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From the Executive Desk

Catching Them Young: Fuelling the Next Generation of Researchers

What an incredible response to our maiden issue of the 'Frontier'! Your enthusiasm proves that the spirit of inquiry is thriving across our campuses.

This month, I want to celebrate a principle close to our hearts: **Catching them Young**. Since January 2025, we have intentionally built an ecosystem to ignite student research—the ICMR Launchpad, tailored faculty mentorship, expediting ethics clearances, offering hands-on workshops, providing dedicated statistical support, and seed funding promising projects that missed ICMR STS grants. To refine their ideas, we route proposals through external reviewers for constructive feedback before final submission.

The results speak for themselves. From just 3 ICMR STS selections in 2023-24 and 5 in 2024-25, our young researchers surged to 9 in 2025-26, and a record-breaking **17 selections for 2026-27!**

Equally inspiring is the shift in our **faculty research trajectory**. We have secured a **ICMR travel grant alongside the University's first solo, PI-exclusive extramural grant for a community-based project from the Dental College**. Transitioning from Co-PI roles to leading primary grants marks a defining milestone in our institutional growth.

To our student scholars and dedicated mentors: we are immensely proud of your curiosity and persistence. You are proving that when ambition meets the right support, extraordinary growth follows.

Let us keep asking bold questions and pushing boundaries together!



Prof. Dr. V. N. Mahalakshmi
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The Global Narrative

PANoptosis in life and death across cell types: From innate immunity to therapeutic implications

SOURCE: Department of Immunology, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, USA | July 16, 2026

Dr. Shuvojit Moulik,
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When Cell Death Breaks the Rules!

For years, scientists neatly classified cell death into apoptosis, pyroptosis and necroptosis. Then came PANoptosis – a coordinated cellular “emergency meeting” that brings together features of all three pathways.

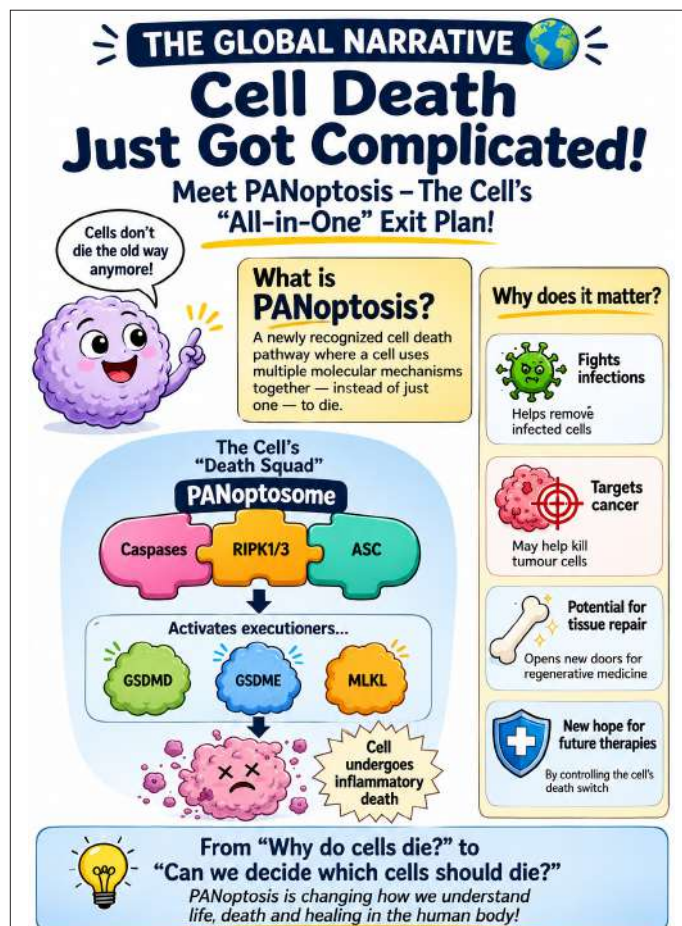
Think of it as the cell saying:
“This is serious. Let’s activate EVERYTHING!”

During infections, PANoptosis can help eliminate infected cells and support pathogen clearance. But excessive activation may also drive inflammation and tissue damage.

Why Does It Matter Clinically?

