH&RI, followed with the inaugural address, underscoring the critical role of respiratory medicine in managing pulmonary diseases and highlighting the department's pivotal contributions to enhancing respiratory health in the region. The keynote address, delivered by Prof. Dr. R. Srinivasan, M.D., DTRD, Professor and Chief of the Department of Respiratory Medicine at MMCH&RI, focused on recent advancements in respiratory care and emphasized the significance of addressing chronic conditions like COPD. Dr. Sabarinath Ravichandar, Associate Professor at ESI Medical College, Chennai, presented on Chronic Cough, Dr. Benhur Joel Shadrach, Consultant Pulmonologist at Dr. Rela Institute & Medical Centre, Chennai, spoke on COPD Phenotypes, and Dr. Jackin Moses, Professor and Head of the Department of Respiratory Medicine at PIMS, Pondicherry, explored the complexities of Non-Resolving Pneumonia.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Ayudha Pooja Celebrations:

The Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, MAHER, commemorated Ayudha Pooja on 10th October, 2024, in a ceremonious manner, graced by the presence of 100 students, the Principal, Vice Principal, and esteemed faculty members. The event was marked by active student participation, where they showcased their exceptional talents through captivating vocal and dance performances, adding vibrancy and cultural richness to the celebration.



Student performing for Ayudha Pooja celebration.

Diwali Celebrations:

The IQAC Cell and Fine Arts Committee of the Faculty of Humanities and Science commemorated Diwali on 26th October, 2024, with the resplendent theme, "Carnival of Lights and Colours." The event served as a dynamic platform for students to exhibit their ingenuity and artistic prowess through a series of meticulously curated competitions, including rangoli design, choreographed dance performances, intricate mehendi artistry, poster creation, and innovative popper crafting.



Students' Active Participation from FHS

The Cultural and Fine Arts Committee of the Faculty of Physiotherapy orchestrated a grand Diwali celebration on 28th October, 2024. A diverse array of competitions, encompassing both on-stage and off-stage events, was conducted within the MAHER campus. The occasion witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of FPT, including both BPT and MPT programs, with 85 individuals actively engaging in the events. Their spirited involvement and creative contributions rendered the day an unforgettable and celebratory experience.



Cultural performances by FPT students

On 30th October, 2024, the Fine Arts and Cultural Committee of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, MAHER, hosted a vibrant "Diwali 2024" celebration at the AHS Lecture Hall, MADC & MMCHRI Campus. The event saw an enthusiastic gathering of the Principal, Vice Principals, faculty members, and 100 students. Students actively engaged in discussions on the festival's significance and its diverse traditions across India. The celebration came alive with energetic cultural performances, including classical and western dance, a Henna competition, and exciting games, creating an atmosphere of joy and festivity.



Active participation from students of FAHS

Christmas Celebrations

The Department of Pathology celebrated Christmas on 23rd December 2024 with a festive 'Chris Mom - Chris Child' fun game. Faculty members, postgraduates, technical, and non-technical staff actively participated in the event, fostering a spirit of joy and camaraderie. The celebration was marked by enthusiastic gift exchanges, creating a warm and festive atmosphere among all attendees.



Celebrating Christmas by Department of Pathology

Pulse '24:

PULSE'24, an intra-college cultural extravaganza hosted by the Fine Arts & Cultural Committee of Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute, took place on 18th November, 2024. The event began with a formal welcome, including the Thamizhthai Vazhthu and the ceremonial lighting of the Kuthu Vilakku. Dr. K.V. Rajasekhar, Dean of MMCHRI, highlighted the importance of cultural activities in fostering creativity and teamwork, while Mr. Mohan Kumar, Student Council President, emphasized PULSE'24's role in cultural exchange and student engagement. Dr. Pandurangan Basumani, a renowned gastroenterologist, spoke on the transformative power of arts in enhancing well-being. Mr. Rithish, Student Council Secretary, expressed gratitude to attendees, organizers, and participants.



Dance performance by faculty members

The afternoon featured the Solo Spotlight event, followed by performances from faculty members, including dance, vocal renditions, and ramp walks. The evening culminated in a stunning performance by the "Troizeanz Girls" and an electrifying musical set by the Urban Harmonics, the college band. The second day included a mix of cultural competitions, sports events, and musical performances, showcasing vibrant student involvement and artistic expression.



Honouring Dr. Pandurangan Basumani

NON-ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Personality Development Program

The Placement Cell at MAHER recently organized an advanced Personality Development Program titled "ABC of Grooming," on 7th October, targeting students from the Faculty of Physiotherapy, Faculty of Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Humanities and Science, and the Faculty of Yoga Science & Therapy. This enlightening session benefitted approximately 220 students, equipping them with essential skills for holistic development. A special note of gratitude is extended to Mr. Vignesh Velayutham for his invaluable expertise and contribution.



Placement cell program at MAHER

Basic Life Support (BLS) Training-Workshop for the Tamil Nadu Home Guards

The Skill Lab Committee of Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute successfully conducted a Basic Life Support (BLS) Training Workshop for the Tamil Nadu Home Guards on 9th October 2024. A total of 56 Home Guards actively participated in this meticulously designed program.

