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BASIC COURSE IN EDUCATIONAL METHODOLOGY (BCEM)

Basic Course in Educational Methodology (BCEM) was organized at our institute in association with Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, RAATI, Bengaluru. The course was conducted for two days each in two batches. Fifty-five staff members attended the course and were equally divided in two batches. Batch A had it on 15th & 16th April 2025 and Batch B on 21st & 22nd April 2025. The resource persons were Dr. Harsh Mishrikoti, Associate Professor, Department of Anatomy, BIMS, Belagavi and Dr. Sunil Moogeri, Associate Professor, Department of Respiratory medicine, AMSHMC, Belagavi, Dr. Kiran Patil, Associate Professor, Department of Homeopathic Psychology and Organon Medicine, AMSHMC, Belagavi and Mrs. Shruthi Bulbule, Assistant Professor, KLE Institute of Nursing Sciences, Hubballi. The program started with an inaugural function for both batches. Welcome address was given by course coordinator, Professor Dr. Sheetal Sanikop. Vote of thanks was given by Dr. Sujata Byahatti, Professor & Curriculum Committee in charge of the Institute. The program was carried out by the resource persons as per the RGUHS, RAATI guidelines with a pre-test, series of lectures, group activities, microteaching sessions and post test. The program for both batches concluded with a valedictory function wherein the certificates were distributed to staff. The staff gave positive verbal feedback about the course and resource persons.



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CODE OF CONDUCT

The disciplinary committee organized code of conduct meeting for teaching staff on 2nd April 2025 in the college auditorium at 9:30 am. The session commenced with a warm welcome to all staff Dr. Chetan Patil addressed all teaching staff emphasizing the importance of professional ethics discipline & adherence to institutional policies. He outlined the institution rules and regulations. The Vice Principal, Dr. Preeti Kusugal, Administrative In charge Dr. Pushpa S. Pudkalkatti, Academic Incharge Dr. Veerendra Uppin, All HOD's of the department and all teaching staff attended the meeting.

For non-teaching staff the committee organized meeting at 10:30 am in the college auditorium on 2nd April 2025. Dr. Abhijit Patil addressed non-teaching staff in vernacular language regarding their responsibility and the rules and regulations of the institute. All office staff and attenders attended the meeting.



WORLD HEALTH DAY

The Department of Public Health Dentistry organized an event to commemorate World Health Day on 7th April 2025. The event aimed to raising awareness about global health issues and importance of improving health outcomes across the world.

The event was inaugurated by lighting of lamp by principal followed by welcome address emphasising the importance of World Health Day. The theme for this year is "Healthy Beginnings Hopeful futures."

Ms Apoorva Gudi, a renowned counsellor, delivered a guest lecture who spoke on the topic "Healthy Beginnings Hopeful futures." A speech competition was organised following the lecture based on the theme of the World Health Day. Participants from various classes showcased their knowledge, creativity, and passion for public health issues.

Dr Anand M Hiremath, HOD, Department of Public Health Dentistry, Dr Rekha S V and Dr Sushma V Angadi along with interns coordinated the event. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Rekha, acknowledging the efforts of the organizers, the guest speaker, and all participants for making the event a grand success.



OLD AGE HOME INAUGURATION VISIT

On April 11, 2025, our students actively participated in the inauguration ceremony of a new modern section of Shantai Vrudhashram, an established old age home located near Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi run by Mr. Vijay More. The event was graced by several dignitaries, philanthropists, and community leaders who emphasized the importance of caring for the elderly. The students of MM'NGHIDS & RC not only attended the inauguration with great enthusiasm but also engaged with the residents, offering companionship, listening to their life stories, and sharing moments of joy and respect. This participation provided the students with an opportunity to extend their learning beyond textbooks, instilling in them a deeper sense of social responsibility and empathy. The experience reminded them that health care, particularly dental care, must be approached with compassion, sensitivity, and a genuine understanding of the emotional and psychological needs of vulnerable populations like the elderly. Dr. Zarir Ruttonji coordinated the event. Other staff member namely Dr. R B Hallikerimath, Dr. Ajaykumar Nayak and Dr. Vivek Govekar also participated in the event.



