



An official newsletter of Maratha Mandal's N. G. Halgekar Institute of Dental Sciences & Research Centre, Belagavi.

DUAL WAVE ENDOLASER

The Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics organized a 3-hour lecture on the topic of dual-wave endolasers on January 2nd, 2024. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Arun Jayasheel and Dr. Jnanashree Bhat, who are associated with Novalase Company. Following the lecture, a detailed demonstration was conducted on a patient to showcase the various applications of lasers in endodontics.



BLOOD DONATION CAMP

The 93rd Maratha Mandal's Foundation Day was marked by a voluntary blood donation camp. This event was organized by the Department of Oral Pathology & Microbiology, the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and the Youth Red Cross wing of our Institute in collaboration with Mahaveer Blood Bank, Belagavi, on January 3rd, 2024. The event was graced by several dignitaries, including Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Medical Officer Dr. Yelaburgi and his team, HOD Department of Oral Pathology Dr. Vijayalakshmi Kotrashetti, HOD Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Dr. Tushar Bandiwadekar, and YRC Incharge Dr. Viplavi Chavan Patil. The occasion began with a floral homage to the late Shri Nathajirao G. Halgekar, the founder chairman of our institution, followed by an inauguration ceremony.

Dr. Yelaburgi highlighted the importance of blood donation during his speech. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Deepa Katgalkar. The event was organized under the guidance of Dr. Rajshree Nagaraju, President, Maratha Mandal Group of Institutions. The event was a success, with a total of 46 volunteers donating their blood.



NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

The Youth Red Cross wing of our Institute celebrated "National Youth Day" on January 12th, 2024, marking the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. A talk on the holistic benefits of the Bhagavad Gita was organized, with Shri Vrajaraja Govinda Dasa from ISKON as the speaker. Swamiji emphasized the importance of maintaining harmony between the mind, body, and soul. Floral offerings were made to a photo of Swami Vivekananda as a mark of respect.



The event was attended by Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Vice Principal Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Academic Incharge Dr. Veerendra Uppin, and YRC Incharge Dr. Viplavi Chavan Patil, along with YRC members. Dr. Sahana Katti extended a warm welcome to everyone present, and Dr. Sai Chandani delivered the vote of thanks.

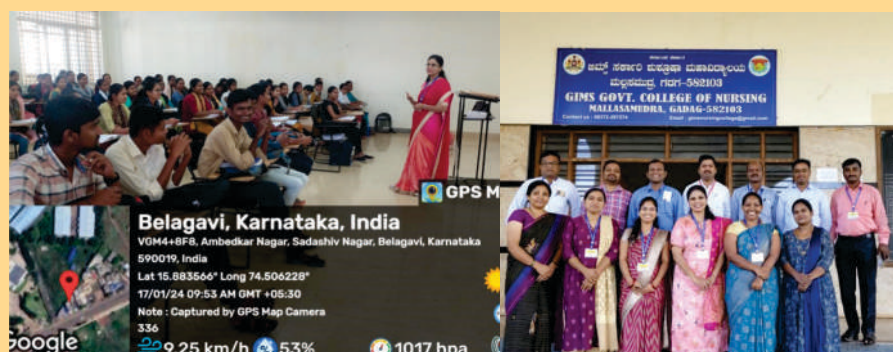
PROLOGUE 2024

The first-year MDS students from our institution had the opportunity to attend the "PROLOGUE 2024" orientation programme on January 19th and 20th, 2024, in Bengaluru, organized by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) in Bengaluru. This programme by the RGUHS for all its affiliated colleges provided our postgraduate students with an understanding of essential academic skills such as research methodology, dissertation writing, and PowerPoint



STAFF LECTURE

Dr. Sujata Byahatti, Professor, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, was appointed as a squad/observer at GIMS, Government College of Nursing, Gadag, from January 8th to 25th, 2024. During this period, she delivered an awareness lecture on the ill effects of tobacco to the first-semester nursing students.



PROSTHODONTIST DAY 2024

The Department of Prosthodontics Crown and Bridge celebrated Prosthodontist Day on January 22nd, 2024, to honour the contributions and expertise of prosthodontists in the field of dentistry. This day is dedicated to recognizing the crucial role prosthodontists play in restoring oral health and enhancing the quality of life for countless individuals through their specialized skills in prosthodontics. The Department organized activities like face painting, photo booth making, soap carving, and quiz competitions for our undergraduate students from January 18th to January 22nd, 2024. Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Professor and Head, Department of Prosthodontics Crown and Bridge, along with the first-year postgraduate students, coordinated the event. Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Principal felicitated the winners with certificates. The efforts of the non-teaching staff members were also acknowledged.



