



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

GANDHI AND SHASTRI JAYANTI 2023

The NSS unit of our Institute organized Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on the occasion of Gandhi and Shastri Jayanti on October 2nd, 2023. The ceremony began with a welcome address by Dr. Ramya Pai, NSS Incharge, followed by a floral tribute to the Father of our Nation, Mahatma Gandhiji, and the second Prime Minister of India, Sri Lal Bahadur Shastriji. A final BDS student, Mr. Aditya Patil, delivered a speech on the significance of celebrating the day and also on the history of Swachhata Abhiyan. The event was followed by an educational street play performed by final BDS students, emphasizing the hazards of single-use plastic in the environment and steps that can be taken to stop it. A total of 51 students participated in the event.



SINGLE-USE PLASTIC COLLECTION DRIVE

The NSS student volunteers of our institute participated in the single-use plastic collection drive organized by Maratha Mandal's Polytechnic (MMP) College in association with the Government of Karnataka, the Environmental Management & Policy Research Institute (EMPRI), the RecycleEarth Foundation, and the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) MMP chapter from October 2nd to 7th, 2023. Our student volunteers collected around 2.5 kg of plastic waste and contributed it towards the drive. The collected waste was sent to "EcoKaari," an organization that upcycles the discarded waste into useful products like bags, planters, and passport covers.



GRADUATION DAY

The graduation day for our BDS students of Batch 2018 was held on October 7th, 2023, at our institute. Dr. D. G. Kulkarni, Principal, Maratha Mandal Engineering College, was the chief guest for the function. The President of the Maratha Mandal Group of Institutions, Dr. Rajshree Nagaraju, was the Guest of Honour. Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak delivered the welcome address and enunciated the valiant journey and remarkable achievements of our institute over the past decades. Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Vice Principal, presented the annual report on the various academic, sports, and extracurricular activities of the institute. Dr. Pushpa P, Administrative Incharge, rendered the Hippocratic Oath for the graduating batch. Dr. D.G. Kulkarni addressed the gathering and advised the graduating dentists to uphold the ethics of their profession and to keep learning and progressing. Dr. Sai Chandani proposed the vote of thanks and expressed gratitude towards all the teaching, non-teaching staff members, and students who actively contributed towards the success of the event.

A total of 42 graduates received their graduating certificates from Dr. D. G. Kulakrni. Ms. Vaishnavi Mane was felicitated for securing the highest marks in the 1st BDS; Dr. Mariah Fernandes, Dr. Aditi Mundada, and Dr. Aishwarya Kammar were felicitated for securing the highest marks in the subject of Prosthodontics Crown and Bridge in the IV BDS. Dr. Aditi Sachin Mundada was named the "Academic Topper" for securing the highest aggregate total for all four years of BDS. Dr. Pradepta Sagare and Dr. Rani Paragannavar were awarded the title of "Best Outgoing Student" for their excellent academic performance along with their earnest participation in various co- and extracurricular activities on campus. The board of directors and managing committee members of Maratha Mandal Group, parents of graduating students, teaching and non-teaching staff members, and students were present for the function. The formal function was followed by an informal function wherein the graduating students and their parents spoke about their experiences during the last 5 years. Dr. Viplavi Chavan and Dr. Pooja Kale hosted the event. Dr. Zarir Ruttonji coordinated the event.



NATIONAL ORTHODONTIC WEEK CELEBRATION

To celebrate National Orthodontic Week, the Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics organized a week-long programme that included various events such as the National Orthodontic Day celebration, an orthodontic quiz competition, and a patient education programme. The faculty members and postgraduate students of the department celebrated Indian Orthodontist Day on October 5th, 2023, with great enthusiasm. The HODs of other departments were also invited. In the quiz competition held on October 6th, a total of 5 teams participated. Each team consisted of four final-year students. The competition had 4 rounds, which included "Pictionary Games," "Fill in the Blanks," "Rapid Fire Round," and "Take Your Pick," followed by some fun games for the students. Mr. Pavan Karadi, Mr. Balraj K., Mr. Rohit P., and Mr. Kirtan H. secured first place. Ms. Muskan S., Ms. Shradha A. R., Mr. Aditya Patil, and Ms. Shradha U. secured 2nd place. Ms. Khushi N., Ms. Sahana M., Ms. Kaveri N., and Ms. Vaishnavi A. secured 3rd place. A participation certificate was given to Ms. Melvi V., Ms. Esha A., Mr. Aditya S., Ms. Snehal M., Ms. Sandhya P., Ms. Tejeshvi C., Ms. Smitha K., and Mr. Yash G. On October 9th, a programme was organized to promote awareness of orthodontic health. Patients were educated regarding orthodontic health and treatment. Oral hygiene instructions were given, and the patients were educated and motivated regarding the importance of the orthodontic treatment.



