

Event Report:

One Health Conclave 2026: A Met Gala for One Health

Theme: Compassion, Cure, Conservation through Couture

Organised by:

Team COHESION (*Consortium for One Health Education, Scientific Innovation and Outreach Network*),
Student Club, Neelima Institute of Medical Sciences

Date: 22nd June 2026, Monday

Time: 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Venue: Lecture Gallery 2, Neelima Institute of Medical Sciences

Marking the first anniversary celebrations of the student club - **COHESION (Consortium for One Health Education, Scientific Innovation and Outreach Network)** the **One Health Conclave 2026** was organized on **22nd June 2026** from **10:30 AM to 1:00 PM** at **Lecture Gallery 2, Neelima Institute of Medical Sciences**. The conclave was open to students from all constituent colleges of Anurag University, including Medical Sciences, Engineering, Nursing, Pharmacy, Management, Agriculture, and the International College.

The conclave was designed around the theme "**Compassion, Cure, Conservation through Couture.**" Inspired by the global event - Met Gala, the organizing team adopted an innovative educational strategy that resonated with the students. The objective was simple yet powerful—to **communicate complex scientific concepts through creativity, storytelling, art, and fashion** to effectively communicate the concept of One Health to Generation Z through experiential learning. The conclave witnessed enthusiastic participation from **27 teams**, with an audience of **more than 300 students and faculty**. Also **40 students from, MBBS 2024 and 2025 batches enrolled as COHESION members**. Rather than being merely a fashion showcase, the event served as a dynamic advocacy campaign where costumes became visual narratives depicting pressing One Health challenges and solutions.

Students demonstrated extraordinary imagination by **designing costumes using creative, sustainable, recyclable, and eco-friendly materials while integrating concepts related to infectious diseases, environmental conservation, biodiversity, climate change, antimicrobial resistance, zoonotic diseases, food safety, ecosystem health, wildlife conservation, vaccination, and public health preparedness**. Each team's presentation combined scientific accuracy with artistic expression, transforming the runway into an educational platform that encouraged critical thinking, interdisciplinary dialogue, and awareness among students. Every costume reflected the core philosophy that safeguarding human health is inseparable from protecting animals and preserving the environment.

To ensure a fair and comprehensive evaluation of the presentations, an esteemed panel of judges comprising **Dr. K. Rajya Laxmi**, Professor and Head, Department of DVL; **Dr. Uday Kumar**, Professor and Head, Department of Anatomy; **Dr. Kanya Kumari**, Professor, Department of Pathology; and **Dr. M. Sandhya Rani**, Associate Professor, Department of Community Medicine, assessed the participants on scientific content, creativity, originality, costume design, stage presentation, and overall relevance to the One Health theme. Recognizing the diverse talents displayed by the participants, **First Prize and Second Prize** were presented in four award categories. In addition to the category-wise awards, a **cash prize of ₹10,000** was presented to the **Overall Champions** in recognition of their outstanding performance and exceptional portrayal of the One Health concept.

The **Overall First Prize** was jointly shared by Team **Mr. Deeptanshu & Mr. Jeswanth (MBBS 2023 Batch)** and **Ms. Vashita Swati (MBBS 2023 Batch)** for their remarkable creativity, scientific relevance, and impactful presentations. The **Overall Second Prize (Runner-up)** was awarded to **Ms. Harini (MBBS 2025 Batch)** for an outstanding individual presentation that effectively reflected the spirit of "**Compassion, Cure, Conservation through Couture.**" All participants received Participation Certificates as well.

The event served as an advocacy platform to inspire collaboration and create awareness about One Health in an engaging and memorable manner among students. Adding to the significance of the occasion, **Dr. Simmi Tiwari**, Joint Director and Head, Centre for One Health, National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, conveyed her greetings and best wishes to Team COHESION through a special video message. A motivational video message was also shared by **Dr. Rahul Narang**, Dean (Research), Principal Investigator – Regional Coordinator for One Health, Telangana, and Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Bibinagar, encouraging the students and appreciating the efforts of Team COHESION, faculty, and the management.

Team COHESION sincerely expresses its heartfelt gratitude to **Prof. Dr. B. Lakshmi Prasanna, Dean, Neelima Institute of Medical Sciences**, the **Office of Events and Operations** and the **Management of Anurag University** for their encouragement, guidance, and support in making this innovative initiative a grand success. Their vision and commitment towards promoting One Health awareness and student-led innovation provided the ideal platform for COHESION to transform the concept of One Health into a meaningful and impactful learning experience. The team also extends its sincere appreciation to the judges, all faculty members, student volunteers, participants, and audience whose enthusiastic involvement and collective efforts contributed immensely to the success of the **One Health Conclave 2026**.





