

Guest Lecture cum Gold Medal Practical Viva Voce examination

The criteria to appear for the medal exam was kept as scoring of pass marks in all the 8 Internal assessment exams conducted throughout the year (2021-22). Preliminary MCQ test (7.2.22) was conducted for 50 willing I MBBS students. Dr.S.Anu framed the MCQ's. Based on the scores, the 1st 10 students were selected. In the second round, theory examination was conducted on 28.2.2022. The question paper was set by Dr.Naveen Rajarathinam, Professor, Department of Physiology, Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences, Madhurandhagam. The theory papers were evaluated by Dr.V.Suganthi, Professor & Head, Department of Physiology, VMKV medical college, Salem. Minimum qualification marks was 50%. The first three students were selected based on their scores.

The day (22.4.22) started with practical exam in the Hematology lab for all the 3 students at 9am. Haematology topic was Differential Leucocyte count. The smooth conduct of the exam was helped and monitored by present MBBS batch volunteers along with the Dr.Kausikan. Dr.Jeya Jansi selvi rathnam, Professor & Head, Department of Physiology, Govt Thoothukudi Medical College examined the Hematology slides by 10.30 am. Around 20 students volunteered for the programme. They were divided into reception committee, audiovisual committee, catering committee, student volunteer committee and gift committee. I MBBS Ms.Narpavi and Ms.Sahana did the compeering.

By 11 am, the programme started with prayer song by Ms.Mukisha followed by welcome address of Dr.S.Anu & special address of the gathering by the Vice Principal Dr.Mohanty. Dr.Rekha introduced the guest speaker. Dr.Jeya Jansi delivered the guest lecture on the topic "The science and art of a doctors touch". She emphasized the importance of arriving at a probable diagnosis by closely observing the patient even before communicating, with examples. This she highlighted with the story of Dr.Joseph Bell, a surgeon, who was an inspiration for Sherlock holmes. She elaborated on the role of touch in palpation and percussion of a patient. She also enlightened the students on the significance of standing on the right side of the patient while examining.

This is then followed by the felicitation of 10 2020-21 batch students who secured honours in the University examination. A medal was awarded for each student. Few students' parents also graced the occasion. Dr.Jeya jansi and VP Dr. Mohanty felicitated the students.

The medal practical viva voce started with the picking of student's lots. Student Shanmuga sundaram had the opportunity of being the 1st student to attend viva-voce in the lecture hall in front of around 200 students. Totally 3 haematology and 3 clinical questions were displayed consisting of 4 sub questions each. Clinical questions like biceps tone, ankle jerk, and percussion of posterior wall of chest were elicited. While the first person was questioned the other two were kept in separate rooms and monitored by volunteers. The same sets of questions were repeated for the subsequent participants Ms.Tanvi Kothari & Mr.Sriram in order. Three 1st MBBS students volunteered as subjects (Sibi, Hari prasanna & Deepika) for clinical examination. Before the announcement of the results, 4 2021-22 batch students who won honours were felicitated by the Dean Dr.T.Thirunavukkarasu. HOD of Microbiology, Dr.Rajendran also shared his experience. Finally Dr.S.Anu announced the results. Sriram won the 1st place with Tanvi Kothari, Shanmuga sundaram receiving 2nd and 3rd places. The whole felicilatation ceremony was organized by Dr.S.P.Kausikan.

The programme ended with student's feedback and vote of thanks by Dr.John Rajpathy.





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