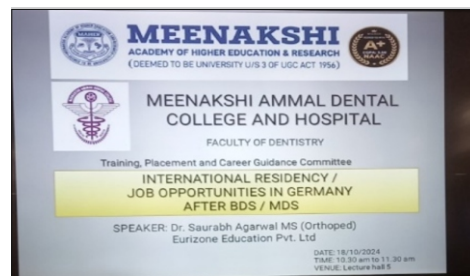


Chief guest delivering an address to the beneficiaries and the organising team

The workshop commenced with an introductory session on Basic Life Support, led by Dr. Kamala Kannan, during which participants were trained in critical BLS techniques, including Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the application of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The subsequent session, conducted by Dr. Badhur Jaman, addressed common emergency scenarios that individuals may encounter in day-to-day life. This session encompassed essential first-aid measures for conditions such as haemorrhage, fractures, and airway obstruction due to choking. To consolidate the theoretical insights gained during the sessions, a comprehensive hands-on practical module was conducted. Participants were provided with the opportunity to apply BLS techniques and first-aid protocols under the supervision and guidance of experienced medical professionals, ensuring a robust and experiential learning experience.

Career Guidance Program

On 18th October, the Training, Placement, and Career Guidance Committee of Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital hosted an insightful program for internship batch students, focusing on career opportunities in Germany after Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) studies. Dr. Saurabh Agarwal, MS (Orthopaedics), delivered a detailed keynote on the wide range of opportunities for BDS and MDS graduates in Germany, highlighting specialized master's programs available post-BDS and the necessity of passing language proficiency exams and obtaining certification. He also outlined the licensing process required for practicing dentistry in Germany.



Career Guidance Program by Dr. Saurabh Agarwal

The session engaged around 50 interns in an interactive discussion, addressing their queries and clarifying career paths in Germany. Emphasizing the importance of language proficiency, the program showcased the diverse prospects for dental graduates and the potential for advanced degrees to boost career trajectories. The event equipped interns with valuable insights and inspired them to confidently pursue international career opportunities.

Training Program on "Routine Equipment Inspections and Servicing"

The Maintenance Committee of the Faculty of Physiotherapy, MAHER, conducted an advanced program on "Routine Equipment Inspections and Servicing" on 23rd October, 2024. The session was led by Mr. Sankar from Techno Med Electronics, who provided profound insights into the critical significance of hazard prevention and risk mitigation, emphasizing the optimization of power centralization. His expert guidance highlighted the importance of proactive maintenance strategies in ensuring operational efficiency and safety.



Mr. Sankar lecture on critical significance of hazard prevention and risk mitigation

Skill enhancement program titled "Digital AI Mastery"

The Placement Cell at MAHER, in partnership with Magic Bus India Foundation and IBM, successfully conducted a skill enhancement program titled "Digital AI Mastery: Fundamentals & Customer-Centric Strategies" from 4th November to 9th November, 2024. This transformative initiative was designed to equip 80 students from the BCA and B.Sc. Computer Science programs within the Faculty of Humanities and Science with essential expertise in digital AI and its application in customer-focused strategies.



Guest Lecture on Skill enhancement program

AI Hands-on Workshop

The AI Hands-on Workshop for Postgraduates was conducted on the 12th and 13th of November 2024 at the New CME Hall, attracting 40 enthusiastic participants, including postgraduates and faculty members from MMCH&RI, demonstrating a strong interest in AI skill enhancement within the academic community. The workshop featured Dr. Koushik, Senior Resident in the Department of Community Medicine at ACS Medical College, Chennai, as the guest lecturer, whose insightful contributions significantly enriched the learning experience. The event commenced with a formal inauguration, followed by a Pre-Test to assess participants' baseline knowledge, after which Dr. K. Shankar, Professor and HOD, Department of Community Medicine, introduced the concept of Human Artificial Intelligence, exploring its history and evolution. The subsequent sessions, chaired by Dr. Rajkumar R., Dr. Pandiyan K.R., Dr. Gopinath T.T., Dr. Punitha V.C., Dr. Sakthivel M., and Dr. Nivetha A., were highly interactive, fostering active engagement and discussion among attendees.

The workshop concluded with a Post-Test, allowing participants to assess their learning progress, followed by the collection of feedback on various aspects of the program, and culminating in a Valedictory function, marking the successful completion of the event.



Felicitating chief guest



Receiving feedback from audience

Global Career Options and Placement Support for Pharmacy Students

On 14th November, 2024, the Training, Placement, and Career Guidance Committee of MAHER University organized a guest lecture titled "Global Career Options and Placement Support for Pharmacy Students," featuring Mr. Sony Akkara, an internationally certified career coach and Founder of Eazylink Academy. The session, aimed at first-year Pharmacy students, covered a wide range of career paths within the pharmaceutical industry, such as clinical research, drug development, regulatory affairs, and academia.

Mr. Akkara emphasized the importance of international certifications, global placement strategies, and the development of soft skills for career growth. He also offered practical advice on career planning, profile development, and leveraging internships. The interactive Q&A session allowed students to gain valuable insights into emerging global trends and receive personalized guidance on their career prospects.

Anti - ragging awareness program & pledge taking ceremony

On 20th November, 2024, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College hosted an Anti-Ragging Awareness Program and Pledge-Taking Ceremony for first-year BDS students. The event, organized by the Anti-Ragging Committee, featured an impactful address by Dr. Pramod Kumar Gandra, a member of the Dental Council, who discussed the harmful effects and long-term consequences of ragging. The Principal, Dr. Velmurugan, and Vice Principal Dr. Lambodaran also shared their perspectives on the importance of maintaining respectful behaviour and the legal implications of ragging.



Guest speaker awareness speech

The event concluded with a formal Pledge-Taking Ceremony led by Dr. Harsha Vardhan, Nodal Officer of the Anti-Ragging Committee, where students pledged to uphold respect and dignity within the college community. The program ended with the National Anthem, reinforcing the commitment to a safe and inclusive academic environment.



