

Report of the Networking High Tea with the British Deputy High Commissioner for Kerala and Karnataka & H.M. Deputy Trade Commissioner-South Asia (Investment), Mr. Chandru Iyer

AMCHSS, SCTIMST and TIMed jointly organized a Networking High Tea with the delegates of the British Deputy High Commission for Kerala and Karnataka on Nov 7 2023 at TIMed, 5th Floor, BMT Wing, SCTIMST. The British team was led by His Majesty's Deputy High Commissioner, Karnataka & Kerala and His Majesty's Deputy Trade Commissioner-South, Mr. Chandru Iyer and his team consisting of Mr. James Godber (Deputy Head of Mission, British Deputy High Commission, Bengaluru), Mr. KT Rajan (Cluster Head, Technology, Innovation and Education, Dept of Business and Trade) and Ms. Janaka Pushpanathan (Director, South India, British Council). Director, SCTIMST Prof. Sanjay Behari and Head BMT Wing, Dr. Harikrishna Varma participated in the event and lead the discussions on the potential directions for future collaborations.

The dignitaries walked through labs at SCTIMST and listened to the descriptions of the innovations from BMT Wing, SCTIMST and had a look at the Innovations from startups of TIMed. Following this, Balram S, Scientist G & CEO, TIMed welcomed the Deputy High Commissioner for Kerala and Karnataka Mr. Chandru Iyer, the Deputy Head of Mission, Mr. James Godber and the rest of the delegates including Mrs Nishantini IPS, a Chevening fellow and the MPH2023 batch students of AMCHSS. Dr. Mala Ramanathan, Professor, AMCHSS and Gender Self-Assessment Team-SCTIMST (GSAT-SCTIMST) member, spoke of the gender and health trainings at AMCHSS and the collaborative initiative of SCTIMST under the aegis of the Ministry of Science and Technology – the Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions (GATI) Initiative to enhance women's participation in STEMM.

Dr.RS Jayasree, Scientist G, Division of Biphotonics and Imaging) and the Nodal Officer, GATI-SCTIMST provided insights into the implementation of GATI. GATI's implementation in 30 institutions was facilitated by the British Council. Dr. Shiny Velayudhan, Scientist E, Division of Dental Products and GSAT-SCTIMST Member also provided insights into the findings of the GATI report to the Dept of Science and Technology, Govt of India and **SCTIMST's rating as a Level 2 GATI Achiever.**

This was followed by a Q&A session with the visiting delegation in which the Director, SCTIMST took the lead and the responses were by Mr. KT Rajan, Cluster Head, Technology, innovation and Education, Dept of Business and Trade of the Deputy High Commission, Bengaluru and Ms. Janaka Pushpanathan, Director, South India, British Council.



Informal discussions with delegates of the Deputy High Commission, Kerala and Karnataka



Director, SCTIMST, Dr. Sanjay Behari; Head, BMT Wing, Dr. Harikrishna Varma; Er. S. Balram, Scientist G, TIMed, BMT with Mr. Chandru Iyer, Deputy High Commissioner, Kerala and Karnataka and His Majesty's Deputy Trade Commissioner South Asia (Investment)



A view of the audience



Group photograph with the Director, SCTIMST, Mr. Balram S, CEO, TIMed, Dr. Mala Ramanathan, Professor, AMCHSS, AMCHSS-MPH Students and the UK delegation