PLACEMENT DRIVE

The Placement Cell of the Institution organized an interview by Clove Dental Corporate Clinics on October 9th at the IQAC hall of our institute. Dr. Bijal Jain and Dr. Paulson from Clove Dental conducted the interview. Twelve of the 25 freshly graduated students who attended were shortlisted for the job. The list of students shortlisted is as below:

Dr. Maansi G.	Dr. Neharika A.	Dr. Ninad Sagare	Dr. Priyanka
Dr. Aditi Mundada	Dr. Pradeepta Sagare	Dr. Shritish Kupanatte	Dr. Vikas Sutar
Dr. Shriya Patil	Dr. Smriti	Dr. Srusti	Dr. Shweta



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

The orientation programme for the first BDS (Batch 2023-24) was held on October 10th, 2023, at 9:30 am in the institute's auditorium. All the fresher students, along with their parents, were present for the program. Introductory remarks were delivered by the Principal, Dr. Ramakant Nayak. Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Vice Principal, introduced the council members to the freshers. Dr. Veerendra Uppin, Academic Incharge, gave them an orientation to the BDS course. The Administrative Incharge and Code of Conduct Committee Incharge, Dr. Pushpa Pudkalkatti, sensitized students and their parents about the rules and regulations that the students should follow at the institute regarding their dress code, timings, and hostel. Dr. Hemant Vagarali, Examination Committee Member, briefed them about the examination pattern. Dr. Sanjeevini Hattarki, Anti-ragging Committee Incharge, sensitized students and their parents about the various anti-ragging measures taken by the Institute and the consequences that students would undergo if found guilty of ragging.

All the students were asked to maintain a healthy interpersonal relationship with the senior students on campus. Dr. Vijaylakshmi Kotrashetti highlighted NAAC requirements. Dr. Sai Chandini, our PG alumina and staff speaker, shared her thoughts. Later, mentors took freshers on a campus tour to all the departments.



ORIENTATION TO LASERS

The Department of Laser Dentistry and Photo Medicine, along with the CDE cell, conducted a CDE programme, "Orientation to Lasers," on October 11th at our institute auditorium. The programme was conducted for our interns as well as other interns and around Belagavi with the hope of equipping them with the knowledge of various treatment modalities that are practiced in Laser Dentistry and Photomedicine. The inauguration of the programme was done by lighting the lamp, following which Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Principal, addressed the gathering. Dr. Chandrashekar Yavagal, Professor and Head, Department of Laser Dentistry and Photo Medicine of our institute, enlightened the delegates on various aspects of Laser Dentistry and Photobiomodulation. Vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Ramya Pai. The master of ceremony was Dr. Sahana Katti. Tea and snacks were organised during the break. The participants were given certificates at the end of the session. The programme was awarded 2 credit points from the Karnataka State Dental Council.



