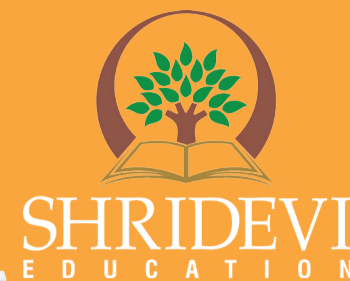




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War in the Middle East: Power, Oil, and the Human Cost

The Perennial Tragedy of War

From the earliest chronicles of civilization to the turbulent politics of the modern age, war has remained one of humanity's most tragic paradoxes. Philosophers, historians, and political thinkers have long grappled with the question: why do nations, endowed with intelligence and moral consciousness, repeatedly descend into destructive conflict?

The reasons are as varied as they are complex. Competition for scarce resources - land, water, minerals, and energy - has often ignited the spark of conflict. Ideological divisions, struggles for political dominance, and the perennial quest for power further deepen the fault lines between nations. Psychological factors such as fear, suspicion, distrust, pride, and ambition also play their subtle yet powerful roles in pushing societies toward confrontation.

Yet it must be remembered



that wars are seldom the desire of ordinary people. The common citizen, whether in a bustling metropolis or a quiet village, seeks little more than security, dignity, and a peaceful life. Decisions about war, however, are usually taken by a small circle of leaders who wield enormous authority. Sometimes these leaders act under genuine security concerns; at other times they are driven by misjudgment, ideological rigidity, or the intoxicating allure of power.

Ironically, wars are frequently justified in the name of peace. Nations proclaim that military action is necessary to defend sovereignty, eliminate threats, or restore stability. But once the first shot is fired, events often spiral beyond control. What begins as a calculated military operation soon degenerates into widespread devastation, affecting soldiers and civilians alike.

History bears grim testimony to the fact that wars rarely remain confined to military targets. Cities, schools, hospitals, and homes inevitably become victims of the expanding theatre of violence.

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'Prerana Diwas' A Day of Inspiration



'Dr. M.R. Hulinaykar & Smt. Shanthadurgadevi Award for Life-time Achievement' being presented to renowned Laparoscopic Surgery expert Dr. C. Palanivelu

■ Report: **K.S. Rajamannar**

It was a festive day, a day of Celebration in the premises of Shridevi Medical College. The day was March 13. The auditorium was overflowing with people who were eager to see two great achievers and to listen to their achievements in their own words.

It was a meeting place of senior and junior doctors. Speciality of the day was that both the awardee and the person in whose name the award was being given were known for their service to the society in general and to the medical field in particular.

On that day, Dr. C. Palanivelu, a world renowned Laparoscopic surgery expert, and the founder of G.M.E. Hospital in Coimbatore, was felicitated with the Dr. M.R. Hulinaykar & Smt. Shanthadurgadevi Hulinaykar Award for his life time achievement.

The gist of the speeches of all those who spoke from the dais on that day was 'Achievement of an individual means that he could bring to the society a new light, a light that takes the people of his generation and the generation to come on the path towards welfare. It is especially so in case of achievers in medical field. People consider them itself the leading light'.

Dr. Palanivelu said "If we utilise our skill and time at our disposal for good purpose, India will certainly become one of the most advanced countries

in the world. By nature, Indians are skill-oriented people. By squandering away our time, we will not be able to achieve anything during our lives. According to a recent survey conducted by Google, nearly 80 per cent of Indians spend their time in watching the social media. We have to use this time for constructive manner. Dr. M.R. Hulinaykar is the best example for utilising one's talent, time and effort".

"Many Indians had the opportunity in the international medical forum to speak or to present their research papers. But I was the first person to get an opportunity to demonstrate a live surgery. I have conducted surgery procedure in forty nations across the globe. That is why I consider myself a fortunate person".

"In the history of medicines, Indians occupy a place of pride. Thousands of years ago, for the first time in the world, Indian physicians conducted surgery, while in the so-called advanced countries the history of surgery is as recent as 300-400 years. From this it is evident to the fact Indians never lacked in talents. But we have to improve our skill, whatever field we are working in. This is what I learnt from my medical profession. Indian family system is the model for the entire world. Countries like Japan, Germany are trying to follow this system. This shows how strong our familial bonds, cultural standard are.

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Innocent lives are lost, communities are uprooted, and the social fabric of entire regions is torn apart. The ongoing conflict in the Middle East is a tragic reminder of this enduring reality.

Historical Roots of the Israel-Iran Rivalry

The current tensions between Israel and Iran cannot be fully understood without examining their historical and geopolitical background. The seeds of the conflict were sown in the complex political developments that followed the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

The creation of Israel triggered a series of wars and prolonged disputes with neighbouring Arab countries. At the heart of these conflicts lies the unresolved Palestinian question - an issue intertwined with territory, sovereignty, identity, and national aspirations.

Palestinians continue to demand recognition of their rights and the establishment of an independent state. Israel, on the other hand, insists on safeguarding its national security and territorial integrity. Despite numerous negotiations and international initiatives over the decades, a lasting solution has remained elusive.

Over time, the dispute evolved into a wider regional rivalry. Iran emerged as a powerful supporter of Palestinian resistance movements and became one of Israel's most formidable adversaries in the region.

Although Israel and Iran have not engaged in full-scale direct warfare for many years, their rivalry has manifested through indirect means - cyber warfare, intelligence operations, and targeted assassinations of scientists and military personnel. Each side views the other with profound suspicion.

The Trigger: The 2023 Hamas Attack:

The latest and most intense phase of the conflict was ignited by a dramatic and devastating event in 2023. Militants from Hamas launched a large-scale attack on Israeli territory, resulting in significant civilian casualties and the capture of hostages.

The attack sent shockwaves across Israel and the international community. In response, Israel launched a massive military campaign in Gaza, declaring its intention to dismantle the military infrastructure of Hamas.

