

Yenepoya's the Microbiology National Conference MiCON 2024: "Microbes for a Sustainable Future"

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The Yenepoya Research Centre is a cornerstone institute, under the aegis of Yenepoya (Deemed to be University), hosted the MiCON 2024 National Conference on January 24, 2024. The conference, titled "Microbes for a Sustainable Future," attracted over 120 participants from various corners of the nation, representing a diverse research from the microbiology community.

The inauguration ceremony happened in the presence of esteemed guests and officials of Yenepoya Deemed to be University, including Dr. B.H. Sripathi Rao (Pro Vice Chancellor), Dr. K.S. Gangadhara Somayaji (Registrar), chief guests Dr. Yogesh S. Shouche (Honorary Scientist, National Centre for Cell Science, Pune & Deputy Director, SKAN Research Trust, Bengaluru) and Dr. Niyaz Ahmed (Professor, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad). The event also hosted dignitaries such as Dr. Laxmikant Chatra and Dr. Sham S. Bhat, both Senior Professors & Principals of Yenepoya Dental College, and Dr. Rouchelle Tellis, Professor & HOD of the Department of Microbiology, Hospital Infection Control Officer, Yenepoya Medical College and Hospital.

Dr. Rekha PD, Chairman of MiCON 2024 & Director, Yenepoya Research Centre, along with Dr. Asif Hameed, Secretary MiCON 2024 & Assistant Professor, and Dr. Bhagwan Rekadwad, Joint Secretary of MiCON 2024 & Associate Professor, YRC, were instrumental in organizing this prestigious national conference.

The first half of the conference was marked by an enlightening keynote address by Dr. Yogesh S. Shouche on "Microbe-based Approaches for a Sustainable Future: A Dream Becoming Reality." Following this, Dr. Niyaz Ahmed delivered an insightful talk on "Evolution and Adaption - From Bacterial Virulence to Cognitive Excellence: Who is at the Anvil?"

In the second half, Dr. Rouchelle Tellis addressed the audience with an invited talk on "Microbial Challenges for Sustainable Healthcare." This segment was complemented by oral presentations from participants representing five different states, showcasing the diverse range of ongoing research in the field of microbiology. Additionally, more than 20 poster presentations were displayed, covering various research topics in microbiology.

The conference recognized outstanding contributions through the presentation of Best Oral and Poster Awards. The budding microbiologists also received due acknowledgment with the presentation of the Budding Microbiologist Award. The event concluded on a high note with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Bhagwan Rekadwad, Joint Secretary, MiCON 2024, and Associate Professor, YRC.

MiCON 2024 provided a platform for the exchange of knowledge, ideas, and experiences, fostering collaboration among microbiologists and highlighting the crucial role of microbes in building a sustainable future. The success of this conference underscores Yenepoya's commitment to advancing scientific research and promoting the significance of microbiology in addressing contemporary challenges.