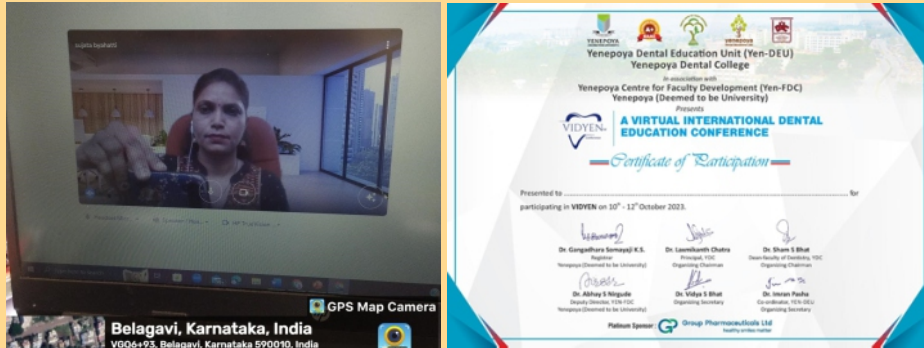
BRIDGE COURSE

The Bridge Course was held for the first BDS student (batch 2023-24) from October 11th to 13th, 2023, in the auditorium. Thirteen speakers from the Medical and Dental faculty spoke on various topics. The Bridge Course speakers were Dr. Arati Nayak, Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Dr. Prakash Diwan, Dr. Sheetal Sanikop, Dr. Chetan Patil, Dr. Sachin Shivanaikar, Dr. Sindhu Naik, Dr. Sai Chandani, Dr. Jayashree Majagi, Dr. Rutushree T., Dr. Prachi Katti, Dr. Vivek Govekar, and Dr. Sachita Naik. Dr. Sheetal Sanikop addressed them on the topic of 'Gender sensitization and Prohibition of Sexual Harassment at Workplace' in an interactive manner, wherein the students shared their experiences and cited examples regarding gender bias and discrimination. The talk highlighted the definition of sexual harassment, methods of prevention, the effects of harassment, and how to handle it. The students were also sensitized about the Internal Complaints Committee of the institute and explained the functions of the same.



STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Sujata Byahatti, Professor, and Dr. Prachi Katti, Senior Lecturer, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, attended the first Virtual International Dental Education Conference, VIDYEN, by the Yenepoya Dental Education Unit, Yenepoya Dental College, Mangaluru, Karnataka, from October 10th to 12th, 2023. Dr. Sujata Byahatti presented a paper on "Deaddict the Addict," and Dr. Prachi Katti presented a poster on "Digital Literacy Fortify in Dental Education."



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

The orientation programme for postgraduate students for batch 2023-24 was conducted on October 17th, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the examination hall. A total of 19 postgraduate students from the Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, Periodontology, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Prosthodontics and Crown and Bridge, and Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry departments attended the orientation programme. On the occasion, Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Vice Principal Dr. Preethi Kusugal, and all the HODs and office bearers attended the programme. Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak welcomed the postgraduates on behalf of management, briefed them, and gave insights into the 3-year postgraduate programme. He elaborated on the research facilities available on the college campus. He briefed them about Mastersoft and Densmart software. The students were also briefed about the institutional ethical committee, publication guidelines, and NAAC. Students were urged to follow integrity and to be compassionate towards patients. Dr. Veerendra Uppin, Academic Incharge, briefed the curriculum needs of the MDS course. Dr. Pushpa P., Administrative Incharge, briefed about the rules and regulations of the college. All the dental HODs spoke about their departments. Later, the postgraduates introduced themselves, expressing why they selected their preferred PG stream and why they selected our institution. Postgraduates also expressed their satisfaction with the facilities available at the institute.



YOUTH CONVENTION

Sixteen students from our institute attended the Youth Convention on October 17th, 2023, at the Swami Vivekananda Memorial at the Ramkrishna Mission Ashrama in Belagavi to commemorate the visit of Swami Vivekananda to Belagavi. The event was oriented towards how students can better their professional careers. The students had interactive sessions with eminent speakers who spoke on topics that helped the students build up their overall performance. Dr. Zarir Ruttonji was the coordinator for the event.



DENSMART SOFTWARE ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

A mandatory orientation session on the use of Densmart Patient Management Software was conducted in the auditorium at 9.30 a.m. for interns of the 2023-24 batch by Mr. Sagar Rangdal on October 18th. The interns were told in detail about how to check in new patients, give appointments, refer patients to other departments, and generate new and old patient lists. How to enter the case histories of various departments and create invoices for different treatment procedures was also explained to them in detail.



PROF. M. SABIR ORATION

Dr. Prakash Diwan has delivered the Prof. M. Sabir Oration on "Embrace change of professionalism to conquer employability" at the 23rd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology, organized by the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Bikaner, Rajasthan, from November 2nd to 4th, 2023.



DANDIYA NIGHT CELEBRATION

The Cultural Committee organized Dandiya Night during the Navaratri festival on October 20th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at our institute's premises. All the staff and students presented at the event in ethnic attire. Celebrations began with Durga Pooja. The venue was lit up with beautiful light decorations and rangoli. All the students and staff danced enthusiastically, which was followed by the serving of delicious snacks. The celebrations continued until 9:30 p.m. The dandiya night ended with prize distribution for best attire and best dancer amongst the students.



STAFF FELICITATION

Our Principal, Dr. Ramakant Nayak, was one of the advisors for the 30th National Conference of the Indian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists, conducted by KLE VK Institute of Dental Sciences, Belagavi, from November 3rd to November 5th, 2023, in the KLE Centenary Convention Center. He was felicitated by the association for his contribution in making the conference a grand success.



