ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

AWARDS

Dr. Sukanto Sarkar, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, presented a Poster and a paper titled “Risk Factors for Delirium in Alcohol Dependence Syndrome” and was awarded 1st Place for both the sessions at the Intra Collegiate Competition organized by SBV, Pondicherry held from 02-01-2017 to 06-01-2017.

Dr. Manobalan.K (Asst.Prof.), Department of DVL, received “Dr.B.V.Satyanarayana Best Thesis Award” for Best PG Dissertation of the year 2016 in Dermacon14.01.17 in Kolkata.

Dr. SunitaSamal was awarded best e poster and Dr. Jagedeeswari Mishra Prize for best e poster at 60th All India Conference of Obstetrics Gynecology organized by Federation of Obstetrics & Gynecology Society of India at Ahemadabad on 26.01.17 to 29.01.17.

Dr. AnandrajVaithy, Assistant Professor of Pathology received “Young faculty award” from EET-CRS team at Academic Brilliance Award Ceremony, Noida in January 2017.

Dr.R Pajanivel, Professor, Department of Pulmonary Medicine received second prize in poster presentation in “IMPACT 2017” on “Prevalence and severity of anxiety and depression in relation to spirometric severity in patients with COPD” held in Abu Dhabi between 17.3.2017 and 19.3.2017.

Dr. P. Vaithiyanathan, Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine won the third Best Poster Presentation at the Fourth International Management Development Programme- “Challenges in Management of Lifestyle Diseases” held at SRM University, Chennai from 31.03.17 to 01.04.17.

Dr. IndubalaMaurya, Assistant Professor, Dept. of anesthesiology, winner for the photo titled “Anatomical comparison of supraclavicular&costoclavicular approach to brachial plexus” in the 5th

Dr. Parthasarathy, Associate Professor, Dept. of anesthesiology cleared “Indian diploma of regional Anaesthesia”, conducted by the Indian College of anesthesiologists and the Interventional Perioperative Sonography Association (IPSA).

Dr. Annie Sheeba, Assistant Professor, Dr. ArchanaAreti Senior Resident Dept. of Anesthesiology Assistant Professor cleared FUGRA (Fellowship in ultrasound guided regional anaesthesia) conducted by MGMC,SBV university.

**Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care**

**7TH Annual Pondicherry State Conference Of Anesthesiology (PONCON-2016)**

The 7th Annual Indian Society of Anaesthesiologist State conference, “PONCON 2016” was successfully conducted in Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and research institute, by the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care, on January 7th and 8th 2017, under the guidance of our beloved Professor M Ravi Shankar, Dean MGMCRI. The activities were headed by Professor T Sivashanmugam, the Organizing Chairman and Professor V R Hemanth Kumar the Organizing Secretary. The theme of the conference was to elaborate on the “Changing Trends in Anesthesia”. A total of 250 delegates, from all over India attended.

The CME on the 7th was inaugurated by Professor K. R. Sethuraman, Vice Chancellor, Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth University, who was our Chief Guest. Other prestigious invited dignitaries included ISA National Secretary Dr. Venkatagiri and Dr. V Gopu, ISA state Vice President.

A Quick Reference Guide to Brachial Plexus Block, created by the Faculty and Fellows of FUGRA was released during the inauguration by Dr. Venkatagiri, followed by the scientific lectures which were delivered by a Panel of experts from various states, in the field of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care. The Delegates had a chance to do poster presentations and participate in Quiz, conducted on the 7th January 2017. The CME ended with a PG Quiz conducted by Dr. Bhavani V, IGMCRI. All sessions were well received and the participants gave a good feedback. The CME was awarded 2 credit points by Tamil Nadu Medical Council.
A grand Banquet followed at Hotel Athithi, with colorful entertainment by the very talented Interns, Post Graduates and Faculty from the Department of Anaesthesia, MGMCRI.

On the 2nd day of the conference, a total of 4 Hands-On, live workshops were conducted, in which 250 delegates had the opportunity to interact and participate. The theme of the workshops followed with the theme of the conference enabling the delegates to view the subject of Anaesthesiology from the very basic cadaveric dissection, to actually managing a true life crisis situation, or compiling data for research projects and monitoring the neurological status of anaesthetized patients.

Department of Anesthesiology MGMCRI conducted Workshop-A on “Simulation in crisis Management” as a part of PONCON-2016 on 8th January 2017 at Medical Simulation Center, College Block. The team Co-ordinators were Prof. Hemanth Kumar V.R., Dr. Rani P., Dr. Kusha Nag, Dr. Dewan Roshan Singh, and Dr. Anusha.

