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December 2025 Highlights @ AIMS Creating a Culture of Innovation at AIMS

During December 2025, Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences demonstrated a strong commitment to innovation, academic excellence, and community service through a series of impactful initiatives.

A major humanitarian reconstructive surgery camp provided free care to underprivileged patients through international collaboration.

Public health outreach was strengthened with a World AIDS Day awareness programme and active participation in the National Pulse Polio Programme, reinforcing preventive healthcare efforts. Academic enrichment featured prominently through a research conclave, multiple CMEs on paediatric liver transplantation and paediatric anaesthesia, and an intra-college microbiology quiz that fostered critical thinking among students. The institute also celebrated inclusivity and togetherness with a Christmas cultural programme and strengthened alumni engagement through a well-attended alumni meet.

Collectively, these activities highlighted AIMS' dedication to education, research, social responsibility, and community engagement throughout the month of December.

Established in 1986 under the visionary leadership of Paramapoojya Padmabhushana Dr. Sri Sri Sri Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji at Javarana Halli, Bellur (now BG Nagara), the Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS) was founded with the noble vision of providing quality medical education, especially to students from rural backgrounds. Guided by the Hon'ble Chancellor, Paramapoojya Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji, AIMS continues its legacy of excellence by offering comprehensive medical education that integrates advanced technology with a compassionate learning environment. With dedicated faculty, modern facilities, and a focus on critical thinking and lifelong learning, AIMS prepares its graduates to excel in the dynamic field of medicine. Additionally, the Adichunchanagiri Hospital and Research Centre, a 1,200-bed multi-specialty teaching hospital, provides students with invaluable hands-on clinical experience while delivering quality healthcare to the community.





Paramapoojya Jagadguru Padmabhushana Puraskrutha
Sri Sri Sri Dr. Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji
71st Pontiff, Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math

" Trust is like life. Once bygone will never come back."



His Holiness Jagadguru
Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji
72nd Pontiff, Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math,
Honorable Chancellor, Adichunchanagiri University

"To be a Great Medical Practitioner, be a Good Listener"



AIMS Hosts SANKALP – 2025 International Camp for Reconstructive Surgery

Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences, Hospital & Research Centre inaugurated SANKALP – 2025, an International Free Plastic Surgery Camp for patients with cleft lip, cleft palate and post-burn contractures, on 1st December 2025 at the BGS Auditorium. The camp was conducted from 1st to 10th December 2025 in collaboration with Rotaplast International, USA, and Rotary Bangalore North, with the objective of providing free, high-quality reconstructive surgical care to underprivileged sections of society..



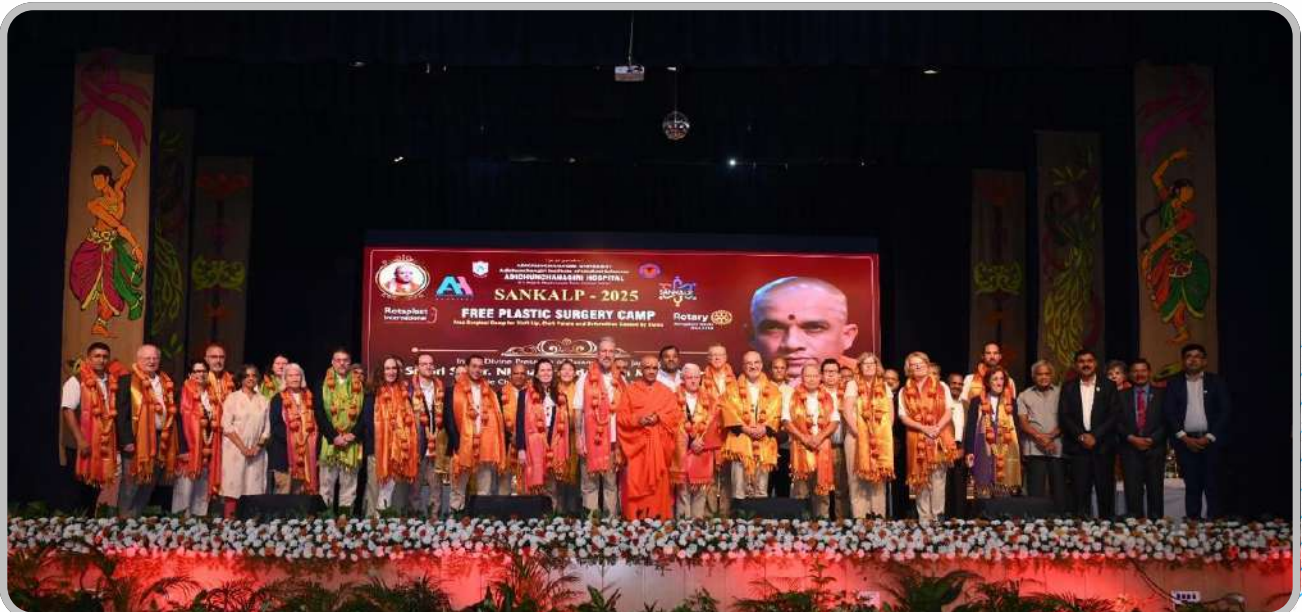
The inaugural programme highlighted the functional, social and psychological benefits of plastic and reconstructive surgery and emphasized the institution's continued commitment to humanitarian healthcare services. Dr. K. M. Shivakumar, Chief of Hospital, AH & RC, welcomed the gathering and expressed sincere gratitude to Rotaplast International, USA, for their sustained support and professional expertise, following which a team of 30 international medical professionals from Rotaplast International was felicitated.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. S. N. Shridhara, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Adichunchanagiri University, underlined the importance of global collaboration in strengthening healthcare delivery and academic excellence. The Chief Guest, Sri Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of Transport, Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of Andhra Pradesh, appreciated the noble initiative and remarked that such programmes play a vital role in transforming the lives of economically disadvantaged patients by restoring both function and dignity.