PANoptosis is emerging as an exciting area for:

- **Cancer therapy:** Potentially killing tumour cells while stimulating anti-tumour immunity.
- **Infectious diseases:** Helping control infected cells and pathogens.
- **Inflammatory diseases:** Offering possible targets to reduce excessive cell death and inflammation.
- **Precision medicine:** Developing targeted approaches to activate cell death only where it is needed.



The Big Takeaway

PANoptosis reminds us that cells don't always choose just one way to die.

The future challenge is not simply to "kill cells", but to kill the right cells, at the right time, for the right clinical reason.

In short: PANoptosis may turn cellular death from a biological ending into a therapeutic strategy!



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Journal Showcase

ACRIDINE TAKES AIM: Can a Tiny Molecule Halt Blood Vessels in Their Tracks?

Q2 Journal | Molecular Biology & Therapeutic Research

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"Acridine-derived small molecule associates with VEGF and is linked to reduced CAM vascularization: a combined in silico and CAM study."

Researchers from Santosh Deemed to be University, Ghaziabad, have explored an intriguing anti-angiogenic strategy through their publication:

The study combines computer-based molecular analysis with an experimental chick chorioallantoic membrane (CAM) model to investigate whether an acridine-derived small molecule can interfere with VEGF, a key driver of new blood-vessel formation.

Target: VEGF. Mission: Halt the Vessel Growth!

Blood vessels are essential for life—but when uncontrolled angiogenesis occurs, it can contribute to disease progression, including tumour growth. The researchers therefore investigated whether their acridine-derived molecule could associate with VEGF and potentially interfere with its activity.

From Computer Predictions to Living Tissue

The team first used in-silico approaches to examine the molecule-VEGF interaction. The computational findings suggested an association between the acridine-derived compound and VEGF, providing a molecular basis for investigating its anti-angiogenic potential.

But the researchers didn't stop at the computer screen.

The molecule was then evaluated using the CAM assay, a widely used experimental model for studying blood-vessel formation.

From Acridine to Anti-Angiogenic Possibilities

The study demonstrates how computational biology and experimental models can work together to move a promising molecule from a molecular hypothesis toward biological validation.

One small molecule. One important target. One step closer to understanding how we might control abnormal blood-vessel growth.

From molecules on a computer screen to blood vessels in a living model—this is where computational prediction meets experimental science.



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Full Article.**

Mentor Spotlight

THE PHD POWERHOUSE: Celebrating a Mentorship Milestone!

Behind every successful PhD lies more than a thesis—it is a journey of curiosity, perseverance, thoughtful discussions, countless revisions, and the steady guidance of a mentor who believes, “You can do better!”

This year, we proudly spotlight Dr. Dakshina Bisht, Director, IQAC and Professor of Medical Microbiology, who has successfully mentored 20 PhD scholars in the field of Medical Microbiology.

For Dr. Dakshina, mentoring is about much more than academic supervision. It is about nurturing curiosity, building confidence, developing resilience and empowering young researchers to become independent thinkers.

Guiding Principle: “The PhD belongs to the scholar”

Secret for Success: If there is one secret to successful mentoring, it is trust. My mentoring philosophy can be summed up in five words: **Listen. Guide. Challenge. Encourage. Empower.**



To me the true success of a mentor is not in creating followers but in empowering scholars to eventually lead and inspire others.

Dr. Dakshina Bisht

Director IQAC and Professor of Medical Microbiology

Santosh Deemed to be University Invites Applications for Ph.D



Take the next step towards becoming an independent researcher and contribute to innovations that can shape the future of healthcare!

Santosh Deemed to be University invites applications for Ph.D. Programmes - Full Time / Part Time, offering aspiring researchers an opportunity to pursue advanced research in a stimulating academic environment.

Key Dates to Remember

Last Date for Application:
26th September 2026

Issue of Hall Tickets for Online Entrance Test:
30th September 2026

Online Entrance Test:
3rd October 2026 | 10:00 AM

Online Interview / Viva Voce / Presentation:
9th October 2026

Eligible candidates securing 50% marks (aggregate) in the Entrance Test will be invited via email.

