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WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY 20th March, 2021

The Department of Public Health Dentistry Celebrated World Oral Health Day on 20/3/2021. Two schools, Maratha Mandal's English Medium School and Maratha Mandal's Central High School Belagavi, were visited on 20 / 3 / 2021 and 22 / 3 / 2021.

Health talk was given related to their oral health issues, caries and maintaining oral hygiene. Tooth brushing technique was demonstrated to the children respectively for the overall health. Campaign posters, video and fact sheets were used to raise awareness regarding oral health among school children as well as in the college premises. Awareness regarding 'BE PROUD OF YOUR MOUTH' was done with the help of handmade campaign frames. Instructions were given related to maintenance of hand hygiene, preventive measures for COVID19 and importance of vaccination. This activity conducted in the school was covered by the local newspapers. This activity report was submitted to FDI World Dental Federation Geneva Switzerland.



THE PROSTHETIC MODULE OF DENTIUM BASIC IMPLANT COURSE 17-19th April, 2021

The Prosthetic module of Dentium Basic Implant Course was held from 17^{th} to 19^{th} April, 2021 at our Institute. Mentor for the course was Dr. Sudhindra Kulkarni, Professor of Periodontics, SDM College of Dental Sciences, Dharwad. The three days course comprised of lectures for prosthetic components, various prosthetic treatment options and techniques in impression making of implants. Live surgeries were held to show surgical exposure of implant, soft tissue grafting and placement of healing abutments. Hands on session for various techniques of impression making in implant was demonstrated followed by clinical procedures which were performed on patients by the Post Graduate students of Periodontics and Prosthodontics. Faculty of Periodontics, Prosthodontics and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery also attended the course.



WORLD HEALTH DAY 7th April, 2021



The Department of Public Health Dentistry celebrated World Health Day on 7th April, 2021 at Gharkul old age home, Benakanhalli, Belagavi. The inmates were educated on geriatric health, oral health and maintenance of denture along with this tooth brushing technique was demonstrated. 21 holy books were donated at Gharkul old age home. A guest lecture was organized on building a fairer healthier world, delivered by Ramabhadra Priya Das Prabhuji from ISKCON Belagavi in the college on 12th April, 2021.



CDE PROGRAMME ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS 26th and 27th April, 2021.

Department of Oral Pathology & Microbiology conducted a four day CDE program on Intellectual Property Rights, Good Clinical and Laboratory Practices for all faculty and post graduate students of the Institute. A Total of 72 participants attended the program. The program was conducted online, due to ongoing COVID 19 pandemic. The Guest speaker of the CDE were, Dr. Prakash Diwan, Director, Central Research Laboratory of our Institute. He covered basics about Good Clinical and Laboratory practices for two days on 26th and 27th April, 2021. On 3rd and 4th May, 2021 Dr. Anand Byrappa, (heading the JRD Tata Memorial Library at IISc) who has vast experience in the field of Digital Libraries, Business Information Services, Corporate Communications, Research Services and Knowledge Management delivered the lectures. He spoke on IPR: Basics, update and applications for Academics, whereas Prof. (Dr.) V. C. Vivekanandan, Vice-Chancellor, Hidyatulla National Law University, Spoke on IP- Fundamentals and future roadmap. The program was very well appreciated by all the participants. The program was awarded with 12 CDE Credit points by Karnataka State Dental Council (KSDC), Bengaluru.







WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY 31st May, 2021

In order to mark World No Tobacco Day, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology in association with Tobacco Cessation Cell conducted an online "ESSAY COMPETITION" for the third BDS students. The topic for essay competition was "Commit to quit tobacco". The time slot given was from 10 to 11 am on 31st May, 2021. The winners of competition were

1st prize - Miss. Pradeepta Sagare
 2nd prize - Mr. Gaurav Kalmiskar
 3rd prize - Miss. Ankita Oswal

The rest of the students were given the participation certificate.

OSCE/OSPE WORKSHOP 6th May & 9th July, 2021

A two-day Hands-on workshop was conducted by the staff of our Institute for the faculty of B.R. Ambedkar Dental College, Bengaluru. The Hands-on workshop was first of its kind online workshop, where the participants were trained for construction of different OSCE/OSPE stations in their respective departments through Online platform. A total of 27 staff participated in the workshop. The resource persons for the workshop were Dr. Renuka Ammanagi, Prof, HOD, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, Dr. Sheetal Sanikop, Prof, Department of Periodontics and Dr. Ravi Shirhatti, former Professor and Head of the Department of Public Health Dentistry of our Institute.