Several eminent dignitaries, including Dr. B. C. Bhagavan, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), and Smt. K. R. Nandini, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Mandya, addressed the gathering and highlighted the significance of international academic and clinical collaboration in improving rural public health outcomes. Their addresses reinforced the value of partnerships that bridge global expertise with local healthcare needs.

The programme concluded with the Ashirvachanam by Paramapoojya Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji, Hon'ble Chancellor, Adichunchanagiri University, who inspired the gathering by emphasizing that compassionate service to humanity is the highest form of worship and a true expression of social responsibility.



The inaugural function was attended by approximately 1200 participants, including international medical experts, faculty members, students, patients and members of the public. The event successfully laid a strong foundation for the smooth conduct of the SANKALP – 2025 Free Plastic Surgery Camp, while further enhancing the institution's academic reputation, global collaboration and commitment to social service.

WORLD AIDS DAY

World AIDS Day is observed on 1st December every year to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and to support people living with HIV. In this regard, the Department of Community Medicine, AIMS, in association with NSS Units 1 and 2 and the Taluk Health Office, Nagamangala, organized an AIDS Awareness Jatha at Nagamangala on 1st December 2025, in accordance with the theme “Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response.” The programme aimed to create public awareness about HIV/AIDS, highlight preventive measures, and reduce stigma and discrimination.

The event was inaugurated by Shri Shivaraju H. S., Civil Judge, Nagamangala, and addresses were delivered by Dr. Narayana, Taluk Health Officer, and Shri Shivakumar H. M., Police Inspector, Nagamangala, emphasizing early testing, prevention, and community support. Interns, NSS volunteers, and medical students from AIMS actively participated in the Jatha, which commenced at 10:00 AM and covered major areas of Nagamangala with awareness slogans and placards.

The programme effectively conveyed key messages on HIV prevention and stigma reduction and concluded successfully with active community participation.



RESEARCH CONCLAVE – “The Long Game: Building an Evolving and Impactful Research Portfolio”



The Centre for Research and Innovations, in association with IQAC-AIMS, organized a one-day Research Conclave titled “The Long Game: Strategies for Designing a Research Portfolio That Evolves and Leads” on 2 December 2025 at the BGS Global Broadcasting Centre, AIMS. The programme was attended by Heads of Departments, faculty members, research scholars, and postgraduate students, with around 120 participants. The guest speaker, Dr. Mahesh P. A., Professor, Department of Respiratory Medicine, JSS Medical College, JSSAHER, Mysore, delivered an insightful session on developing a sustainable research portfolio, emphasizing collaboration, focused research themes, time management, clear objectives, and funding strategies.

The conclave featured interactive discussions and Q&A sessions, and participants appreciated the practical guidance and clarity gained on effective research planning, making the programme informative and impactful.

