

**Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar
Medical College & Hospitals, Salem.**

FINISHING SCHOOL PROGRAMME FOR THE BATCH 2016 – 2022 - Report

Finishing school programme was conducted by Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Medical College and Hospitals under the guidance of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University) for 2 days from 09.06.2022 to 10.06.2022 at Annapoorna Lecture hall - 1. The programme was conducted for the CRRRI batch completing in June 2022. A total of 83 students attended and were benefited by the two days programme.

Day – 1:

The programme started on 09.06.2022, at 9.15 am, where the Placement officer of VMKVMCH, Salem, Dr. Gowri Sankar.R., Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, gave a brief introduction and orientation about the programme to all the students. Followed by his session, the organizing committee posted google form link for the pre-test questions and the students were given half an hour time for answering the questions.

Once all the responses were received, the inauguration ceremony was initiated at 10.15 am with Thamizh Thaa Vaazhthu followed by the lighting of Kuthuvilakku by the dignitaries. Following this, the Dean, Prof. Dr. K. Ezhil Vendhan, delivered the Dean's address and spoke about the new initiatives taken by the university and institution to guide and prepare the young doctors to face the world after their college days. The Deputy Director of Academics, VMRF-DU, Prof. Dr. A. Rajan Samuel briefed the students about the importance of conducting such a programme. He also mentioned that such initiatives taken by the university and college are much needed for guiding the young doctors to face the competitive world. Following his speech, the dignitaries were felicitated by the organizing committee and the inauguration ceremony came to an end with Alumni coordinator of VMKVMCH Prof.Dr.K.Anbu Lenin, HOD, Dept. of IHBT delivering the vote of thanks and the inauguration got over with the National Anthem.

The first session was handled by Prof. Dr. S. Sangeetha, HOD, Department of Community Medicine on "Scope in public Health". She spoke about the importance of public health and the role of a medical graduate as well as the various scopes available for the young doctors in the same field.

The next session was taken by Dr. Salha Sabeeha on "Study abroad prospects and work abroad – ways and means". She enlightened the students on all the requirements and exams like USMLE and PLAB that need to be completed to study and work abroad especially in USA and UK.

After a brief lunch break, the Director of Hospital Development Committee, Prof. Dr. E. M. J. Karthikeyan handled the post lunch session on "Medical Council Registration and Membership with IMA, Private healthcare setup – ways and challenges". He emphasized on the importance of registration of one's medical degree with National Medical Commission and State Medical Council to practice in India. He also spoke about the common challenges faced by young doctors in establishing a private clinic nowadays as well as working in a corporate setup and he also elaborated on the ways to overcome the same.

Day – 2:

The first session on 10.06.2022 began at 9.00 am by the Head of CRL of VMKVMCH Dr. B. Senthil Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomy on “Research as a career”. He emphasized on the importance given to research these days especially while beginning a medical career. Followed by his session, the Deputy Dean, Prof. Dr. Deepti Shastri, enlightened the students on ‘Professional Ethics’ where she spoke about the four cardinal pillars of ethics, such as, autonomy, beneficence, non – maleficence and justice with appropriate examples. The next session was taken by Deputy Director, District Employment and career guidance centre, Salem Dr. S. Mani, on “Public service as a career”. He walked through the students on various avenues available in the government sectors for the young doctors.

Following the tea break, Prof. Dr. R. Shanmugasundaram, Department of General Medicine, handled the topic on “Loan assistance for education and practice”. He spoke about personal loans, collaterals and educational loans along with the repayment details that are available for medical graduates while starting their career as a doctor. The pre lunch session was taken by Dr. M. Roopmala, Associate Professor, Department of pathology, on “Resume designing and interview skills” where she helped the students on customizing their resume and presentation during interviews.

Working lunch was provided by the administrators for all the students and the organizing committee and resource persons. Post lunch session was handled by the Alumni coordinator Prof. Dr. K. Anbu Lenin, HOD, Department of Immuno-Hematology and Blood Transfusion, on “Your role as an Alumni”. During his session, the emphasize was mainly on the importance and the role of alma mater in an alumni’s career growth even after finishing school. The next session was handled by the Placement officer, Dr. Gowri Sankar. R., Associate Professor, Department of pathology, on “Higher Studies options in India”. He gave details on all the post graduate courses available and the seats and colleges that handle these courses and spoke about the ways to crack the INICET and NEET-PG exams.

The last session of the programme was handled by the Dean, Prof. Dr. K. Ezhil Vendhan on “How to choose your career and how to become a good academician and clinician”. He explained the students about the importance of being a good clinician and narrated the same by sharing his own experiences as well as with many other examples. He also demonstrated with appropriate short videos.

Following the informative sessions, the organizing committee conducted the online post-test and collected the online feedback from the participants. An interactive session with the students as well as on offline feedback was collected by The Vice chancellor of VMRF-DU, Prof. Dr. P. K.Sudhir, The Pro-Vice chancellor of VMRF-DU, Prof. Dr. P.S. Manoharan, and The Deputy Director of Academics of VMRF-DU, Prof. Dr. A. Rajan Samuel from the students, in the absence of all the in-house faculty. Following the feedback session, the valedictory function was organized, and the resource persons of the two day’s programme were felicitated by the Vice-chancellor and Pro-Vice chancellor of VMRF-DU. The new CRMI batch felicitated the Vice-chancellor, Pro-Vice chancellor and Deputy Director of Academics of VMRF-DU. A photo session of the outgoing intern batch students with the dignitaries took place. The finishing school programme was concluded successfully.

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