Department of Anesthesiology in collaboration with Preventive & Social Medicine, MGMCRI conducted Workshop-B on “From Data to Decisions: Statistical Principles for Clinical Decisions” as a part of PONCON-2016 on 8th January 2017 at Medical Education Unit, College Block. The team Co-ordinators were Prof. Ravishankar M., Dr. Parthasarathy S., Dr. Jaya V., Dr. Siyam Sundar E., and Dr. Vivek B.
Department of Anesthesiology and Department of Anatomy MGMCRI, conducted Workshop-C on “Understanding Sonoanatomy of human brachial plexus – cadaveric dissection to volunteer scan” as a part of PONCON-2016 on 8th January 2017 at Anatomy dissection hall, College Block. The team Co-ordinators were Prof. Sivashanmugam T., Dr. Antony John Charles S., Dr. SriPriya, Dr. Charulatha, Dr. Archana Areti, and Dr. Annie Sheeba.

Department of Anesthesiology MGMC in collaboration with Department of Anesthesiology IGMC, JIPMER, NIMHANS conducted Workshop D on “Neuro-monitoring” as a part of PONCON-2016 on 8th January 2017 at 3rd Floor Demonstration Room no. 3, College Block. The teams Co-coordinators were Dr. Indubala Maurya and Dr. Gayatri Mishra. Invited faculty were Dr.Prassna Bidkar JIPMER, Dr. Sriganesh NIMHANS, Dr. DK. Tripathy IGMCI, and Dr.Pooniah Global Health city Chennai.
The workshops were a major success due to the cooperative efforts and guidance of faculties from the Department of Anatomy and Preventive & Social Medicine, MGMCRi and Faculties from the Department of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care, JIPMER, and our various invited faculties from ISA Puducherry. All in all “PONCON 2016” was captivating collaborative exercise under a focused guidance for successful execution of the first of its kind workshops and Informative Evidence based Scientific lectures.

**Opioids Availability Workshop**

Department of Anaesthesiology conducted a facilitatory meeting on “Opioid availability – Present Scenario in association with Pallium India, WHO Collaborating Center for training and policy on Access to pain relief at MGMCRi at D2 Lecture Hall, MGMCRi, Hospital Block on 23.03.2017. This session was chaired by Prof. Ravishankar M. Dean (Faculty of Medicine, MGMCRi. The guest speaker was Dr. Nandini Vallath, Project Director, WHO Collaborating Center for Training and Policy on Access to Pain Relief Pallium India, Kerala. Organizing President was Prof. Sivashanmugam T. Introduction speaker was Dr. Rani P. Assoc. Prof., Department of Anaesthesiology. The program coordinator was Dr. Dewan Roshan Singh.

The participants were Mr. B. R. Babu, Health Secretary Govt. of Pondicherry, Mr. R. Coumarane, Tahsildar, Dept of Revenue, Dy Commissioner Dept of Excise, Dr. S Sevvel, CGP, DHFWS, Pondicherry, Mr. Karthikeyan, Drug Licensing authority, Mr. Dhanasekaran, Drug Inspector, Palliative Care Physicians from JIPMER, AVMC, SVMC, PIMS: Dr Adinarayan JIPMER, Pharmacy Representatives from various institutions, Mr. Rusan Pharmaceutical Company.

Agenda of meeting was the international scene and perspective, the problem in Indian context, the Opioid availability situation in the State, the NDPS Amendment (Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act), introduction of Standard Operating Procedures, discussion of action plan for implementation. Conclusion of the meeting was the Health Secretary promised to seek approval from the Lt. Governor within to 2 weeks to ensure that ENDS (Essential Narcotic Drugs) will not need excise dept clearance and will be under the Dept of Health (Drugs), i.e. Licensing authority will only be responsible.

**Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology**

**CME on Adolescent Gynecology**

A CME on ‘Adolescent Gynecology’ was organized by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute, Piliyarkuppam, Pondicherry on 18.02.2017 in the premises of Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth. The program was started with the welcome address by Prof. Seetesh Ghose, Head of Dept.of OG, MGMCRi. Giving keynote address and inaugurating Prof. M. Ravishankar, Dean MGMCRi, a highlighted the various common gynecological problems faced by adolescent girls along with its magnitude and the role of gynecologists to prevent and promote adolescent health. He also emphasized to go to the community and to hold awareness session of this among the adolescent girl. Inaugural function was also attended by Prof. Nirmal Coumare, Medical Superintendent who inform the gathering that SBV is encouraging the departments to hold CME and conferences of national level. The messages from Prof. N Ananthkrishnan, Dean, Research & Allied Health Science, SBV, Prof. K.R. Sethuraman, Vice-Chancellor, SBV and Mr. M.K. Rajagopalan,
Chairman, Sri Balaji Educational and Charitable Trust were also read out. On this occasion a book on ‘Adolescent Gynecology’ also was released.