Pledge taking ceremony

Dental Practice Management: Contemporary Trends

The Meenakshi Ammal Dental College Alumni Coordination Committee, in collaboration with the Training, Placement, and Career Guidance Committee, hosted an insightful program on "Dental Practice Management: Contemporary Trends" on 23rd November 2024. The session featured distinguished speakers Dr. Indhumathi, Regional Head at Apollo Dental and an esteemed alumna from the UG cohort of 2002-2007, alongside Dr. Anshoo from Apollo Dental, who delivered expert insights tailored for Clinical Research Interns (CRIs).

The program focussed on the latest advancements and strategic approaches in optimizing dental practice operations, providing invaluable guidance for the next generation of dental professionals.

World HIV Day

Mrs. Indra ICTC counselor Sriperumbudur gave a motivational speech on the theme topic for phase II MBBS students on 2nd December. All students actively participated in the programme by interacting & clarifying their doubts with the external speaker.



Mrs. Indra ICTC counsellor providing a motivational speech



Students receiving prizes for Essay competition

Job Utsav

MAHER Placement Cell successfully collaborated with the Naandi Foundation to host Job Utsav 12th December, 2024 at the MAHER campus. This impactful event provided employment opportunities to over 800 students from various colleges.



Career Placement opportunities at MAHER

The Chief Guest, Dr. S. Ramalingam, a renowned educationist and esteemed authority in child welfare and special education, delivered the thematic address with great insight. As the Correspondent and Honorary Director of Maruti Seva School for Special Education, Dr. Ramalingam brings a wealth of expertise in psychology, special education, and child rights.

With a distinguished career spanning over thirty years, he has made remarkable contributions to child protection and inclusive education through his pivotal roles in the Tamil Nadu Commission for Protection of Child Rights, the Juvenile Justice Board in Chennai, and the Tamil Nadu Open University Board of Studies. In his address, he eloquently underscored the significance of equity and inclusivity, imparting profound insights that left a lasting impression on the audience.

Gender Equity Awareness Program

As part of the awareness program, a drawing competition was conducted for first-year Pharmacy students on 12th December, 2024. The first and second prize winners were honoured with certificates of excellence in recognition of their artistic expression and creativity. The event proved to be a remarkable success, effectively promoting awareness and inspiring participants to advocate for gender equity. Its well-organized structure, thought-provoking speeches, and enthusiastic participation from all attendees contributed to making it a truly unforgettable occasion.



Guest lecture providing awareness

OBSERVANCE OF COMMEMORATIVE DAYS

World Heart Day celebration

On 1st October, 2024, the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences at MAHER, in partnership with the Department of Cardiovascular Technology and Perfusion Technology, organized a vibrant World Heart Day celebration. The event began with enlightening speeches from Prof. V. Ramnath, Principal of FAHS, and Prof. K. S. Sridevi Sangeetha, Vice Principal (Academics), both underscoring the crucial importance of heart health in today's world.

Students took centre stage, delivering an insightful awareness talk, shedding light on effective preventive measures and advocating for a greater focus on heart health. The event also featured a poster competition and a model presentation, where participants creatively demonstrated the complexities of cardiovascular function and shared innovative strategies to maintain a healthy heart. The celebration culminated with a symbolic gesture, reflecting the collective commitment to fostering cardiovascular wellness and raising awareness for a healthier, heart-conscious community.



World Heart Day celebration at FAHS

International Girl Child Day

On 5th October, 2024, the Internal Complaints Committee at FAHS, MAHER organised an engaging event to commemorate International Girl Child Day, dedicated especially to AHS students. The program featured an inspiring speech by Ms. Harini, Assistant Professor at SRM Medical College, who passionately spoke about empowering girls and advancing gender equality. Dr. K.S. Sridevi Sangeetha, Vice Principal (Academics), emphasized the transformative power of education in shaping the futures of young girls. The celebration also included a pencil art competition, inviting students to express their creativity and share their reflections on the theme of the girl child, offering a platform for artistic voices to advocate for change.



International Girl Child Day

World Mental Health Day

On 10th October, 2024, the Faculty of Occupational Therapy at MAHER hosted the "Thrive Together" event to mark World Mental Health Day 2024, focusing on the theme, "It's Time to Prioritize Mental Health in the Workplace." The event has active participation from 164 students and 6 faculty members. Prof. Deepa Sundareswaran, Principal of FOT, kicked off the program with a welcome address, followed by insightful talks on mental health from Dr. Arunagirinathan, Dean of Research, and Dr. Pushpanagini, Director of Online Education at MAHER.

The chief guest, Dr. Shivaprakash Srinivasan, Head of Clinical Services at the Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF), shared valuable insights on self-love, self-care, work-life balance, and stress management. Highlights included a video titled 'Voices for Mental Health,' reflections from faculty and staff, a Tamil poem by 3rd-year BOT student Ms. Kruthika, and a mime performance by BOT students. Prizes for Essay and Slogan Writing competitions were awarded, and the event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Hasti Divecha, Assistant Professor of FOT, and the National Anthem, reinforcing the importance of prioritizing mental health.



World Mental Health Day at FOT

On the same day, the Department of Psychiatry at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute (MMCH&RI) organized a CME on "Mental Health in the Workplace." The event began with addresses from distinguished speakers, including Prof. Dr. Rama Rao Mannam, HOD of Psychiatry, Dr. K.V. Rajasekhar, Dean of MMCH&RI, and Dr. K. Boopathy, Medical Superintendent of MMCH&RI, all highlighting the importance of mental health.