HEPATITIS B VACCINATION

The hepatitis B vaccination drive was conducted at our Institute for the students of I BDS (2024-2025). Total 3 doses were given on the following dates 5.4.2025 (1st dose), 5.5.2025 (2nd dose) & 14.6.2015 (Booster dose). A total of 38 students were vaccinated under the supervision of physician Dr. Zubin Ruttonji & the nursing staff of our Institute.



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

The SESREC committee of our Institute celebrated international "EARTH DAY" on 22nd April 2025 as a part of IQAC initiative in our institute's auditorium. This program began with welcoming all the staff and students of our Institute by Dr. Sweeton and Dr. Tejasvi. This was followed by watering of a plant to signify the desire and attitude towards preserving and protecting nature, on the stage by our Principal, Vice Principal, Administrative Incharge, event in charges Dr. Sanjeevini Hattarki and Dr. Tushar Bandewadekar. Presentations on why earth day is celebrated were made by the students. Miss. Apeksha from 2nd BDS spoke on "How important our earth is", Mr. Krishnaraj from 3rd BDS spoke on "ill effects and how we are damaging the earth" and Miss Poorvi from 1st BDS on "How to save our plant from everything" this was followed by vote of thanks. A few saplings were planted on the same day within the campus by the Principal, Committee Members and the Interns batch to combat the climate changes, improve air and water quality and also providing shade and beauty to the college campus.



HAPPY LEARNING DR. SUJATA

1. Dr. Sujata attended a Science Academies lecture workshop held on "Recent Advances in Life Sciences" on 5th and 6th Feb 2025 at Garden City University, KR Puram Bangalore. This two-day workshop featured talks from renowned experts in life sciences, offering an excellent opportunity to delve into the latest advancements in biotechnology, genetics, microbiology and more.
2. As an Incharge of Tobacco cessation cell she also gave two Radio talks at Akashvani, Dharwad. First one was on April 30th 2025, with title ಬಾಯಿಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ದೇಹದ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ (Oral Health is General Health) and the second one was on ತಂಬಾಕು ಒಂದು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಮಾರಕ (Tobacco is a Social Evil) as a part of celebration of World No Tobacco Day on 31st May 2025.
3. She attended second contact session "Short Course in Educational Methodology" conducted by RAATI Bangalore on 7th and 8th May 2025. A total of 22 participants were part of this program. This course trained teachers with theory and practical knowledge and skills to enhance their teaching practices, improve student learning outcomes, and create a more engaging and effective learning environment.



SENSITIZATION PROGRAM ON GENDER EQUALITY

Human Rights Committee of our Institute with Human Rights Corps, Belagavi had organized sensitization program on 'Gender equality' on 13th May 2025 in our college premises. Mr. Vinayak Kulkarni was the chief guest for the function and member of Human Rights Corps, Dr. Ramakant Nayak Principal and Mr. Manoj Sohoni were present on the dais. Dr. Asim Jamadar in charge of Human Rights Committee welcomed the gathering and Dr. Sheetal Sanikop introduced the speaker. Mr. Vinayak Kulkarni explained the importance of gender equality. All the undergraduates, postgraduates and staff attended the program.



NATIONAL ORAL MEDICINE DAY

The Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology celebrated National Oral Medicine Day on 24th April 2025, to raise awareness about the prevention of precancer and cancer. The event started with lighting of the lamp followed by a welcome address by the Head of the Department, Dr. Praveena Tantradi. Principal and Vice-Principal graced the occasion. The event was coordinated by staff Dr. Sujata Byahatti and Dr. Prachi Katti. The event was hosted by Ms. Riya Patil and Ms. Raveena Bugalia with the support from interns Mr. Pavan Karadi and Ms. Aishwarya S. N.

The top scorers in the subject of Oral Medicine and Radiology in the RGUHS University exam 2023-2024 were felicitated. Dr. Tejeshvi Chougala secured highest marks, Dr. Mehal Angane secured second highest marks and Dr. Vedika Deshpande and Dr. Kirtan Hanchate secured third highest marks in the subject of Oral Medicine and Radiology. Later interns did presentations on the topic and theme of National Oral Medicine Day "Prevention of Precancer and Cancer". The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Prachi Katti followed by refreshments. The celebration successfully reinforced the value of Oral Medicine in preventive oral healthcare and promoting oral well-being.



