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NSS CELL YENEPOYA (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY) COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CELL

Report on Workshop: “Purpose in Action – Bridging Community Work with Academic Research”

The NSS Cell of Yenepoya (Deemed to be University), in collaboration with the Collaboration and Community Cell of the Research and Development Cell, successfully organized a two-day workshop titled “Purpose in Action: Bridging Community Work with Academic Research” on 16th and 17th April 2026.

The workshop was designed to integrate community service initiatives with academic research, equipping students and participants with practical tools and methodologies to translate field experiences into meaningful research outcomes.

Inaugural Session

The inauguration was held on 16th April 2026 from 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM at Lecture Hall 7, Yenepoya Medical College.

The session featured:

Presidential Address by Dr. K. S. Gangadhara Somayaji, Vice Chancellor Guest of

Honour: Dr. Rekha PD, Director, Research and Development

Welcome address delivered by Dr. Ashwini Shetty, Programme Coordinator, NSS and chairman of the collaboration and community.

The dignitaries emphasized the importance of connecting grassroots community work with structured academic research to create sustainable societal impact.

Day 1: Technical Sessions (16th April 2026)

The first day included a series of expert-led sessions focusing on research skills and community engagement:

Dr. Madhavi Bharghav discussed effective communication of field experiences beyond traditional research publications.

Dr. Poonam Naik introduced participants to research design tailored for community-based projects.

Dr. Abhay Nirgude provided insights into tools and techniques for data collection. Dr. Vina Vaswani highlighted ethical considerations in community-based research. Prof. Dr. Ismail B explained statistical approaches relevant to community research.

Ms. Sowmya Kar spoke on innovation, funding opportunities, incubation, and scaling social solutions.

The day concluded with a proposal writing session guided by mentors, allowing participants to apply their learning practically.

Day 2: Mentoring and Presentations (17th April 2026)

The second day was conducted at the IV Floor Lobby near MEU Hall, Yenepoya Medical College from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Activities included:

Group discussions: NSS program officer and the students were divided into 10 group with each mentor and all had finalised their title for the project. And students presented at the end of the session which was received by the comitee members and given few suggestions.

Mentoring sessions: one day there was mentoring program for all the group Presentation of research proposals

Participants were divided into groups, each guided by experienced mentors including:

Dr. Niyaz Panakaje, Dr. Shakira Irfan, Dr. S. M. Riha Parvin, Dr. Madhura K, Dr. Imran Pasha M, Dr. Malavika Sachith, Prof. Dr. B. K. Sarojini, Dr. D. A. Asir John Samuel, Dr. Srinath Baliga, Dr. Pavithra H

These sessions provided personalized guidance, helping participants refine their research ideas and align them with community needs. Total 27 NSS Programme Officers and 85 students participated in the workshop.

Conclusion

The workshop was highly informative and impactful, successfully bridging the gap between community service and academic research. It enhanced participants'

understanding of research methodologies, ethical practices, and practical application of fieldwork.

Overall, the event fostered a spirit of socially responsible research and encouraged students to transform community engagement into structured academic contributions.

Followup sessions will be continued with the mentors to see the progress of the project proposal.