In the scientific session the speakers were Prof. P.Pallavee and Prof. Sunita Samal from Dept. Of OG, MGMCR, Prof. S. Bhupathy and Dr. P. Sabita from Dept. of OG, IGMC& RI, Prof. K. S. Reddy, Radiation Oncologist, MGMCR, Prof. S. Sampatkumari, Chairperson, FOGSI adolescent health committee & Professor OG, Chengalpattu Medical College, Dr. T. Ramani Devi, Consultant, Janani Fertility Center, Dr. Haritha S, Additional Professor, O&G, JIPMER and Dr. Sunayana Choudhury, Dept. of Psychiatry, MGMCR. They spoke on the various topics of adolescent health like Precocious Puberty, STD, Ovarian tumours, Abnormal uterine bleeding, Endometriosis, Primary Amenorrhea, Teen age pregnancy, Contraception and Psychosocial issues. This was followed by panel discussion on PCOS in adolescent girl moderated by Prof. S. Habeebullah, Dept. of O&G, MGMCR.

This CME was attended by around 120 delegates from medical and nursing colleges of Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu. It was accredited with 10 credit points by Dr. MGR Medical University.

Activities of Hospital Palliative Care Team (HPTC)

LETs Paint (January 12th to 20th)

Palliative care is to enhance quality of life for patients and their families and caregivers. To enrich the ward, HPCT has conducted a creativity program under the stewardship of Dr. R. Kannan. Medical students and faculties jointly painted a wall in the palliative care ward under the guidance of professional artist Ms. Nishat Rehman.
Dr. Anup John Thomas (Asst. Prof, Paediatrics) and Ms. AnuSavioThelly of HPCT has successfully completed EPEC-Paediatrics (Education in Palliative and End of Life Care for Pediatrics), held in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on 8th -9th February, 2017. They also attended International Conference of Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPCON2017) held on 10th -12th February, 2017 in Codyssia Trade Fair, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

With a goal of having a professional association for doctors working in palliative care, Dr. R Kannan has organized a meet at MGMCR1 on 9th March, 2017 to form Pondicherry chapter. Doctors from MGMCR1, AVMC, JIPMER, SLIMS and Pondicherry Cancer Trust attended the same.
Dr. K S Reddy chairman of HPCT has chaired the State workshop on OPIOID Availability conducted by Dept of Anaesthesiology, MGMCRi on 23rd March. Dr. Balasubramaniyan (SurgOnco), Dr. Dewan Roshan Singh (Anaesthesiology) and Ms. AnuSavioThelly from HPCT also attended the workshop.

Ms. AnuSavioThelly was a resource speaker for the sensitization program organized at Sri Venkateswara Medical College, Pondicherry on March 24th, 2017.

Visit by eminent faculty to Department of Pathology

Dr Sunita Vagha, Professor of Pathology & Director, School for Health Professionals Education & Research, Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences, (DU), Sawangi (Meghe), Wardha, Maharashtra State visited Department of Pathology on 24th March 2017. She interacted with the faculties and appreciated the facilities available in the department of pathology.

Department of Pharmacology, Clinical Pharmacology Unit
GCP Workshop on Clinical Trials & Bioethics

The Program GCP Workshop on Clinical Trials & Bioethics was conducted successfully on 23rd March 2017. The organizing Chairman was Dr. C. Adithan (Professor of Pharmacology) and organizing Secretary was Dr. R. Mirunalini (Asst. Prof. of Pharmacology). It was attended by Thirty faculties including four ethics committee members. The other participants were from General Medicine(3), General Surgery(3), OB&GY (1), Orthopedics(2), Dermatology (2), Paediatrics (2), Anesthesiology (2), ENT(2), Pulmonary Medicine (3), Psychiatry (2) and Pharmacology (3). Prior to the Inaugural Function Pre Test was conducted for the participants.

