Awards and recognitions

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) has developed a robust framework of awards, incentives, and professional development programmes aimed at recognising and empowering women in STEM. These initiatives honour outstanding achievements, encourage innovation, and offer meaningful support that enables women faculty members and researchers to thrive and advance in their academic and professional careers.

1. Research and Innovation Incentives

- MAHE provides Research Incentive Schemes (RMS) that reward:
- High-impact publications
- Extramural research funding
- Patents and innovations

Many women faculty in STEM have been beneficiaries of these incentives, thereby encouraging sustained research engagement and leadership.

2. Institution-Level Awards and Honors

Women faculty are actively considered and recognized under prestigious internal awards such as:

- Excellence in Research Awards
- Best Teacher Awards
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship Awards

These awards highlight exceptional contributions and serve as role models for emerging women professionals in STEM.

3. External Recognition and Nominations

MAHE proactively nominates women faculty for national and international recognitions, including:

- Government awards (e.g., DST Women Scientist Schemes)
- Professional body recognitions
- Industry and academic excellence platforms
- Institutional support is provided for application, documentation, and visibility.

4. Leadership and Capacity-Building Recognition

Women faculty demonstrating leadership potential are:

- Identified for academic and administrative leadership roles
- Sponsored for advanced training, conferences, and global collaborations

Their contributions in institutional committees, accreditation work and policy initiatives are formally acknowledged.

5. Special Encouragement through Grants and Support Programs

Women researchers are encouraged under special initiatives such as:

- Seed funding support
- Grant facilitation and mentorship

Additional support mechanisms ensure continuity of research contributions, especially during critical life stages.

6. Celebratory Platforms and Visibility

MAHE celebrates women achievers through:

- Institutional events (e.g., International Women's Day)
- Featuring success stories in newsletters, websites, and reports

These platforms enhance visibility and reinforce a culture of appreciation.

At MAHE, recognition of women in STEM is not limited to standalone awards but is embedded within a comprehensive ecosystem of performance incentives, research recognition, leadership opportunities and institutional visibility. This integrated approach ensures that women's contributions are consistently acknowledged, celebrated and advanced, thereby strengthening MAHE's commitment to inclusive excellence in STEM.

Public Link :

https://evbab.manipal.edu/mcon-manipal/news-events/36th-awards-and-annual-day-report-2026.html?utm_source=chatgpt.com

List of Women Researchers Honored with Research Excellence Awards at MAHE

Award Name	Awardee	Institution
Research Excellence (Government Grant)	Dr. Anju Shukla	Kasturba Medical College, Manipal
Research Excellence (Government Grant)	Dr. Anitha J	Manipal Institute of Virology, Manipal
Research Excellence (Government Grant)	Dr. Sangeeta Nath	Manipal Institute of Regenerative Medicine, Bangalore
Research Excellence (Industry Grant)	Dr. Veena G Kamath	Kasturba Medical College, Manipal
Research Excellence (Industry Grant)	Dr. Kirthanashri S V	Department of Biotherapeutics, Manipal
Significant Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals	Dr. Ankitha Shetty	Manipal School of Commerce and Economics, Manipal
Research Excellence (Overall Researcher)	Dr. Savitha	Manipal School of Commerce and Economics, Manipal
Research Excellence (Overall Researcher)	Dr. Vidya G Bai	Manipal School of Commerce and Economics, Manipal
Research Excellence (Publication)	Dr. Usha Yogendra Nayak	Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Manipal
Research Excellence (Publication)	Dr. Savitha	Manipal School of Commerce and Economics, Manipal

Research Excellence (Publication)	Dr. Vidya G Bai	Manipal School of Commerce and Economics, Manipal
Research Excellence (Best PhD Student)	Ms. Megha Achar	St. John's Research Institute, Bangalore
Research Excellence (Best PhD Guide)	Dr. Dhanya Sunil	Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal
Research Excellence (Best PhD Guide)	Dr. Ankitha Shetty	Manipal School of Commerce and Economics, Manipal





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Award for Research Excellence (Publication) for the year 2024

under Faculty of Health Sciences

Presented to

Dr. Usha Yogendra Nayak

Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Manipal

On MAHE Research Awards Ceremony, 24th November 2025

Dr. Naveen Salins
Director-Research



On the occasion of **International Women's Day 2025**, Kasturba Medical College Mangalore, in collaboration with NJ Wealth, hosted a masterclass on financial empowerment: strategies for financial independence and a secure future

https://www.manipal.edu/kmc-mangalore/news-events/International-women-day-2025.html

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Empowering Women, Enriching Futures!





Dr. Mangala M Pai – Prof and Head of the Dept. of Anatomy – Received the Good Teacher Award in 2017 and 2019.





Women's volleyball team for securing the MAHE Intercollegiate Volleyball Championship runner-up position

