## THE NEED TO FOSTER RESEARCH IN THE MINDS OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

In general, there is an urgent need for revamping the policies, infrastructure, environment and funding options to foster and improve the quality of research in Medical, Dental colleges, Para Medical and Allied Health Science institutions. It is important to motivate and encourage students and faculty to take up research seriously. The faculty should also be more actively engaged in the research mentorship program with significantly higher qualitative and quantitative inputs. The research culture in health science institutions should be strengthened and necessary steps should be taken to insist on high quality postgraduate thesis work. There is a need of collective effort and various interested groups and stakeholders should be actively engaged in bringing in radical reforms. We should have a firm belief that all doctors & paramedical staffs will be much better professionals if they have a research mindset, orientation, exposure and hands on experience. If its research that interests you, then Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth offers an impressive number and range of opportunities for undergraduates, post graduate and faculty.

The goal of the Dean (Research), at SBV is to promote scholarly and creative activity in all disciplines of Medical, Dental, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences like Yoga, Music & Health Professionals Education enhancing innovations, critical thinking, problem solving skills, creativity and written communication. In order to achieve this goal, the Deanery Research works closely with the Scientific & Academic Fora of Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth in the regular yearly conduction of "The Research Week', a weeklong paper & poster presentation at undergraduates, post graduate and faculty level making the research extravaganza not only intra- collegiate but also spreads its wing in the region of Pondicherry inviting all the UGs & PGs from Medical, Dental and Nursing colleges to present their research activity, providing a healthy competition.

The 'Proceedings of SBV Research week' is a special issue of 'Annals of SBV', an in-house SBV thematic journal, presents all the abstracts presented as either paper & poster presentations to a wholesome paving a way to foster a scientific temper in the minds of health care professionals.

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