This sent huge shock waves to the natives of Palestine. International diplomats opine that Israel is the reason for the raise of terrorism there.

The retaliation was swift and severe. Heavy bombardments and ground operations caused extensive destruction in Gaza, worsening an

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For Israel, Iran's growing military capabilities and nuclear ambitions pose a potential existential threat. For Iran, Israel's strategic alliances with Western powers represent a challenge to regional balance and sovereignty. This deep-seated mistrust has turned their relationship into one of the most volatile rivalries in contemporary geopolitics.

already fragile humanitarian situation. Economic activity collapsed, and thousands of civilians found themselves trapped in a war zone.

Soon the conflict spread beyond Gaza. Hezbollah in Lebanon began launching rockets toward Israel, opening another dangerous front. Entire communities were displaced as civilians fled in search of safety.

The situation escalated further in 2024 and 2025 when Iranian-backed militias across the Middle East became increasingly involved. Armed groups operating in Iraq and Syria launched attacks against American and Israeli targets. Israel responded with powerful strikes on Hezbollah positions and Iranian installations in Syria.

What began as a localized confrontation soon evolved into a broader regional crisis, drawing multiple actors into a complex web of retaliation and counter-retaliation.

Economic Shockwaves Across the World

Modern economies are deeply interconnected, and conflicts in strategically important regions rarely remain localised. The Middle East, being one of the world's most critical energy hubs, holds enormous influence over global markets.

Iran is among the significant producers and exporters of oil and natural gas. When tensions rise in the region, global energy markets react almost instantly. Even the possibility of supply disruptions can send oil prices soaring.

Higher energy prices inevitably ripple through the global economy. Transportation becomes more expensive, manufacturing costs rise,



Donald Trump



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Mojtaba Khamenei

and inflationary pressures intensify. For developing nations, the impact can be particularly severe, as energy imports consume a large portion of national resources.

The conflict has also threatened vital maritime routes connecting Europe, Asia, and Africa. Any disruption in these shipping lanes could hamper international trade, delay supply chains, and increase logistical costs.

Thus, a regional conflict in the Middle East can quickly transform into a global economic challenge, affecting nations far removed from the battlefield.

The Myth of War as an Economic Engine

Some analysts have argued that war stimulates economic activity by increasing production and technological innovation. However, such arguments overlook the immense destruction and opportunity costs associated with warfare.

War diverts precious resources away from productive sectors and channels them into military expenditure. Governments spend vast sums on weapons, defence infrastructure, and military logistics - funds that could otherwise be invested in education, healthcare, infrastructure, and social welfare.

The destruction caused by war also imposes staggering financial burdens. Roads, bridges, power stations, communication networks, and oil facilities are often damaged or destroyed during hostilities. Rebuilding them requires years of effort and enormous investment.

Contrary to the illusion of wartime prosperity, reconstruction merely restores what has been lost. It does not create new wealth. In reality, war often leaves economies weakened, burdened with debt, and struggling to recover.

Humanitarian Catastrophe: The Silent Suffering

Beyond geopolitical calculations and economic debates lies the most

heartbreaking dimension of war - the suffering of ordinary people.

The present conflict has evolved into a humanitarian catastrophe affecting millions. Entire neighbourhoods have been reduced to ruins. Homes, schools, and hospitals have been destroyed, leaving communities devastated.

Healthcare systems in several conflict zones have collapsed. Hospitals operate with limited supplies of medicines and equipment, while medical professionals struggle under extreme conditions to save lives.

Humanitarian workers and volunteers face grave risks while attempting to provide aid. Access to affected areas is often restricted by ongoing military operations, making relief efforts extraordinarily difficult.

For civilians caught in the crossfire, life becomes a daily struggle for survival.

Refugees and Displacement

War inevitably forces people to abandon their homes. Families flee with little more than the clothes they wear, seeking safety in unfamiliar lands.

The present conflict has generated large numbers of refugees and internally displaced persons. Camps meant to provide temporary shelter often become overcrowded settlements with limited sanitation, food, and medical facilities.

Such conditions increase the risk of disease outbreaks and create long-term humanitarian challenges.

Mass displacement can also alter the demographic composition of entire regions, creating political and social tensions in host countries.

The Invisible Wounds of War

While the destruction of buildings is visible to the world, the psychological scars of war remain largely unseen. Children who grow up in conflict zones often witness violence at a tender age. Many lose family members, homes, and educational opportunities.

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Prerana Diwas: Igniting Excellence through Legend and Legacy

Raman Speaks



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On November 26, 2023, the Shridevi campus witnessed an extraordinary outpouring of affection and admiration. Over ten thousand people gathered to celebrate the Amrita Mahotsava of Dr. M. R. Hulinaykar. On that day, a profound question emerged in our minds: How can this spirit endure beyond milestones and celebrations?

From this reflection was born the idea of observing his birthday as "Prerana Diwas" - a day of inspiration. The vision was to transform the occasion into a living source of motivation, encouraging individuals to emulate the ideals and achievements of Dr. M. R. Hulinaykar and Smt. Shanthadurgadevi Hulinaykar.

To institutionalize this vision, it was resolved to establish the Dr. M. R. Hulinaykar Trust and institute an annual honour titled the Dr. M. R. Hulinaykar & Smt. Shanthadurgadevi Hulinaykar Lifetime Achievement Award. The purpose of the award was to recognise individuals whose lives exemplify dedication, excellence, and service to humanity.

The choice for the inaugural award was unanimous. The trustees selected Dr. C. Palanivelu, whose name is synonymous with laparoscopic surgery. His pioneering contributions, and his commitment to accessible healthcare, made him a fitting recipient.

Thus, on March 13, 2026, the vision of Prerana Diwas came alive. The auditorium of Shridevi Medical College was filled to capacity, with



“We - three sisters and I - have been brought up in a very disciplined manner by our parents since our childhood. We were inculcated with time-consciousness, veneration to God and elders, hard-work in our family. But they did not teach these with a stick in their hands, but by practising them in their own lives. They have been our real role-models. Their influence was so much on us that we just followed their foot-steps.”

