

World Laboratory Day

The *World Laboratory Day Celebrations 2026* at Sri Chamundeshwari Medical College, Hospital & Research Institute unfolded as a vibrant series of events between 17th and 23rd April, under the leadership of Principal Dr. Pravin G.U and along with the departments of Microbiology, Pathology, and Biochemistry. Each day brought a unique focus, weaving together workshops, updates, performances, competitions, and moments of gratitude that highlighted the indispensable role of laboratory medicine in healthcare.

On **17th April**, the celebrations began with a workshop on Biomedical Waste Management (BMW) for nursing students. Conducted from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Nursing College lecture hall, the session was inaugurated by Dr. Ashwini, Principal of Nursing College, and led by Dr. Champa H, Professor of Microbiology. The workshop combined lectures, group discussions, demonstrations, videos, and OSPE exercises. Students learned about BMW rules, segregation, PPE, and safe disposal practices in an interactive and engaging manner, making the session both informative and memorable.

The following day, **18th April**, started with a Clinical Update Meet for faculty at the MEU Hall. Dr. Sreenivas N, Professor of Pathology, presented on “*Research in Lab*”, emphasizing the importance of research, accurate reporting, and its role in advancing patient care. Later that morning, Phase 1 MBBS students participated in the *Lab-to-Life Gallery Walk*, tracing the journey of a sample from collection to reporting and its impact on patient care. Students also wrote Appreciation Postcards to laboratory technicians, displayed on the “Wall of Fame,” acknowledging them as the silent heroes of healthcare.

On **22nd April**, Phase 2 MBBS students gathered in the Microbiology Practical Lab for a role-reversal skit titled “*A Day in the Life of a Lab Technician.*” Through dramatized scenarios, students depicted the pressures of urgent STAT samples, the balance between manual and automated testing, patient consent issues, and the importance of report verification. These performances highlighted precision, ethics, and teamwork as the foundation of laboratory medicine.

That afternoon, the Department of Biochemistry hosted a spirited **Quiz Competition for laboratory technicians**. The event began with a preliminary written round conducted on 18th April in the Laboratory Demo Room, where nine teams tested their

knowledge of routine laboratory workflow and practices. From these, six teams advanced to the finals, which were held at 2:00 PM in the Biochemistry Demo Room. The finals consisted of five rounds, each with unique formats and instructions. Questions spanned across routine laboratory practices, quality control, and applied problem-solving scenarios, keeping the competition lively and challenging. After an engaging contest, Team A (Manohar & Sushmitha) secured first place with 120 marks, Team D (Shwetha & Mutturaj) came second with 110 marks, and Team C (Prasanna & Gowrav) finished third with 95 marks. Other finalists included Team B (Pushpa & Nithin), Team E (Aishwarya & Harshitha), and Team F (Shrinidhi & Rakshith). The quiz showcased the skill, dedication, and teamwork of the technicians, with faculty presence adding grace and encouragement to the event.

The same day also saw a **photo shoot and song choreography**, where all lab staff and technicians assembled at their stations in proper attire to capture the spirit of unity and celebration. This creative activity added a festive touch to the academic proceedings.

Finally, on **23rd April**, the celebrations concluded with sessions for faculty and postgraduates. In the morning, Dr. Dharani, Dr. Manjula, and Dr. Yashaswini presented “*Few Hours in Lab*” at the IP Block Laboratory, offering insights into the daily realities of laboratory work. In the afternoon, Principal Dr. Pravin G.U delivered a heartfelt session titled “*Thanking the Unthanked*” at the Lecture Hall, honouring the silent contributions of laboratory staff.

The celebrations closed with a formal **vote of thanks**. On behalf of the Lab Departments, heartfelt gratitude was extended to the Management for the opportunity to celebrate World Laboratory Day. Special thanks were offered to the Medical Director, Principal, Medical Superintendent, and Vice Principals for their guidance and support, as well as to the Principals of Sri Chamundeshwari Group of Institutions, teaching and non-teaching staff, Heads of Departments, faculty members, postgraduate students, nursing staff, and laboratory technicians. Their active participation and dedication ensured that each event was conducted smoothly and meaningfully.