The first contact session was conducted on 6th May, 2021 which basically sensitized the participants regarding principles of assessment and OSCE/OSPE. The participants were asked to carry out a home assignment of designing a OSCE station pertaining to their respective department. The participants were guided for each step from selection of skill, writing objectives, making a checklist and preparing the logistics required for their station. After approval of the station, the participants were asked to prepare a video-demonstration of the same. The videos were also critically analyzed prior giving approval.

On the 2nd day of contact session (9th July, 2021), each department presented their stations through video and same were discussed and analyzed. The two days workshop was concluded with a valedictory program and the participants feedback was taken by the resource persons. Overall the online, Hands-on workshop was a success and showed that it could be carried out in difficult times of COVID-19 Pandemic.







WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 5th June, 2021

A programme was conducted on the occasion of World Environment Day by Department of Public Health Dentistry in collaboration with NSS Unit, of our Institute at Primary Health Care Centre, Kadoli which was held on 5th June, 2021. Around 10 saplings were planted to mark the World Environment Day with the theme "Ecosystem Restoration"



CDE PROGRAMME on "PROFESSIONAL ETHICS" 9th June, 2021

The Department of Periodontology of our Institute organised a CDE programme on "Professional Ethics" on 9th June, 2021 and "Professional Negligence in Dental Practice" on 16th June, 2021. The Speaker for the programme was Dr. Sachin Shivanaikar, Professor, Department of Periodontology of our Institute. The CDE programme was conducted online on Zoom platform. The Interns, Postgraduates and Faculty of our Institute attended the same. Dr. Sandeep Katti, Professor, Department of Periodontology gave the welcome address and introduced the speaker. Dr. Amulya Vanti, CDE convenor of our Institute delivered vote of thanks. Karnataka State Dental Council allotted six CDE credit points for the programme.







PEDTALKS 3rd SESSION 15th June, 2021

The department of Paediatric Dentistry of our Institute organized the 3rd session of their webinar series "PEDTALKS" on 15th of June. The inaugural ceremony began with watering the sapling, followed by the welcome address by Head of the Dept Prof. Dr. Chandrashekhar Yavagal. Dr. Ramya Pai introduced the speaker for the session, Dr. Harsh Vyas, a renowned paediatric dentist practicing in Mumbai. He spoke about the challenges faced by Paediatric Dentists during the current pandemic situation in clinical practice and about various strategies that were adopted to overcome the adversities. He also spoke about paediatric practice management, from the challenges faced by a beginner to how well one can transform the present situation into one's advantage. Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak was the chief guest for the program. Heads and Professors of all the Departments graced the occasion with their presence. The program was made a success by the active participation of the post graduates of the Paediatric dept, the Interns and numerous other delegates who joined the session online. The session was concluded with the vote of thanks given by Dr. Shruti Virupaxi.



NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY DAY 21st June, 2021

The program was conducted on the occasion of "NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY DAY" organized by Department of Public Health Dentistry on 21/6/2021 from 11 am to 12 noon. The topic for the webinar was 'SEEING THE BRIGHT



SIDE IN DARK TIMES'. The speaker was H. G. Amogh Lila Prabhu, Vice president (ISKCON Dwarka) who gave insights about being positive in negative times. Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Vice Principal Dr. Preeti Kusugal, Administrative incharge Dr. Pushpa, Academic incharge Dr. Uppin, Dr. Anuradha Bandiwadekar and Various faculty members, students and participants from across the country joined the webinar. The program was conducted amidst the pandemic and around 191 members participated through zoom meeting and made the event a grand success.



COVID-19 VACCINATION DRIVE 17th July, 2021

A Covid-19 Vaccination drive was organized by the college on 17th July, 2021 for the teaching, non teaching staff and students of the Institution. Family members of the non teaching staff were also included in the drive. A total of 216 beneficiaries were given the vaccine. The drive was conducted in the Dept of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. The drive was co-ordinated by Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Dr. Zarir Ruttonji, Reader, Dept of Prosthodontics Crown and Bridge and Dr. Shivanand Pattan, Lecturer, Dept of Physiology.



WEBINAR ON DDS - THE AMERICAN DREAM 24th July 2021

A online webinar was conducted for interns and final year BDS student to guide them regarding studying abroad. One hour session was conducted by department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology on 24th July 2021. The guest speaker of the event was our own alumnus Dr Shashwata Mogali, who has completed her DMDL and currently working with DECA Dental group, Ideal Dental at Eules, Texas as General Dental Practitioner. She spoke on the topic "DDS-THE AMERICAN DREAM". The session was well received by interns and final year students. It was an interesting interactive session. She gave insights on how the students can approach their exam to study aproad and the challenges that encountered.





