

Institution's Innovation Council

IIC Celebration Activity



Title: National Technology Day (11.05.2026)

Theme: Fake Forward Challenge – Fact, Fiction or Misleading

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Objectives:

1. To create awareness among students about misinformation, myths, and misleading content circulating through media and social platforms.
2. To encourage evidence-based thinking and promote scientific temper among healthcare students.
3. To improve students research skills by motivating them to verify information using reliable scientific sources.
4. To introduce students to research-oriented activities such as ICMR-STs and highlight the importance of student research participation.
5. To develop critical thinking, teamwork, communication, and analytical abilities through interactive learning activities.

Participant Details:

The competition had 30 participants from all the phases of MBBS.

Programme Overview:

As part of the National Technology Day celebration, the Research Club of the institution was officially inaugurated under the guidance of the IIC. The celebration focused on promoting scientific thinking, research awareness, and responsible use of information in the digital era. The event was organized with the theme “Fake Forward Challenge: Fact, Fiction, or Misleading” to address the growing spread of misinformation among the public and students.

The highlight of the program was the interactive “Fake Forward Challenge,” where participants were presented with various commonly circulated myths, health claims, and social media forwards. Students were encouraged to analyze the statements, conduct quick evidence-based verification, and identify whether the information was factual, fictional, or misleading. The activity promoted teamwork, critical evaluation, and scientific reasoning among participants.

The program also included an informative session by students involved in ICMR-STs projects, where they shared their research experiences, methodologies, and learning outcomes. This session inspired students to explore research opportunities and understand the significance of evidence-based practice in healthcare and academics. The event successfully combined technology, research, and scientific awareness in an engaging educational platform.

Outcome:

1. Increased awareness among students regarding fake news, myths, and misleading digital information.
2. Improved critical thinking and fact-checking abilities through participation in the Fake Forward Challenge.
3. Enhanced understanding of the importance of scientific evidence and responsible information sharing.
4. Encouraged active student participation in technology-based learning and interactive educational activities.
5. Promoted scientific temper, digital responsibility, and informed decision-making among participants.

Way Forward:

1. Promote digital literacy and scientific awareness programs to help students identify misinformation and use technology responsibly.
2. Encourage the use of technology-driven learning methods to improve innovation, creativity, and problem-solving skills among students.
3. Organize regular activities, competitions, and workshops related to emerging technologies and evidence-based information sharing.
4. Create awareness about ethical and responsible use of social media and digital platforms to prevent the spread of fake or misleading information.
5. Motivate students to stay updated with advancements in science and technology and apply them effectively in academics and healthcare practice.



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FAKE FORWARD CHALLENGE

ON ACCOUNT OF NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DAY

PARTICIPANTS WILL

- **Receive a trending myth / viral forward**
- **Research using reliable evidence**
- **Analyze facts critically**
- **Present whether it is FAKE or FACT**
- **Defend their answer with proof**

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