Declaration of Results:
13th October 2026

Commencement of Ph.D. Course:
23rd October 2026

For more details, ☎ 0120-4933350 / 51 / 52
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Extramural Engine

For the first time - An Exclusive SDU Grant

A proud moment for Santosh Deemed to be University as a faculty research team has been selected for the ICMR Small Extramural Grants (ICMR Anveshan Extramural Grants), securing research funding of ₹73,14,980.

The approved project, "Development and Evaluation of a Peer-Led Tobacco Use Prevention Model Incorporating Stress Management and Refusal Skills among School Students in Ghaziabad: An Implementation Study," focuses on developing and evaluating a peer-led approach to tobacco-use prevention among school students. The project brings together expertise from Public Health Dentistry and Pedodontics, with Dr. Meena Jain serving as Principal Investigator, and Dr. Akshay Bhargava and Dr. Natasha Gambhir as Co-Principal Investigators.

The key strength of this project is its peer-led approach to tobacco-use prevention. Instead of limiting prevention to conventional awareness sessions, the project aims to involve school students as active participants in promoting healthier choices among their peers.

What makes the approach particularly interesting is that it combines three important elements—tobacco-use prevention, stress management, and refusal skills. This means the project is not only focused on telling students about the harms of tobacco, but also on helping them develop skills to manage stress and confidently refuse tobacco use.

Adolescence is an important stage for developing behaviours and making health-related choices. A prevention strategy that works through the peer environment has the potential to



make health messages more relatable and easier for students to engage with.

The project also has a strong community-based focus, as it will be implemented among school students in Ghaziabad. This gives the research a practical, real-world dimension rather than keeping it limited to a laboratory or clinical setting.

The pilot project fetched a grant of 3.7 Lakh last year from the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI).

This achievement reflects the faculty's dedication, academic excellence, and research aptitude, while highlighting Santosh's growing commitment to research that addresses important public-health challenges.



Dr. Meena Jain

Professor & HOD,
Department of Public Health
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Dr. Akshay Bhargava

Director Research, Dean -
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Director of the Santosh
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Dr. Natasha Gambhir

Assistant Dean & Professor and
HOD, Dept. of Pediatric and
Preventive Dentistry
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Hospitals

A big congratulations to the team!

Extramural Engine

17 young Minds. One Big Win!

17 young researchers from Santosh have been selected for the prestigious ICMR-Short-Term Studentship (STS) 2026, opening the door to an exciting journey of research, discovery, and hands-on learning.

This achievement reflects young minds curiosity, enthusiasm and growing interest in scientific research. It is also a proud

10 BDS students from Santosh Dental College & Hospital



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Vice Chancellor



Dr. Akshay Bhargava
Dean, SDC

ORAL PATHOLOGY



Student
Mr. Ayush
Aggarwal



Guide
Dr. Kanika
Bhalla

ORAL PATHOLOGY



Student
Mr. Dipesh
Kumar



Guide
Dr. Priyanka
Singh

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Shreeyam



Guide
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Ahmed



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Dr. Rajiv
Ahluwalia

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Student
Ms. Aditi
Jaiswal



Guide
Dr. Avantika
Tuli

PEDIATRIC AND PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY



Student
Mr. Shaurya
Samarth



Guide
Dr. Divya
Singh

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Student
Ms. Shreya
Kasana



Guide
Dr. Subhashree
Sahoo

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Mr. Vishal



Guide
Dr. Rajiv Kumar
Gupta

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Student
Ms. Tanishka
Saini



Guide
Dr. Vinay
Rana

PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY



Student
Ms. Ishita
Mandal

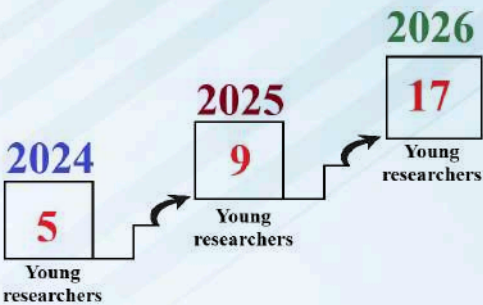


Guide
Dr. Mukund
Sharma

moment for their mentors, whose guidance and encouragement have helped nurture these young minds.

Congratulations to our young researchers and their proud guides—let the discoveries begin!