AUDITORIUM INAUGURATION

The inauguration ceremony of our renovated auditorium with a seating capacity of 190 was on January 22nd, 2024. The occasion was graced by Dr. Rajshree Nagaraju, President Maratha Mandal; Shri Vinayak B. Ghasari, Vice President Maratha Mandal; and Shri Rajesh N. Halgekar, Managing Committee member, along with other members of the Managing Committee and Trustees of Maratha Mandal. The programme commenced with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Dr. Rajshree Nagaraju. The welcome address was delivered by the Principal, Dr. Ramakant Nayak, who spoke about the developments done in our Institute in the past few years as well as the milestones the institute has achieved. This was followed by presidential remarks by Dr. Rajshree Nagaraju, who praised the cutting-edge design of the auditorium with modern amenities and lauded the architect team for design and execution. She also spoke about the inception of Maratha Mandal and how various institutes were started under the banner of Maratha Mandal. Managing committee member Shri Rajesh Halgekar spoke on the occasion and gave a brief outline of the journey of Maratha Mandal Dental College. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Vice Principal of the Institute. The occasion was made memorable by the planting of medicinal plants by all the members of the Managing Committee and Trustees of Maratha Mandal at the medicinal garden.



BOTULINUM TOXIN IN DENTISTRY

The Department of Public Health Dentistry, along with the CDE committee, organised a CDE programme on January 23rd, 2024, in our auditorium on the topic "Botulinum Toxin in Dentistry." The programme was inaugurated by Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Vice Principal Dr. Preethi Kusugal, and the guest speakers, Dr. Vibhas Prabhudesai, Dr. Tanay M. Borkar, and In-Charge of the Department of Public Health Dentistry Dr. Anuradha Bandiwadekar. Our alumni and renowned speakers, Dr. Vibhas Prabhudesai and Dr. Tanay M. Borkar, led the sessions, which included a live demonstration on a patient. A total of 120 participants were beneficiaries of the above program. The CDE programme was to enhance participants' understanding of the applications of botulinum toxin in dental practices, provide practical knowledge through a live demonstration on a patient, and foster a platform for BDS students to interact with experienced professionals in the field.



X SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION - SYNERGY

The X Scientific Convention "SYNERGY," an interdisciplinary scientific forum hosted by the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, was conducted on January 24th and 25th, 2024. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Principal; Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Vice Principal; Dr. Madhu Pujar, Organizing Chairman and HOD, Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics; Dr. Anuradha CDE Incharge; and Dr. Veerendra Uppin, Organizing Secretary.

On day one, there were paper and poster presentations by students, followed by a guest lecture by Dr. Arun Jayasheel on Magnification: Optimizing Your View for Success. Later, a panel discussion on "Artificial Intelligence in Dentistry" was held by five panelists: Mr. Anuj Deshpande, Professor, MMEC; Dr. Arun Jayasheel, Reader, BDCH; Dr. Veena Benakatti, Reader, KLEVIDS; Dr. Sonali. N. Manoli, Assistant Professor, VVCE; Mysore; and Ms. Shradha Shirwadkar, Associate Project Manager, TSI. The panelists provided great insight about the topic, cleared up students doubts about artificial intelligence in dentistry, and also encouraged them to undertake research on the same.

The paper and poster presentations continued on the second day. A total of 14 scientific papers and 13 scientific posters were presented by the students. Subsequently, there was a guest lecture by Dr. Hemalatha Hiremath, who spoke on regenerative dentistry. Apart from this, there was a Pick and Speak and Pictionary competition for postgraduates. All the winners of the scientific presentations and competition were felicitated. Six CDE points were given by KSDC. A total of 140 delegates attended the programme.



UG student : Paper presentation

First prize (Interns)	Ms. Sahana Katti, Ms. Pradnya Kugatoli
Second prize (Third year)	Ms. Amba Kamat
Third prize (Interns)	Mr. Neel Vishwas Dhanwade, Ms. Saptami Nadagowda

UG student : Poster presentation

First prize (Interns)	Mr. Neel Vishwas Dhanwade
Second prize (Interns)	Ms. Akshata, Ms. Shreya

PG students : Paper presentation

First prize (Ortho)	Dr. Poojita, Dr. Jyotisha
Second prize (Pedo)	Dr. Maheshwari Ambi, Dr. Asifa Gazali
Third prize (Ortho)	Dr. Sanjeevini, Dr. Devikrishna

PG students : Poster presentation

First prize (Endo)	Dr. Manish, Dr. Roopali, Dr. Navami
Second prize (Ortho)	Dr. Sabeel, Dr. Mayur Purohit
Third prize (Perio)	Dr. Shivani Kadam, Dr. Purva, Dr. Vaishali



