MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH UNIT- MMC&RI

The Research Brokers…

MRU BULLETIN 2 (November 2026)

Theme: Strengthening Research Through Capacity Building, Collaborations & External Funding

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MRU Announcements:

1. SPSS 31 statistical software is made available at MRU. Faculty and PG students are requested to make use of the same. They can visit MRU any working day between 11 AM to 3 PM to access the software. However, the data entry and analysis will have to be done on their own as there is no statistician at MRU.

2. PCS (Plagiarism Check software) is given by RGUHS and is being used by PGs for dissertation screening. Drillbit software is available in the library and kindly contact librarian Mr. Chikmat if needed. The faculty can make use of this facility before submitting their work to journals/text books.

3. Our Institute is registered with ONOS (One Nation One Subscription). We need not pay to access many articles. This is of great help in literature review for PGs and Faculty. If you have not registered yet, kindly contact the librarian. All faculty are requested to register with ONOS.

MRU Research Progress:

a. Capacity building

MRU, MMCRI, has actively supported faculty members of MMCRI in participating in various workshops, training programmes, and conferences aimed at enhancing their research skills, strengthening scientific knowledge, promoting professional development and institutional research capacity building.

Details of Workshops, Training Programs and Conferences:

Sl. No.	Date	Name of Workshop / Training / Conference	Organizer/Venue	Faculty Members of MMCRI Participated
1	13th to 15th November 2025	ICMR-INTENT-Clinical Trial Workshop	Mysore Medical College & Research Institute, Mysuru,	1. Dr. Narendra Kumar. M.S. Dept. of Psychiatry 2. Dr. Ranjith V Dept. of General Medicine, 3. Dr Raghavendra R Dept. of Ophthalmology 4. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Jain. S Dept. of Respiratory Medicine 5. Dr. Samta Dept. of Respiratory Medicine

				6. Dr. Praveen Kumar N.S. Dept. of Endocrinology 7. Dr. Samatha K.J. Dept. of Otorhinolaryngology 8. Dr. Sumaiya Anjum Dept. of General Medicine 9. Dr. Thejashwini A Dept. of General Medicine 10. Dr. Krishnamurthy Dept. of General Medicine 11. Dr. Vandana Balgi Dept. of General Medicine 12. Dr. Divya H.R. Dept. of ENT 13. Dr. Swathi R. Dept. of Ophthalmology 14. Dr. Sadiqua Begum Dept. of Physiologyology 15. Dr. Chaithra G. Dept. of Community Medicine # Additionally, 22 faculty from other medical colleges of Karnataka participated in this workshop.
2	20th to 21st November 2025	National One Health Conclave 2025	DHR / Bharath Mandapam, New Delhi.	Dr. Prashantha B, Dept. of Community Medicine
3	19th to 21st January 2026	Research Methodology Workshop	Dr. A.L.M. PG Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, Taramani,	1. Dr. Shubha Jayaram, Dept. of Biochemistry 2. Dr. Sadiqua Begum, Dept .of Physiology 3. Dr. Chaitra G, Dept. of Community Medicine
4	26th to 27th February 2026	Medical Colleges Research Connect 2026	DHR / Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi.	Dr. Srikanta B. M. – Scientist B, MRU
5	29th July 2026	Inauguration of the Multi-Disciplinary Research Unit (MRU) and KMC MRU Research Connect 2026	Kasturba Medical College, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal.	1. Dr. Manjunatha S. N. Dept. of Community Medicine & Nodal Officer of MRU 2. Dr. Savitha Nageshappa Scientist C, MRU 3. Dr. Srikanta B. M. Scientist B, MRU
6	7th to 8th September 2026	Data Interpretation and Manuscript Writing Workshop	HIMS, Hassan	Dr. Samatha K.J. Dept. of ENT
7	7th to 9th October	Grant Writing and Research	DIMHANS, Dharwad	1. Dr. Manohar Bhat, Dept. of Dentistry

	2026	Methodology Workshop		2. Dr. Prashantha B, Dept. of Community Medicine 3. Dr. Madhuri Parande, Dept. of Ophthalmology

b. Extramural research proposals submitted in 2026

MRU actively encouraged and facilitated faculty members of MMC&RI in pursuing extramural research funding opportunities. During 2026, a total of 19 research proposals were submitted to various national and external funding agencies, reflecting the institute's growing research engagement and commitment to securing competitive research grants. The Special Interest Group (SIG) is doing a great job in this regard and MRU is acting as catalyst.