Here's to more experiments, discoveries and "Eureka!" moments ahead!



7 MBBS students from Santosh Medical College & Hospital



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Kumar



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Ratna



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Jhamb

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Dr. Shalabh
Gupta

Extramural Engine

Helping India to combat TB

Adding another feather to Santosh's research cap!

The themes include TB epidemiology, TB diagnostics and genome sequencing, paediatric TB, TB and diabetes, newer technologies in TB, genetics and immunology, and artificial intelligence in respiratory diseases. These focus areas offer researchers an opportunity to explore important health challenges and contribute to better understanding, diagnosis, prevention, and care.

We are delighted to share that two faculty researchers from Santosh have received Financial Assistance for Short-Term Research Projects (2026-27) from the TB Association, with a grant of ₹35,000 each.



Dr. Deepshikha

Associate Professor, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences,
Santosh Deemed to be University

Project Title:

Assessment of Nutritional Status and its Impact on
Treatment Outcomes in Newly Diagnosed Pulmonary
Tuberculosis Patients.



Dr. Juhi Aggarwal

Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry,
Santosh Medical College & Hospital

Project Title:

Integrative analysis of Novel Genetic Variants with a
Serum Immune Marker in Pulmonary Tuberculosis
Patients in North India.

Congratulations to both the faculty and best wishes for impactful discoveries ahead!

Moving to the Global Stage

A proud international milestone for Dr. Gunjan Uttam, Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Research, Santosh University, who has received ICMR financial support (Max 1.5 lakh) to attend and participate in the **ISHAM Asia Congress 2026**, being held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 10-12 September 2026.

The support from the **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** marks an exciting opportunity to represent Santosh on an international platform, exchange knowledge, and connect with researchers from across the region.

Title of Paper Presentation: Evaluation of the Anti-Candida Efficacy of Cinnamaldehyde-Loaded Gelatin Nanoparticles in a Murine Model



Dr. Gunjan Uttam

Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Research,
Santosh Deemed to be University

Congratulations, Dr. Gunjan Uttam, on this exciting international research opportunity!

IPR Portfolio

Innovation that creates Impact

One Big Achievement!

Great ideas deserve recognition, and this one has officially crossed an important milestone! Moving from "application" to "granted" is no small achievement. It represents creativity, persistence and the journey of transforming an innovative idea into protected intellectual property.

This achievement further strengthens Santosh Deemed to be University's growing intellectual property portfolio and reflects its continued commitment to fostering research, innovation and a culture of discovery. Every granted patent is a testament to the power of curiosity, determination and the courage to turn ideas into solutions that can create meaningful impact.

Celebrating Our Patent Achiever

Dr. Akshay Bhargava

Dean, Santosh Dental College & Hospitals



Prototype of Patent




Certificate of Registration for a UK Design

This is to certify that,

in pursuance of and subject to the provision of Registered Designs Act 1949, the design of which a representation or specimen is attached, had been registered as of the date of registration shown above in the name of

Akshay Bhargava , Santosh Deemed to be University

in respect of the application of such design to:

Cellular Laboratory Apparatus

International Design Classification:
Version: 15-2025
Class: 24 MEDICAL AND LABORATORY EQUIPMENT
Subclass: 01 APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT FOR DOCTORS, HOSPITALS AND LABORATORIES



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Intellectual Property Office
The attention of the Proprietor(s) is drawn to the important notes overleaf.

Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office www.gov.uk/ipo

This milestone not only celebrates an individual achievement but also highlights the spirit of innovation thriving across the University. Such accomplishments inspire our faculty, researchers and students to think beyond the conventional, explore new possibilities and contribute to advancements in healthcare.

Congratulations to the inventor and the entire University on this remarkable milestone.

We look forward to many more innovations shaping the future of healthcare!

Capacity Building

Research Open House 2026

What happens when research leaves the lab and meets a room full of curious minds?

Ideas collide. Questions spark. Collaborations begin.



From Lab Bench to Open Conversation

The **Open House (21st August 2026)** was more than a showcase of research—it was a meeting point for **curiosity and creativity**. Live demonstrations, thought-provoking questions, and engaging discussions brought diverse areas of research together under one roof—turning the Open House into a vibrant hub of ideas, discovery, and collaboration. Every project had a story to tell. Every question opened a new possibility. And every conversation had the potential to become the beginning of something bigger.