FAREWELL PROGRAMME AND ALUMNI MEET



The Department of Periodontology organized a farewell for Dr. Aarati Nayak, HOD, Department of Periodontology, along with the PG alumni meet on October 30th, 2023, at our institute. The alumni from batches 2009-2023 visited the department and shared their experiences and memories. High tea was arranged in the department. Later in the auditorium, the farewell programme started with a welcome address by Dr. Sachin Shivanaikar, followed by an introduction and journey of Dr. Aarati Nayak by Dr. Pushpa P. Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Principal, addressed the audience and shared his experience working with Dr. Aarati Nayak. Other staff members and the alumni also shared their experiences with maam. Dr. Aarati Nayak spoke about her journey at this institute. She was felicitated by the staff members and the alumni. A video of Madam's journey was then played in the auditorium, which was followed by cake cutting. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sanjeevini Hattarki and lunch.



INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS

Our Institute won the girls tug of war and throw ball matches against KLE VK Institute of Dental Sciences in the intercollegiate sports events held on November 23rd, 2023, at our Institute by IDA, Belgaum Branch.

NATIONAL TOOTH BRUSHING DAY

The Department of Public Health Dentistry celebrated National Tooth Brushing Day on November 7th, 2023, at the Utkarsha Learning Centre, Mahesh Foundation, Belagavi. Oral examinations were done for 92 school children. A health talk was given related to oral health and hygiene, and a tooth brushing technique was demonstrated to the students. Tooth brushing models and health education posters were used for demonstration and to raise awareness regarding oral health among them. At the end, an interactive session was conducted to address their queries.



TULSI POOJA

Tulsi Vivah or Pooja is a sacred festival that is believed to bring blessings of happiness, prosperity, and good health. The festival is also a reminder of the importance of purity and devotion in our lives. Every year, this ritual is usually performed on the 11th or 12th day of the bright half of the month of Kartik in the Hindu calendar, which is called Shukla Paksha Dwadashi. This year, the puja was performed on November 27th, 2023, at our institute. This occasion was graced by Vice Principal Dr. Preethi Kusugal, teaching staff and non-teaching staff.



NEW HORIZONS IN IMPLANT DENTISTRY

The Department of Prosthodontics Crown and Bridge, in association with the CDE cell of our institution, organized a one-day programme for our staff, postgraduate students, and interns on November 23rd, 2023, from 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. The CDE programme was sponsored by the Implantswiss Company. The guest speaker for the event was Dr. Sumit Deshpande, a reputed prosthodontist and implantologist from Kalburgi. The event was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by Dr. Sumit Deshpande, Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Principal; Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Vice Principal; Dr. R. B. Hallikerimath, Professor and Head, Department of Prosthodontics; Dr. Ajaykumar Nayak, Implant Department Incharge; and Dr. Anuradha Bandiwadekar, CDE Cell Incharge. Dr. Sumit Deshpande shared his vast knowledge and spoke extensively on implant dentistry and its implications in modern-day dentistry. Dr. Eeshita Jamnani was the master of the ceremony for the event. Five CDE points were awarded for the event by KSDC Bengaluru.



STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Sachin Shivanaikar, Professor, Department of Periodontology, was conferred with a Post Graduate Diploma in Consumer Law and Ethics from the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, in November 2023.



WORLD RADIOGRAPHY DAY CELEBRATION

The Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology celebrated World Radiography Day on November 8th, 2023. The theme for World Radiography Day 2023 is "Celebrating Patient Safety." A skit competition was conducted for the intern's batch on the topic "Radiation Protection." The event started with Dr. Praveena Tantradi, Professor and Head, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, welcoming the gathering. The Principal, Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Vice Principal, Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Administrative Incharge, Dr. Pushpa P. and Academic Incharge, Dr. Veerendra Uppin, graced the event. Dr. Sachin Shivanaikar, Professor, Department of Periodontology, and Dr. Anuradha Bandiwadekar, Reader, Department of Public Health Dentistry, were the judges for the skit competition. Two teams with 7 and 9 members participated in the competition. The winning team comprised of Mr. Neilvishwas S. Dhanawade, Ms. Muskan Khan, Ms. Tanmayee Parker, Ms. Vishwaja Naik, Ms. Eram Mujawar, Ms. Akshata Thorat, Mr. Vijay Raju Irkal, Mr. Aditya Dhamanekar, and Ms. Shreya Pawar. A total of 36 interns attended the event. The event was hosted by Mr. Akash Kabadgi, an intern. The event was coordinated by Dr. Sujata Byahatti, Professor, and facilitated by Dr. Prachi Katti, Senior Lecturer. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Ayeasha Bepari, an intern, and was followed by refreshments.



