

Expert Talk on NCAHP conducted on 8/7/26 at TSNA

An expert talk on **"Understanding Medical Laboratory Science in the Perspective of NCAHP"** was delivered by **Dr. Vidhya Srinivasan**, Professor & Head, School of Allied Health Sciences, Girijananda Chowdhury University, Guwahati. She is a Professional Council Member (Medical Laboratory Sciences & Life Sciences) under the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP), Government of India, a Curriculum Task Force Member involved in developing the Medical Laboratory Sciences curriculum under NCAHP, and an alumna of M.Sc. Medical Laboratory Technology from Sankara Nethralaya.

During her session, Dr. Vidhya Srinivasan explained the vision and objectives of NCAHP, established under the NCAHP Act, 2021, to regulate and standardize allied healthcare education and professional practice in India. She emphasized the vital role of medical laboratory professionals in healthcare and highlighted NCAHP's objective of ensuring uniformity in education through a competency-based "One Nation, One Curriculum" model.

Dr. Vidhya discussed the key reforms introduced under the revised Medical Laboratory Sciences curriculum, including competency-based learning, a mandatory one-year paid internship, improved career progression, and standardized infrastructure across institutions. She stressed that future employment would increasingly depend on professional competencies, with mandatory registration under the Central and State allied and Healthcare Professional Registry becoming essential for practice. She also highlighted the growing importance of smart laboratories, automation, and digital technologies in laboratory medicine and encouraged students to continuously upgrade their skills. Concluding the session, she noted that the implementation of NCAHP marks a significant step towards ensuring quality education, ethical practice, professional recognition, and global acceptance of allied healthcare professionals in India.

The programme was attended by UG, PG and interns of MLT department, Faculty members of TSNA, SN main and faculty from other institutes like MMM, Dr. Mohan's diabetic centre, Tagore medical college.

