

Networking: British Dep High Commissioner for Kerala & Karnataka, HM Dep Trade Commissioner-South Asia

AMCHSS, SCTIMST and TIMed jointly organized a Networking High Tea with the delegates of the British Deputy High Commission for Kerala and Karnataka on Nov 7 2023 at TIMed, 5th Floor, BMT Wing, SCTIMST. The British team was led by His Majesty's Deputy High Commissioner, Karnataka & Kerala and His Majesty's Deputy Trade Commissioner-South, Mr Chandru Iyer and his team consisting of Mr James Godber (Dep Head of Mission, British Dep High Commission, Bengaluru), Mr KT Rajan (Cluster Head, Technology, Innovation and Education, Dept of Business and Trade) and Ms Janaka Pushpanathan (Director, South India, British Council). Director, SCTIMST Prof Sanjay Behari and Head BMT Wing, Dr Harikrishna Varma participated and lead the discussions on the potential directions for future collaborations.

The dignitaries walked through labs at SCTIMST and listened to the descriptions of the innovations from BMT Wing, SCTIMST and had a look at the Innovations from startups of TIMed. Following this, Balram S, Scientist G & CEO, TIMed welcomed the Deputy High Commissioner for Kerala and Karnataka Mr Chandru Iyer, the Deputy Head of Mission, Mr James Godber and the rest of the delegates including Mrs Nishantini IPS, a Chevening fellow and the MPH2023 batch students of AMCHSS. Dr Mala Ramanathan, Prof, AMCHSS and Gender Self-Assessment Team-SCTIMST (GSAT-SCTIMST) member, spoke of the gender and health trainings at AMCHSS and the collaborative initiative of SCTIMST under the aegis of the Ministry of Science and Technology – the Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions (GATI) Initiative to enhance women's participation in STEM.

Dr RS Jayasree, Scientist G, Division of Biphotonics and Imaging) and the Nodal Officer, GATI-SCTIMST provided insights into the implementation of GATI. GATI's implementation in 30 institutions was facilitated by the British Council. Dr Shiny Velayudhan, Scientist E, Division of Dental Products



and GSAT-SCTIMST Member also provided insights into the findings of the GATI report to the Dept of Science and Technology, Govt of India and SCTIMST's rating as a Level 2 GATI Achiever.

This was followed by a Q&A session with the visiting delegation in which the Director, SCTIMST took the lead and the responses were by Mr KT Rajan, Cluster Head, Technology, innovation and Education, Dept of Business and Trade of the Deputy High Commission, Bengaluru and Ms Janaka Pushpanathan, Director, South India, British Council.