Cultural performances, including a skit by nursing students, a dance by post-graduate students, and a short film on mental health, added to the event's impact. Expert talks covered various topics, such as Dr. Ashokan's discussion on problematic libido, Dr. Jai Kumar's focus on emotional intelligence, Dr. Nappinai Seran's insights on work-life balance, and Dr. Maria's session on life skills in the workplace, offering valuable knowledge and practical strategies for promoting mental well-being in the workplace.



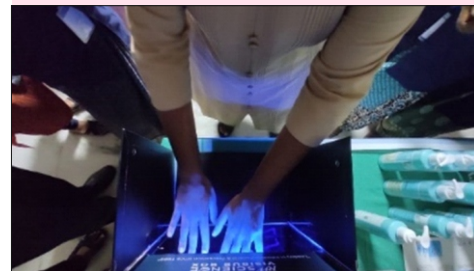
World Mental Health Day at MMCHRI

Infection Prevention Week

The Infection Prevention Week was observed on 15th October 2024 at the Casualty Lobby, with the participation of 170 healthcare workers. The program focused on raising awareness washing. Participants performed hand hygiene using a 'glow gel', and after 60 seconds, their hands were examined under a UV lamp illuminator to identify unclear areas, followed by a demonstration of proper hand washing techniques. The best performer in hand hygiene was recognized and awarded prizes and gifts. The event was successfully organized with the support of Raman & Weil Pvt. Ltd., emphasizing the critical role of infection prevention in healthcare settings.



Awareness about hand washing



Health care workers actively participating

Global Hand washing Day

Global Hand washing Day was observed on 16th October 2024 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Flemming Lecture Hall, with 151 Phase II MBBS students participating in the event. The students were asked to demonstrate proper hand hygiene using a 'glow gel', and after 60 seconds, their hands were examined under a UV lamp illuminator to highlight any areas missed during the wash. Those who performed well were recognized as "Infection Prevention Champions" and were awarded prizes and gifts. The event was organized by Raman & Weil Pvt. Ltd., aiming to raise awareness about the significance of proper hand hygiene in infection control.



Students performing hand hygiene with a 'glow gel' then their hands were kept in the UV lamp illuminator

Physician Assistant Day

The Faculty of Allied Health Sciences at MAHER organized Physician Assistant Day on 19th October, 2024, the event includes the enthusiastic participation from second-year, third-year students, and interns, Students actively participated in a variety of activities including poster presentations, model displays, and Power Point presentations. A total of 45 students actively took part in these activities, showcasing their knowledge and creativity.



Physician Assistant Day celebration at AHS

World Anaesthesia Day

The Department of Anaesthesiology at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute hosted a World Anaesthesia Day celebration on 23rd October 2024, bringing together healthcare professionals, students, and faculty to honour the contributions of anaesthesiology to patient care. The chief guest, Prof. Dr. C.G. Raghuram from Apollo Medical College, Chittoor, gave a lecture on "Basics of Respiratory Care in Ventilated Patients." Dr. Ardhanaari, Professor of Psychiatry, highlighted the importance of mental and physical health for healthcare professionals.

The program also included a session on managing Adult Medical Emergencies by Prof. Dr. U.G. Thirumaran, as well as a historical overview of anaesthesiology presented by Dr. Gokulakrishnan, Assistant Professor of Anaesthesiology. To engage participants, a quiz competition was held. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Surya Teja, Senior Resident in Anaesthesiology, marking a successful and informative celebration.



Lecture on "Basics of Respiratory Care in Ventilated Patients by Dr. Ardhanaari

Fire - crackers Safety Awareness Campaign

On 24th October, 2024, Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research Institute (MAHER-I) conducted a Firecracker Safety Awareness Campaign at Government High School, Parandhur Village, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Organized by the Department of Community Medicine in collaboration with the National Service Scheme (NSS) and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), the campaign aimed to educate students on safe firework handling and raise awareness about preventing firework-related injuries during festive periods.



Dr. Jagan Mohan educating school students about fire safety

The session, led by Dr. Rajasekar (Dean, MAHER-I), Dr. Shankar K. (Professor & HOD, Department of Community Medicine), and Dr. K.R. Pandiyan (Associate Professor & UBA Coordinator), began with a welcome address by Dr. Dinesh (Postgraduate, Department of Community Medicine).

Dr. Jagan Mohan, Director of Surgical Specialties at MMCHRI, delivered an informative lecture on firework safety, focusing on common injuries and preventive measures. This initiative underscored MAHER-I's commitment to fostering a culture of safety and responsible celebration among students during festive seasons.

India Turns Pink – Pinktober – Awareness Program for Breast Cancer

As part of the Pinktober campaign, MAHER and India Turns Pink organized a series of impactful breast cancer awareness initiatives in October 2024. On 17th October, the NSS of the Faculty of Humanities and Science (FHS) hosted the "Pink Saree Walk" at Chennai Airport, where FHS student volunteers wore vibrant pink sarees to show solidarity with breast cancer survivors and advocate for awareness of breast health. The event successfully highlighted the importance of prevention and early detection.



A ramp walk to raise awareness while wearing a pink saree.



Breast cancer day celebration at MAHER



Breast cancer day celebration at MAHER

On October 26th, first-year students from the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences participated in a Breast Cancer Awareness program at Namma Chennai Airport, where they formed a symbolic human chain to demonstrate their support for individuals affected by breast cancer and promote early detection and preventive healthcare.