ORAL HYGIENE DAY 1st August, 2021

Oral Hygiene Day was celebrated through virtual platform on 1st August, 2021. The event was presided by President Maratha Mandal Group of Institutions Smt. Rajshree Nagaraju, The chief guest of the function was Dr. Harpreet Singh Grover, Secretary Indian Society of Periodontology. Welcome address was given by Dr. Aarati Nayak, HOD Department of Periodontology. Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak addressed the gathering. Master of ceremony was Dr. Sachin Shivanaikar, Professor, Department of Periodontology. Short Movie on the awareness of Covid-19 and oral hygiene was made by Department of Periodontology. The link of the movie was provided during the virtual program. The program was concluded by Vote of Thanks and National Anthem. On 2nd August, 2021 the movie was Screened in the College Auditorium for various batches of undergraduates, postgraduates, Teaching Staff and Non teaching staff. The screenplay of the short movie was by Dr. Rajesh Patnaik, Edited by Dr. Kahon Chakroborty, Directed by Dr. Sachin Shivanaikar, music by Shivraj Patil and team, Camera assistant by Oswin Fernandes, Shubham Pande and Mili Kashyap.



PG ALUMNI MEET OF DEPARTMENT OF ORAL PATHOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGY 5th August, 2021

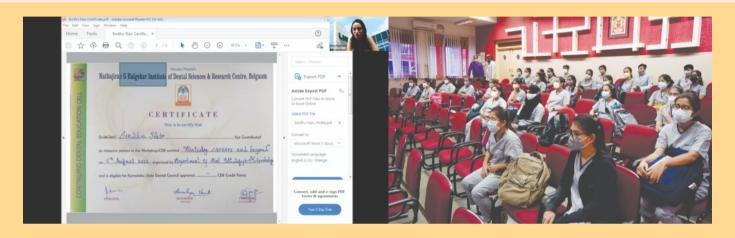
The Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiolody conducted 1st online alumni meet of post graduate students on 5th August, 2021 followed by online webinar. The meet started with welcome address by Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, followed by a short video on glimpes of PG days, which was enjoyed by all the alumni. The session ended by discussions and interaction.





DENTISTRY - CAREER AND BEYOND 5th August, 2021

Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology conducted online CDE program in association with CDE cell of the Institute on 5th August 2021. The program was conducted for interns and Post Graduate student to provide them the details of higher education after BDS and MDS in USA. The session started with welcome address by HOD, Dr. Vijayalakshmi Kotrashetti. Introduction of guest speaker was done by Vice Principal Dr. Preeti Kusugal. Dr. Sindhu Nair, Post Graduate alumni of our Institute, completed her Ph.D from Alabama University, Alabama, USA in July, 2021. She enlighted our students with various aspects of pursuing higher education in USA. Topic of the Program was "Dentistry-Career and Beyond". The program was concluded by concluding remarks by Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak.



INDEPENDENCE DAY 15th August, 2021

The cultural committee organized Independence Day Celebration on 15th August, 2021 at our Institute premises at 7.30 A.M. The National Flag was hoisted by Chief Guest, Dr. Aarti Nayak, Professor & HOD, Dept of Periodontics, MMNGHIDS, Belagavi.

Other Dignitaries present on the dais were Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Vice Principal Dr Preethi Kusugal, Administrative In charge Dr Puspha, Academic In charge Dr Uppin and Cultural In charge Dr Pallavi Gopshetti. Teaching and non-teaching staff members and students participated in Independence Day celebration. All covid-19 pandemic protocols were followed. Refreshments were served after the program.





KICK - START SMART DENTISTRY 6th August, 2021

An online webinar was conducted by Department of Periodontology for the Interns and all the Post graduate students of the college on 6th August, 2021. The guest speaker for the event was Dr. Mithun Kudalkar who is our own Alumini. The topic of webinar was "Kick-start smart: Beginning clinical practice" where Dr. Mithun gave an insight to the students about practice management. It was an hour session which was conducted online in the college Auditorium following social distancing protocols. The program was concluded by vote of thanks and the session ended by discussions and interaction.

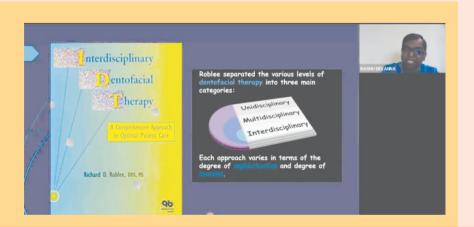
HUMAN VALUE, WELLNESS AND YOGA 18th August, 2021

Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontic conducted a CDE programme titled "Human value, wellness and yoga" on 18th August, 2021 The resource person for the program was Dr. Suhas Sudhir Godbole (BHMS, MD Acupuncture). The programme was attended by the staff, post graduate students and Interns.