A DIGITAL REVOLUTION IN DENTISTRY

The Department of Prosthodontics, Crown and Bridge successfully conducted a CDE programme titled "A Digital Revolution in Dentistry" on the 25th and 26th of April 2025. The event was specially organized for first year MDS students and faculty members, aiming to enhance their knowledge and skills in the dynamic field of digital dentistry. The guest speaker for the event, Dr. Harsh Shah, a distinguished expert in digital dentistry, delivered a captivating lecture highlighting the latest advancements, clinical applications, and the future scope of digital technologies in dental practice. He also conducted a live demonstration of the Helios 500 intraoral scanner, showcasing its features, applications, and workflow integration in prosthodontics. Adding further depth to the programme, Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Professor and Head of the Department of Prosthodontics, presented an insightful session on "Digital Workflow in Prosthodontics", offering a comprehensive understanding of digital protocols from diagnosis to prosthesis fabrication. A major highlight of the event was the hands-on training session for postgraduate students on intraoral scanning. The session was meticulously mentored by Dr. Zarir Ruttonji, Dr. Abhijit Patil, Dr. Chitra Melavanki, and Dr. Vivek Govekar, who provided individual guidance, practical tips, and expert supervision, ensuring that the students gained valuable practical exposure and confidence in using digital scanning technologies. The Karnataka State Dental Council (KSDC) awarded 12 credit points for the event, recognizing its academic merit and contribution to professional development. The programme was widely appreciated by both students and staff for its rich academic content, practical exposure and the opportunity to interact with experts in the field. It underscored the Department's commitment to fostering innovation, embracing digital advancements, and promoting excellence in dental education.



COLLABORATION ACTIVITY WITH SIBAR INSTITUTE OF DENTAL SCIENCES

Oral Pathology departments of SIBAR Institute of Dental Sciences, Guntur and our Institute in collaboration organized a webinar on ZOOM platform where Dr. Vijayalakshmi Kotrashetti spoke on "Oral Microbiology Demystifying research and Innovation" on 30th April 2025. Fifty post graduate students and faculty attended the event from various dental colleges of India.



WORLD RED CROSS DAY

World Red Cross Day is a day dedicated to humanity, compassion, and the selfless service that defines the spirit of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Observed each year on May 8, this day commemorates the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, the visionary founder of the Red Cross and the first Nobel Peace Prize laureate. The theme for this year was : "Joy of giving", reminding us all of the ongoing commitment to kindness, resilience, and humanitarian values. We at our institute celebrated World Red Cross Day by organizing a motivational talk by Dr. Rajesh Latkar (MD Anesthesiology). Dr. Rajesh Latkar shared his experiences and valuable lessons with the students. He emphasized on Joy of giving and serving the humanity. First and Second year BDS students participated in the event. Principal, Vice Principal, Youth Red Cross committee in charge Dr. Viplavi Chavan, Youth Red Cross committee members Dr. Zarir Ruttonji, Dr. Sachita Naik and all volunteers were present for the event.



GOOD CLINICAL PRACTICE

The Department of Dental Education (DDE) cell of our Institution organized an insightful workshop on Good Clinical Practice (GCP) on 15th May 2025, under the able leadership of Dr. Chithra Melavanki, DDE Cell Incharge. The session aimed to enhance awareness and implementation of ethical and quality standards in clinical research and practice among faculty members. The event featured Dr. Vishnu Kangralkar, a renowned expert in clinical research and medical ethics, as the guest speaker. He delivered a comprehensive and engaging lecture on “understanding good clinical practice : A guide to ethical clinical trials and comprehensive guide to ICH guidelines, patient safety, data integrity, informed consent, and protocol compliance”. The session began with a welcome address by Dr. Viplavi C, who highlighted the objectives of the workshop and the importance of adhering to globally accepted clinical standards. Dr. Vishnu Kangralkar's presentation included real-world examples, current regulatory insights, and practical challenges in clinical research. An interactive Q&A session followed, where attendees actively participated and sought clarity on various aspects of ethical clinical practice and research documentation. In a warm and respectful gesture, Dr. Ramakant Nayak felicitated the expert appreciating his valuable insights and contributions to the academic session. The workshop saw enthusiastic participation from faculty members. The DDE Cell extended its heartfelt gratitude to the guest and all attendees for their active involvement. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rekha S. V. and a renewed commitment by the institution to promote ethical excellence in clinical practice and education.



