

## **Doctor's Day at SCMCH&RI**

On July 1, 2024, Sri Chamundeshwari Medical College Hospital & Research Institute hosted a vibrant and memorable National Doctors' Day celebration at the ACS Auditorium. The event was a lively tribute to the dedication and hard work of the institution's medical professionals.

The festivities kicked off at 10 am, with Pre, Para, and Clinical faculty, medical students, FMG Interns, and nursing staff gathering in the auditorium. Minimal staff remained in the departments to ensure the hospital's operations continued smoothly. The event was honored by the presence of the chief guest, Dr. Suresh Shastri, Director of Medical Management at Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Government of Karnataka.

Despite a brief delay in Dr. Shastri's arrival, the atmosphere remained upbeat, thanks to a captivating solo performance by Dr. Surendran, HOD of Dermatology. Dr. Shastri was warmly welcomed by Medical Superintendent, Dr. Roshan Kumar and Principal, Dr. Pravin G. U. The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp and a touching video tribute that highlighted the sacrifices and dedication of doctors, setting a reflective tone for the day.

Dr. Aparna's welcome speech underscored the significance of Doctors' Day, followed by Dr. Dhanashri, an FMG Intern, who elaborated on the day's importance. Medical Superintendent Dr. Roshan Kumar introduced Dr. Suresh Shastri, noting his multifaceted interests, including cricket, which added a personal touch to his introduction.

Dr. Shastri's address was both enlightening and informative. He provided valuable insights into the Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka Scheme, highlighting its goal of improving healthcare access by offering financial protection to families, thus ensuring that essential medical services are available without financial strain. Dr. Shastri also emphasized the critical role of emergency medical services, detailing the protocols and infrastructure for managing road traffic accidents, life-threatening conditions, and obstetric emergencies. His comprehensive insights were highly valued by the audience.

Principal Dr. Pravin praised Dr. Shastri's talk and composed a heartfelt poem in his honour. He also emphasized the importance of emotional quotient in patient care, offering valuable guidance to students and junior doctors.

The ceremony included a posthumous tribute to Late Dr. Kempachari, Ex-HOD of Anaesthesiology, recognizing his exceptional service. Dr. Rashmi, a senior resident, provided an inspiring introduction, and Dr. Jayashree, his daughter, received the tribute on his behalf.

Dr. Gopinath, HOD of Orthopaedics, was honored for his numerous achievements. Dr. Mahesh Kulkarni's introduction highlighted Dr. Gopinath's remarkable journey, serving as an inspiration to the attendees.

The celebration continued with an array of cultural performances, starting with a dynamic dance by Dr. Manjula and her team from Biochemistry, followed by performances from the OBG, Paediatrics, and Microbiology departments, which were met with enthusiastic applause.

The Cultural and Sports Committees, led by Dr. Manjula and Dr. Harsha Gowde, organized a week of events and competitions leading up to Doctors' Day. Prizes were awarded by the Medical Superintendent and Principal, adding a festive touch to the occasion.

As the event drew to a close, attendees were treated to musical performances by several doctors. Dr. Surendran, HOD of Dermatology, Dr. Lochan Gowda, Assistant Professor in Radiology, Dr. Sushma, Senior Resident in OBG, and Dr. Supriya, Senior Resident in Community Medicine, delivered delightful song performances that were met with enthusiastic applause. The celebration concluded with an exceptional fashion show by doctors from various departments, which captivated the audience and added a festive touch to the day. FMG Interns Dr. Jewel and Dr. Harikrishna delivered a vote of appreciation, and everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch in the MEU Hall, provided by the management.

Overall, the National Doctors' Day celebration at Sri Chamundeshwari Medical College Hospital & Research Institute was a grand success, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and joy among the medical community.