

National Library Day

Celebrated at Father Muller Charitable Institutions

Mangalore on 23.08.2025

The National Library day was celebrated at Father Muller Charitable Institutions Central Library on 23rd August 2025 at 3.00 p.m. in the Decennial Memorial Hall of Father Muller Knowledge Centre. The occasion was to commemorate the **133rd** Birth anniversary of Padmashri Late Dr. S. R. Ranganathan who is considered as Father of Library Science in India.

To mark this commemorative event, the Father Muller Medical College Central Library Committee organized a Health Sciences Inter Collegiate Undergraduate General Knowledge Quiz 'MULLER LIBER – 2025' on 23.08.2025. Thirty colleges in and around the D.K & Udupi districts participated in this event. Dr. Anil Shetty, Professor, HOD, Department of Paediatrics, FMMC was the quiz master. Dr Agnes Moira Preeti Dsouza, Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine, FMMC and Ms. Yashmita K, Lecturer/ Medical Physicist, RTT, FMCOAHS and Library Committee Members welcomed the gathering. The preliminary rounds started at 9:30 am and went on upto 12:30 pm ending with 6 teams in the final quiz. Dr. Archana Bhat, Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, FMMC & Dr Tanush Shetty, Assistant Professor, Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, FMMC moderated the quiz. The Library Committee Chairperson, Secretary, Faculty and Students were present during the quiz. The following students were the winners of the quiz.

		Name of the Participants	Class & Course	College
FIRST PRIZE	Rs.10,000.00	Mr. Anshyl Thomas Reji Mr. Clen Merryl Steevan Rego Mr. Anvith K Palankar	MBBS IV MBBS IV MBBS III	Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore
SECOND PRIZE	Rs. 7,500.00	Mr. Samay Mahesh Telang Mr. Swasthik V Shetty Ms. Amita Anil Shet	BPT IV BPT IV BPT IV	Manipal College of Health Professions, Manipal
THIRD PRIZE	Rs. 4,000.00	Ms Keara Theresa Dsouza Ms Ishrat Fatima Abbasi Mr Aston Britto	BPT IV BPT IV BPT IV	Father Muller College of Physiotherapy

THIRD PRIZE	Rs. 4,000.00	Ms. Chethana P L Mr Pranav M S Ms. Olivia Paul	BHMS VI BHMS VI BHMS VI	Father Muller Homoeopathic Medical College Deralakatte
FOURTH PRIZE	Rs. 3000.00	Neousi Mukesh Jain Ritu R. Prabhu Govind S	BPT VI BPT III BPT I	Laxmi Memorial College of Physiotherapy, Mangalore
FIFTH PRIZE	Rs. 3000.00	Aaron Rolf Dsouza Ransan Mendonca Amal Louis	B.Sc. Nursing II B.Sc. Nursing II B.Sc. Nursing IV	Laxmi Memorial College of Nursing, Mangalore

The first prize was bagged by Father Muller Medical College, 2nd by Manipal College of Health Professions, 3rd prize was shared by Father Muller College of Physiotherapy and Father Muller Homeopathic Medical College, Deralakatte, 4th prize winners were Laxmi Memorial college of Physiotherapy and the 5th prize went to Laxmi Memorial College of Nursing. Cash prizes were distributed to the winners.

The afternoon program began with a prayer song followed by lamp lighting by the dignitaries. The welcome address was provided by Dr. John J.S. Martis, Professor, Dept of Surgery, Chairperson of the Central Library Committee. The program was graced by Chief Guest, Dr. Mahabaleshwara Rao, Associate Professor and Deputy Chief Librarian, Department of Library Science, KMC Health Sciences Library, MAHE, Manipal along with other dignitaries on the dais namely, Rev. Fr Faustine Lucas Lobo, Director, FMCI, Rev. Fr Dr Michael Ligory Santhumayor, Administrator, FMMC, FMCOAHS, FMCOP, Dr. Antony Sylvan D'Souza, Dean, FMMC, Dr. John J.S. Martis, Chairperson, Central Library Committee, Dr. Janet Dotty Lobo, Chief Librarian, FMCI and Secretary of the Central Library Committee.

The dignitaries offered a floral tribute to Late Dr. S. R. Ranganathan.