FREE DENTURE DISTRIBUTION CAMP

The Department of Prosthodontics, Crown and Bridge, in collaboration with Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka, successfully organized a free complete denture distribution camp on 13th May 2025 which was a part of Bruhat Arogya Mela - A mega health camp organized by the Govt. of Karnataka at Savadatti taluka, Belagavi which aimed to provide oral rehabilitation and restore the quality of life for underserved, edentulous patients from Belagavi and surrounding rural areas. A total of 17 complete dentures were fabricated and delivered free of cost by postgraduate students, under the meticulous supervision of faculty members Dr. Zarir Ruttonji, Dr. Abhijit Patil, Dr. Vivek Govekar and Dr. Somesh Pattanshetti. The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries including Dr. Chandra Naik, Chief Dental Health Officer and District Programme Officer NOHP, Belagavi, Govt of Karnataka, Principal, Vice Principal and Head of the Department and Dr. R. B. Hallikerimath. The event began with a welcome address by Dr. Preethi Kusugal and lamp lighting ceremony followed by the distribution of complete dentures to the beneficiaries by the dignitaries and post graduate students. This initiative highlights the department's unwavering commitment to community service and oral healthcare outreach. It served as an excellent platform for students to engage in hands-on public health dentistry, while reinforcing the importance of social responsibility in clinical practice. The event concluded on a positive note, with a promise to continue such impactful programs in the future, thereby strengthening the bridge between institutional expertise and community well-being.



CONGRATULATIONS DR PRACHI FOR BEING A GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Prachi Katti, MDS-Reader, Oral Medicine and Radiology was invited as a guest speaker for CDE program, organized by IDA, Hosapete Branch on 11th May 2025. The topic of presentation was "Interpretation of CBCT & OPG in Dental Practice" with emphasis on clinical interpretation of CBCT & OPG reporting and how to use a soft copy of the report. It provided an excellent platform for knowledge exchange. The session was attended with active participation by the dental practitioners in and around Hosapete. She was felicitated with a certificate.



NEW AGE INVESTMENTS

The Student Coordination Committee in coordination with CDE cell organized a seminar on "NEW AGE INVESTMENTS" for the benefit of all investors on 14th May 2025. The speaker was Mr. Siddayya Hiremath from Motilal Oswal financial services. He spoke on new-age alternative investment options to help lower volatility, earn enhanced returns, and warrant better portfolio diversification. Teaching and nonteaching staff attended the event in the board room which was anchored by Dr. Abhijeet Patil.



PERIO 'मनोरम' 4.0

DEPARTMENT OF PERIODONTOLOGY CONDUCTED A CDE PROGRAM "PERIO 'मनोरम' 4.0" on 19th May, 2025 in our Institutes' auditorium. This program was initiated for the interns, to evoke interest to pursue their post-graduation. The program began by a formal inauguration of lamp lighting by the Principal, Vice-Principal, Administrative Incharge and HOD Dr. Pushpa S. Pudakalkatti, Student's Placement Cell in charge Dr. Chetan Patil and the staff members of Department of Periodontology. Dr. Pushpa S. P. addressed the gathering and eloquently-outlined the purpose of this program. This was followed by a series of lectures on various topics pertaining to the subject of Periodontology that were delivered by the staff members of Periodontology, Dr. Sheetal Sanikop, Dr. Sanjeevini Hattarki, Dr. Sachin Shivanaikar and Dr. Sandeep Katti. The program was attended by the Interns of our Institute, PMNM Dental College and hospital, Bagalkot and from KLE's VK Institute of Dental Sciences, Belagavi. This programme was awarded 5 credit points by the Karnataka State Dental Council.



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Dr. Sujata Byahatti, Dr. Sachita Naik and Dr. Sai Chandani from our institution attended a workshop on "Upholding professionalism and workplace etiquette in health sciences : From Principles to Practice" by Department of Dental Education, KLEVK Institute of Dental College on 16 May 2025 for all health care professionals to enhance their communication, teamwork, and patient care skills. The workshop aimed to promote a patient-centered approach and foster a positive work environment. The resource person was Dr. Animesh Jain MBBS, MD, DFH, PGDBEME, Professor of Community Medicine (KMC), Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Mangalore.