CME on Paediatric Liver Transplantation: Knowledge Update and Clinical Insights

The Department of Paediatrics, in association with Aster CMI Hospital, Bengaluru, organized an Institutional CME on Paediatric Liver Transplantation on 3rd December 2025 at the BGS Global Broadcasting Centre, AIMS. The three-hour programme was attended by 180 participants, including postgraduate and undergraduate students, interns, and faculty members. The CME aimed to update knowledge on paediatric liver transplantation and to emphasize the importance of early referral of children with end-stage liver disease, acute liver failure, and select metabolic disorders.



The programme began with an invocation and a welcome address by Dr. K. B. Mahendrappa, Professor and Head, Department of Paediatrics, who highlighted the significance and evolution of paediatric liver transplantation, noting its transformation into a specialized field with excellent outcomes. Dr. Ashritha, the guest speaker, delivered an informative and engaging session on recent advances, techniques, and outcomes in paediatric liver transplantation, followed by an interactive discussion.

Paediatric Anaesthesia CME

The Department of Anesthesiology, AIMS, in collaboration with the ISA Mandya City Branch and with KMC accreditation, successfully organized a State-level Paediatric Anaesthesia CME on 18th December 2025 at AIMS GBC. The 9-hour academic programme saw enthusiastic participation from 130 delegates, including faculty members, postgraduate students, and practicing clinicians. The scientific sessions commenced with Dr. Swathi V (AIMS) on "Tiny Body, Big Differences," highlighting key paediatric considerations, followed by Dr. Ekta Rai (CMC Vellore) who spoke on "The Art of Fluid Therapy in Paediatrics."



The inaugural session featured a welcome address by Dr. Chethanananda T N, release of the handbook "AIMS AURA - Paediatric Pearls," and a ceremonial watering of plants. The programme was graced by Paramapoojya Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji along with senior university and hospital administrators. Post-tea break sessions included expert lectures on neonatal emergencies (Dr. S. Ramesh), paediatric ventilation (Dr. Bhargavi Sanket), and paediatric analgesia (Dr. Shruthi A H). The afternoon session featured Dr. Madhavi Ravindra on anaesthesia for day care surgeries, followed by an engaging panel discussion, "The Experts' Playbook," moderated by Dr. Shravya M S, making the CME academically enriching and interactive.



"Louis Pasteur Day"

"MICRO QUEST 25" Quiz Competition

The Department of Microbiology successfully organized an Intra-College Quiz Competition titled "MICRO QUEST 25 – Battle the Bugs, Claim the Crown" in celebration of Louis Pasteur Day on 29th December 2025. The one-day academic event was conducted at Lecture Hall-1 and witnessed enthusiastic participation from MBBS students.

The quiz competition was designed with the objective of boosting students' knowledge, critical thinking, teamwork, and communication skills, while fostering interest in microbiology through an engaging and competitive platform.

A total of five teams, comprising 15 MBBS students, actively participated in the competition. The event was attended by 300 MBBS students, reflecting strong interest and active engagement from the student community.



The quiz featured multiple rounds that tested participants' conceptual understanding, analytical ability, and application of microbiological principles. The competitive yet academic environment encouraged collaborative learning and healthy competition among students.

The successful organization of "MICRO QUEST 25" reaffirmed the Department of Microbiology's commitment to innovative teaching-learning methods and student-centered academic initiatives.

"Christmas Celebration 2025: An Institution-Level Cultural Event at AIMS"



The AIMS Cultural Committee and Student Council organized an Institute-Level Christmas Eve Celebration on 24th December 2025 from 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM at the AIMS Reception Hall.

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of nearly 450 students, faculty members, staff, and guests, creating a warm and festive atmosphere on campus.

The celebration was graced by the esteemed presence of Dr. S. N. Sridhara, Vice Chancellor, ACU; Dr. C. K. Subbarya, Registrar, ACU; and Dr. M. G. Shivaramu, Dean and Principal, AIMS, along with Deans and Principals of constituent colleges of ACU.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. S. N. Sridhara emphasized the principles of coexistence and equality, describing Christmas as a symbol of harmony and peaceful living beyond religious boundaries.

Dr. C. K. Subbarya extended heartfelt Christmas and New Year wishes on behalf of ACU and motivated students to achieve greater success in the coming year.

Dr. M. G. Shivaramu conveyed his festive greetings and proudly highlighted the long-standing tradition of cultural celebrations at AIMS, reflecting the institution's diversity and inclusive spirit.

Faculty members and students actively participated in the celebration, contributing to the joyful environment and strengthening campus camaraderie.

The programme aimed at building community and cultural awareness, promoting core human values such as empathy and cooperation, and encouraging holistic student development.