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Republic Day was celebrated in our Institute on January 26th, 2024. The chief guest for the function was Shri. Nagesh Rao Zangruche, Managing Committee member, Maratha Mandal Belgaum. Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Vice Principal Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Administrative Incharge Dr. Pushpa Pudakalkatti, Academic Incharge Dr. Veerendra Uppin, and Sports Incharge Dr. Sachin Shivanaikar were the dignitaries on the dais. Chief Guest Shri. Nagesh Rao Zangruche unfurled the National Flag. Mr. Pavan from the first year of BDS gave the command; Ms. Pallavi, Ms. Gayatri from the second year of BDS, and Ms. Maaz from the first year of BDS delivered speeches in Kannada, Marathi, and Hindi, respectively. Intern Ms. Sahana Katti was the master of ceremony. Teaching staff, non-teaching staff, and undergraduate and postgraduate students participated in the celebration. Breakfast was arranged for everyone after the function.



SHARING IS CARING

Our Institution undertakes various social activities throughout the year, of which Sharing is Caring is an event that is organized every year at home for children affected by HIV/AIDS (KIAAN). The NSS unit and the YRC wing, in association with the SESREC cell of the institution, organised Sharing is Caring this year on February 3, 2024. Household items like homecare products, laundry products, and toiletry products were donated by undergraduate and postgraduate students and the staff of the institution. The material donated was ample and will significantly aid in the home's operations for an entire year. President Dr. Rajshree Nagaraju and Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Principal, have been very supportive and encourage such social activities, which make a huge difference for these children suffering from HIV/AIDS. It also helps the students of the institution to take up more such social activities, which can lead to a small change in society. Mr. Yash Godhe (General Secretary) and Ms. Sneha Suryavanshi (Co-General Secretary) helped in purchasing the materials needed for the event. Dr. Zarir Ruttonji, Dr. Ramya Pai, and Dr. Viplavi Chavan coordinated the event.



BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) TRAINING PROGRAMME

On World Heart Day in 2016, the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery started the Basic Life Support (BLS) training programme, which has been running effectively ever since. On January 30th and 31st, 2024, 46 undergraduate students received two days of BLS training. A pre-workshop test was administered to the students on the first day to gauge their basic understanding of the subject. Next, over the course of two days, the students received lectures and practical demonstrations. They are given a variety of real-world examples to help them comprehend the concept of BLS and how to perform it during the training. The students were trained individually and provided CPR masks. An automatic external defibrillator (AED) and interactive manikins were used to train the students. Each aspect of BLS was discussed. After they had mastered BLS skills in a variety of settings, they were evaluated in a post-workshop assessment. MCQ, OSCE, and OSPE formats were used for the exam. The students received a certificate and a placard with BLS training instructions upon successfully completing the course.



ADMS MASTERSOFT WEBINAR

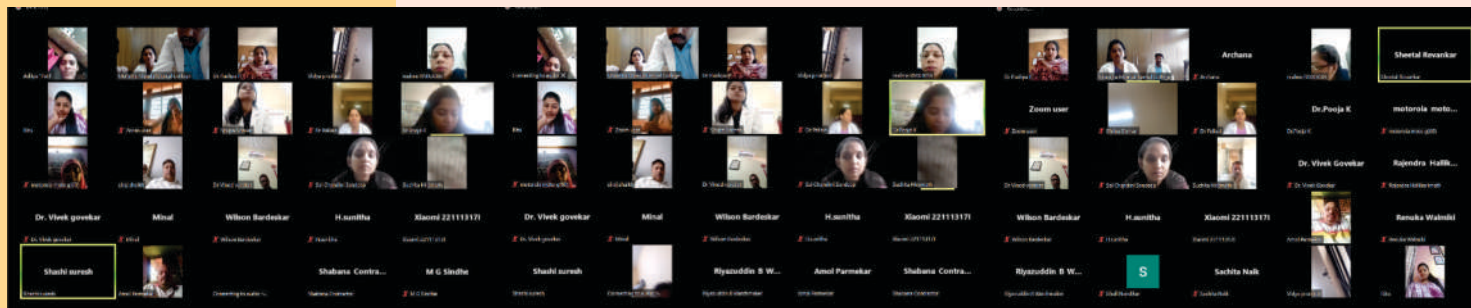
All the NAAC Criteria Incharges, HODs, and Department NAAC Incharges of all Departments attended an exclusive webinar on Accreditation Data Management System (ADMS) and Outcome-Based Education held by Mastersoft, organized in our institutes Board Room on February 1st and March 14th, 2024.