Research Gets Better When Ideas Connect

One of the highlights of the event was the opportunity to discover what fellow researchers are exploring. The exchange of ideas offered fresh perspectives and reminded us that some of the most exciting breakthroughs can begin with something surprisingly simple:

And This Is Just the Beginning...

The Research Open House celebrated not only the work being done today, but also the possibilities it can create for tomorrow.

Straight From Our Participants

The Research Open House received wonderful feedback from Faculty and students, who appreciated the excellent organization, engaging live demonstration, and the strong teamwork behind the event. The initiative was appreciated for making research easier to understand and creating awareness about the work being carried out. Visitors found the event informative, motivating, and inspiring, and many expressed interest in seeing more such interactions in the future. Overall, the feedback reflected the success of the

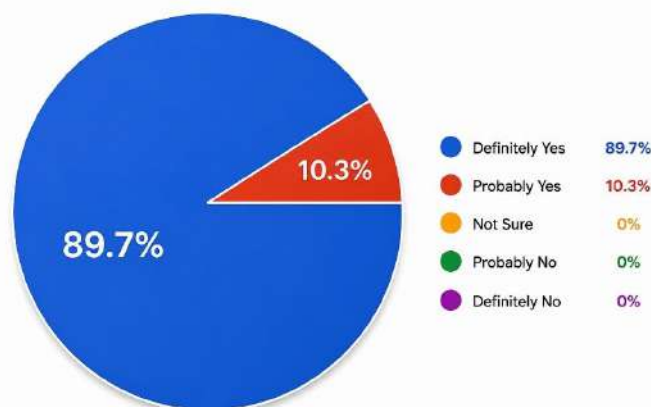
Open House in bringing people together to learn, share ideas, and connect through research.

For future Open Houses, participants suggested more practical workshops, deeper exploration of molecular techniques, microbiology, pharmacology, and biomedical technology, along with resource material and opportunities to connect with faculty and research groups. Overall, the feedback was clear: they enjoyed the experience and they would happily have more time to explore, learn, ask, and collaborate.



The Research Open House clearly sparked an interest in future research collaboration, with an impressive 89.7% of participants responding "Definitely Yes" or "Probably Yes."

The response reflects the success of the event in bringing researchers and participants together, encouraging new connections, and opening the door to future research opportunities.