Human chain formation by FAHS students at airport

International day of the Girl child

International day of the Girl child was organized by Women's Club, Faculty of Physiotherapy on 26th October & 185 participants from constituent colleges of MAHER CAMPUS attended the program, two guest speakers - Ms. Deepika. S, Advocate, High court of Madras & Ms. Swati. V, Assistant professor, VISTAS graced the occasion & provoked students with their valuable inputs, session acted as an eye opener focussing of awareness on Laws & amendments made to serve women society.



Honouring Chief Guest

Vigilance Awareness Week

In observance of Vigilance Awareness Week (28th October to 3rd November, 2024), the UGC Committee of MMCHRI organized a sensitization program on Preventive Vigilance Measures with the theme "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity." The event featured a lecture by Mr. P. Mahendran, Superintendent of Police, Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Chennai. Prof. Dr. K.V. Rajasekhar, Dean of MMCHRI, emphasized the importance of integrity, and all attendees took the Integrity Pledge. A total of 31 faculty members and 227 students actively participated in the program, demonstrating a collective commitment to promoting a culture of integrity and vigilance within the institution.



Vigilance Awareness Week at MMCHRI

The Vigilance Awareness Program, hosted by the Fine Arts and Cultural Committee at MAHER on 30th October, 2024, featured Chief Guest Thiru. S. Dharmalingam, Inspector of Police, Sriperumbudur, who spoke on the role of vigilance and integrity in nation-building. The event included the Oath of Integrity, led by Mrs. S. Annie Arockia Sheila, with all attendees pledging to uphold ethical standards.



Vigilance Awareness Week at MAHER

The Vigilance Awareness Programme at Meenakshi Faculty of Pharmacy on 8th November, 2024, featured an address by Mr. Gunavharman R., Deputy Superintendent of Police, Chennai, who emphasized the importance of vigilance and integrity. The event included activities like slogan writing, elocution, and quizzes, with winners receiving prizes and certificates. It concluded with the National Anthem, reflecting unity and national pride.



Vigilance Awareness Week at Faculty of Pharmacy

World Cancer Awareness week

In the first week of November, the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology at Meenakshi Ammal Dental College observed Cancer Awareness Week with a series of informative programs for patients and staff. The initiative included screenings of short films in English and Tamil on cancer prevention and early detection, along with special sessions educating non-teaching staff about the harmful effects of tobacco.



World Cancer Awareness week at MADC



OP Patients visualizing short film

Patients also participated in interactive sessions to address myths and concerns, with experts providing valuable insights. The week concluded with a rally, where students and faculty spread awareness in the local community about early detection, prevention, and the importance of a tobacco-free lifestyle.

Birsa Munda Birthday celebration

On 5th November 2024, Tamil Department from the Faculty of Humanities and Science at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research celebrated Birsa Munda Birthday with a series of engaging and thought-provoking talks highlighting Birsa munda's contributions to India's struggles for independence. The celebration aimed to honour the achievements of Birsa munda, tribal freedom fighter. The event was attended by Dr.P. Sagayaraj Dean FHS, Dr.V. Shanthi Principal FHS, Tamil Department including fifty students and faculty members.



Birsa Munda Birthday celebration

International Day of Pathology

The International Day of Pathology was celebrated by the Department of General Pathology of Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital on 6th November, 2024. This day is celebrated all over the world to create awareness and mark the importance of pathology and laboratory medicine services in managing and improving the health of the global community. The events held were Guest lecture on Basics of Research for Dental Undergraduates, Rangoli competition on "Pathology of Infections", debate on "Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare- Boon or Bane", poetry competition in Tamil and English "Path in verse". The students participated with great enthusiasm in all the events.



International Pathology Day celebration at MADC



International Pathology Day celebration at MADC

International Day of Radiology

The Department of Radio-Diagnosis at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute celebrated International Day of Radiology on 8th November, 2024. The event began with a prayer, followed by a candle lighting ceremony in honour of Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen, the discoverer of X-rays. Dr. S. Sundararajan, Professor & HOD of Radio-Diagnosis, MMCHRI, welcomed the attendees, while Dr. K. V. Rajasekhar, Dean of MMCHRI, delivered the keynote address, highlighting the critical role of radiology in diagnosing and treating various diseases.



Candle lighting ceremony in honour of Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen

The chief guest, Mr. Vijayaraghavan, Manager of Operations & RSO at Avanttec Medical System (P) Ltd., spoke on safety measures in radiology. Ms. Dharani, a B. Sc RIT III-Year student, presented the history of X-ray discovery, and Dr. Anoop, a PG I-Year student in Radio-Diagnosis, discussed the benefits and risks of radiation. Dr. Naveen Kumar, PG II-Year student, focused on radiation safety during pregnancy, while Dr. Hariprasadh, also a PG II-Year student, explained the biological impact of radiation. The event included a quiz led by Mr. Praveen Kumar S, Lecturer in Radio-Diagnosis, and a skit on "Radiation Safety" performed by students. Dr. Nivya Mary.A, Assistant Professor in Radio-Diagnosis, concluded the event with a vote of thanks, appreciating everyone for their contributions to its success.



International Day of Radiology at MMCHRI

World Diabetes Day

On 15th November, 2024, in observance of World Diabetes Day (November 14, 2024), a community health outreach program was conducted at Siruvakkam Village under the auspices of Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER), in collaboration with the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Scheme (UBA), National Service Scheme (NSS), and the Department of Community Medicine.