The key takeaways were regarding challenges in the accreditation of HEIs, major reforms in NEP with respect to higher education, Indian knowledge systems, and the outcomes of NEP. How to record, manage, and analyze the data as per the compliance format was also addressed. Queries regarding the software usage were also addressed.



PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

A parent-teacher meeting was conducted online on the Zoom platform on February 5th, 2024, at 10 a.m. Principal, Dr. Ramakant Nayak; Vice Principal, Dr. Preethi Kusugal; Administrative Incharge, Dr. Pushpa; and NAAC Incharge, Dr. Vijayalakshmi. K., mentors and parents of first, second, third, and final year students attended the meeting. The principal addressed the meeting. Later, each student's academic performance was discussed with the parents.



PG SYNOPSIS PRESENTATION

Our Institutional Ethical Clearance Committee (IEC) organised a thesis synopsis presentation for our postgraduate students of batch 2023-24 on February 12th and 13th, 2024. It was conducted in the presence of the Institutional Ethical Committee members: Dr. Anjana Bagewadi (Chairperson), Dr. Sandeep. S. Katti (Member Secretary), Mr. Vijay More (Social Worker), Adv. Umesh Yaradal (Lawyer), Dr. Anuradha (Biostatistician), Dr. Sheetal Sanikop, Dr. Chetana Bogar, Dr. Sadanand Kulkarni, Dr. Vijay Naik, Dr. Suprit, and Dr. Rutushree. A total of 21 synopses were presented. The time limit for each synopsis presentation was 8 minutes, with an additional two minutes allotted for suggestions and/or changes.



INTERNATIONAL ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY DAY

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery celebrated International Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Day on February 13th, 2024, with this year's theme of "Medical Emergencies in Dentistry." After the inauguration, Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak highlighted the importance of medical emergencies in dentistry. Dr. S. M. Kotrashetti, Prof., Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, KLE's V. K. Institute of Dental Sciences, Belagavi, delivered a lecture on the handling of medical emergencies in dental practice. Dr. Rajshree Nagaraju, the President of the Maratha Mandal Group of Institutions, conveyed her best wishes for the celebrations.



CURRICULUM INNOVATIONS FOR GEN-Z

The Curriculum Committee and the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology of our institute conducted a two-day Faculty Development Programme on Curriculum Innovations for Gen-Z for all the faculty on February 16th and 17th. The workshop was organized to enlighten the faculty regarding designing of the curriculum for dental students. Dr. Imran Pasha and Dr. Umme Amarah from Yenepoya Dental College, Dr. Rashmi Jain from Yenepoya Medical College, Mangalore, and Dr. Sheetal Sanikop from our institute were the speakers for the programme. The formal inaugural function was graced by Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Vice Principal Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Academic Incharge Dr. Veerendra Uppin, Administrative Incharge Dr. Pushpa P, and HODs of all departments. The welcome address was given by the organising secretary, Dr. Sujata Byahatti, followed by the felicitation of guest speakers. The programme was concluded by the organising chairman, Dr. Vijayalakshmi Kotrashetti. A total of 57 faculty attended the workshop.



PROJECT QUALITY INITIATIVE IN THEORY-BASED ASSESSMENT

The curriculum committee and Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology of our institute conducted a faculty development programme on the Project Quality Initiative in Theory-Based Assessment, which is an RGUHS-RAATI initiative. The workshop was organized to enlighten the faculty regarding the formulation of question papers for the dental students. Dr. Sheetal Sanikop, Professor, Department of Periodontology, of our institute and a RGUHS-RAATI trainer, was the resource person.

The formal inaugural function was graced by Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Vice Principal Dr. Preethi Kusugal, and Administrative Incharge Dr. Pushpa P. The programme was concluded by Dr. Sujata Byahatti, Curriculum Committee Incharge, with a vote of thanks. A total of 47 faculty members attended the workshop. The workshop was well received by all the faculty, and the activities conducted during the programme helped them to understand in detail the formulation of structured question papers for the respective departments in both descriptive and multiple choice questions.



NATIONAL PERIODONTIST DAY

On the occasion of National Periodontist Day on February 23rd, 2024, the Department of Periodontology arranged for a CDE programme in association with I-Fix Implants (India). The programme started with a welcome address by Dr. Sanjeevini. The guest speaker for the programme was Dr. Ramesh Chowdhary, MDS, PhD, who delivered the lecture on "Magnetic Mallet," which was followed by a live demonstration on patients and a hands-on workshop. The surgical procedure was performed in the surgical section of the department and was displayed on the auditorium screen for the delegates. In addition, certificates of appreciation for excellence in the subject of periodontology were awarded to the top three scorers, Ms. Ritika Desai, Ms. Ruchira Deshpande, and Ms. Saptami Nadagouda. Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak,

Vice Principal Dr. Preethi Kusugal, all the Heads of the Departments and staff members, postgraduate students from the Department of Periodontology and Prosthodontics and Crown and Bridge, and interns attended the program. The programme was concluded by a vote of thanks by Dr. Sai Chandini.