WORKSHOP ON FOUNDATION TRAINING IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR)

The Research and ethical committee of the Institute, in coordination with IQAC and department of dental education (DDE) conducted a workshop titled 'Foundation Training in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)' The invited resource person was Dr. Brinda Varma, an Patent Attorney from IISc, Bengaluru. The workshop began with an inauguration program, wherein Dr. Yashshaswini Angolkar, the anchor of the event invited all the dignitaries to the stage. The lighting of the lamp was done by the guest speaker, Dr. Brinda Varma. principal, vice principal, administrative In-charge, academic In-charge, NAAC co-ordinator and research & ethical committee In-charge were present. Dr. Sheetal Sanikop welcomed all dignitaries, HODs, staff and postgraduate students and briefed them about the topics of the workshop. Dr. Vijayalakshmi Kotttrashetti introduced the speaker to the audience. Research and ethical committee members Dr. R.B. Hallikerimath, Dr. Vijay Naik, Dr. Sadanand Kulkarni, Dr. Vijayalakshmi K., Dr. Sandeep Katti, Dr. Suprit Pawar and Dr. Yashaswini were present. Dr. Brinda, explained in detail about copyrights and patents. She gave an overview of Intellectual Property Rights spectrum and its significance. She spoke on patentability, subject matter-criteria and exclusions, further enlightened on patent filing procedure and patentability assessment. She stressed on fundamentals of patent drafting and management, commercialization and understanding nuances in her first lecture, which was followed by tea break. Second lecture was about layout designs and trademarks, after which hands-on was done by all participants on their laptops or mobile phones about patent registration on its online site. A total of 50 postgraduate students and 45 faculty members attended the workshop. Four CDE points were obtained from KSDC for this workshop. It was a great learning experience with detailed insights into the topics covered. Workshop concluded with presentation of a memento and certificate to guest speaker. The program ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sandeep Katti.



CONGRATULATIONS DR PREETHI KUSUGAL

Congratulations to Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Vice Principal, Professor & Head, Department of Prosthodontics & Crown & Bridge, on being elected as Executive Committee member (EC) for Indian Prosthodontic Society, Karnataka State Branch on 30th May in the EC meeting held at Bapuji Dental College and Hospital, Davangere.



BASICS OF FORENSIC ODONTOLOGY

The Department of Oral Medicine and The Department of Oral Pathology conducted a two days workshop on "Basics of Forensic Odontology" for 3rd BDS students on 23rd and 24th May 2025. Dr. Sujata Byahatti course coordinator welcomed the participants and mentors. The course was inaugurated by taking a group photo of the participants along with the Principal and course mentors. The session commenced with pre-test followed by lectures. The sessions were led by esteemed experts in the field, including Dr. Vijayalakshmi Kotrashetti, Dr. Sujata Byahatti, Dr. Sachita Naik and Dr. Kuntala Mondal, who shared their in-depth knowledge and practical experiences. Topics covered included: Human identification through dental records, bite mark analysis, age estimation techniques, role of dental evidence in disaster victim identification (DVI), legal and ethical aspects of forensic dentistry. Hands-on workshops provided participants with valuable practical exposure to forensic tools and radiographic analysis. The HOD of the Department of Oral Pathology, Dr. Vijayalakshmi Kotrashetti, expressed gratitude to all speakers, attendees, and organizing committee members for their enthusiastic participation and collaborative spirit. The course was a significant step toward integrating forensic odontology into routine dental practice and academic curriculum. Certificates of participation were awarded to all attendees following post-test conducted for the participants.



TOBACCO CESSATION COUNSELING (TCC) COURSE AS A VALUE-ADDED COURSE

This course was conducted at the college for interns on 30th and 31st May with the following objectives

1. To understand the health effects of tobacco, use and the role of dentists in cessation.
2. To learn evidence-based counseling strategies (5As & 5Rs approach).
3. To develop communication skills for effective patient interactions.
4. To apply Problem-Based Learning (PBL) and Role-Playing (RP) to real-life cases.
5. To assess and track patient progress in quitting tobacco.

