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Special points of interest:

- Fresher Medical Under Grads joined the campus on 1 August 2016
- Orientation Course for Fresher Under Grads conducted
- 2nd Undergrad Research Methods Training 2016
- Short Term Student Research Program 2016 commences
- CDC Atlanta Faculty visit TVMC
- TVMCH Launches the DOTS 99 Solution
- Stand Alone Super Specialty Hospital Block Commences
- Model Rural Health Research Unit inaugurated
- Leaders visit the Campus

Fresher's join the Campus



The 51st Batch of Undergrad Medical Students joined the campus on 1 August 2016. The new dawn for these young children was jubilant and exuberant with seniors in the campus decked in their best to welcome them in. The campus lined up with their Dean for the occasion. The Dean exhorted the fresher to dedicate the campus time to focused academics, intuitive research and character development. The Medical Superintendent, Vice Principal and Senior faculty joined the meeting to welcome the fresher.

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Deans Message

Welcome Dear Fresher. I can assure you as an alumnus of this institute and presently its Dean that you are in one of the best academic environs in this state and country for your under grad medical training. Everyone here, in this campus exemplify deep care and affection for the profession and teaching. I watched your first day at campus with exuberance and enthusiasm that any TVMC-ian sincerely embraces. I always deem it great achievement being

the Dean here, as I see all 2000 odd students in the campus as one large family! I wish all the fresher's a fruitful academic journey. At this juncture I like to add a word of advice. Medical studies is a life-long process and needs a focused mind and healthy physique, which means that concentrated perseverant studies should go hand in hand with physical activity like exercise and games in good measure. All the best my dear children.



Orientation & ATCOM Training for Freshers

TVMC as a part of its Curriculum Support Program organized the annual Fresher Orientation & ATCOM Training between 2nd and 8th August 2016. This is a innovative course aimed at inculcating in the medical graduate the right attitudes, communication skills and perspective of leadership and management skills. The program was inaugurated by our Dean Dr. Sithy Athiya Munavarah MD in the presence of Medical Superintendent, Vice Principal, Coordinator Research &



Research Methodology Training for UG's

TVMC has a unique annual short term student research program for Under Grad students with the best participant receiving an "Outstanding Young Researcher Award". 63 students registered as participants and underwent a Research Methodology Training on 25th June 2016. The Dean Dr.Sithy Athiya Munavarah MD, inaugurated the program in the presence of Dr.S.M.Kannan (Vice Principal), Dr.K.Shantaraman (Coordinator Research) and

other senior faculty. The Dean encouraged the students to question existing concepts and search for the unknown. Dean emphasized that there is more hidden knowledge beyond the known. Vice Principal congratulated the students and encouraged them to question not only in research but also in regular studies. The program was organized by Multi Disciplinary Research Unit, TVMC.



Short Term Student Research for Under Grads

TVMC announced the Short Term Student Research Program for 2016. The research submissions by the under grads will be evaluated and the best submission will win the "The Outstanding Young Researcher Award 2016". The next five of the best will win a "Special Mention Prize for Research". The students who participate and complete this program successfully will receive a participation certificate.

The award will be presented annually during the Foundation Day of the Institute. The last Date for Receipt of Final Submissions is 15th September 2016. The Dean stated that this was a great game changing program in the campus as students had greater academic focus as they engaged in research with learning the art of making journal and book references, collecting clinical and laboratory data and undertaking observational laboratory work. The Dean congratulated Dr. K. Shantaraman, Coordina-

tor Research and the team of faculty members who have been consistently organizing the program. The student researcher is all over the campus busy with their work.

AMR Task Force from CDC Atlanta visit TVMC

Laboratory specialists from CDC Atlanta visited TVMC on 26th July to explore avenues for joint cooperation in Acute Microbial Resistance Assessment and Capacity Building. They visited the Department of Microbiology and made an assessment of the facilities, clinical case load, documentation and quality control

regimens. The team was lead by Dr Rachel Smith, Medical Epidemiologist CDC, Dr Jay Graham, Dr Kamal Singh, Joint Director (Epidemics), Nodal Officer AMR Project and other members of the state public health system. The Dean welcomed the team and Dr C.Revathy Prof of Microbiology was host to the visiting faculty.



99 DOTS Solution Launched in TVMCH

Dr. Sithy Athiya Munavarah MD, Dean, launched the 99 DOTS SOLUTION on 3.8.2016 in the presence of the Dr. Elangovan Chellappa MS, Medical Superintendent, TVMCH; Dr. A.S. Mohan Professor & Head, Dept of General Medicine and Dr Elangovan, RMO, TVMCH. 99 DOTS is simple, and aims to be low-cost and accessible by all patients. Patient medication is packaged in custom secondary envelopes which add dosage instruction, and a series of hidden numbers

behind the pills. Each time a patient takes a dose of medication, a hidden number is revealed which is unpredictable to the patient. The revealed number completes a phone number, where the first part of the number is printed on the front side of the envelope. The patient then makes a free call to the completed phone number. We maintain a large array of phone numbers which are packaged in an unpredictable way to the patients, and the only way

for a patient to call the correct number is to dispense the pills. Therefore, we have high confidence they have taken their medication for the day. With this real-time information, we can package reminders, incentives, and additional counseling for those patients with low adherence. The new drug package is available for patients at the ART Centre TVMCH.



Leaders in the Campus

Dr R Vimala MD Respected Director of Medical Education, Govt of Tamilnadu visited the campus on 19th June 2016.

Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Secretary, Department of Health Research, Govt of India & DG, ICMR, New Delhi visited the Multi Disciplinary Research Unit in the campus along with Shri Manoj Pant IAS, Joint Secretary, DHR on 20th June 2016

Dr. Karunakaran Collector Tirunelveli District visited the campus and planted trees during the fresher inaugural and inspected the PMSSY Work Site



“When you are patted on your back, you feel like running a longer distance”

Model Rural Health Research Unit at Kallor Inaugurated

Model Rural Health Research Unit at Kallor linked to TVMC is one of 5 such units across India and the first to be inaugurated. **Dr. Soumya Swaminathan**, Secretary, Department of Health Research, Govt of India & DG, ICMR, New Delhi inaugurated the unit on 20/06/2015 at Kallur, Tirunelveli. Shri Manoj Pant, I.A.S. Joint Secretary, DHR, outlined the scheme in brief. Dr. K. Kolan-

daswamy, Director of Public Health, congratulated the team at NIE & TVMC for their efforts. Dr. R. Vimala, Director of Medical Education, lauded our efforts and said it was a model for the entire country. Dr. Sithy Athiya Munavarah our Dean, outlined the work done by our faculty and our commitment to the project.



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The Campus is Greening - Green Valley Society

This is a success story which TVMC is proud of. The Green Valley Society of TVMC completed planting 2000th tree this year. The campus now also has its share of green lawns. The Dean Dr Sithy Athiya Munavara has been in the fore front of this effort with Dr A.S.Mohan, Professor of General Medicine as the staff advisor of the Green valley society. We congratulate our under grad students for their environmental concerns and effort at campus greening.



Stand Alone Super Specialty Hospital under PMSSY

The campus thanks our Honourable Chief Minister and Govt of Tamilnadu for the kind consideration of sanctioning Tirunelveli Medical College a Stand Alone Super Specialty Hospital with all state of art facilities which will be a boon to the southern districts of Tamilnadu.

