

MEU session on Learning Strategies

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Venue: JIPMER Karaikal Campus

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Moderator: Dr Balamurugan M

Session details:

The Medical Education Unit (MEU) at JIPMER Karaikal organised a "Learning that Lasts: Effective Learning Strategies" session on September 27, 2024, at the JIPMER Karaikal Campus. This session aimed to equip faculty members with evidence-based teaching strategies aligned with Dunlosky's high-utility learning techniques to enhance student learning outcomes significantly.



The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr Divyashanthi CM, Officer in charge of MEU, a keynote address by Dean Dr Kusakumar Shaha sir, followed by a video presentation by Dr Akilesh, who provided a brief overview of the session's objectives and the significance of the learning strategies to be covered. The focus was on the retrieval practice strategy, which is particularly effective.

Dr. Niraimathi organised the faculty into small groups, supplying each group with materials to facilitate active participation. Dr Dinesh Kumar, Dr Niraimathi, and Dr Akilesh guided the group discussions, leading the faculty through isolated thinking, pairing, and collective idea formulation using five guiding questions.

Each group presented the discussion outcomes and received feedback from Dr. Balamurugan and other resource persons. The presentations focused on the optimal lag in implementation and reinforcement and the use of online and offline tools for retrieval practices.

A detailed feedback session followed, where facilitators highlighted key learning points, such as the importance of retrieval practice and the optimal lag in implementation. They also discussed the pros and cons of various tools and feedback methods.

Dr. Akilesh concluded the session by summarising key takeaways and evidence-based learning techniques. Handouts containing discussion points and literature links were distributed to all participants.

The well-received session offered a unique blend of interactive learning and practical insights. Faculty members appreciated this approach, which fostered collaborative learning and provided actionable insights for improvement.

The MEU thanks the facilitators and faculty members for their enthusiastic participation. Based on the positive feedback, similar sessions are planned to be organised regularly to enhance teaching methodologies continuously.