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Dear Colleagues,

AIIMS New Delhi continues to build on a world-leading legacy of research, driven by strong interdisciplinary collaboration across clinical and basic sciences. Our sustained output of high-impact publications, new diagnostics and therapies, and evidence-based contributions to health policy has firmly positioned AIIMS as India's premier health research institution.

In recent years alone, the Institute has supported over **350 intramural research projects** and more than **770 extramural studies**, funded by leading national and international agencies. This body of work has translated into influential peer-reviewed publications, improved clinical protocols, and contributions to national health programmes, while also strengthening research capacity and collaboration across departments. Together, these achievements reflect the scale, quality, and public-health relevance of research at AIIMS.

This collective strength is visible in a range of path-breaking advances. AIIMS teams have developed AI-enabled tools such as the MadhuNETrAI application for early detection of diabetic retinopathy, demonstrated India's first indigenously tested stroke clot-retriever through the AIIMS-led GRASSROOT trial, pioneered rapid molecular diagnostics for diseases such as tuberculosis and plague, advanced innovative cancer therapies including CAR T-cell approaches for blood cancers and implemented at scale a Clinical Decision Support System to strengthen ambulatory care of non-communicable disease. These efforts illustrate how science at AIIMS moves seamlessly from the laboratory to the beneficiaries, and from innovation to impact. From vaccines and genomics to clinical trials and public-health research, faculty, scientists, and trainees across the Institute continue to generate new knowledge that improves care and strengthens health systems. Each study and discovery contributes to AIIMS's enduring mission of advancing medicine in service of society.

AIIMS Research Day 2026 (29–30 January) will bring this vibrant research ecosystem together through poster sessions, student and resident presentations, excellence awards, and discussions on emerging priorities, along with new initiatives to deepen collaboration across the AIIMS network and its partners.

All members of the AIIMS community are warmly encouraged to engage with the Research Day activities, explore the work on display, and join in celebrating the achievements that define our shared commitment to discovery and service.

Detailed programme information will be circulated separately.

With best regards,

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