Participants interested in future research collaboration

Research Integrity Corner

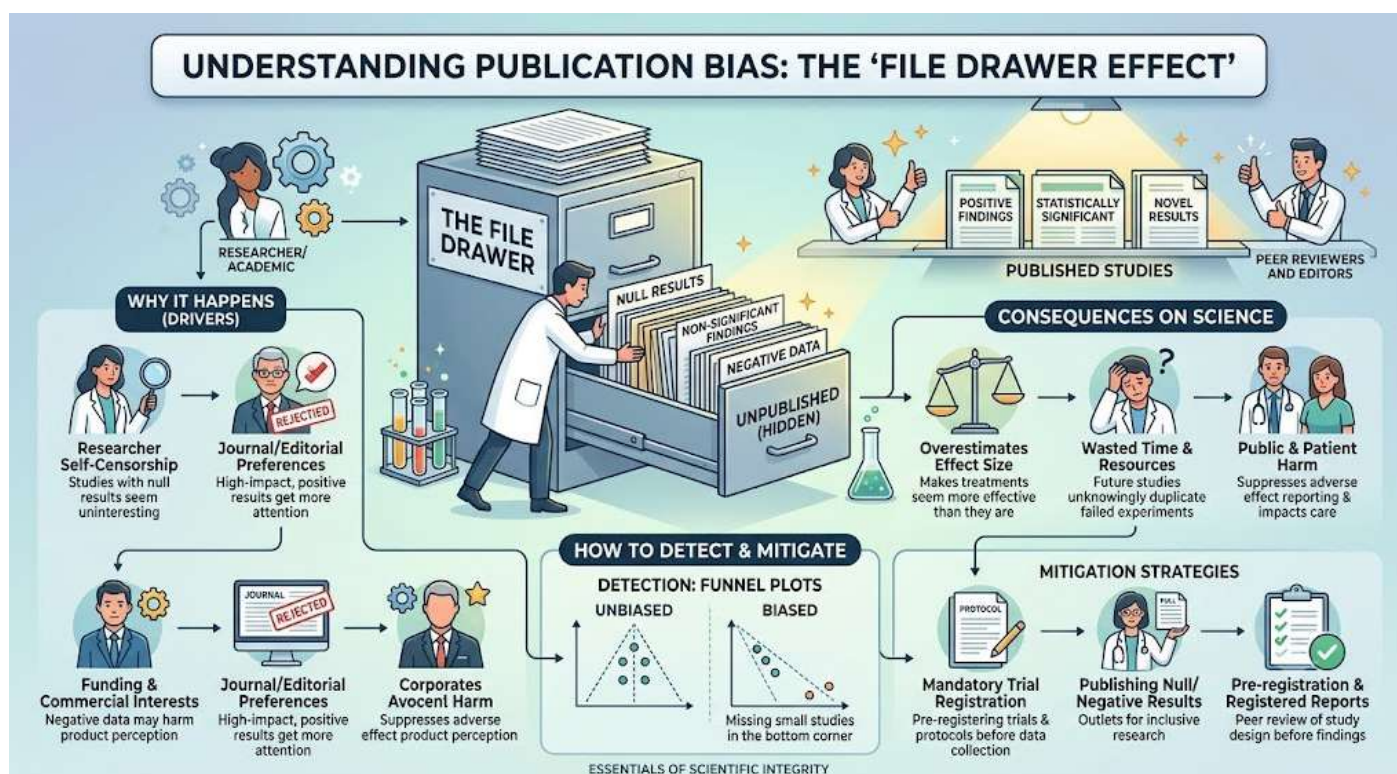
The “File Drawer” Problem: Why We Don’t Always See the Whole Picture in Science

Prof.(Dr.) V.N. Mahalakshmi

Vice Chancellor, Santosh Deemed to be University

Imagine you’re trying to decide whether a new study habit works. You ask 10 students to try it. Seven see no change, two do worse, and only one gets an “A.” If that single successful student is the only one who posts about their results on social media, everyone else will think the method is a guaranteed secret to success.

That, in a nutshell, is publication bias—often called the “File Drawer Effect.” It happens when research studies with positive, exciting, or breakthrough findings get published, while studies that find no difference (null results) or negative outcomes end up locked away in a metaphoric file drawer. It represents one of the most significant threats to evidence-based science, systematic reviews, and quantitative meta-analyses.



Why Does This Happen?

- **People Like Good News:** Researchers are less likely to write up and submit studies that showed “nothing happened,” assuming journals won’t be interested. (termed outcome-reporting bias or self-censorship).
- **Journals Want Headlines:** Academic publications and media outlets favor dramatic, headline-grabbing results because they attract more attention in terms of media coverage, reader engagement and citations.
- **Commercial Interests:** Sometimes, companies funding trials are disincentivized from sharing results if a new product or drug doesn’t work as well as hoped.

Why Is It Dangerous?

When we only publish the “wins,” science gets distorted:

1. **Treatments Look Better Than They Are:** If five trials show a drug doesn’t work and two show it does, but only the two positive ones are published, doctors end up with a false picture of how effective it really is.

2. **Wasted Effort:** Other researchers unknowingly waste time, money, and resources repeating experiments that someone else already proved didn’t work.

3. **Hidden Safety Risks/ Patient & Public Harm:** In clinical and healthcare settings, suppressing negative trial results can conceal dangerous adverse effects or lead to widespread adoption of ineffective therapies.

Detection Methods in Meta-Analysis

- **Funnel Plots (A Visual Check):** A simple scatter chart comparing study sizes to their findings. In a fair, unbiased set of research, the dots look like a balanced, upside-down funnel. If one side of the triangle is missing its bottom corner, it shows that small studies with negative results were left out.
- **Egger’s Regression Test (A Math Check):** A statistical test that measures if the funnel plot is off-balance. It gives a clear number showing whether a study’s size is suspiciously tied to how positive its results were.