Dr. Mahabaleshwara Rao, Associate Professor and Deputy Chief Librarian, Department of Library Science, KMC Health Sciences Library, MAHE, Manipal was the Chief Guest. In his address he talked about the evolution and digitalization of the libraries. He talked about the various resources and infrastructure that make the library an ideal one. In addition, he talked

about the importance of caring for the books and the resources, digital or hard copies, the right way. He mentioned the latest innovations and new digital resources available that make using library more of a joy for the faculty and the students.

Following the address by the chief guest, he received memento by Dr. Padmaja Udaykumar, Professor, Department of Pharmacology, FMMC.

This was followed by the prize distribution under the different categories and awardees names announced by Dr Janet Dotty Lobo, Chief Librarian, and the Secretary of the Central Library Committee. The Best Library user awards were given to the students in 3 categories based on the highest usage of library and borrowings in undergraduate section, postgraduate section & utilization of e-resources in the e-library.

Best User Awards:

- UG section: Mr Yash Y Rao, BPT - 2024 Batch
- PG section: Dr Evangeline Sarah David, MD Pediatrics - 2022 Batch
- E-Library – Ms Deepa Mariam Ninan, MHA - 2024 Batch

BMJ Case Reports Recognition: selected based on those who published case reports in BMJ.

- Dr Manjunath Kulkarni, Dr Archana Bhat, Dr Umashankar Toolahally
- Dr Jaidev M Devadas, Dr Pavan Hegde
- Dr Sripathi Kamath, Dr Madhurima A Nayak, Dr Geover Joselen Lobo, Dr Mahesh Mijar
- Dr Sunayana Bhat, Dr Dilon Denis Noronha, Dr Priyadarshini T A
- Dr Madhurima A Nayak
- Dr. Srishankar B , Dr Carishma S, Dr Narayana V Kamath, Mr. Eldhos Jacob
- Dr Daivik T Shetty
- Dr Priyadarshini T A, Dr Sripathi Kamath, Dr Anup Kumar Shetty, Dr Madhurima A Nayak

BMJ Research to Publication Recognition: selected based on those who completed above 50 modules of Research to Publication course.

Faculties

- Dr. Achal Shetty, Associate Professor Community Medicine
- Dr. Agnes Moira Preethi D Souza, Associate Professor Community Medicine
- Dr. Rachana K Nair, Associate Professor Community Medicine
- Dr. Jnaneshwari Jayaram, Associate Professor Surgical Oncology
- Dr. Nishanth Krishna K, Associate Professor Community Medicine
- Dr. Oliver Vincent Dsouza, Assistant Professor Community Medicine
- Dr. Pragadeesh Raja V- Assistant Professor Community Medicine
- Dr. Omkareshwar Patil, Assistant Professor Pathology

Postgraduate

- Dr R Shashank Reddy MS Orthopedics

Postgraduates - MPT - 2024 Batch

- Ms.Aleena Peter Philip
- Ms.Anagha Manoj
- Ms.Abigail Job Paradesi
- Mr.Bijith Shaji
- Ms.Dharani R S
- Ms.Fathima Mangaladan
- Mr.Jeryl Braganza
- Ms. Melanie Lobo Michael
- Ms.Maria Schearl D Souza
- Mr.Mohammed Kareem Ruman
- Mr.Royd Brian D Souza
- Ms.Shraddha Poojary
- Ms.Silvita Nazlin Crasta
- Mr.Sampras D Souza
- Ms.Sandra Mariya Basil

- . Ms.Namratha Ravi
- . Ms.Vanshita Nandakumar
- . Mr.Vimith V Saldanha

Postgraduates -MPT - 2023 Batch

- . Ms. Divya Jyothi U
- . Mr. Dalton Menezes Dolphy
- . Mr. Sherwin Vaz Ryan

Following the prize distribution, Rev. Fr Sylvester Vincent Lobo, Administrator, Father Muller Nursing College, Thumbay offered saplings to the sponsors as a token of appreciation.

Rev. Fr Faustine Lucas Lobo, Director, FMCI presided over the event and addressed the gathering. He talked about the importance of library both in physical and digital form. He delved deeper into the advantages of having access to a library and the resources that it provides which helps a student learn better and give their best when it comes to caring for their patients.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Agnes E J, Vice-Principal, FMCON and the program was meticulously compered by Dr Michelle Serene Fernandes, Professor, HOD, Department of Dermatology, FMMC and Dr Srilakshmi M Prabhu, Associate Professor, Department of General Medicine, FMMC. The program was concluded by Institutional Anthem followed by refreshments.