BOOK EXHIBITION

The Library Committee, along with Universal Book Depot, conducted a book exhibition on December 1st, 2023, in our institute. More than 70 books were displayed in the exhibition. Our students took advantage of the exhibition by attending in huge numbers. They went through various medical and dental textbooks, and several of them ordered textbooks for their personal use.



AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG ABUSE AND RAGGING

The Human Rights Committee of our Institute, in association with Human Rights Corps Belagavi, organised an awareness programme on "Consequences of Drug Abuse and Ragging" on November 28th, 2023, in our institute. Mrs. Sneha P. V., Deputy Commissioner of Crime and Traffic, was the chief guest for the function, and Mr. Manjunath Bajantri, PSI APMC police station, was the guest of honor. Dr. Ramakant Nayak, our Principal, Mr. Neeraj Banaskar, State Director (Human Rights Corps), Dr. Jayashree Malagi, State Women's Wing President (Human Rights Corps), and Professor Ankush Durge were the other dignitaries present on the dais. Mrs. Sneha P. V. addressed the gathering and highlighted the legal consequences of drug abuse and how to report and stop drug peddling. Mr. Manjunath Bajantri told students to refrain from drugs and ragging and explained their ill effects on their careers. Professor Ankush Durge elaborated on the ill effects of drug abuse on society. The Human Rights Corps team, Belagavi, consisting of Mr. Satish Malawade, Mr. Sanjay Bhandari, Mr. Sunil Yellurkar, Mr. Jyothiba Patil, and Mrs. Indra Balekai, attended the program. Dr. Sheetal Kubasad, Human Rights Committee Incharge, and Dr. Ulka Muggavi, Human Rights Committee member of our institute, hosted the programme. All students, postgraduates, and staff members attended the programme.



POLLUTION CONTROL DAY CELEBRATION

The Department of Biochemistry and NSS Unit of our institute, in association with Nammur Banuli 90.8 FM of the Women's Welfare Society, Belagavi, organized a debate competition on December 2nd, 2023, on the topic "Urbanization: A Curse or Blessing" for first-year students to celebrate National Pollution Control Day. The event began with a welcome speech by Dr. Jayashree Majagi. The students from the first year of BDS actively participated in the event. Two teams were formed, one supporting and one against urbanization. The debate was judged by Lt. Prinyanka Kundekar, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, and Mr. Shushant Jigan, HOD, PG Department of Microbiology, GSS College Belagavi. The first prize was awarded to team B (Urbanization: A Blessing) with students Ms. Maaz Kalmani, Ms. Sufiya Nandikar, Ms. Apeksha Raibagi, and Ms. Shraddha Kalleknar. Ms. Apeksha Raibagi was the best speaker in the debate. The event was followed by a guest lecture by Prof. BL Majukar, Principal of GSS College Belagavi, on the topic of climatic changes in the Western Ghats and their effect on the environment. A total of 56 students from the first and second year attended the programme.



VOTERS REGISTRATION 2023



On December 4th, 2023, the office bearers of Belagavi City Municipal Corporation visited our Institute to register the new voters who had not yet registered themselves. A total of 25 new registrations were done, out of which twenty were students and five were staff. The event was carried out in the examination hall between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. under the guidance of Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Staff Dr. Vijayalakshmi Kotrashetti, and Dr. Viplavi Chavan.

The Basic Life Support (BLS) training programme in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery was started in 2016 on World Heart Day and has been successfully conducted till now. Thirty-two third-year students were trained in BLS for two days on December 4th and 5th, 2023. On the first day, a pre-workshop test was conducted to assess the basic knowledge of the students. Then the lectures and hands-on demonstrations were given to the students over two days. During the programme, various real-life examples are given to help them understand the concept of BLS and how to provide BLS. The students were trained individually and provided CPR masks. The students were trained on interactive manikins and an automated external defibrillator (AED). All the aspects of BLS were covered. Once they were well versed in the techniques of BLS in various scenarios, a post-workshop exam was conducted to assess them. The exam was held in MCQ, OSCE, and OSPE. On successful completion of the course, the students were awarded a certificate and given a placard with BLS training instructions.