Sl. No.	Name of the funding agency	Number of proposals submitted
1	RGUHS-Advance Research	5
2	ICMR Extramural Grants (ANVESHAN)	8
3	ICMR TB Research Accelerator Program	1
4	UNNATHI-2 EoI	1
5	ICMR-NMC Medical Education Program	2
6	ICMR Centre of Excellence	1

c. Extramural Research Proposals Approved

ICMR-TB Research Accelerator Program:

Title of the project: Prospective Paired Comparison of Dried Blood Spot Derived and Venous Plasma Derived Drug Concentrations for Therapeutic Drug Monitoring of First-Line Anti-Tuberculosis Drugs by Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry in Recurrent Drug Sensitive Pulmonary Tuberculosis Patients.

ICMR-NMC Medical Education Program:

Title of the project: Development and Evaluation of ASCRIBE: An Online Asynchronous Structured Clinical Reasoning and Illness Script-Based Education Course – A Multiphase, Multicentre Waitlist-Controlled Study. *Proposed in collaboration with ST. JOHSN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE*

d. On-going Research Projects

MRU promotes research among faculty, postgraduate and undergraduate students by facilitating institutional and external funding opportunities through various schemes, thereby fostering a strong and inclusive research culture at MMC&RI.

Sl. No.	Type of funding	No. of on-going projects
1	MRU funded Faculty Research projects	10
2	RGUHS funded projects	2
3	MMCRI & MAA Trust UG-STS projects	19

Recognitions, Appreciations and Collaborations:

1. MMC&RI has been selected as one of the participating institutes under the **ICMR-NITM Clinical Trial Network for Integrative Medicine** to facilitate the conduct of high-quality clinical trials. This is the first time MMC&RI is in the map of ICMR clinical trial network.

2. **National-level Appreciation for MRU's Initiative in Research Equipment Value Analysis:**

   MRU, MMC&RI, has developed an innovative methodology for the value analysis of research equipment, aimed at enhancing the utilization, promoting informed and cost-effective procurement decisions. This initiative received appreciation from the Department of Health Research (DHR), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, during the national sensitisation programme on the revised MRU guidelines. The methodology was presented and appreciated among members of the Research Advisory Committees (RACs) and Executive Committees of MRUs across the country, marking an important recognition of MRU, MMC&RI's contribution to strengthening research infrastructure and resource utilisation.

3. Expansion of Institutional Research through Strategic Collaborations

MRU, MMC&RI, has been actively establishing strategic collaborations with reputed national and international organisations to expand research opportunities, strengthen scientific expertise and facilitate collaborative research initiatives.

Key collaborations include:

- MAHE, Manipal
- GANA (Graduate Association of North America), USA
- Sinecure, A start-up organisation in health research by a Stanford alumnus.

These partnerships are expected to create new opportunities for joint research initiatives, knowledge exchange and institutional capacity building.

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Director and Dean, MMCRI, felicitating the members of Research Advisory Committee (RAC) on 11.09.2026 in recognition of their valuable support and guidance.

Left: Prof. Rangappa K.S, former Vice Chancellor, Mysore University and KSOU.

Right: Dr. Anita Nath, Scientist-F, ICMR-National Institute of NCD Epidemiology (NINE), Bengaluru.





President and members of MMC Graduate Association of North America (GANA), USA visited MRU on 16.10.2026.