Dr. Raman M. Hulinaykar
(from his Welcome Speech)

students, faculty, surgeons, and distinguished guests. The atmosphere was charged with anticipation, and the audience were eager to listen to this legendary surgeon.

Inspiration over Adoration

It is often said that great achievers should inspire us, not merely be admired. Yet, in practice, we tend to elevate such individuals to high pedestals, revering them without reflecting on the journey that brought them there. In doing so, we overlook the essential truth - that their success was forged through perseverance, integrity, and sacrifice.

We pray for blessings, but hesitate to tread the path of discipline and hard work that defines true achievement. What the younger

generation needs today is not passive admiration, but active inspiration. The lives of accomplished individuals offer a blueprint for our success.

Both Dr. M. R. Hulinaykar and Dr. C. Palanivelu exemplify the spirit of 'Kayaka Yoga' - the philosophy of dedicated and selfless work. Their journeys were not shaped by chance, but by relentless effort and unwavering commitment. They stand as living testaments to the idea that excellence is achieved through perseverance rather than privilege.

Like great luminaries such as Kabir, Mahatma Gandhi, and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, they rose to prominence through conviction and courage. Their lives reaffirm that true success lies not merely in personal achievement, but in contributing meaningfully to society.

A Wellspring of Motivation

The presence of Dr. C. Palanivelu on Prerana Diwas transformed the occasion into a powerful source of inspiration. His address resonated deeply with the audience, particularly the aspiring medical professionals.

He emphasised that a surgeon must combine scientific precision with human compassion. "Technology," he observed, "is only a tool; it must be guided by a humane heart." His words underscored the essential truth that

medicine is not merely a science, but a service rooted in empathy.

Reflecting on his own journey from a remote village to international recognition, he spoke with humility and gratitude. He acknowledged not only his hard work and determination, but also the role of societal support and divine grace in shaping his career. This blend of confidence and humility left a lasting impression on the audience.

Skill: The Ladder to Excellence

Dr. Palanivelu's message to young doctors was both simple and profound: talent alone is not enough. India, he noted, is a reservoir of talent. However, in today's competitive world, talent must be complemented by skill. "Skill gives value to talent," he emphasised. In an era of robotic and laparoscopic surgery, continuous learning is indispensable.

He emphasised that healthcare, like education, is a fundamental right that should be accessible to all. This call for inclusivity reinforced his identity not only as a surgeon, but also as a socially conscious reformer.

Indeed, it is this rare combination of professional excellence and humanitarian concern that distinguishes Dr. Palanivelu. His deep empathy and commitment to service have elevated him to the position what he is in today.

It is for these very qualities that he was chosen as the recipient of the inaugural Dr. M.R. Hulinaykar & Smt. Shanthadurgadevi Hulinaykar Life-Time Achievement Award'.

A Legacy of Inspiration

Prerana Diwas is more than an annual observance; it ensures that the legacy of visionaries like Dr. M. R. Hulinaykar continues to inspire generations to come.

'Shridevi Antaranga extends its heartfelt congratulations to Dr. C. Palanivelu, whose life and work embody the very essence of 'Prerana Diwas'.

Life-Time Achievement Award to Dr. C. Palanivelu

Dr. Raman M. Hulinaykar, the Director of Shridevi Group of Educational Institutions, said that Dr. C. Palanivelu, a renowned Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgeon, will be honoured with Dr. M.R. Hulinaykar & Smt. Shanthadurgadevi Hulinaykar award for his life-time achievement in medical field, on March 13, 2026.

Speaking in a press conference on March 11 said "Born to a poor family in Tamil Nadu, Dr. Palanivelu established GEM Hospital in Coimbatore. He is a known all over the world for his skill and innovation in laparoscopic surgery. He is honoured with the Fellowships from Royal College of England, and with

Dr. B.C. Roy National Award given by the Government of India, two times, for his invaluable contribution to the medical field".

"He has published many useful books on laparoscopic surgery, which are recognised all over the world as important books for guiding students and doctors. He has made several innovations in the field of surgery too. Recognising his life-time achievement, he is being honoured with this award which carries a sum of one lakh and fifty thousand along with a citation".

Acharya Dr. M. Nagaraj, the founder of Suvarnamukhi Sanskriti Dhama, Basavaraj Patil, the president of Rashtriya Svabhimana Parishat,



New Delhi, Dr. Eshwar R. Hosmani, the Director of KIMS Hospital, Hubli will grace the award presenting ceremony with their presence".

He further said "January 16, which is the birth day of Dr. M.R. Hulinaykar, who is a famous surgeon, educationist, social worker and

thinker, is celebrated as 'Prerana Diwas' every year".

Dr. M.R. Hulinaykar, the Founder-Chairman of Shridevi Group of Educational Institutions, Dr. Lavanya, Ophthalmologist, Dr. Narendra Vishwanath, Principal, were present in the press conference.

Restores the Original Form and Shape of a Bear-attack Victim

Due to many reasons such as accident, fire mishap, wild animal attack, severe diseases, etc. the original form and shape of human body may get affected severely. In such cases plastic surgery helps the reconstruction, restoration, or alteration of the human body to improve function and appearance. But this surgery requires special expertise and good facilities. Earlier victims of far-off places had to go to Bengaluru to get plastic surgery done. Now, Shridevi Medical College, which has all necessary facilities, has reconstructed the



body parts and restored the normal functions of the body of a farmer, who was fighting for his life. He was attacked by a bear in the country side. Plastic Surgeon Dr. Vinod of Shridevi

Hospital performed plastic surgery and brought back the original form and shape to that victim. Details are as follows:

Hanumanthappa, a farmer, belonging to Neelahalli in Madhugiri Taluk, Tumakuru District was working in his field

when a bear from no where came and attacked him. It bit his face and tore off his body. Somehow, he escaped from that bear and with

great difficulty walked down to his village. With the help of some of his friends he came to Shridevi Hospital, Tumakuru. When he came to the hospital, his face was totally unsightly. He had difficulty even in breathing and was fighting for life. The bones of the nose bridge were displaced by the bear. The doctors immediately attended to him, cleaned the mud particles that were in the wounds, cleaned his face and was kept him under artificial breathing facility. The dead tissues were removed from the face. When he could breathe normally, surgery procedure was performed and the nose bones were placed at their original place and the torn-out blood vessels were reconstructed.