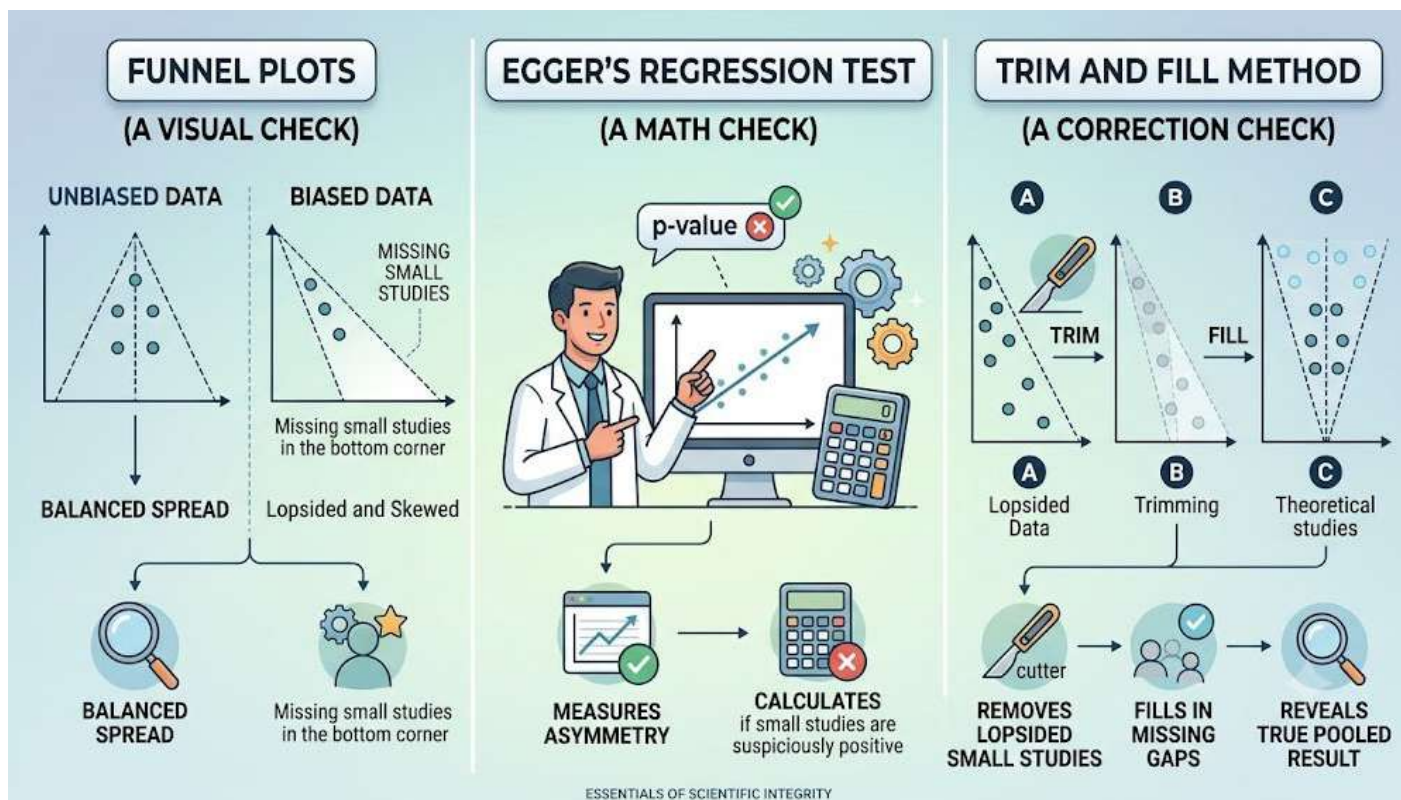
- **Trim and Fill Method (A Correction Check):** A computer algorithm that cleans up an off-balance chart. It temporarily removes lopsided small studies, calculates what the overall picture should look like, and fills in the gaps by adding "missing" theoretical studies to reveal the true result.

How Science Is Fixing It

- **Mandatory Registries:** Before starting a study, researchers now register their plans publicly on databases like

ClinicalTrials.gov. That way, everyone knows the study exists—even if the results are never formally published.

