

AIIMS Nagpur celebrates its first Research Day “Lab to Life: Research that Resonates”

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The All India Institute of Medical Sciences Nagpur celebrated its first Research Day under the theme “Lab to Life: Research that Resonates” on Wednesday, 18 February 2026. The event marked a significant milestone in the Institute’s commitment to fostering a robust research culture aligned with national health priorities.



Padma Shri awardee Dr. Kameshwar Prasad, former Professor and Head, Department of Neurology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. In his keynote address, he spoke on the evolving methodologies of medical evidence, emphasizing the transition from bench-side discovery to bedside application. Dr. Prashant P. Joshi, Executive Director, AIIMS Nagpur, in his welcome address said that research must not remain confined to laboratories but must translate into tangible bedside benefits for patients. The Guest of Honour, Dr. N.K. Arora, President, All India Institute of Medical Sciences Bilaspur, addressed the fundamental question, “Why Research?” and encouraged faculty members and students to focus on India-specific health challenges through systematic investigation and innovation.

The competitions received over 100 entries across categories, with posters evaluated on 13–14 February 2026 and selected entries presented orally on 16 February 2026 before an expert panel. The programme concluded with a vote of

thanks by Dr. Vijayageetha, who appreciated the collective efforts of faculty and students in making the inaugural Research Day a success.



The awards ceremony celebrated the pursuit of scientific inquiry across all levels of the institution. The Department of Community Medicine was awarded 1st Prize for Best Department Research, followed by the Departments of Physiology and Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

In the individual categories, Dr. Jaya Prasad Tripathy (Community Medicine) secured the 1st Prize for Best Medical Faculty Research, followed by Dr Aravind Gandhi (Community Medicine) and Dr T S Gugapriya (Anatomy).

Dr. Vinu Vij (Physiology) earned the 1st Prize for Best Publication, followed by Dr Shantanu Pande (Nuclear Medicine), Dr Sitanshu Barik (Orthopaedics) and Dr Vijay Bidkar (ENT). Dr. Abin Varghese received Best Nursing Faculty Research award and Mrs. Gigini George received Best Nursing Tutor Research award.

Furthermore, the future of medical research was showcased through the Best Poster presentations awarded to postgraduates Dr. Anuva Kapoor, Dr. Glory Ghai, and Dr. Jwaalyn Shifani Morgan, as well as undergraduates Ms. Meenakshi Birasam, Mr. Prince RSR Aryan, and Ms. Simran Sharma.

Recognition for Best Funded Concepts was bestowed upon Dr Priyanka Yadav (Community Medicine), Dr Soumya Ghoushal (Trauma and Emergency), Dr Smita R. Sorte (Physiology), and Dr Shital Maske (Anatomy).

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