Once he recovered, he was shifted from ICU to the post-operation ward and he was given post-operation care for one week. When doctors found that he was fit to be discharged, he was sent home. Next week, when he came again to the hospital for a check up, the sutures were removed. He had no problem in breathing. He came back to his normal life within a short time of one month, Dr. Vinod told this to our magazine.

Dr. Vinod conducted this surgery with the help of ENT doctors and PG students. Dr. Vinod who is working as a Plastic Surgeon in Shridevi Hospital for the last two years, has conducted here more than five hundred plastic surgeries.

■ Report: K.S. Rajamannar

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The trauma they experience can affect their emotional well-being for years to come.

Interrupted education and prolonged instability deprive young people of the chance to build meaningful futures. Societies emerging from prolonged conflicts therefore face the daunting challenge of rebuilding not only infrastructure but also trust and hope.

The bitterness and mistrust generated by war can linger for decades, making reconciliation an arduous process.

The Need for True Statesmanship

When one examines both the motives behind wars and their devastating consequences, an unsettling question arises: what do nations truly gain from armed conflict?

Even when military objectives are achieved, the human and economic costs are staggering. Victory often comes at a price so heavy that it diminishes its own significance.

The world is not devoid of wise leaders capable of guiding nations toward peaceful solutions. Yet genuine statesmanship often appears overshadowed by political ambition, ideological rigidity, and the pursuit of strategic dominance.

Humanity frequently longs for the moral vision of leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi or Gautama Buddha, who championed the ideals of non-violence and compassion. But perhaps the greater challenge lies in cultivating these values within our institutions and societies.

The Role of International Institutions

International organizations were established to prevent precisely such destructive conflicts. They are meant to serve as forums where disputes could be resolved through dialogue, negotiation, and arbitration.

Yet the effectiveness of these

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institutions often depends on the political will of powerful nations. When geopolitical rivalries dominate global politics, collective action becomes difficult.

Strengthening international cooperation and reinforcing mechanisms of diplomacy remain essential if the world is to avoid repeating the tragedies of the past.

Conclusion: Choosing Wisdom Over War

The ongoing turmoil in the Middle East is a stark reminder of the devastating consequences of unresolved political disputes and geopolitical rivalries.

Wars may be fought in the name of security or national pride, but their aftermath tells a grim story - cities reduced to rubble, families displaced, economies shattered, and generations burdened with trauma.

Human civilization has made extraordinary progress in science, technology, and knowledge. Yet the persistence of war raises a troubling question: have we progressed equally in gaining wisdom?

The future of humanity depends on our ability to learn from history. Nations must recognize that dialogue, diplomacy, and mutual understanding are not signs of weakness but the foundations of lasting peace.

Only when wisdom triumphs

over pride and cooperation over confrontation can the world hope to move beyond the cycle of war and destruction.

India's Stand: A Strategic Balance

India's response to the ongoing Middle East conflict mainly between Israel and America on one side and Iran on the other has been marked by caution, calibrated diplomacy, and a clear emphasis on our national interest. India has consistently advocated restraint and dialogue and it has called for de-escalation of military confrontation and protection of civilians. In this regard, our Prime Minister is in continuous touch with several heads of the States including Emmanuel Macron of France and emphasised the urgency of de-escalation.

India's stand reflects a careful balancing act between competing strategic interests: strong defence and technological ties with Israel, energy dependence on Gulf nations, and longstanding relations with Iran. It has carefully avoided explicitly condemning key actors, particularly in the case of U.S.-Israel actions against Iran, choosing instead a nuanced silence.

Critically, this approach raises questions about whether India is prioritizing realpolitik over its traditional moral commitments - especially its historical support for the Palestinian cause. While India continues to endorse a two-state solution and humanitarian aid, its increasingly close alignment with Israel has signalled a shift in foreign policy orientation.

The domestic response from some opposition parties have warned that the conflict could severely disrupt India's energy security, pointing to the vulnerability of oil supplies and economic stability. Though they are not wrong, the Government of India is doing its best to avoid such a situation by morally forcing these countries to

stop the war as early as possible.

Ultimately, India's stance on the Middle East war seeks to reconcile ethical commitments with geopolitical realities, economic dependencies, and security imperatives. This balancing act is supposed to enhance India's global stature and will shape its role in the evolving world order.

History points out that the relation between India and Iran goes back to Mouryan period (3rd century B.C.E.). Before bifurcation of India, both India and Iran shared borders. Our trade relation has stood the test of time. We are exporting rice to Iran and importing oil from them. This proves that Iran is one of our friendly countries.

The present war besides destroying the human resource, is spoiling the world economic order. Our investors too have invested huge sums of money on real estate in Iran. Now they are facing a huge crisis. So also in United Arab Emirates. Etihad Museum located at the historic Union House site showcases the UAE's founding history through interactive pavilions and is considered a premier cultural landmark. Such monumental structures are now facing imminent danger of destruction. That apart, Dubai is a prominent commercial centre for many countries, in which India too has its stake. To save these and many other assets and human lives, India has to take initiative in convincing the countries engaged in the present war to put an end to the war.