INVITED JUDGES

Dr. Sheetal Sanikop, Professor from the Department of Periodontology, and Dr. Sujata Byahatti, Professor from the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, were invited as judges for the Annual Day Cultural Programme "ADVAYA-2024" at the KAHER Institute of Physiotherapy, KLE University, Belagavi, on March 2nd, 2024.



NATIONAL ORAL PATHOLOGIST DAY

The Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology celebrated National Oral Pathologist Day to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. H.M. Dholakia on February 24th, 2024. On this occasion, the department organized "Best out of Waste" and "Pick and Speak" competitions for undergraduate students on topics covering Dental Anatomy and Histology, and Oral Pathology. The programme commenced with the Principal, Dr. Ramakant Nayak, inaugurating the ceremony and Dr. Deepa Katgalkar welcoming the gathering. Dr. Ramakant Nayak appreciated the efforts put in by students for the competition. A total of 8 groups participated in the Best out of Waste competition, and 15 students participated in the Pick and Speak competition. Ms. Shreya A. Gavade was felicitated for scoring the highest marks in the subject of Dental Anatomy and Dental Histology. Ms. Aishwarya A. N. and Ms. Tejeshvi Chougala were felicitated for scoring the highest marks in Oral Pathology and Microbiology respectively. Prizes were distributed to the winners of both competitions by judges Dr. Sujata Byahatti and Dr. Sachita Naik. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Ruthushree Theresa.

Winners for the Best out of Waste competition:

- 1st place : I BDS : Ms. Niyati, Ms. Sharin, Ms. Mitali, and Ms. Sahana
- 2nd place : III BDS : Ms. Shenaz, Ms. Swapna, Ms. Nivedita, and Mr. Amey
- 3rd Place : I BDS : Ms. Pooja, Ms. Namrata, Ms. Mahalaxmi, and Ms. Naziya

Winners for the Pick and Speak competition:

- 1st place : III BDS : Ms. Mahima
- 2nd Place : Intern : Mr. Neil Vishwas
- 3rd Place : II BDS : Mr. Krishnaraj and Ms. Shifa



ANNUAL SPORTS MEET - ABHYUDAY 2024

Our Institute's Annual Sports meet, "Abhyuday 2024," was held from February 25th to March 2nd, 2024. The inauguration function was held at our campus and was graced by Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Vice Principal Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Academic Incharge Dr. Veerendra Uppin, Sports Incharge Dr. Sachin Shivanaikar, student Sports Secretaries Ms. Vaishnavi Mane, Mr. Md. Zeeshan Ahmed, and Mr. Prasanna Hugar. March past was held by all four houses. The Black House received 100 points for being the best march-past team. Dr. Sachin Shivanaikar welcomed the gathering, and Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak addressed the gathering. Inaugural sports were organized for the non-teaching and teaching staff of our institute. Indoor and outdoor sports were organized for the teaching and nonteaching staff and students. Badminton was held on February 25th in the badminton hall at Thalakwadi Club, Budhwarpet, Tilakwadi, Belagavi. Athletics and cricket were held at the DAR Police Parade Ground, opposite Belagavi City Corporation, Sadashiv Nagar, Belagavi, on February 29th and March 1st. The valedictory and prize distribution were held on March 2nd at our campus grounds. All the winners were felicitated with a medal and certificate. This year, the general championship was won by Blue House. The best emerging sportsman trophy was awarded to Mr. Vishal Kakatkar from first-year BDS, and the best emerging sportswoman trophy was awarded to Ms. Naziya Shaikh from first-year BDS. The best-outgoing sportsman trophy was awarded to Mr. Aniket Patil from the final year BDS, and the best-outgoing sportswoman trophy was awarded to Ms. Ishrat Peerzade from the interns batch.