It used lectures, discussions, role-playing, problem-based learning as its tools to draw home its objectives. The following staff from the institution were the resource persons.

Dr Sujata Byahatti, Course Co-Ordinator, Dr Vijayalakshmi Kotrashetti, Dr Anand Hiremath, Dr Praveena T, Dr Sheetal Sanikop, Dr Sachita Naik, Department of Periodontology and Dr Prachi Katti.



WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY 2025

The World No tobacco day is celebrated every year on 31st May to raise awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use and to advocate for effective policies to reduce tobacco consumption. As World Health Organization (WHO) Theme 2025 is "Unmasking the appeal: Exposing Industry tactics on tobacco and nicotine products". The aim is to safeguard younger generations from the manipulative tactics of the tobacco industry and ensure a tobacco-free future. Pledge was taken against consumption of tobacco and tobacco containing products. A one-week program with series of activities were conducted from 20th May 2025 till 5th June 2025 was conducted by Tobacco cessation cell, Dept of Oral Medicine and Radiology.

Day 1 : Dr Sujata Byahatti Delivered a Health talk in Kannada Language ತಂಬಾಕು ಬಿಡಿ ಸರಳ ಜೀವನ ಪಡೆಯಿರಿ (Leave tobacco-Embrace life) at Canara Bank Swa Udyoga Kendra on 22nd May 2025 and 25 patients got benefitted from the same.



Day 2 : Guest lecture was conducted for IIIrd BDS on 23rd May 2025 and students were asked to take pledge against consumption of tobacco.

Day 3 : Health education camp conducted for auto drivers on 31st May 2025. Nearly 30 of them benefitted from the same.



Day 4 : Walkathon and visit to TCC, BIMS was conducted for IV BDS students at TCC, BIMS Belagavi, on 29th May 2025. All the staff and students of final BDS took oath against consumption of tobacco.



Day 5 and 6 : Tobacco cessation cell conducted 2 days Value Added Course for Interns on 30th and 31st May 2025. A total of 33 Interns were part of the program. 3 Group of Students even performed skit on the occasion. Best 2 Groups were awarded with the certificate. School health programs was conducted at Kannada school Shahunagar Belagavi on 5th June 2025 where 30 kids benefitted.

ENDODONTIC EXTRAVAGANZA



The Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics conducted a two-day lecture and workshop on Endodontic Extravaganza on 28th And 29th May 2025. Day 1 lecture was on rotary endodontics which was given in two sessions by Dr. Hemant Vagarali followed by demonstration of using rotary files on mandibular 1st molar. It was followed by hands on by registered delegates on patients. Day 2 lecture on basics in dental magnification which was given in two sessions by Dr. Pallavi Gopeshetti followed by demonstration of using dental operating microscope. Later registered delegates attended dental loupes hands on training.



E-WASTE AWARENESS AND COLLECTION DRIVE ON OCCASION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

The NSS wing of our Institute organized a community-based e-waste awareness and collection drive on World Environment Day, 5th June 2025, at Sadashiv Nagar, Belagavi. The drive aimed to educate residents about the environmental hazards posed by improper disposal of electronic waste and to encourage responsible recycling practices. NSS volunteers conducted door-to-door visits, spreading awareness about the long-term impact of e-waste on health and the ecosystem. Various types of e-waste were collected, including old mobile phones, chargers, cables, computer parts, keyboards, printers, remote controls, and small kitchen appliances. The collected items were sorted for appropriate recycling and disposal through authorized agencies. The initiative received a positive response from the community and reinforced the significance of individual responsibility in environmental conservation. Such drives exemplify the proactive role educational institutions can play in fostering eco-conscious citizenship and community participation in environmental protection. The event was successfully organized under the guidance of NSS Incharge Dr. Zarir Ruttonji, along with active

contributions from NSS staff members Dr. Ramya Pai and Dr. Pallavi Gopishetti. Their coordinated efforts ensured smooth execution and meaningful community engagement. The event received strong support from the management and faculty. Dr. Rajshree Nagaraju, President of Maratha Mandal Group of Institutions, Principal and Vice Principal, appreciated the efforts of our NSS wing and encouraged the students to continue participating in socially responsible activities.