Dr. C. Adithan, Director-CIDRF and Professor of Pharmacology welcomed the dignitaries, course faculty and the participants. In the Inaugural function, Prof. K.R. Sethuraman delivered in inaugural address. As given. Prof. N. Ananthakrishnan Dean (Research and AHS) was also present.

Dr. Sandhiya from JIPMER gave a talk on introduction on GCP which included the guidelines and the basis of workshop. She also discussed Schedule Y and about the informed consent document. Dr. C. Adithan from MGMCRi discussed about Ethics Committee responsibilities and also highlighted on the recent regulatory changes in India. Dr. Maduram from SSSMCRI gave a detailed description on protocol design and also continued in the afternoon session on essential documents, documentation and archival. Dr. R. Mirunalini from MGMCRi discussed on investigators roles and responsibilities in clinical Trials. Mrs. Nagalakshmi from Consortium finally completed the session on sponsor responsibilities. Finally an open house discussion for the participants on various aspects of clinical Trials was done with the speakers during which their queries were clarified. Post test questionnaire was given to the participants at the end.

Valedictory address was given Dr. N. Ananthakrishnan (The Dean R&AHS) and vote of thanks by Dr. R. Mirunalini (Organizing Secretary).

Department of General Surgery

MIST 2017

The Department of General Surgery, MGMCRi organised a PG CME Mahatma Gandhi Intense Surgical Training (MIST) on 3rd & 4th March 2017 at the D3 Third floor Lecture hall, Hospital block from 9.00 AM to 4.00PM on 3rd and 9.00 AM to 1.00PM on 4th for postgraduates in Pondicherry and Tamilnadu.
We had 50 registrants out of which 20 were from other medical colleges. On 3rd we started with an Inauguration with a welcome address delivered by our Organizing Chairman & Head of the Department, Prof. M. Ramanathan.

The program was felicitated by our Dean (Administration) Prof. M. Ravishankar. The Chief Guest Address was delivered by our Vice Chancellor Prof. K. R. Sethuraman followed by Vote of Thanks which was delivered by our Organizing Secretary Dr. R. Durai.

On 3rd the Post Graduates were divided into 3 groups and rotated in three halls hourly to discuss on Breast, Vascular Diseases and Abdominal mass from 10.00Am to 1.00Pm. In each group one postgraduate presented the case to the chairpersons.

The Breast session was chaired by Prof. C. S. Subbramanian & Prof. Ramesh from RMMC, Prof. Authy from PIMS, Prof. Ananthakrishnan & Prof. Robinson Smile from MGMCR.

The Vascular session was chaired by Dr. Simon Dasiah & Dr. Ashley from IGMC, Dr. Elamaran, Prof. Palaniappan & Dr. K. V. Rajan from MGMCR.

The Abdomen session was chaired by Dr. Sudeep Kumar Swain from Apollo Hospitals, Prof. Ramanathan & Prof. Palaniappan from MGMCR.

In the Post-Lunch Session at 2pm we had a Panel Discussion on “Upper GI-Bleed” which was moderated by Prof. C. P. Ganesh Babu and the panellists were Dr. Chandralathan, Maruti Hospital Cuddalore, Dr. Sudeep Kumar Swain from Apollo Hospitals, Dr. Sajeev Manikanda Prabhu, Medical Gastroenterologist & Dr. K. V. Rajan from MGMCR and the discussion was very informative.

In the Next session at 3pm Prof. Ananthakrishnan gave many informative ideas for the exam going postgraduates on “How to answer the Examiner?”

Following this session Prof. Tirou Aroul took us all to Virtually to the wards with interesting situations we face in ward regularly and discussed how to manage them and following this session we concluded the day with a Tea.

On 4th we had three sessions for discussion thyroid, Head & Neck Secondaries and Skin tumours from 9 am to 12.30 Pm. We had a few postgraduates from ENT and OFMS as well.

The first session on Thyroid was chaired by Prof. Ananthakrishnan, Prof. P. Karthikeyan from MGMCR, and Prof. Naresh from SVMCH, Pondicherry.

In the Second Session on Oral Malignancy, a case of carcinoma buccal mucosa was discussed and chaired by Prof. A. Bala Subramanian, Prof. Robinson Smile and Prof. Tirou Aroul from MGMCR and then we broke up for tea.

In the third session on Skin tumours, a case of Squamous cell carcinoma of the gluteal region was discussed and it was chaired by Prof. Ramanathan, Prof. Balasubramanian and Dr. Alok Mohanthy from MGMCR and the programme was concluded with a Lunch.