India, instead of taking sides in the present situation, is trying to maintain cordial relation with all the countries and handling the situation with great caution. Our priority includes the saving of lives of crores of Indians living in Middle-East countries. Our silence is not our weakness. Our policy is that this is not an era of war. We must pursue this policy of ours for the welfare of India as well as other countries in the world.

■ Narration: V. Krishna

Global Health Connect 2026

An International Milestone for Shridevi Institute of Allied Health Sciences

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Shridevi Institute of Allied Health Sciences (SIAHS), Tumakuru, in collaboration with MAHSA University, Malaysia, proudly announces the First International Conference on Global Healthcare and Medical Sciences – “Global Health Connect 2026”. The conference is scheduled to be held from 3rd to 5th April 2026 at the prestigious campus of MAHSA University, Malaysia.

This landmark international conference represents a significant academic achievement for the institution. It marks the first occasion on which an allied health institution from this region has taken the initiative to host and participate in a global academic platform of such magnitude. The conference aims to foster meaningful international collaboration in education, research, and clinical practice, thereby creating new pathways for innovation and professional advancement in the healthcare sector.

Theme and Objectives

The conference revolves around the theme: “Strengthening Global Collaboration in Allied Health Education, Research, and Clinical Practice.”

This theme reflects the growing realization that contemporary healthcare challenges transcend national boundaries and require collective intellectual effort. By bringing together scholars, clinicians, researchers, and educators from various parts of the world, the conference seeks to build bridges between institutions and disciplines.

The major objectives of the conference include:

- Promoting international collaboration in healthcare and medical sciences
- Encouraging interdisciplinary research in allied health and clinical practice
- Providing a platform for academicians and healthcare professionals to exchange knowledge and experiences
- Highlighting emerging innovations, technologies, and treatment methodologies in modern healthcare
- Strengthening academic partnerships between institutions across the globe.

Through these objectives, the conference aspires to contribute to the continuous evolution of healthcare education and research while nurturing



a spirit of cooperation among global institutions.

A Platform for Global Academic Exchange

Global Health Connect 2026 is designed as a vibrant forum where distinguished scholars, clinicians, researchers, and students will gather to deliberate on contemporary developments in healthcare and medical sciences. The conference will feature keynote addresses, plenary sessions, research paper presentations, panel discussions, and poster presentations, providing participants with numerous opportunities to engage in intellectual dialogue.

Renowned experts from different countries will share their insights on current trends, innovative therapeutic approaches, and evolving healthcare policies. Their contributions are expected to stimulate meaningful discussions on how allied health professionals can respond effectively to emerging global health challenges.

The conference will also offer an excellent opportunity for young researchers and postgraduate students to present their findings before an international audience. Such exposure will not only enhance their academic confidence but also encourage them to pursue research with renewed enthusiasm and global perspective.

Strengthening Institutional Partnerships

One of the most noteworthy aspects of Global Health Connect 2026 is the collaboration between Shridevi Institute of Allied Health Sciences, Tumakuru, and MAHSA University, Malaysia. This partnership symbolizes the growing importance of cross-border academic cooperation in strengthening healthcare education.

MAHSA University is widely recognized for its contributions to

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medical and health sciences education in Southeast Asia. Hosting the conference at its campus adds an international dimension to the event and provides participants with the opportunity to interact with leading academicians and practitioners from diverse cultural and professional backgrounds. Such collaborations pave the way for future academic exchange programmes, joint research initiatives, faculty collaborations, and student mobility opportunities. Ultimately, they contribute to the development of a globally connected academic ecosystem.

Encouraging Research and Innovation

In recent years, allied health sciences have assumed an increasingly vital role in modern healthcare systems. Professionals in fields such as physiotherapy, medical laboratory technology, radiology, nutrition, and other allied disciplines contribute significantly to patient care, diagnosis, rehabilitation, and preventive health services.

Global Health Connect 2026 seeks

to highlight the transformative role of these disciplines by encouraging innovative research and evidence-based practice. Researchers will present papers on emerging topics such as:

- Advances in diagnostic technologies
- Innovations in rehabilitation sciences
- Integrative approaches to patient care
- Public health challenges and solutions
- Technological interventions in healthcare delivery

By facilitating the exchange of such knowledge, the conference aims to inspire new research collaborations and promote the translation of academic findings into practical clinical applications.

Opportunities for Students and Young Professionals

Another important objective of the conference is to provide a valuable learning platform for students and early-career professionals. Participation in an international conference exposes them to diverse viewpoints, research methodologies, and professional networks.



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Aishwarya Radder
Microbiology – 86.33%
Ophthalmology – 87.00%
Pharmacology – 85.67%



Abhijeet Manjunath Bhandari
Pathology – 84.33%

TOP RANKERS – PG



Dr. Thrupti N S
Emergency Medicine – 79.75%



Dr. Shwetha Jangala
ENT – 75.50%

Shridevi Medical, Nursing & Allied Health Colleges bag 95 ranks

Ninety-five students of Shridevi Medical College, studying in different courses, have done extremely well by getting ranks in the examinations conducted by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences for the year 2025-26 and made the Shridevi Educational Institutions proud. Details of ranks secured by them are here: - M.B.B.S. -4; PG Medical Courses - 2; Ramana Maharshi Nursing College -2; Shridevi Nursing College - 8; Shridevi Pharmacy College – 58; and Physiotherapy courses – 21.

Dr. Aishwarya Radder got second and 10th rank in Microbiology and Ophthalmology respectively, while Dr. Abhijeet Bhandari got 7th rank in Pathology, Dr. Thrupti N.S. first rank in Emergency Medicine (Medical PG course), Dr. Swetha Jangala 6th rank in ENT course. In the Physiotherapy division, Riyakutu's performance was very impressive who has secured first and seventh rank. Eleven students of the same

division have got total twenty-one ranks.

