



SRBS (VMRF-DU) Participates in Com-Deall's 25th Silver Jubilee Celebration

Mr. Ramkumar, Senior Occupational Therapist, Mr. Raghav, Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Psychology, and Ms. Priya Mahalakshmi, Lecturer in the Department of Speech Language Pathology, represented the School of Rehabilitation and Behavioral Sciences (SRBS), Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), at the Com-Deall's 25th Silver Jubilee Celebration held in Bengaluru. The team presented SRBS's initiatives and activities aligned with Early Intervention practices, showcasing the institution's integrated and interdisciplinary approach. The event featured over 16 NGO presentations by social entrepreneurs, offering valuable insights into current advancements and collaborative rehabilitation models. The SRBS team's presentation was well received, reflecting their commitment to evidence-based practice and innovation. They also had the opportunity to engage in a productive discussion with Dr. Prathibha, the founder of Com-Deall, who shared key suggestions on implementing a holistic habilitation framework. The interaction emphasized best practices, efficacy and effectiveness assessment through robust research, and the need for continuous refinement of the eight core domains of the Com-Deall model.

At present, the rehabilitation departments of two leading medical colleges—St. John's Medical College, Bengaluru, and Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (AVMC Campus)—are closely aligned in advancing rehabilitation initiatives. St. John's is highly active and making significant strides in implementing innovative rehabilitation practices, while VMRF (AVMC) is steadily progressing and planning comprehensive program revisions. These revisions will commence shortly upon obtaining approval from the management. Additionally, around 15–20 NGOs are actively engaged in adopting and expanding their rehabilitation paradigms, contributing to the collective advancement of the field. Proposals and initiatives from academic institutions are being strongly encouraged, with continuous guidance and support from collaborating organizations to promote interdisciplinary research and holistic development within the rehabilitation sciences domain.