SEEDBALL MAKING AT KLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The NSS wing conducted a seed ball making activity for the students of KLE International School, Belagavi on 6th June 2025 as part of its environmental awareness initiatives. The event aimed to instil eco-consciousness among school children by teaching them simple yet effective methods to contribute to afforestation. Dr. Ramya Pai, NSS member, demonstrated the process of seed ball preparation using clay, compost, and native plant seeds. Her hands-on session was met with enthusiasm and curiosity from the students. Under the guidance of NSS Incharge Dr. Zarir Ruttonji and with support from Dr. Pallavi Gopeshetti, the NSS volunteers along with students of our Institute helped school students prepare their own seed balls and explained how they can be used to green barren areas. The activity encouraged environmental responsibility and practical learning among the school students. It was well-received by the school authorities and highlighted the NSS wing's commitment to sustainability and community engagement. The school students showed great interest and actively participated in the activity, enjoying the hands-on experience of connecting with nature. The importance of seed dispersal, native plant growth, and the role of seed balls in reforestation was explained in a simple and engaging manner. Teachers and staff of KLE International School appreciated the initiative and commended the NSS team for their effort in promoting environmental education at the school level. The session concluded with a discussion on how small actions can lead to significant environmental impact. Such interactive activities not only raise awareness but also empower young minds to take part in conserving nature. The event served as a valuable step toward nurturing environmentally responsible citizens of tomorrow.



CONSCIOUS SEDATION - A HIDDEN GOLDMINE IN DENTISTRY

A Workshop titled "CONSCIOUS SEDATION -A HIDDEN GOLDMINE IN DENTISTRY" was conducted on 10th May, 2025 by Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry. The aim was to enhance student knowledge in advanced techniques in pediatric dentistry.

The guest speaker of the event was Dr. Shivkumar Hiremath, who is an alumnus of our esteemed institute and is seamlessly practising conscious sedation in general dentistry. The program began with welcome to speaker, Vice Principal, Administrative Incharge, Academic Incharge and Dr. Sadanand Kulkarni who graced the occasion with their presence.

In the first session a lecture on recent advances and painless techniques in general dentistry was delivered. In the second session a hands-on training was conducted for students and faculty members. Eighty one members participated in the event. The workshop provided participants with valuable exposure to safe sedation techniques, patient monitoring protocols, and behaviour management strategies. Students actively participated and expressed that the session significantly improved their confidence in managing paediatric as well as adult patient requiring sedation.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY 2025

Dr. Sheetal Sanikop, Professor, Department of Periodontology, resource person and a certified yoga teacher was invited by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Belagavi Menopause Society (BGMS) to conduct a yoga session for the doctors of the association on the occasion of International Yoga Day. The day was celebrated on 22nd June, 2025, wherein around 30 doctors participated, including Dr. Shobana Patted, President BGMS, Dr. Anita Dalal, Hon. Secretary BGMS, Dr. Raghavendra D. S., Hon. Secretary, IMA-BGM. The program was a success as many doctors appreciated Dr. Sheetal Sanikop's method & techniques of teaching yoga and were willing to incorporate yoga in their daily routine.



YOGA WORKSHOP - VALUE ADDED COURSE

Our Institute commemorated International Yoga Day, by organizing a free 21 days Yoga Workshop a value added course from 1st June to 21st June 2025 for the undergraduate, postgraduate students and staff in the campus, with a focus on promoting physical, mental, spiritual well-being and holistic development of students and faculty. Chairperson of Maratha Mandal Dr. Rajshree Nagaraju, Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak conveyed their best wishes for the workshop. Dr. Sheetal Sanikop, Professor, a Certified Yoga Trainer, conducted the Yoga sessions for the participants. She began every yoga session by stressing on the importance & benefits of yoga and tips on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. She demonstrated warmups, suryanamaskars, aasanas in supine, prone, sitting and standing position and pranayama. The participants performed yoga with enthusiasm and dedication and displayed their interest and skills in yoga. Around 40 students participated in the workshop.

International Yoga Day was celebrated with great zeal by a yoga talk and a comprehensive yoga session by Dr. Sheetal Sanikop, on 21st June, 2025. A total of 150 participants, 138 students and 12 staff members attended the program. This program was resounding success, fostering a positive environment for learning and promoting the practice of yoga among participants by enabling them to have a daily routine yoga practice for their good health.



DENTAL AWARENESS AND SCREENING CAMP

Department of Prosthodontics & Crown & Bridge in association with Gram Panchayat, Halaga conducted dental awareness and screening camp on 23rd June, 2025. Mrs. Laxmi Gejapati, President, Gram Panchayat of Halaga, Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Teggi, PDO, Mr. Joseph Fernandes, Secretary and all gram panchayat members of Halaga supported this noble initiative. Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Professor and Head, Department of Prosthodontics gave dental awareness talk to anganawadi workers and made an appeal to teach the children in anganawadi about good oral hygiene practices and refer patients who needs dental care services to our institution. Dr. Abhijit Patil, Reader, Department of Prosthodontics along with post graduate students examined the patients and explained about the various dental treatments required for the patients which will help in improving their oral health.



PAPER PRESENTATION BY INTERNS

Two interns participated in the 4th IAOMR Karnataka State UG Conference held at Navodaya Dental College and Hospital, Raichur, Karnataka on 27th and 28th June, 2025.

1. Ms. Mehal Angane presented scientific paper on "Laser Assisted Excision of Oral Mucocele".
2. Ms. Kusum Kalekar presented scientific paper on "Excision of Fibroma by Laser. The conference included guest lectures on diverse topics by renowned speakers. Dr. Prachi Katti, Reader, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology chaired a scientific session at the event.



INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

The Disciplinary Committee of our Institute organized a program to observe the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on June 26, 2025. The event aimed to spread awareness among students about the harmful effects of drug abuse and the importance of staying drug-free.

Mr. Usman Awati, Police Sub Inspector from APMC Police station, was the chief guest for the program. He addressed the students and delivered an impactful talk highlighting the legal, social, and personal consequences of drug abuse, urging students to lead a healthy and responsible life.

Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Vice Principal, administered the anti-drug pledge to all students, reaffirming their commitment to a drug-free lifestyle. The event was graced by Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Principal of the institution, along with all members of the Disciplinary Committee, who actively supported the initiative.

The program concluded with a strong message on the collective responsibility of youth, educators, and law enforcement in combating drug abuse and building a safer society.



IMPLANT DEPARTMENT REPORT

Over the past six months, our Implantology Department has proudly completed more than 60 successful implant procedures. These have ranged from simple, single-tooth replacements to more advanced, full-mouth rehabilitations. Each case is planned with precision and executed using the latest techniques in dental care while keeping treatments affordably priced to ensure they remain accessible to as many patients as possible.

Dental implants, made from biocompatible materials like titanium or ceramic, are securely placed into the jawbone where they naturally integrate through a process called osseointegration. This creates a stable foundation that closely mimics the function of natural tooth roots. Whether a patient has missing one tooth or several, implants provide a long-lasting solution that offers superior comfort, improved chewing efficiency, and enhanced speech-far surpassing the performance of traditional dentures or bridges. A Full Mouth Rehabilitation Case



BLOOD DONATION CAMP

Department of Oral Pathology, Oral Surgery and Youth Red Cross Wing of the Institute organized a voluntary Blood Donation camp in collaboration with Maratha Mandal's College of Pharmacy and Mahaveer Blood Bank, Belagavi on 30th June 2025. Dr. Ramakant Principal of our Institute, Dr. Vishnu Kangralkar, Principal Maratha Mandal's College of Pharmacy, Dr. Yellaburgi, Medical Officer and his team, HOD Department of Oral Pathology Dr. Vijayalakshmi Kottrashetti,

Program Co-ordinator, Dr. Tushar Bandiwadekar, HOD Department of Oral Surgery, Co-ordinator Anil Kusnoor from Maratha Mandal's College of Pharmacy, YRC Incharge, Dr. Viplavi Chavan Patil and YRC student volunteers graced the occasion. The occasion began with inauguration ceremony followed by lighting lamp.



Dr. Yellaburgi spoke on the importance of blood donation. Vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Tejashvi Chougala. Fifty five volunteers from both the institutes donated blood and made the event successful.



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