This success of medical division of the Group is entirely due to the hard and persistent study of the students and since and effective efforts of the teaching staff. Dr. M.R. Hulinaykar, the Founder-chairman of Shridevi Group of Educational Institutions, Dr. Raman M. Hulinaykar, the director of the Group, M.S. Patil, the Director, Human Resources, Dr. Lavanya, and Smt. Ambika Hulinaykar both Trustees of Shridevi Charitable Trust extended their congratulations to all these students, Principals and other Teaching Staff.

Those students who completed their degree/PG courses successfully, expressed their gratitude to their teaching and non-teaching staff of the colleges and also the management of Shridevi Group of Institutions for all the help, guidance and the best atmosphere for studies provided by them. Most of them expressed their intention of continuing their studies further.

An International Milestone for Shridevi Institute of Allied Health Sciences

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Students will have the opportunity to interact with experienced researchers and clinicians, attend specialized workshops, and participate in academic discussions that broaden their intellectual horizons. Such exposure plays a crucial role in shaping future healthcare leaders who are capable of addressing global health challenges with competence and compassion.

Enhancing the Global Profile of the Institution

For Shridevi Institute of Allied Health Sciences, this conference represents not only an academic event but also a proud moment in its institutional journey. Organizing and participating in an international conference of this scale underscores the institute's commitment to academic excellence, research advancement, and global engagement.

Over the years, the institute has steadily developed a reputation for quality education in allied health sciences. Global Health Connect 2026 further strengthens this reputation by positioning the institution as an active contributor

to the international healthcare education community.

Looking Ahead

As healthcare systems across the world confront complex challenges - from emerging diseases and aging populations to technological transformations - the importance of global academic collaboration cannot be overstated. Conferences such as Global Health Connect 2026 serve as catalysts for innovation, dialogue, and partnership.

By bringing together diverse minds and perspectives, the conference promises to generate ideas that will contribute to the improvement of healthcare education, research, and clinical practice worldwide.

In essence, Global Health Connect 2026 is not merely a conference; it is a step toward building a collaborative global network dedicated to advancing health sciences for the benefit of humanity. The organizers warmly invite academicians, healthcare professionals, researchers, and students from across the world to participate in this intellectually enriching and professionally rewarding event.

'Prerana Diwas' A Day of Inspiration

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English is just one of the communication media today. It is totally a misconception that we get recognition only if we speak in English. But it is our mother-tongue which the main wellspring of all our feelings and personality. Love and respect your mother tongue”.

“I have been honoured by many awards as I have conducted thousands of laparoscopic and robotic surgeries. But I regard the Award I am conferred today by the Dr. Hulinaykar Trust as the most coveted one among them. This has made me become more conscious about my duties.”

“Past sixty, human body wants rest. This is quite natural. Therefore, what ever one wants to achieve should be achieved when he or she is young. Once you are past sixty, turn yourself towards the society and serve the people selflessly. This should be your aim in your lives.”

'Palanivelu Suture' is a model in the World: Dr. Eshwar R. Hosamani, Director, KIMS Hospital, Hubli

It is because of the efforts of Dr. Palanivelu, today, even rural people are able to get the benefit of laparoscopic surgery at an affordable cost. This has saved the lives of thousands of patients. Post-operation suture is very important. The suture



method innovated by Dr. Palanivelu takes a short time to get healed. This helps the patients to return to their normal life within a short period. This method of Dr. Palanivelu is known today as 'Palanivelu suture method' and is being used all over the world.

It is to the credit of Dr. Palanivelu that patients from countries like America, Japan, Germany, Korea, England etc. are coming to Coimbatore to get operated by him. He is conducting laparoscopic and oncology surgery at minimal cost.

Behind all his success, there is encouragement, support of his wife Smt. Jaya Palanivelu. He is blessed with such a family, that his son, daughter-in-law and son-in-law are very cooperative in his achievements which made him a well-recognised surgeon all over the world.

I have been associated with Dr. Palanivelu for the last thirty years. He is my mentor and philosopher. I learnt from him the art of laparoscopy.

He has made Coimbatore the capital of robotic surgery in the whole world.



Dr. Palanivelu is blessed by the Almighty and his elders. His achievements are many in the international level. His biography 'GUTS' is translated to many languages including Kannada, English and Hindi. Its Oriya version will be released next month. This is really a moment of joy for the medical world.

Basavaraj Patil,
President, Rashtriya Svabhiman Parishat New Delhi



Shridevi Group of Educational Institutions is honouring itself by honouring the 'Ever-shining Star' in medical field Dr. Palanivelu. Shridevi Educational Institutions is not the product of a single man's effort. Many hands have joined in building it and making a source of talents. It is not the property of any individual or any single family. I too have learnt the art of laparoscopic surgery from Dr. Palanivelu and is following that method in Shridevi Hospital. I feel proud of this fact.

Dr. M.R. Hulinaykar
Founder Chairman, Shridevi Group of Educational Institutions



What education we got is not important. But what is important is how our education has made us cultured citizens of a nation. Dr. Palanivelu and Dr. M.R. Hulinaykar are the living epitomes for being the ideal doctors who have devoted their life for the service of the society. Younger generation people have to emulate them sincerely.

Acharya Dr. M. Nagaraj
Founder, Suvarnamukhi Sanskriti Dhama

Thus
Spoke the
Wisemen



“ Violence is playing havoc in almost all the nations in the world. The policy ‘Tit for Tat’ or ‘Eye for Eye’ of Hammurabi of Old Babylonian Empire has become rule of the day. Jaina Dharma teaches the importance of tolerance, peace, compassion and sacrifice. Its necessity is being felt now more than ever before.

Dr. M. Veerapa Moily

(From: his epic ‘Shri Bahubali Ahimsa Digvijaya’, Prose rendering: Dr. V.S. Rajanna)

Immense Contribution to Laparoscopic Surgery in India By Dr. C. Palanivelu



■ Prof. T.S. Bhimraj
Professor,
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Dr. C. Palanivelu is Gastroenterologist, a legendary worldclass Laparoscopic and Robotic surgeon was born in 1950 in Avarogatti Pudur Village of Namakkal Taulk, Tamil Nadu. His parents were Shri Chinnuswami and Smt. Kaliyammal. His father due to his utter poverty could not provide education to Palanivelu. The entire family moved to Penang, Malaya in search of their livelihood. Later, the family returned to India.