- **Registered Reports:** Journals are starting to review and accept study designs before the data is collected. If the methodology is solid, the paper gets published regardless of whether the final answer is "yes," "no," or "inconclusive."
- **Welcoming the "Null":** More journals are dedicated specifically to publishing negative or non-significant findings so the full story gets told.



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IIC Council Meeting 2026-27

Santosh Deemed to be University conducted its Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) Council Meeting for Academic Year 2026-27 on 31st August 2026.

Dr. Akshay Bhargava, President-IIC, provided valuable guidance on strengthening innovation and institutional outcomes. Dr. Jyoti Batra, Dean Research, emphasized research translation and strengthening the R&D ecosystem, while Dr. Mayurika Tyagi shared valuable suggestions for advancing innovation activities in the Santosh Hospital.

External expert Dr. Sachin Kadam, Chief Operating



Officer, IIT Delhi-SATHI, shared insights on the commercialization of patents. Adv. Suvarna Pandey, Patent Attorney, RNA, Technology and IP Attorneys, encouraged greater focus on design patents.

Startup Spotlight

Santosh-IIT Delhi MOU: Research Gets a Powerful Upgrade

Big collaboration. Bigger possibilities.

Santosh Deemed to be University, Ghaziabad, has partnered with SATHI Foundation, IIT Delhi to open new avenues for advanced research, innovation and scientific discovery.



Through this collaboration, our scholars and faculty will gain access to:



World-class analytical & characterization facilities



Joint research programmes and collaborations



Specialised training and technical expertise

From better tools to bigger ideas, this partnership brings cutting-edge research capabilities closer to our research community.

One partnership. New possibilities. Endless scope for discovery.

Together, we're not just doing research—we're building what's next.

Altmetric Highlight

Recognition that resonates!

Great news travels fast – and this month, Santosh's young researchers proved it. When 17 students across our Medical and Dental colleges were selected for the prestigious ICMR Short-Term Studentship (STS) 2026, the announcement didn't just make headlines internally – it lit up our social feeds too.

10 BDS Students Selected for ICMR-STs 2026, celebrating the dental college's young researchers, was the standout performer of the month. On Instagram, the post pulled in 7,897 views and reached 3,141 viewers, driving 111 profile visits with 90 likes, 20 shares and 6 reposts keeping the momentum going. Over on LinkedIn, it reached 2,287 professionals with 278 engagements alongside 213 clicks straight through to learn more.

7 MBBS Students Selected for ICMR-STs 2026 held its own right alongside it, with 4,489 views and 1,833 viewers on Instagram, plus 60 profile visits and steady likes, saves and reposts. On LinkedIn, the post reached 1,375 members, logged 103 engagements and picked up 85 clicks and 18 reactions.



LinkedIn



Instagram

Scan to view the post on ICMR-STs Awardees in MBBS

Together, these posts reached over 8,700 people across platforms – proof that when students excel, the whole Santosh community shows up to cheer them on. Every like, comment and share carries their achievement a little further, turning individual milestones into moments the entire institution can celebrate.



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Research Matchmaking

Seeking the Perfect Research Partner!



Dr. Shuvojit Moulik

Professor & HOD

Department of Biomedical Research



Seeks
Partner



Research Project: Beyond Participation: Building a Patentable Predictive Performance Framework for Women Athletes with Intellectual Disabilities.

Collaboration Opportunity: Faculty members and researchers from Medical Education, Psychiatry, Psychology, Physiology, Community Medicine, and Allied Health Sciences are invited to collaborate in this innovative research initiative focused on mental health promotion and evidence-based integrative healthcare.

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Honours & Laurels

Peacock Medical Education Excellence Award 2026

A Proud Moment for Santosh!

Prof. (Dr.) V. N. Mahalakshmi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Santosh Deemed to be University, has been honored with the Peacock Medical Education Excellence Award 2026 for her significant contribution to advancing AI preparedness in medical education and research.

Presented under the National Medical AI Mission, an initiative supported by NMC, NDC and ICMR, the award recognizes visionary leadership and excellence in shaping the future of medical education.



From Medical Education to AI-Ready Education

This prestigious honour celebrates not only an individual achievement, but also Santosh's growing commitment to innovation, technology and future-ready healthcare education.

Leading today. Preparing for tomorrow. Shaping the future of healthcare.