The event, which had the participation of 90 individuals, was held under the strategic guidance of Dr. K.V. Rajasekhar (Dean, MAHER) and Dr. Shankar K. (Professor & HOD, Department of Community Medicine, UBA Coordinator), with Dr. K.R. Pandiyan (Associate Professor), Dr. Gopinath (Associate Professor), Dr. Sakthivel (Assistant Professor), Dr. Hariharan (Assistant Professor), and Dr. Nivetha (Senior Resident) overseeing the activities. The initiative was meticulously organized by the faculty members and postgraduates of the Department of Community Medicine, reinforcing MAHER's commitment to preventive healthcare, early disease detection, and community health empowerment.



World Diabetes Day outreach program at Siruvakkam Village

World Students Day

The Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, MAHER, Students Council organized World Students Day on 19th November, 2024, with an engaging event honouring the students to be agents of change. Activities included a poster presentation, painting and model presentation highlighting key empowerment of students. Prof. Dr. V. Ramnath, Principal, Prof. Dr.K.S. Sridevi Sangeetha, Vice Principal (Academics) and faculty members were present, and emphasized about the strong education and youth empowerment.

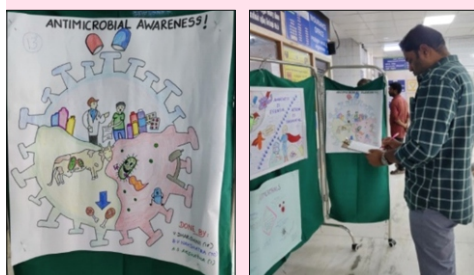
Students actively participated and showcased their understanding of taking responsibility of their education. The event was a collaborative success that celebrated education's critical role in student social progress.



World Students Day

Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week

The Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week at MMCHRI, organized by the Department of Microbiology and HICC, featured several engaging events from November 20th to 24th, 2024. On November 20th, a poster competition was held with 151 Phase II MBBS students participating. The 15 student-created posters, displayed in the hospital lobby, were evaluated for creativity, informativeness, and relevance to the theme. The top three posters were awarded prizes for their contributions to antimicrobial resistance awareness.



Chairperson handpicking the best poster

The following day, a Rangoli competition took place, with 40 AHS students showcasing their designs inspired by the theme. The eight Rangoli designs were judged on innovation, thematic relevance, and space utilization, with the top three entries receiving recognition.



Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week at AHS

On 23rd November, an outreach program was conducted in Hariharapakkam Village, where 80 residents participated in discussions on the appropriate use of antibiotics and antimicrobial resistance. The initiative successfully engaged the community in understanding the importance of antimicrobial stewardship, with medical officers addressing concerns and providing valuable information. The week-long observance aimed to raise awareness among students, staff, and the general public on combating antimicrobial resistance and its public health implications.



Outreach program at Hariharapakkam Village

World Anaesthesia Day

The Faculty of Allied Health Sciences at MAHER celebrated Anaesthesia Day on 24th October, 2024, with an engaging event honouring the history and evolution of anaesthesia. Activities included a poster presentation and a creative mime act, highlighting key milestones in anaesthesia development. Distinguished guests such as Principal Dr. V. Ramnath Sir, HOD of Anaesthesia Department Dr. Thirumaaran, Sir, the Vice Principal, and faculty members were present, emphasizing the significance of anaesthesia in healthcare. Students actively participated, showcasing their understanding of anaesthesia's scientific and clinical aspects. The event was a

collaborative success, celebrating the vital role of anaesthesia in patient care and medical progress.



World Anaesthesia Day at FAHS

D-Day (Seminar on "Vitamin D" - By the students for the students)

The Department of Biochemistry at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute (MMCH&RI) hosted an insightful seminar on "Vitamin D," designed by students for students on 28th October. The event began with a Welcome Address by Dr. Ursula Sampson and a keynote by Dr. K.V. Rajasekhar, Dean of MMCH&RI. Dr. Sumanth Kumar B presented on advancements in Vitamin D research, while first-year students showcased a musical performance, "Sun & Health," highlighting the benefits of sunlight. Second-year students led technical sessions on Vitamin D's chemistry, synthesis, and its roles in various health issues, including infertility, obesity, and cognitive functions. The seminar also featured a debate by first-year students on "Sunlight and Beauty" and short films created by second-year students on Vitamin D's significance and supplementation. The event concluded with a prize distribution and a Vote of Thanks by Dr. K. Ponnazhgan, demonstrating a dynamic mix of academic rigor and creativity.



D-Day Celebration

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas- National Unity Day

In line with the University Grants Commission (UGC) notification, Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute organized the "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" (National Unity Day) on 6th November 2024, in honour of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary. The event celebrated his invaluable contributions to India's unity and integration.

The celebration included a Unity Pledge Ceremony held at the 250 Lecture Hall, where faculty members, including Prof. Dr. K.V. Rajasekhar, Dean of MMCH&RI, Dr. Saravana Kumar, Associate Professor of Anatomy, along with second-year MBBS students, took the pledge. The pledge, available in both English and Hindi, emphasized national unity, communal harmony, and social cohesion. In addition, a Unity Run was organized to encourage physical fitness and foster a sense of unity among participants. Students actively took part in the run, demonstrating enthusiasm and a collective spirit, reinforcing the theme of national unity.



Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Celebration at MMCHRI

Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav

On 11th December 2024, the Department of Tamil, Faculty of Humanities and Sciences, MAHER, and the Meenakshi Faculty of Pharmacy MAHER successfully organized the Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav. The event began with a warm welcome from Dr. G. Amala Karthiga, Head of the Department of Tamil. Dr. P. Sagayaraj, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Sciences, delivered a felicitation address, emphasizing the significance of the celebration. The Chief Guest, Dr. G. Krishnan, Professor of Tamil, gave an insightful talk on multilingualism and its connection to Mahakavi Bharathiyar, highlighting his monumental contributions to language and literature. In addition to these speeches, a variety of activities were held, including a Signature in My Language event, film screenings, speech competitions, and drawing contests, where students actively participated and displayed their creativity.



Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav celebration at MAHER

At the Meenakshi Faculty of Pharmacy, the event also featured a Ramp Walk symbolizing social integrity. Principal Prof. Dr. D. Chamudeeswari addressed the students, emphasizing the importance of social integrity in the context of Bharathiyar's work. A debate on "The Most Admirable Language by All" further engaged the students, with prizes and certificates awarded to the winners. The event concluded with a rendition of the National Anthem, leaving participants inspired and united in the spirit of national language and culture.



Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav celebration at MAHER

Samvidhan Divas -Constitution Day Celebration

The Constitution Day Celebration 26th November 2024 at Meenakshi Faculty of Pharmacy was marked by enthusiasm and reverence. The event began with an invocation, seeking divine blessings, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the Kuthuvilakku, symbolizing knowledge and wisdom, led by esteemed dignitaries. Prof. Dr. Chamundeeswari, Principal of the institution, delivered an inspiring Welcome Address, setting the tone for the program. The Chief Guest was honoured by the Principal and Senior PRO, followed by a formal introduction by Mr. S. Sreenath, Senior Administrative Officer and PRO, who highlighted the Chief Guest's achievements.

Mrs. N.C. Kalaivani, Center Head cum Deputy Director, State Career Guidance Center, Guindy, Chennai-32, delivered a compelling speech on "Fundamental Duties," emphasizing the essence of a sovereign, socialist, and secular republic. She also led the Pledge, reinforcing the responsibilities of citizens. Her address deeply resonated with the audience, touching upon the psychomotor evaluation of students. A lively Q&A session ensued, with students eagerly engaging in discussions. The winners and runners-up of the quiz competition were awarded certificates. The event concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks by Mr. S. Annie Arockia Sheila, Associate Professor, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, and organizers. The program served as a meaningful tribute to the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution.



Constitution day celebration

Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, MAHER celebrated Samvidhan Divas for 1st year AHS students on 23rd November, 2024 at MADC campus, Maduravoyal and for II & III year AHS students on 26th November, 2024 at MMCHRI, Kancheepuram campus to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Mr.S.V. Rakesh Ayyappan B.Sc., LL.B. (Hons) Advocate at Madras High Court and Expert in Criminal Matters who delivered an insightful address on the importance of the Constitution in shaping the democratic and legal framework of the country.

As part of the celebrations, a solemn Pledge Ceremony was organized, around 230 students of both the campus and faculty members took a collective oath to honour and uphold the principles laid down in the Constitution. The pledge was led by Prof Dr.V. Ramnath Principal, Prof.Dr.K.S. Sridevi Sangeetha VP academics and Dr.B. Durga VP admin of FAHS encouraged students to not only understand the significance of the

Constitution but also to embody its values in their daily lives. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Swetha.M Assistant professor, Department of Microbiology.



Samvidhan Divas celebration at FAHS

AIDS Day Awareness Program:

On December 2nd, the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences hosted a poignant AIDS Awareness Rally, attended by esteemed guests including Dr. Pachamuthu Balakrishnan, Dr. Mothi S. N., and local law enforcement, alongside 100 students. The event featured speeches and poetry recitations by students, highlighting the importance of peer advocacy in fighting AIDS.



World AIDS Day Awareness Program Rally

The World HIV Day 2024 was commemorated on 2nd December 2024 by the Department of Microbiology in collaboration with the ART Centre. The event featured a guest lecture by Dr. Mothi from Mysore, President of AIDS, who provided valuable insights on this year's theme, "Take the Right Path: My Health, My Right." The session was attended by healthcare workers, who actively participated and benefited from the expert discussion on HIV awareness, rights, and healthcare strategies.



Honouring the guest speaker

On December 7th, MAHER held a significant HIV/AIDS Awareness Program at its KK Nagar Campus. Over 200 students participated in forming the iconic Red Ribbon logo, symbolizing unity and awareness.



Students creating the iconic red ribbon logo

The event was inaugurated by Dr. C. Krithika, Pro Vice Chancellor, and featured the release of informative pamphlets by Dr. M. Janakiram, Deputy Director of the Tamil Nadu AIDS Control Society, and Dr. R. Suresh Kumar, a prominent media figure. The program focused on the global challenge of AIDS, prevention strategies, and the critical need for societal awareness. Both events demonstrated MAHER's commitment to combating HIV/AIDS stigma and promoting public health education.



Honouring the chief guest



World AIDS Day Awareness Program

Awareness programme on ICC and workplace sexual harassment

On 3rd December, 2024, Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute's Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) organized an Awareness Programme on ICC and Workplace Sexual Harassment at the New CME Hall. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. K. V. Rajasekhar, Dean of MMCH & RI, followed by a Welcome Address from Dr. Athibha, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry.

Dr. Indhu C., Presiding Officer of the ICC, delivered a Keynote Address focusing on the Sexual Harassment E-Box Portal and its importance, while Dr. Kala, Professor in the Department of OBG, provided a detailed overview of Workplace Sexual Harassment and the role of the ICC in addressing such concerns. The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks from Dr. Herosha, Senior Resident, Department of OBG. The event saw an excellent participation of 251 students, highlighting the institution's dedication to creating a safer and more informed work environment.