FRESHERS DAY 2024

The Freshers Day for the academic batch 2024-25 for first-year BDS and MDS was held on March 9th, 2024, at our campus. The programme commenced with a welcome classical dance performed by the first-year BDS students and was followed by the formal function. The chief guests for the programme were Mrs. Payal Rao, past president of Belgaum Club Ladies Wing, and Mrs. Ashwini Patil, manager at Niva Bupa Health Insurance. The programme was attended by Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Cultural Incharge Dr. Sanjeevini Hattarki, and other teaching and nonteaching staff members. The event was organized by the student's cultural committee members, Mr. Vedant Vernekar, Ms. Jennifer Bardeskar, Ms. Mahima Surana, and Ms. Greeshma. The theme for the event was "Journey of Fashion: Through the Decades." The event included a rampwalk, group singing, group dance, a questionnaire, and a talent round, based on which the participants were selected as Mr. and Miss Freshers MDS and BDS 2024. Dr. Nirmal Shetty, a postgraduate student from the Department of Conservative and Endodontics, was crowned Mr. Freshers, and Dr. Purva Shinkre, a postgraduate student from the Department of Periodontology, was crowned Ms. Freshers. In the first BDS, Mr. Mohammed Umar Mulla and Ms. Apeksha Raibagi were declared the Mr. and Miss Freshers, respectively. The programme ended with a prize-distribution ceremony.



SELF-DEFENCE WORKSHOP

The Women's Grievance/Gender Sensitivity Cell of our institute organized a "self-defence workshop" for the lady students and staff on March 11th, 2024, as a unique way to celebrate International Women's Day. The programme began with the inauguration of the event by Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Vice Principal Dr. Preethi Kusugal, and Women's Grievance Cell Incharge Dr. Ramya Pai and Dr. Sheetal Sanikop. The resource person for the event, Sensei Vishwanath R. Charantimath, co-founder of United Sports and Fitness Academy (USFA), delivered an interactive lecture that emphasized the fundamentals of self-defence, various techniques, and their legal implications. The programme continued with demonstrations and hands-on training of participants by sensei Vishwanath Charantimath along with his team members, Ms. Aksha Savanur, a national-level boxer and Ms. Shruti Chanabasappagol, a state-level boxer, on various self-defence kicks and techniques like kimura lock, jiu-jitsu, rare neck choke, etc. The event was enthusiastically attended by a total of 64 undergraduate and postgraduate students and staff members.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Department of Public Health Dentistry, in association with the Women's Grievance Cell of our institution, organised the free distribution of sanitary pads to women and teenage girls. It was organised on March 12, 2024, at the Late Nathajirao G. Halgekar Memorial Satellite Dental Clinic, Kadoli village, Belagavi. The programme started with a welcome speech regarding awareness about general as well as oral hygiene, various dental treatment facilities available in the Satellite Dental Clinic, Kadoli, as well as in our Institute to the ASHA workers, teenage girls, and women's. Faculty of Public Health Dentistry department Dr. Anuradha Bandiwadekar, Dr. Rekha S V, Dr. Sushma Angadi, and Women's Grievance Cell Incharge Dr. Ramya Pai and Dr. Sheetal Sanikop, and interns Dr. Ruchira Deshpande, Dr. Rutuja Mane, Dr. Keerti Lenka, and Dr. Muskan Khan distributed for free 336 sanitary packs containing 6 pads each to teenage girls of the school and women of Kadoli village.

This programme was supported by Dr. Rajshree Nagaraju, President of the Maratha Mandal Group of Institutions, and Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak. The staff and students of the Government Kannada and Marathi Higher Primary Schools, ASHA workers, and women of Kadoli village appreciated this kind gesture of our institution.



CAMP AT ARMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

An oral health checkup and awareness programme was organized by the Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry in collaboration with Army Primary School, Junior Leader's Wing, Belagavi, on March 15th, 2024. It was conducted by Dr. Yashaswini Angolkar, Dr. Mitaj Anvekar, and Dr. Aparna Rayamane, the postgraduate students of the department, along with Dr. Shivraj, a junior lecturer in public health dentistry, and three interns. The camp started with the screening of the oral health of the kids, followed by a health talk given by Dr. Aparna Rayamane. The oral health camp was an immense success with the selfless support of Mrs. Swaroop Ghag, the Principal and her staff. A total of 118 kids benefited from this camp.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

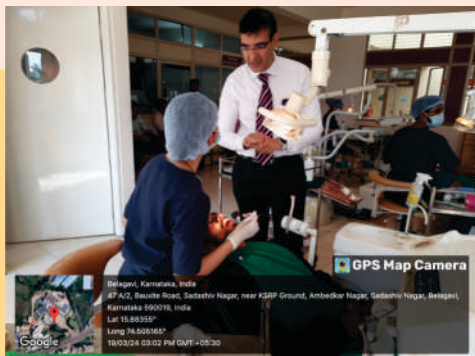


Fifteen students of our Institute participated in the cultural festival AURA 2024, organized by KLS Gogte Institute of Technology, Belagavi, from March 12th-15th, 2024. Mr. Neil Dhanwade, our intern, was crowned Mr. Aura 2024. Ms. Sneha Suryavanshi from the final year bagged first prize in sneakers painting. Ms. Sneha Suryavanshi, Mr. Yash Godhe from the final year, and Ms. Apeksha Raibagi from the first year won first prize in the rangoli competition. The winners were congratulated by Dr. Rajshree Nagaraju, President, Maratha Mandal Group of Institutions; Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Principal; and Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Vice Principal. The institution encourages participation in extracurricular activities, which helps the students in their overall personality development.