1992 Batch – Alumni Meet – 2025

Adichunchanagiri University – Faculty of Medical & Allied Health Sciences, in association with AIMS, successfully hosted the 1992 Batch Alumni Meet – 2025 on 14 December 2025 at the BGS Global Broadcasting Centre, AIMS. The event welcomed 150 alumni and former faculty members, providing a platform to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate shared memories while fostering a renewed sense of community and institutional pride.



The programme began with a formal inauguration, followed by a welcome address by Dr. M. G. Shivaramu, Principal, AIMS, who highlighted the achievements of the 1992 batch and expressed gratitude for their continued connection with the institution. The Chief Guest, Dr. B. R. Ravikanthe Gowda, IGP, Davanagere East Zone, emphasized the value of alumni engagement in mentoring and supporting current students, and acknowledged the contribution of alumni in enhancing the institution's reputation. The event was further graced by dignitaries including Sri Sri Satkeerthinatha Swamiji, Nagamangala Math; Dr. Ravi K. S., Vice Principal, AIMS; Mr. B. K. Umesh, Registrar, AIMS; and Mr. Dharmendra Y. H., PRO Manager, AIMS, whose presence added significance and warmth to the gathering.

The alumni meet featured interactive sessions where alumni shared professional journeys, life experiences, and contributions to various fields, inspiring students and fellow alumni alike. Highlights included guided campus tours, allowing alumni to witness the latest developments in infrastructure and academic facilities, group photographs capturing cherished memories, and cultural and social activities that added vibrancy and enjoyment to the event. The programme concluded with Ashirvachanam in the divine presence of Paramapoojya Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha MahaSwamiji, who blessed the gathering and emphasized the importance of lifelong commitment to learning, service, and community.

The meet successfully strengthened alumni–institution relations, encouraged alumni contributions to academic, mentoring, and developmental initiatives, and inspired professional networking among participants. The event not only celebrated the shared legacy of the 1992 batch but also laid the foundation for future collaborations, leaving attendees with cherished memories and a renewed sense of belonging and pride in their alma mater.



National Pulse Polio Programme – 2025

The Department of Community Medicine, Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS), in collaboration with AIMS NSS Units 1 & 2 and CHC Bellur, successfully conducted the National Pulse Polio Programme – 2025 on 15 December 2025 at Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Bellur. The programme was inaugurated by Poojya Mahaswamiji Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji in the presence of Sri H. D. Kumaraswamy, Hon'ble Union Minister for Heavy Industries, Government of India, along with faculty members, health staff, NSS volunteers, interns, and students. The campaign began with the administration of oral polio drops to children, emphasizing India's commitment to protect every child from poliomyelitis. Under the guidance of Dr. Raghavendra S. K., Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Community Medicine, the programme focused on eradicating polio, immunizing all children below five years, strengthening routine vaccination, and raising community awareness about the importance of repeated doses. The active participation of faculty, volunteers, and students ensured effective outreach and smooth execution of the campaign. The initiative was well received by parents and the local community, who appreciated the health education and vaccination drive. Overall, the programme successfully reinforced community commitment to maintaining India's polio-free status, promoted public health awareness, and demonstrated the impactful collaboration between AIMS, NSS units, and CHC Bellur.



Faculty & Student Awards/ Achievements

APCON 2025 – 73rd IAPM Annual Conference

Dr. Vijay Shankar S., AIMS, served as Workshop Faculty, Session Chair, Quiz Master, and IJPM Representative at the **73rd APCON 2025**, held from 3–7 December 2025 at **Government Medical College, Jammu**, which witnessed the participation of 700 delegates from across the country.



Post-Graduate Quiz in Respiratory Diseases 2025

Dr. Bommeri Nandakishore, 2nd Year Postgraduate, Department of Respiratory Medicine, won Second Prize in the Postgraduate Quiz in Respiratory Diseases 2025 at Rajarajeshwari Medical College & Hospital, Bengaluru, and will represent Karnataka at NAPCON 2025, Patna, bringing pride to Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences



SALI-ENT CIMS 2025 – Cadaveric Salivary Gland Workshop

Dr. Adlin Shiji A S, Dr. Lakka Snigdha, Dr. Dauphin D Kuriakose, Dr. Nikhat, and Dr. Saarah Taj, ENT postgraduates of AIMS, participated in the SALI-ENT CIMS 2025 workshop on 19th December 2025 at CIMS, Yadapura, gaining surgical skills and anatomical knowledge. The workshop received positive feedback.