Dr. Indhu delivering guest lecture

Human Rights Day

The Department of Psychology, Faculty of Humanities and Science, successfully organized a seminar on Human Rights Day, focusing on the theme "Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now." The event, held on 10th December 2024, aimed to emphasize the significance of human rights in building a fair and equitable future. The program began with an inaugural address by the principal, who underscored the importance of creating awareness about human rights in academic spaces. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. B. Damodaran, Head of the Department of Psychology, who highlighted the pivotal role of psychology in understanding and advocating for human rights. Dr. G. Krishnan, a distinguished Professor from the Department of Tamil, FHS, graced the event as the Chief Guest and delivered an inspiring talk on the collective responsibilities toward safeguarding rights. The seminar saw active participation from 55 students, who engaged in meaningful discussions and reflected on the day's theme. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving attendees with a deeper understanding of their rights and the urgency of action for a sustainable future.



Guest lecture by Dr. G. Krishnan

National Mathematics Day

The Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Humanities and Science (FHS), MAHER, organized the National Mathematics Day Celebration and a guest lecture on December 21st, 2024, at 11:00 AM in Viva Hall, MAHER, to commemorate the birth anniversary of the legendary mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. The felicitation address was delivered by Dr. V. Shanthi, Principal, and a special address was presented by Dr. P. Sagayaraj, Dean, FHS.

The highlight of the celebration was an engaging guest lecture by Dr. K. Sankar, Professor, Department of Mathematics, Anna University, Chennai. He delivered a talk on the theme "The Impact of Graph Labelling on Real-World Applications," providing valuable insights into the practical significance of graph theory in diverse fields. Following the lecture, Dr. K. Sankar distributed certificates to the winners of the competitions held as part of the celebration, including Elocution and Poster Making. The program concluded with the National Anthem, marking the successful completion of the event.



National Mathematics Day at FHS

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY REACH ACTIVITIES

Swachhata Hi Seva

As part of the UGC's "Swachhata Hi Seva 2024" phase I initiative, Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) organized a series of impactful campus activities, including a cleaning drive, a painting competition, and audio jingle sessions to raise awareness about cleanliness and sustainability. Scheduled from 17th September to 2nd October, 2024, these events inspired enthusiastic participation from students across the Faculty of Humanities and Science (FHS), Faculty of Physiotherapy (FPT), Faculty of Occupational Therapy (FOT), and Faculty of Yoga and Science (FYST).

Under the leadership of our Nodal Officers - Mrs. S. Malarvizhi, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce MAHER, Dr. R. Shanthi, Head, Department of Mathematics, FHS, Dr. K. Subbulakshmi, Assistant Professor, FYST, Ms. Hasti Divecha Assistant Professor, FOT, and Ms. R. Suvathi, Assistant Professor, FPT - students showcased their commitment to sustainable practices. Their remarkable efforts were recognized with well-deserved prizes, highlighting MAHER's dedication to a cleaner, greener campus and a sustainable future.



Swachhata Hi Seva campaign at MAHER

Students participated in painting competitions and audio jingles to promote cleanliness and hygiene. Key events included a painting competition on 28th September, student presentations on 30th September, and audio jingles on 1st October. The campaign was supported by Principal Prof. Dr. V. Ramnath, Vice Principal (Academics) Dr. K. S. Sridevi Sangeetha, and Vice Principal (Admin) Dr. B. Durga, promoting a strong commitment to cleanliness and environmental responsibility.



Swachhata Hi Seva campaign at FAHS

As part of UGC's Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 initiative Special Campaign 4.0, Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) organized a series of activities dedicated to promoting cleanliness and sustainable practices. Key highlights included the Swachhata Pledge, awareness programs for Class IV staff, a creative "Art from Waste" competition, and engaging skits held from 2nd October to 31st October, 2024 in phase II manner.

Guided by our nodal officers - Mrs. S. Malarvizhi Assistant professor, Dept. Of Commerce FHS (UGC Nodal officer MAHER& Program Coordinator for UGC Activities MAHER campus), Dr. R. Shanthi (Head, Dept. of Mathematics, FHS), Dr. K. Subbulakshmi (Assistant Professor, FYST), Ms. Hasti Divecha (Assistant Professor, FOT), and Ms. R. Suvathi (Assistant Professor, FPT) - students from across faculties participated enthusiastically. Their dedication and creativity were celebrated with prizes and valuable insights into sustainable cleaning and waste management practices. Through these initiatives, students explored themes such as eco-friendly living, environmental conservation, and visualizing a cleaner, greener India.



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Old Age Home Screening Camp

On 1st October 1, 2024, in observance of the International Day for Older Persons, Meenakshi Medical College & Hospital, in collaboration with the Department of Community Medicine, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), and the National Service Scheme (NSS), organized a comprehensive health screening camp at Kumaran Old Age Home, Enathur, Kanchipuram. The initiative was carried out

under the esteemed patronage of Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER).

Led by Dr. K.V. Rajasekhar, Dean, and coordinated by Dr. Shankar K., Professor & HOD of Community Medicine, and Dr. K.R. Pandiyan, UBA Coordinator, the camp focused on screening geriatric residents for non-communicable diseases (NCDs), particularly hypertension and diabetes mellitus. The dedicated team, consisting of faculty members, postgraduates, and CRMIs, identified individuals with elevated blood glucose levels and high blood pressure, who were referred for further diagnostic evaluation and treatment at Meenakshi Medical College & Hospital. This initiative highlighted the institution's commitment to proactive geriatric healthcare, early detection, and timely intervention.



Old Age Home Screening Camp at Enathur, Kanchipuram

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