ENDOTACTICS

A one-day workshop "Endotactics" was conducted on basic and rotary endodontics to commemorate Cons and Endo Day celebrations by the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics on March 19th, 2024. The guest speaker for the programme was Dr. Dharam M. Hinduja, who is a Professor from Dayanand Sagar College of Dental Sciences, Bengaluru. The programme commenced with an inaugural function and was followed by lectures, demonstrations, and a hands-on programme on extracted teeth as well as on patients. This programme was conducted for interns, postgraduates, and clinical practitioners from various places. A total of 45 delegates attended the programme.



INTRA ORAL SCANNERS - A NEW ERA IN DENTISTRY

The Department of Prosthodontics and Crown and Bridge, in association with the CDE and IQAC cells of the institution, organized a two-day CDE programme titled "Intra Oral Scanners: A New Era in Dentistry" on March 20th and 21st, 2024, for the postgraduate students and staff members of our Institution. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Principal. The event commenced with an informative lecture by Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Professor and Head Department of Prosthodontics and Crown and Bridge, on "Digital Workflow in Prosthodontics." The next lecture was by Dr. Ashish Shetty, a conservative dentist and endodontist and CEO of Confident Lab Bengaluru, who spoke extensively on "Bonding Protocols for All Ceramic Restorations." Dr. Vishal Kumar Singh, Product Manager, Orikam, demonstrated the use of the HELIOS 500 intraoral scanner and explained in detail the features of the scanner, and Mrs. Dhanalaxmi, Head of EXOCAD Designing, Confident Lab Bengaluru, exhibited step-wise designing of the CAD/CAM-milled restoration, which was very helpful to the audience in understanding the importance of digital dentistry. The postgraduate students were then given hands-on training on using the intraoral scanner in the Department of Prosthodontics and Crown and Bridge by Dr. Zarir Ruttonji, Dr. Abhijit Patil, Dr. Chithra Melavanki, and Dr. Vivek Govekar. Nine CDE points were allotted for the programme by KSDC, Bengaluru.



WORLD WATER DAY CELEBRATION

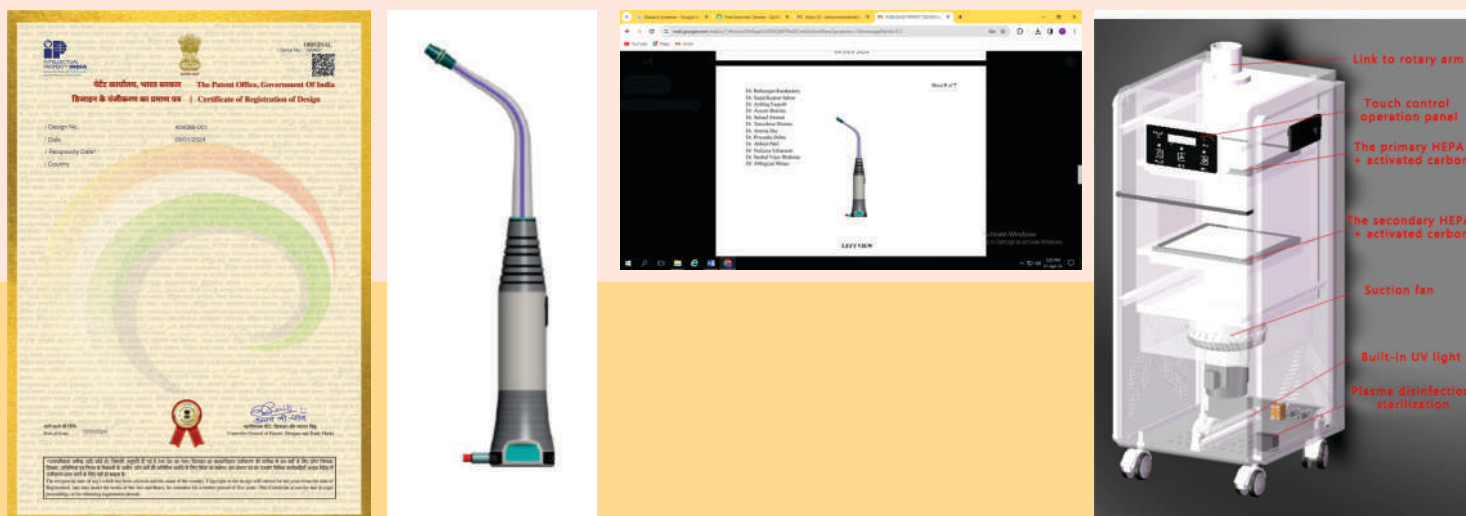
World Water Day, observed annually on March 22nd, serves as a reminder of the importance of freshwater and sustainable management of water resources. In commemoration of this significant day, our Institute's Social Entrepreneurship, Swachhata, and Rural Engagement Cell (SES REC) team organised an event aimed at raising awareness about water-related issues and promoting water conservation practices.

