

*Report on the
Dr.A.Shanmugasundaram Founder Chancellor Endowment Oration – 2026*

The **Dr.A.Shanmugasundaram Founder Chancellor Endowment Oration – 2026** was successfully organized by **Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University)** on **29 June 2026** at **10.00 a.m.** in the **Annapurna Auditorium, Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Medical College & Hospitals, Salem**. The function was graced by the presence of the **Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Ramesh Chandra Deka, Former Director, AIIMS, New Delhi**, and was **presided over by Dato' Seri Dr. S. Sharavanan, Hon'ble President, VMRF**.

The programme witnessed the enthusiastic participation of **650 delegates**, including members of the Executive Council, faculty members, healthcare professionals, researchers, students, administrators, and invited dignitaries from various constituent institutions of the University.

The programme commenced with the registration of participants, followed by the **Welcome Address** delivered by **Prof. Dr. K. Manivannan, Controller of Examinations, VMRF(DU)**. The ceremonial lighting of the traditional lamp was led by the **Chief Guest, Prof.Dr.Ramesh Chandra Deka**, along with the dignitaries on the dais.

The **3rd Dr. A. Shanmugasundaram Founder Chancellor Endowment Oration** was introduced by **Prof.Dr.J.Sabarinathan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, VMRF(DU)** who highlighted the visionary leadership, remarkable achievements, and enduring contributions of the Founder Chancellor, **Dr.A.Shanmugasundaram**, in transforming higher education, healthcare, and research. He emphasized that the Endowment Oration was instituted to honour the Founder Chancellor's legacy and to inspire academic excellence, innovation, and service to society among future generations.

The **Vice-Chancellor's Address** was delivered by **Prof.Dr.P.K.Sudhir, Vice-Chancellor, VMRF(DU)** who paid rich tributes to the Founder Chancellor, **Dr. A. Shanmugasundaram**, for his visionary leadership, unwavering commitment to academic excellence, and pioneering efforts in establishing Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation as a centre of excellence in higher education, healthcare, and research. He highlighted the Founder Chancellor's enduring vision of integrating quality education, advanced research, ethical values, and compassionate healthcare to serve society. The Vice-Chancellor further stated that the Endowment Oration reflects the University's commitment to carrying forward the Founder Chancellor's ideals by promoting innovation, sustainability, excellence in education, research, and quality healthcare.

Prof. Dr. Deepti Shastri, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, VMRF (Deemed to be University), formally introduced the distinguished Orator, **Prof. Dr. Ramesh Chandra Deka**, and read the citation highlighting his outstanding academic achievements and distinguished contributions to medical education, healthcare administration, clinical excellence, and research. She warmly welcomed the Chief Guest and invited him to deliver the **Dr. A. Shanmugasundaram Founder Chancellor Endowment Oration – 2026**.

The **Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Ramesh Chandra Deka, MS, FAAO (USA), FIMSA, D.Sc., Distinguished Professor, DPSRU, New Delhi; Advisor, Royal School of Medical and Allied Sciences, Royal Global University, Guwahati; Chairman, Human Ethics Committee, IASST, Guwahati, Assam; Member, Accreditation Advisory Council, UGC; and Former Director, AIIMS, New Delhi**, delivered the Endowment Oration on the theme:

"Safe Practice of Sustainable Technology in Health Care for Quality Care Outcome."

In his insightful and thought-provoking address, Prof. Dr. Deka emphasized the responsible adoption of sustainable technologies in healthcare systems. He highlighted innovations that enhance patient safety, improve the quality of healthcare delivery, promote environmental sustainability, and increase operational efficiency. He further stressed the importance of integrating emerging technologies with ethical healthcare practices to achieve better clinical outcomes and contribute to the goals of sustainable healthcare development.

A memento was presented to the Chief Guest by **Dato' Seri Dr.S.Sharavanan, Hon'ble President, VMRF**, as a token of appreciation for his valuable contribution and inspiring address.

The programme concluded with the **Vote of Thanks** delivered by **Prof. Dr.K.Ezhil Vendhan, Dean, Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Medical College & Hospitals, Salem**, who expressed his sincere gratitude to the Chief Guest, dignitaries, members of the organizing committee, faculty members, students, and all the participants for their wholehearted support in making the event a grand success.

The programme concluded with the **National Anthem**.

Participation: 650 Delegates

The **Dr.A.Shanmugasundaram Founder Chancellor Endowment Oration – 2026** served as an excellent academic platform for disseminating knowledge on sustainable healthcare technologies. The event reaffirmed the University's commitment to the visionary ideals of its Founder Chancellor by fostering excellence in medical education, research, innovation, and quality healthcare. It also strengthened the University's mission of promoting sustainable healthcare practices, advancing research and innovation, and contributing to the well-being of society through academic excellence and quality healthcare.