CDE PROGRAM ON INTERDISCIPLINARY ORTHODONTICS -CURRENT PERSPECTIVE AND EVIDENCE 24th August, 2021

Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics organized a CDE program on "Interdisciplinary Orthodontics - current perspective and evidence" in our college on 24th August, 2021. The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. RAGHU



DEVANNA, MDS Orthodontic division of preventive dentistry, Faculty of dentistry, Taif university, Saudi Arabia. The Scientific presentation on interdisciplinary orthodontics included Ortho-Perio, Ortho-Endo, Ortho-Surgery and Ortho-Prostho clinical cases. A total of 60 participants attended the program, which was followed by Q/A session.Interns attended the program in the auditorium and the staffs and other participants attended the program through Zoom platform.



CDE PROGRAM ON THE DIAGNOSTIC TESTING METHODS IN OROFACIAL NEUROPATHIC PAIN 27th August, 2021

The CDE program was organized by Department of Public Health Dentistry on 27/08/2021 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. The topic of the virtual program was 'THE DIAGNOSTIC TESTING METHODS IN OROFACIAL NEUROPATHIC PAIN'. The guest speaker was Dr. Rajath S. Pillai, Faculty of Odontology, Malmo University, Sweden, who gave deep knowledge about new Testing Methods in Orofacial Neuropathic Pain. The Inaugural ceremony began with the welcome address by Dr. Prachi Katti. Lecturer, Public Health Dentistry, Dr. Anuradha Bandiwadekar, Incharge HOD, Public Health Dentistry introduced the guest speaker. He spoke about various methods to diagnose orofacial neuropathic pain. The programme was made a success by active participation of various department faculty members, post graduate students and interns of our Institute. The session was concluded through vote of thanks given by Dr. Anuradha Bandiwadekar.



LEARNING CURVES-ORAL PATHOLOGY FOR INTERNS 27th September, 2021

Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology conducted a CDE program for interns and third year BDS students on 27th September, 2021. The program was based on various terminologies and pathologies that are relevant in preparing for PG NEET entrance. The guest speaker for the program was Dr. Priya N. S., Professor, Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology from V. S. Dental college and Hospital. The program was conducted through online mode. The title of the presentation was "Learning curves- Oral Pathology for Interns- Part 2".





AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

BEST BRANDED PHOTO 2021 BY FDI



Public Health Dentistry of our Institute organized school visits to raise awareness about oral health and demonstrate the proper toothbrushing technique. The photo taken at Maratha Mandal's Central High School, Belagavi, Karnataka, India, won the best branded photo of 2021 by FDI. The children used the WOHD campaign frames to show that they were proud of their mouths. Toothie, FDI's oral health mascot for children, featured on posters and fact sheets that hung in the background.

Dr. Jayashree M. Lecturer, Dept.of Biochemistry, of our Institute participated in "Essay Writing Competetion" organised by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru to mark Silver Jubilee of the University. She bagged 1st prize under Staff Cagegory. The essay writing was in "Kannada language" and the topic was - 'ಬಾಯಿ ಮತ್ತು ದಂತ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ –ಪ್ರಾಮುಖ್ಯತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ' (Importance and Protection of Oral and Dental Health & hygiene)

Dr. Kahon Chakraborty, Postgraduate of Department of Periodontology, of our Institute participated in the scientific essay writing competition organised by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru to mark Silver Jubilee of the University on the topic - "Doctor-Patient relationship in a digital world: A need for innovative measures" and **won the 2nd prize** in PG student category.



Dr. Madhu Pujar, Professor, HOD, Dept. of Conservative and Endodontics, was nominated as a Board of Studies (BOS) member of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru for a period of three years. Chairperson Mrs. Rajshree Nagaraju, Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak and Office bearers of our college and trust board members of Maratha Mandal congratulated her on this achievement.



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DR. SUJATA BYAHATTI Secured FIRST POSITION in SCIENTIFIC PAPER PRESENTATION for the presentation on RGUHS Grant Related work "Evaluation of anticancer efficacy of Tea tree oil-An In Vitro Study" at KIDS WEBCON OMR 2021 held on 24th-25th September 2021 Organized by Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences, KIIT deemed to be University under IDA Bhubhuvaneswar Branch.

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