Department of General Medicine
CME on “Non Alcoholic fatty liver disease”
CME on “Non Alcoholic fatty liver disease” a lecture was given by Dr. Sajeeth Manikanda Prabhu, Medical Gastroenterologist, MGMCRi on 11/03/2017 at MGMCRi organized by the department of General Medicine

CME on ‘Approach to Urinary tract infection’
CME on “Approach to Urinary tract infection” a lecture was given by Dr. Hemachander, Nephrologist, MGMCRi on 25/03/2017 at MGMCRi organized by the department of General Medicine

Department of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery

“LIVE ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY WORKSHOP”

The Department of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery organized a CME on “Live Endoscopic Sinus Surgery Workshop” on February 17th 2017. The guest operating faculty was Dr. P. Thulasi Das, Director, Sinus and Nose Hospital, Chennai, who is a leading authority on Endoscopic Sinus Surgery. The programme was organized under the leadership of Organizing President, Prof. Dr. P. Karthikeyan and Organizing Secretary, Prof. Dr. V. Nirmal Coumare. The workshop was attended by 110 delegates consisting of eminent ENT surgeons from Pondicherry and Cuddalore and residents of various medical colleges. It was an excellent learning experience for all the delegates.

HACON 2017

Hospital Administrators annual conclave 2017 was scheduled on 21st January 2017, on the topic “CURRENT CHALLENGES IN PRIVATE TEACHING HOSPITALS”. The Organizing committee took due care to see that the topics were well defined in relation to the day-to-day administration of a private teaching hospital. Speakers were meticulously chosen to suit the different group of the audience.
During the first quarterly of 2017, the Scientific and Academic Forum & Medical Education Unit, MGMCR, conducted SBV Research week for the UGs, PGs and faculty poster and paper presentation that was intra and inter collegiate, two internal meetings, three external meetings, the intra and inter collegiate Quiz competition called MEDMASTERS 2017 and the Internal Oration 2017.

RESEARCH WEEK 2016

Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth celebrated Research Week 2016 which was held from 02.01.2017 to 06.01.2017 under the wings of the Prof. Ananthakrishnan, Dean, Research and AHS and the office of the Registry. It was coordinated by the Scientific and Academic Forum of SBV University to create a scientific temper among the students and faculty of Medical, Dental and Nursing fraternity. SAF, MGMCR team took the lead in the conduction of the event.

SAF INTERNAL MEET

SAF Monthly meet on 3rd February, 2017 started with the Mediquiz, followed by the Capsule talk on the topic “Less Attended Complication of a Common Drug in Practice” by Dr. B. Sajeeth Manikanda Prabu, M.B.B.S., DNB (Gen Med), DM (Med Gastro), Assistant Professor and In-charge, Department of Medical Gastroenterology. This was followed by three case report presentation by Dr. Vimal Raj R, Asst. Prof., Department of Pulmonary Medicine on the topic, ‘A reversible cause of lung collapse’, Minimally invasive therapeutic strategy for Budd Chiari Syndrome by Dr. Navya Sindhu. V, Postgraduate, Dept of Radiology and SSSS Vs TEN, a diagnostic challenge by Dr. G. Sriteja, Postgraduate, Department of DVL. The session ended with lucky dip and answers to the quiz.

SAF Monthly meet on 9th March, 2017 started with the Mediquiz, followed by the paper presentation on ‘Recurrent massive hemoptysis in a PTB defaulter-management of unusual cause of bleed’ by Dr. Hariipiya, T, Post Graduate, Department of Radiology and ‘Sulfonylureas & Sulfa Allergy: Fact or Fiction?’ by Dr. Sujay, Post Graduate, General Medicine.

MEDMASTERS 2017
SAF & Students Council of MGCRI conducted the Annual Intra & Intercollegiate Quiz Competition (MEDMASTERS 2017) on the 22nd and on 28th March 2017. Dr.Sukanto Sarkar was the Quiz master and Dr.A.Suguna and Dr.A.Surekha helped in the able conduction of the event. The details of the same were as follows: It was open to UGs with either one Intern/ PGs or a team with all UGs. On 22nd March – Intra college Quiz competition was held. Preliminary round was opened to teams of three each and was held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Ground floor lecture hall in the College block. Minimum of 5 teams and maximum of 10 teams depending upon the number of entries were selected from MGCRI to participate in Intercollegiate Competition. On 28th March – Intercollegiate Quiz competition was held. A Prelims was held where any number of entries were accepted to participate from each college in Pondicherry (Written round) between 10.30 am to 11.30 am at Third floor, lecture hall 6 in the College block. The Final Round consisting of maximum of 5 teams was selected from the Prelims for the Finals and they contested for the SAF MedMasters Rolling Trophy with the JIPMER team 1 winning the First prize = Trophy + Rs.15, 000 Cash + Certificate, JIPMER team 2 winning the second prize = Trophy + Rs.9,000. Cash + Certificate & mgmcri students winning the Third prize = Trophy + Rs.6,000. Cash + Certificate. Questions were a mix of Medical and General Knowledge in 7-8 exciting rounds. Prizes were distributed during the grand finale of SPECTRA 2017.

