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SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN 2022

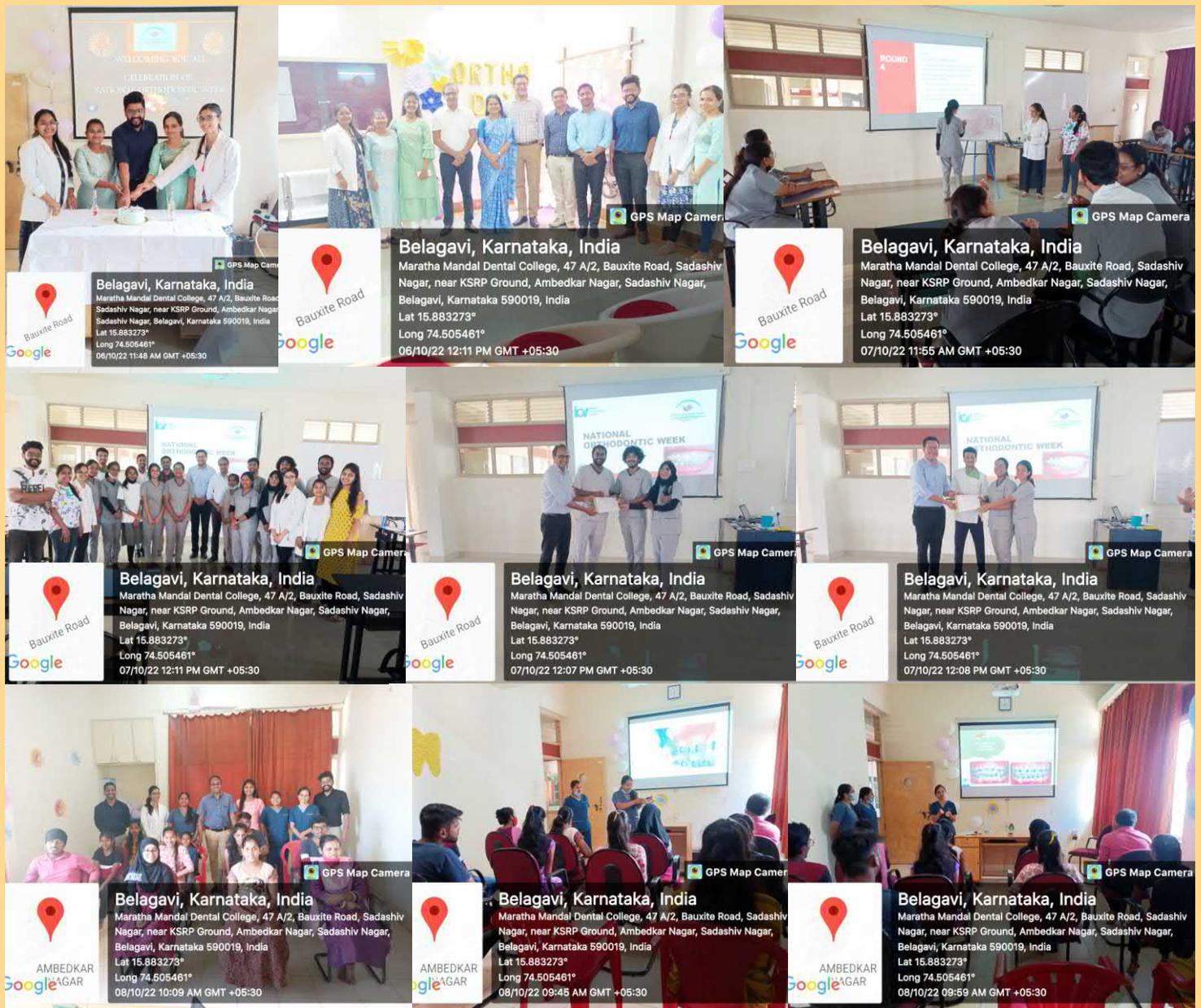
The NSS unit and Youth Red Cross Wing of our institute organized the "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on October 2, 2022. The inaugural ceremony began with a welcome address by Dr. Ramya Pai, NSS Incharge, followed by a floral tribute to our Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhiji, by Principal Dr. Ramakant Nayak and Youth Red Cross Incharge, Dr. Umesh Bhosle. Intern Ms. Shriya Gaonkar spoke about the significance of the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti and also enlightened the audience on the theme for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan 2022, i.e., "e-waste awareness." The event was followed by the screening of an educational video on e-waste management and the inauguration of an e-waste collection drive. Dr. Sachita Naik delivered the vote of thanks. The event was actively and zealously attended by all teaching and non-teaching staff and students of our institute. Later on October 14, on the occasion of "International E-waste Awareness Day," the collected e-waste was handed over to the RecyclEarth Foundation (a Section 8 NGO). A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was also signed between the RecyclEarth Foundation and our institute for the purpose of developing e-waste management awareness programs.



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 Orthodontist Day Celebration, an orthodontic quiz competition, and a patient education program.

Indian Orthodontic Day was celebrated on October 6th with great enthusiasm by all the faculty members and postgraduate students of the department by cutting a cake. On October 7th, there was an orthodontic quiz competition for interns. The interns were divided into four teams. Each team consisted of three students. The competition consisted of four rounds: "Question & Answer," "Take Your Pick," "Pictionary Games," and "Rapid Fire," followed by some fun games for the students. Dr. Siddharaj Cuncolikar, Dr. Atmesh Shetye, and Dr. Ayesha Pannali secured first place. Dr. Shriya Gaonkar, Dr. Suprita Yallamali, and Dr. Ibadulla Khan secured second place in the competition. The audience also participated in the competition and received surprise gifts. On October 8th, patients were educated regarding their orthodontic health and the importance of their orthodontic treatment. Oral hygiene instructions were also given.



AIC BASIC IMPLANT TRAINING COURSE - PROSTHETIC MODULE

The prosthetic module of the AIC Basic Implant Training Course was held on October 10th and 11th, 2022, at our institute. A total of 16 delegates had registered for the course. The two-day course was conducted by Dr. Nrupal Kothare, an eminent speaker and clinician from Mumbai, who delivered a didactic lecture on Stage II surgery, various prosthetic implant components, and impression techniques. The delegates also had hands-on training on the various impression techniques in implantology on models on day one of the course. On day two of the course, live demonstrations of the various impression techniques in implantology were given. The event was concluded by the distribution of course completion certificates to the delegates. Dr. Ajaykumar Nayak, Professor and Implant Department Incharge, and Dr. Sandeep Katti, Professor, Department of Periodontology, organized the event.



STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Sujata Byahatti and Dr. Sheetal Sanikop attended a virtual conference, "Start Herb : Journey from Innovation to Entrepreneurship in Herbals," organized by D. Y. Patil Deemed to be University, School of Pharmacy, Navi Mumbai, and the Association of Pharmaceutical Research (APR) on October 14 and 15, 2022. Dr. Sujata Byahatti, Professor, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, presented a paper titled "Tea Tree Oil - A Boon in the Field of Medicine: A RGUHS Grant Study," for which she won first prize. Dr. Sheetal Sanikop, Professor, Department of Periodontology, presented a paper on the topic "Clove and its dental benefits."



RESEARCH TOOL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Our institute deputed Dr. Renuka Ammanagi, Dr. Sheetal Sanikop, Dr. Abhijit Patil, and Dr. Sachita Naik to attend a two-day hands-on workshop on "Research Tool Development" held on October 17th and 18th, 2022 at JNMC, Belagavi. The resource persons for the workshop were Dr. Gautham Melur Sukumar, Additional Professor, Epidemiology and Public Health, NIMHANS, Bengaluru, and Dr. Tarun Bhatnagar, "Scientist F," National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), ICMR, Chennai. The two-day workshop consisted of extensive lectures on research tools, data collection, and its relevance in construct and content validation. Participants were also exposed to various software used for research tool development.



ENDODONTIC AND ESTHETIC EDIFICATION

A three-day workshop on "Endodontic and Esthetic Edification" was conducted by the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics. The workshop included basic and rotary endodontics and direct composite restorations. The guest speakers for the programme were Dr. Arun Jaysheel, Reader, Bapuji Dental College & Hospital, Davangere, and Dr. Adil Abdulla, a speaker from Dentsply and a private dental practitioner in Bengaluru. The 3-day programme commenced on October 18, 2022, with an inaugural function. It was followed by lectures, demonstrations, and a hands-on activity carried out on extracted teeth and patients. This workshop was conducted for interns, postgraduates, and clinical practitioners from various places. A total of 45 delegates attended the programme.



IDCMR CONFERENCE

Dr. Sujata Byahatti, Professor from the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, attended the 16th International Dental Collaboration of the Mekong River Region (IDCMR) conference, under the theme "Artificial Intelligence in the Digital Era: Reinventing Dentistry," hosted by the Coorg Institute of Dental Sciences (CIDS), Coorg, Karnataka, from October 26-28, 2022. She presented a paper on "Assessing the dental students' perspectives about artificial intelligence in dentistry : A questionnaire study."



PARENTS-TEACHERS MEETING

A parents-teachers meeting was held on December 3rd, in our institute auditorium. Parents interacted with the mentors regarding the progress of their ward. Their suggestions and grievances were recorded. The meeting was headed by Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Vice Principal. Dr. Pushpa, Mentor and Administrative Incharge, Dr. Vijaylakshmi Kotrashetti, NAAC Incharge, Dr. Sachin Shivanaikar, and faculty of the institute attended the meeting. The meeting was followed by tea and snacks.



ROENTGEN DAY 2022

On November 8th, people all over the world observe World Radiography Day, commonly known as "Roentgen Day," to commemorate Sir Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen's discovery of X-rays. Since 2016, the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology has been celebrating the event. An essay competition on the history of radiology was held for final-year students to commemorate the occasion this year. In the presence of department staff, two interns gave a lecture on the same topic to third-year students. There were 47 participants in all. A certificate of participation was given to each participant. The programme was concluded with high tea.



DEEPOSAV 2022

On November 12th evening, Deepotsav celebrations were held at our institute. Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Vice Principal, Dr. Zarir Ruttonji, Student Coordination Incharge, Office Staff, Non-Teaching Staff, and Students took part in this festival of lights and performed Lord Krishna pooja with devotion. Light from hundreds of lamps lighted on the campus spread transcendental radiance across it, elevating the spirit of devotion.



BELGAUM CEDEES SATELLITE CENTRE

The orientation lecture for the Belagavi Centre for Excellence in Dental Entrance Examinations (CEDEES) Satellite Center for the year 2022-23 was held on November 13, 2022, in our institute's auditorium. These classes were started in 2017 with a view to providing the interns with an opportunity to succeed in the NEET-PG entrance examination so as to secure the top ranks in the examination and get admission in premier dental colleges across the country. A total of 81 students from our institute, KLE VKIDS Belagavi, and TKDC Kolhapur attended the orientation lecture. The classes are monitored by Dr. Zarir Ruttonji, Reader, Dept. of Prosthodontics and Crown & Bridge.



STAFF BEST PAPER AWARD

Dr. Sachin Shivanaikar, Professor, Department of Periodontology, won the Best Paper Award under the Basic Research Category in the 46th Indian Society of Periodontology conference held in Bhubaneswar from November 11th to 13th, 2022. He presented a scientific paper titled "Effect of photobiomodulation on the apoptosis of curcumin-treated gingival fibroblasts."



CDE PROGRAM

The Department of Public Health Dentistry organized a CDE programme on November 15 in our institute's auditorium. The topic of the virtual programme was "Professional Ethics, Language, and Communication Skills." The guest speaker was Dr. Imran Pasha Mohammad, Reader, Department of Public Health Dentistry, Yenepoya Dental College, Yenepoya Deemed to be University, Mangalore. The inaugural ceremony began with a welcome address by Dr. Prachi Katti. Dr. Anuradha Bandiwadekar, in-charge of the Department of Public Health Dentistry, introduced the guest speaker. He made the session interesting by involving the audience using joinpd.com, where examples were given and the audience could give answers using the app. The programme was made successful by the participation of faculties from various departments, third and final-year students, and interns from our institute. The session was concluded by a vote of thanks given by Dr. Rekha Katte.



CHILDREN'S DAY AND PEDODONTIST DAY CELEBRATION

On the occasion of Children's Day, the Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry hosted "Bal Melawa - Celebrating the Childhood" for the students from the Govt. Primary School in Hanuman Nagar, Belagavi. A total of 50 schoolchildren participated in the event. The department organized a free dental checkup for all the children, followed by a health education talk by a postgraduate student, wherein the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene was emphasized. Following the talk, the children were taken to our institute's sports field, where they participated in games such as "Lemon and Spoon Race", "Gunny Bag Jumping" and "Musical Chairs." All the children enthusiastically participated in the games, and winners were awarded prizes. At the end of the event, the children were served a delicious meal. A token of appreciation was given to all the children and accompanying teachers.



CHARTERED SCIENTIST AWARD

Dr. Prakash V. Diwan, Research Director, Central Research Laboratory of our institute, is a technocrat, scientist, academician, and renowned pharmacologist. Since 2007, he has been a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (FRSC) (London). The Royal Society of Chemistry (London) conferred on him the title "Chartered Scientist" in October 2022. Dr. Diwan is the only pharmacologist from India who has been honoured so far by the RSC. Chartered scientists demonstrate effective leadership by scoping, planning, and managing multifaceted projects, utilising their specialist knowledge and broader scientific understanding to develop and improve the application of science and technology. Being a chartered scientist is a mark of professional recognition. Chartered scientists show originality in problem solving and substantial autonomy in planning and implementing tasks. He has been felicitated for his achievement by the President, Smt. Rajshree Nagaraju, the Principal, Dr. Ramakant Nayak, and other office bearers of our institute.



POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

An orientation programme for our first-year postgraduate students for the batch of 2022-23 was held on December 1, 2022. Dr. Ramakant Nayak, the Principal, as well as HODs and office bearers, attended the programme. On behalf of the President, Smt. Rajshree Nagaraju, and the members of the Governing Council, the Principal, Dr. Ramakant Nayak, welcomed the postgraduate students. He gave an overview of the three-year PG programme and provided insights. He went into detail about the institution's rules and regulations, as well as the prologue of RGUHS, dissertations, journal clubs, seminars, conference presentations, and publications. The institute's research ethical committee, publication guidelines, NAAC, and the various facilities offered on campus and in the institute were also outlined to the students, who were advised to make the best use of them. Dr. Veerendra Uppin, Academic Incharge, spoke about the academic activities for postgraduates. Dr. Pushpa, the Administrative Incharge, spoke about dos and don'ts and briefed about discipline, punctuality, dress code, etc. The postgraduate students introduced themselves and spoke about their hobbies, areas of interest in dentistry, and individual specialties.



STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS : IDA KARNATAKA STATE CONFERENCE



Dr. Sachin Shivanaikar, Professor, Department of Periodontology, and IDA Belagavi Branch President, received the Best IDA President award for his stupendous work in the year 2022 at the 48th IDA Karnataka State Conference held at Kalaburagi from December 2-5, 2022. He was elected as an Executive Committee Member of IDA Karnataka State for the year 2023, and he also won the Best Paper Presentation award for his presentation on "Laser Assisted Treatment of Orocutaneous Fistula of Endodontic Origin : A Case Report."

NATIONAL POLLUTION CONTROL DAY

As part of "National Pollution Control Day," honoured on December 2, our institute, in association with the Women's Welfare Society's community radio station "Nammur Banuli 90.8 FM," and Markandey High School, organized an awareness cycle rally through Belagavi City. National Pollution Control Day is observed every year to honour the lives that were lost in the Bhopal Gas tragedy in 1984. The rally was flagged off by Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Principal of our institute; Mrs. Vijayanthi M. Chougala, Hon. Secretary of the Women's Welfare Society; Mr. Akshay Kulkarni, Radio Station Head; and Mrs. Neela Chougule, Principal of Markandey High School. The rally was attended by Dr. Jayashree Majagi and Dr. Ramya Pai, along with more than 60 schoolchildren and our institute's NSS volunteers, students, and staff. The slogans to create public awareness about steps to fight pollution and protect nature were raised throughout the rally. Furthermore, banners and slogans were chalked, emphasizing the importance and necessity of living an eco-friendly life for youth and the general public.



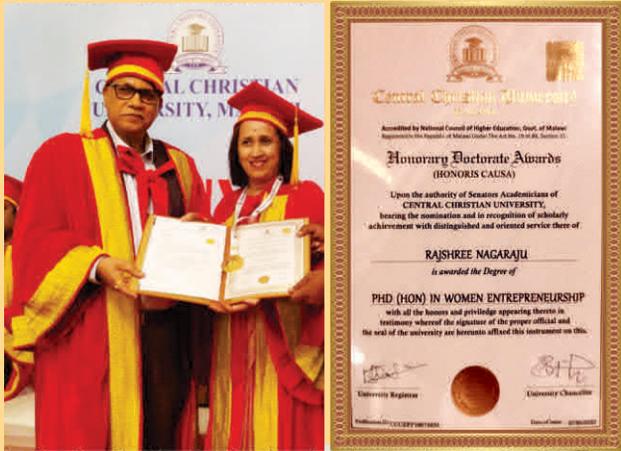
IX SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION

The Department of Prosthodontics and Crown & Bridge organized the IX Scientific Convention on December 22nd and 23rd, 2022, in our institute's auditorium. Dr. Subarna Roy, Director, ICMR-NITM, Belagavi, inaugurated the event. