

## **Report: Nexus 2024 - Bharati Vidyapeeth Medical College's Inaugural Undergraduate Research Conference**

Bharati Vidyapeeth Medical College, Pune, proudly hosted its first Undergraduate Research Conference, Nexus 2024, a ground breaking initiative organized by the undergraduate, for the undergraduate community. The three-day event, spanning from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 marked a significant milestone in the institution's academic journey.

### **Inauguration and Keynote Address:**

The conference commenced with an inspiring inaugural ceremony graced by the esteemed presence of Padmashri Dr. Himmatrao Bawaskar Sir, whose keynote address set the tone for the event's intellectual discourse. He emphasized the students the ways how research can be conducted in resource limited settings which can be directly beneficial to the society.

### **Guest Lectures:**

Distinguished experts Dr. Sushant Shinde Sir and Dr. Rajendra Nehate delivered enlightening guest lectures, enriching the participants with their profound insights and expertise in their respective fields.

### **Workshops:**

A series of interactive workshops were conducted, offering hands-on learning experiences for medical students from Pune and its vicinity. Workshops included Suturing, Obgyn, Orthopedics, and Intubation, providing invaluable practical skills essential for future medical professionals conducted by the NEXUS team with unwavering support from the Departments of Anatomy, Surgery, Anaesthesiology, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Orthopaedics along with the Simulation Lab.

### **Additional Activities:**

In addition to the workshops and lectures, Nexus 2024 featured engaging activities such as research paper presentations, a mental health talk, and residents' discussions, contributing to a comprehensive learning experience for all participants.

### **Medicine and Pre/Para Clinical Quiz:**

The Medicine department along with pre and para clinical departments conducted stimulating quizzes focusing on medicine and pre/para clinical subjects. The winners of the Pre and Para Clinical Quiz were Team Bharati Vidyapeeth Medical College Pune, comprised of Ms. Susmita Gokhale, Ms. Tanvi Pansare, and Ms. Samruddhi Bhoir. The runners-up were also from Bharati Vidyapeeth Medical College Pune, consisting of Ms. Priyanka Limaye, Ms. Anoushka Sakhadeo, and Mr. Tanmay Nagrath. In the Medicine Quiz, Team BJ Medical College, Pune emerged victorious, with members Ms. Aishwarya Gulanikar, Mr. Chaitanya Pore, and Mr. Somesh Kalse. The runner-up in this category was Team Bharati Vidyapeeth Medical College Pune, represented by Mr. Ameya Munemane, Mr. Priyavrat Jagtap, and Mr. Bhargav Rajwade.

### **Research Paper Presentation:**

The Research Paper Presentation category saw Ms. Himani Jain from Bharati Vidyapeeth Medical College Pune clinching the top position. Additionally, Mr. Siddhartha Kakani, also from Bharati Vidyapeeth Medical College Pune, secured the runner-up position. These achievements highlight the calibre and dedication of the students in contributing to academic research and innovation.

### **Organizers:**

The Research Club of Bharati Vidyapeeth University spearheaded the meticulous planning and execution of Nexus 2024, demonstrating its commitment to fostering a culture of research and academic excellence among undergraduate students.

**Attendance and Success:**

The conference witnessed an overwhelming response, with nearly 700 delegates in attendance, including 300 delegates from medical colleges in and around state of Maharashtra.

Nexus 2024 was hailed as a resounding success, receiving acclaim from participants and stakeholders alike for its comprehensive program and impactful contributions to undergraduate research and education.