STERILIZATION AND DISINFECTION WORKSHOP

Sound dental sterilization practices in dentistry protect patients, dentists, and the whole team. They prevent the growth of bacteria on instruments and surfaces throughout the dental clinic. The standard sterilization and disinfection practices also block cross-contamination. To underscore the importance of these practices, the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery conducted a two-day hands-on, extensive workshop on sterilization and disinfection in dentistry on December 6th and 7th, 2023. A total of 28 third-year students participated in the workshop. The workshop was conducted just before their entry into clinical postings to emphasize the need for and critical importance of sterilization and disinfection.



CPR AWARENESS PROGRAMME

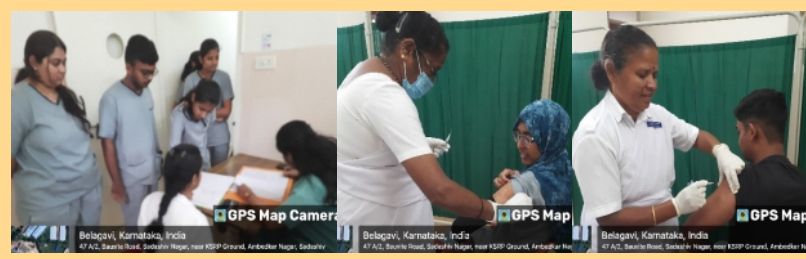
Our institute, in association with the Youth Red Cross unit, participated in the CPR awareness programme organized by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) on December 6th, 2023. An awareness video created by NBEMS, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, was projected at our institute for BDS students, teaching staff, and non-teaching staff. An interactive session was conducted with the students, and the role of CPR procedures in saving the lives of patients was re-instituted. All the participants received digital certificates from NBEMS, New Delhi, for their successful participation in the national CPR awareness programme.



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HEPATITIS B VACCINATION DRIVE

The booster dose of hepatitis B vaccination was administered in our institute on December 9th, 2023, to the BDS students of the 2022-23 batch. A total of 27 students were vaccinated under the supervision of physician Dr. Zubin Ruttonji and our nursing staff in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.



LABOMED MICROSCOPE INSTALLATION

The Department of Periodontology had a microscope installed on December 12th, 2023, in its Advanced Surgical Unit. A one-day programme was conducted for staff and postgraduates of Periodontology and Conservative Dentistry and

Endodontics to equip them with the knowledge of various treatment modalities that are practiced in periodontology and endodontics under magnification. In addition, hand-to-eye coordination was practiced on the microscope by the staff and postgraduate students. Mr. Amit Gupta, along with his team from Labomed Systems, completed the installation and demonstration of the microscope.



WORKSHOP ON EBSCO RESOURCES IN HELINET

The HELINET training programme was organized by the Library Committee of our institute on December 20th, 2023. The programme was conducted by EBSCO Information Services, India, along with RGUHS, Bangalore. The resource person was Mr. Gaurav Date from EBSCO, who briefed the postgraduates and staff on the utilization of the EBSCO database in HELINET for searching research articles for research, academics, and PhDs. He also introduced the EBSCO mobile app, which the students can remote access for their day-to-day studies. All the participants were asked to give feedback and were issued online certificates.



TOBACCO CESSATION CELL PROGRAMME

Tobacco Cessation Cell Incharge of our institute, Dr. Sujata Byahatti, organized a guest lecture and skit competition for III and IV year students and interns on December 27th, 2023. Dr. Rajeshwari Annigeri, Head of the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology from the College of Dental Sciences, Davangere, was the invited speaker, and she spoke on "Integrating Tobacco Interventional Skills in Daily Practice in Dentistry." The students benefitted from having a broader vision of the current tobacco addiction scenario in India and were motivated to follow tobacco deaddiction protocols for the patients. Dr. Rajeshwari Annigeri and Dr. Rekha S.V., Senior Lecturer, Department of Public Health Dentistry, were the judges for the skit competition with the theme, Tobacco: A Social Evil. The third-year student team of 10 members bagged first place, and the final-year student team of 8 members came in second. Certificates were given to all the skit participants. The programme was graced by the Principal, Dr. Ramakant Nayak, and the Head of the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, Dr. Praveena Tantradi. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Prachi Katti, Senior Lecturer, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, and was followed by refreshments.



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