SAF EXTERNAL MEET

Guest lecture on “Childhood mood and developmental disorders: Diagnosis and treatment”

Department of Psychiatry along with Scientific Academic Forum, Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute organized a Guest Lecture titled “Childhood mood and developmental disorders: Diagnosis and treatment” by Dr. Jagan Chilakamarri, MD, DFAPA (Consultant Child Psychiatrist, Atlanta Psychiatric Institute, Georgia, USA) on 17.02.2017.
Guest lecture on ""Glaucoma-Silent Thief of Sight"

On 9.03.17, in view of Glaucoma Awareness Week, the Scientific and Academic Forum collaborated with the department of Ophthalmology, MGMCR, held a guest lecture talk on “Glaucoma-Silent Thief of Sight” which was delivered by Dr.R.Venkatesh, Chief Medical Officer, Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry.

Guest lecture on” Pain management in Palliative Care

SAF, in collaboration with the Department of Surgery and Department of Anaesthesiology, MGMCR, conducted a Guest lecture. 23.03.2107 on the topic, "Pain Management in Palliative Care" delivered by Speaker, Dr. NANDINI VALLATH, Consultant and Project Director, WHO, Collaborating Centre for Training and Policy on Access to Pain Relief, Pallium India, Kerala, India.
SAF SMT. K. RUKMANI AMMAL ORATION 2017

Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute, SBV University, Puducherry conducted Smt. K. Rukmani Ammal Annual Internal Oration in the afternoon of Friday 17th March, 2017 under the banner of Scientific and Academic Forum (SAF). The oration was awarded to Prof. K. Sathyanarayana Reddy, Radiation Oncologist, MGMCR

Dr. R. Kannan (Vice President, SAF) welcomed the gathering. Prof. M. Ravishankar (Dean, Faculty of Medicine) presided over the function. Dr. Prasanth Rajagopalan, Trustee, SBECPT, felicitated the gathering. Prof. Partha Nandi (President, SAF) gave an introduction to Smt. K Rukmani Ammal
Internal oration & explained the contribution of Smt.Rukmani Ammal & her family towards education. He later presented the oration medal to Prof. K.Sathyanarayana Reddy and read the citation. The topic of oration was “Growing Burden of Cancer - Health Systems in India”. Dr.A.Balasubramanian, Surgical Oncologist, MGMCR, introduced a speaker to the audience.

Dr.K.Sathyanarayana Reddy was the Dean, JIPMER for 10 years and there after the Director of Regional Cancer Center at JIPMER till May 2014. He established the Department of Radiotherapy at JIPMER in 1986, upgraded and developed it into a Regional Cancer Center in 2002, the first in a Union Territory. He also established PG training courses like MD in Radiotherapy & Nuclear Medicine, DM and M.Ch in Medical and Surgical Oncology. He has to his credit International Atomic Energy Agency Fellowship in Oncology & Nuclear Medicine USSR (1983), WHO Fellowship in Brachytherapy & 3D-Conformal Radiotherapy (1993) at Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital, New York and University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in USA.

Dr.K.Sathyanarayana Reddy spoke on the issues that need to be addressed on multiple fronts and pointed out that: At the root, the solutions to India’s cancer burden is the need for political commitment and action. Measures such as a fully committed effort to reduce, and, in the long term, eliminate, use of tobacco products through the vigorous implementation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Investments in cost-effective vaccination aimed at infection-related cancers, such as cervical cancer (human papillomavirus) and liver cancer (hepatitis B) will help in prevention. Early detection of oral, breast and cervical cancers will have to be made possible through oncology wings in medical colleges and District Cancer Centre’s through augmentation of infrastructure and capacity enhancement. Increasing awareness of cancer as a treatable disease amongst patients and primary care physicians.