The event commenced with Dr. Siddharth Revankar, Incharge Water Management Cell, SESREC, welcoming the audience. Later, Dr. Praveena Tantradi, Incharge, SES REC Action Plan Cell, spoke about the functioning of the SES REC team of the institute. Then Dr. Siddharth delivered an insightful lecture on the global water crisis, highlighting challenges such as water scarcity, pollution, and unequal distribution and access to clean water. The lecture emphasised the urgency of taking collective efforts at the individual, community, and government levels to ensure water security for all. Following the lecture, second and third year students had the opportunity to showcase their research and insights through presentations on various water conservation and management-related topics. This event was attended by 44 second and third year students, Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, and staff members.



PATENT FOR LIGHT - EQUIPPED INTRAORAL SUCTION DEVICE

Dr. Abhijit Patil, Reader, Department of Prosthodontics and Crown and Bridge, along with fellow dentists, received a Certificate of Registration of Design (Design No. 404088-001) from the Patent Office, Government of India, for the "Light-Equipped Intraoral Suction Device." The patent was issued on March 15, 2024, and will be in force for a period of 10 years. This innovative design has an external oral suction device equipped with UV-C irradiation, two HEPA high-precision filters, and activated carbon and plasma sterilization which reduces the risk of cross-infection between doctors and patients.



MEDICO-ENGINO HACKATHON 2024

Our Institute along with the Maratha Mandal Engineering College, participated in the Medico-Engino Hackathon from March 22nd to 24th, 2024, a three-day event conducted by the Maharashtra Institute of Technology (MIT)-World Peace University in association with Dassault Systemes at Maratha Mandal Engineering College, Belagavi. The aim of the hackathon was to improve the interdisciplinary workings of the engineers with their medical counterparts. Thirty students from our institute, comprising of undergraduates, interns, and postgraduates, participated in the event. Twelve teams were formed, each comprising of both dental and engineering students. Each team's dental students had to put forth a problem faced in the medical field, and the team's engineering students were to find a solution to it.

On day one, there were lectures on designing and problem solving. Later, our students in each team put forth the problem, and discussion was held with the expert panel of MIT staff on how to solve it. On the second day, the teams were given time to work on the problem, and updates were taken to check the progress. The final projects were presented on the third day by all the teams, along with a demo of a prototype model of the same. Team with Dr. Akshata Thorat and Dr. Aditya Dhamnekar, our interns, bagged the first prize, and Team with Dr. Ankitha and Dr. Ramya postgraduate students from the Department of Prosthodontics and Crown and Bridge bagged the second prize.



WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY

The Department of Public Health Dentistry celebrated World Oral Health Day on March 20th, 2024. As a part of this, they visited the Government Public Health Center, Nandhan Makkal Dham Orphanage, Honey Kids Nursery, PHC (Kadoli), Sahara Drugs Deaddiction Centre & Rehabilitation Centre, Central Bus Stand (Depot 2), Rejoys Nursery School, Shri Mallikarjun Senior Citizen Home, Patankar Pickle Factory, Karunalaya Old Age Home, Shantai Old Age Home, and Toonz Montessori Pre School, in Belagavi, from March 19th to April 4th, 2024.

Health talk was given related to their oral health issues, caries, maintaining oral hygiene, along with this tooth brushing technique was demonstrated for their overall oral health. Campaign posters, videos, and fact sheets were used to raise awareness regarding oral health among the general population, school children, and on college premises. Awareness regarding A HAPPY MOUTH IS... A HAPPY BODY was done with the help of handmade campaign frames. Oral screening of 300 students, special care patients, and geriatric patients was performed. Scaling was done on patients in the deaddiction center. Toothbrushes were distributed to preschool children.



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