Palanivelu, with the encouragement of his Headmaster Sethuraman, other teachers Viapuri and Gandhian Marappan Gounders support, completed both S.S.L.C and Pre-University examination and secured admission to Stanley Medical College, Madras, and completed M.B.B.S and M.S. degree with distinction.

Dr. Palanivelu, blessed with his life partner Smt. Jaya. With her support he completed M.Ch. He underwent training in Laparoscopic surgery in Singapore and with his surgical skills became the first laparoscopic surgeon in South India and became an expert in minimally Invasive surgery.

As the first laparoscopic surgeon in the world, he has been invited to perform surgery in many parts of the world including UK, Japan, Italy, USA etc. He has done more than 18 thousand surgeries so far. Moreover, he has developed a beautiful suturing technique called ‘Palanivelu Suturing Method’, which became a benchmark in the field of surgery. Through, workshops, conferences across India and abroad he trained and inspired by many young surgeons.



Today, the art of laparoscopic surgery has become popular and reached the common man in the country. He has presented more than 250 scientific research papers at national and international platforms. He has been awarded many awards, fellowships, and honorary doctorates by many prestigious bodies in Great Britain and Ireland. He was honoured by Government of India with B.C Roy National award twice.

Dr. Palanivelu has established an advanced Gastroenterology and Medical Centers (GEM Hospital) in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu and other major cities where world class treatment is given to patients. He conducts complicated oncology surgeries. He is well-known for his innovative surgery methods. Because of his effort, today even underprivileged patients are also getting the benefit of laparoscopic surgery. He has published many books that includes text books, Art of Laparoscopic Surgery, Atlas, Minimally Invasive Surgery Techniques, Laparoscopic Hernia, Bariatric and Colorectal surgery and GUTS.

Dr. M.R. Hulinaykar and Smt. Shanthadurgadevi Hulinaykar Life-time Achievement Award was

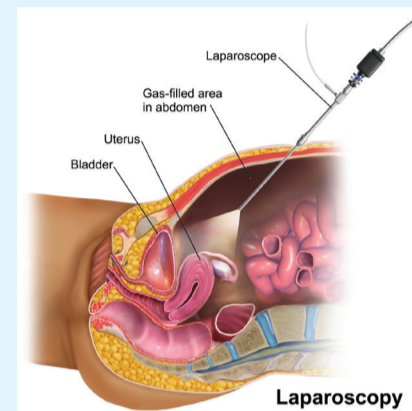
conferred by Shri Shridevi Charitable Trust and Dr. M.R. Hulinaykar Trust to Dr. C. Palanivelu on 13. 3. 2026. Dr. M.R.Hulinayakar appreciated Dr. C. Palanivelu for his dedication, hard work, innovation in laparoscopic surgery and his contribution to the society.

Laparoscopy

Laparoscopy is a minimally invasive surgical technique used to examine, treat abdomen and Pelvis. Laparoscope is a thin, rigid, telescope-like instrument equipped with a fiber-optic light source and a high-definition camera. Inserted through a small incision (trocar), it transmits clear, magnified images to a monitor, allowing surgeons to perform procedures with reduced recovery time, pain, and scarring. Surgeons use this to locate tumors, analyse abdominal pain, and conducting biopsies. They view internal organs on a monitor and perform procedures like cholecystectomy, appendectomy, tubal ligation, endometriosis resection, and gynaecological surgeries. Once the procedure is over, the tools are removed, gas is released, incisions are sutured or glued and the wound is dressed. This procedure involves less complication and less tissue disruption.

Common uses and Benefit

It is frequently applied for gynecological problems such as ovarian cyst, endometriosis, infertility, digestive disorders, removal of uterus, fallopian tube, ovaries, tumors, ectopic pregnancy, gall bladder, kidney, intestine and appendix, urinary problems, cancer, general surgery and Gastroenterological surgery. Benefit: small scar, less pain, rapid recovery and short stay in hospital.



Robotic Surgery

Robotic Surgery uses advanced system to assist surgeon in performing minimally invasive procedure with high precision. Surgeons control robotic arms to conduct precise actions inside the body. This requires good skill set. The success depends on the dexterity, skill. Dr. C. Palanivelu has achieved perfect expertise in both Robotic and Laparoscopic surgeries.

Robotic system supports the surgeries like hysterectomies, prostatectomies, repair of heart valves, gallbladder removal, kidney procedure, colectomies, hernia repairs, urology, gynecology and general surgery. Benefit of this surgery includes less blood loss, lower infection rate, small scar, faster recovery. Surgeons gain better dexterity; depth perception compared to traditional method of surgery. But it requires specialized training and the outcome of procedure depends on surgeon’s expertise.

Dr. C. Palanivelu, a revolutionary surgeon, highly reputed worldwide, has made India proud, and is a trend-setter in Laparoscopic surgery, a scholarly researcher, writer, teacher, and a philanthropist.

Risks and Complication

Though this is generally safe, bleeding or damage to nearby organs and blood clotting, infection happens in rare cases. The persons who underwent this procedure must take adequate rest in the first few days. They should avoid lifting heavy object. In a week or two the patients will recover completely.



ADINATHA

The First Tirthankara and the Dawn of Civilisation



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Jaina Dharma:

The followers of Jainadharma strongly believe that Jainism is one of the oldest Dharmas of India. There are twenty-four Tirthankaras in Jainadharma, of whom Adinatha is considered as the first one, and Mahavira, the last. To understand Jainadharma one has to study Jaina Puranas. These puranas, as in the case of puranas of other dharmas, contains overwhelmingly supernatural incidents, which a student of science or history may not believe. However, with due respect to the tradition, let us analyse briefly the life and preachings of Adinatha.

Adinatha:

Adinatha, also known as Rishabhanatha commands much reverence and symbolic significance in the ancient spiritual heritage of India. Being the first Tirthankara, Adinatha stands at the very fountainhead of Jain philosophy and culture. His life is an allegory of humanity's transition from primal simplicity to organised civilisation, guided by ethical wisdom and spiritual insight.

Birth and Early Life

According to Jain tradition, Adinatha was born in the city of Ayodhya. His birth was marked by auspicious signs and divine celebrations, as Garbhavatarana Kalyana followed by Janmabhisheka Kalyana indicating the arrival of a soul destined to illuminate the path of liberation.

From an early age, he displayed extraordinary wisdom, compassion, and a deep sense of detachment from worldly pleasures - traits that would later define his spiritual mission.

The Pioneer of Human Civilisation

One of the most distinctive aspects of Adinatha's life is his role as a cultural and civilisational pioneer. It was Adinatha who introduced the essential arts and institutions that laid the foundation of organised society.

He is credited with teaching people agriculture, cooking, writing, crafts, and commerce. These contributions are not merely practical innovations; they symbolise the awakening of human intellect and social order. His daughters, Brahmi and Sundari, are said to have played significant roles in disseminating knowledge - Brahmi in developing script and Sundari in promoting numerical systems, grammar, etc.



Adinatha also established the framework of social organisation by introducing the concept of division of labour, which later evolved into structured societal roles. Thus, he is not only a spiritual guide but also a law-giver and teacher who ushered humanity from chaos into culture.

Renunciation and Quest for Enlightenment

Despite his achievements as a ruler and teacher, Adinatha remained inwardly detached. After fulfilling his responsibilities as a king and ensuring the welfare of his people, he renounced worldly life in pursuit of spiritual truth. This act of renunciation is a cornerstone of Jain philosophy, emphasising the transient nature of material existence.

He undertook severe penance and meditation, enduring hardships with unwavering resolve. For a prolonged period, he practised asceticism without accepting food, as people were unaware of the proper way to offer alms to a mendicant. Eventually, he received his first alms from a noble soul, marking the beginning of the Jain tradition of offering food to ascetics.

Through intense meditation and self-discipline, Adinatha attained Kevala Jñāna - the highest form of omniscience. This state represents perfect knowledge, free from all delusions and limitations. Having conquered inner passions and attained spiritual liberation, he became a Tirthankara, capable of guiding others toward the same goal.

Teachings and Philosophy

The teachings of Adinatha form the bedrock of Jain philosophy, which emphasises non-violence (ahimsa), truth (satya), non-stealing (asteya), celibacy (brahmacharya),

and non-possession (aparigraha). These principles are not merely moral injunctions but profound guidelines for achieving spiritual purity and liberation.

Central to his philosophy is the idea that every living being possesses a soul (jīva) capable of attaining liberation. However, this liberation is hindered by karma - the accumulation of actions driven by ignorance and attachment. Through right faith, right knowledge, and right conduct, one can gradually shed karmic bonds and realise one's true nature.

Adinatha's doctrine of non-violence is particularly significant. It extends beyond physical harm to include thoughts and words, advocating a life of compassion and respect for all forms of life. This universal ethic has had a profound influence not only on Jainism but also on broader Indian thought.

Establishment of the Jaina Order

After attaining enlightenment, Adinatha established the fourfold Jain community (saṅgha), comprising monks, nuns, laymen, and laywomen. This inclusive structure ensured the propagation of his teachings across all sections of society. His sermons, delivered in divine assemblies known as samavasaraṇa, attracted beings from all realms - humans, animals, and celestial entities. These gatherings symbolised the universal accessibility of truth and the harmonious coexistence of all life forms.

Nirvaṇa and Legacy

Adinatha ultimately attained nirvaṇa (liberation from the cycle of birth and death) at Mount Kailash, a site revered for its spiritual significance. His liberation marked

the culmination of a life dedicated to the upliftment of humanity and the realisation of ultimate truth.

His legacy endures through the Jaina tradition, which continues to uphold his teachings with unwavering devotion. Temples dedicated to him, such as those on Shatrunjaya Hill and Mount Abu, stand as testaments to his enduring influence.

Symbolism and Iconography

Adinatha is typically depicted in a meditative posture, exuding serenity and detachment. His emblem is the bull, symbolising strength and steadfastness. This iconography serves as a visual reminder of his role as a spiritual leader and a guide to inner peace.

In Jain art and literature, he is often portrayed as the Adipurusha, the primordial being who laid the foundation of both spiritual and material progress. His life story is celebrated in numerous texts, including the Ādi Purāṇa, which elaborates on his deeds and teachings.

Influence on Indian Thought

The influence of Adinatha extends far beyond the confines of Jainism. His emphasis on non-violence and ethical living has resonated through centuries, shaping the moral fabric of Indian society. The principle of ahimsa, in particular, has inspired great leaders and movements dedicated to peace and justice.

Moreover, his role as a civilisational pioneer highlights the integration of spiritual and practical wisdom. He demonstrated that true progress lies not merely in material advancement but in the cultivation of ethical and spiritual values.

Conclusion

The life and achievements of Adinatha represent a harmonious blend of spiritual enlightenment and worldly wisdom. As the first Tirthankara, he illuminated the path of liberation while simultaneously guiding humanity toward organised and ethical living.

His teachings continue to inspire millions, reminding us of the enduring relevance of compassion, self-discipline, and truth. In an age marked by material excess and moral uncertainty, the message of Adinatha remains a beacon of hope - a call to rediscover the deeper purpose of life and to strive for harmony within and without. Thus, Adinatha is not merely a figure of the past but a timeless guide whose legacy continues to shape the spiritual and cultural landscape of the world.

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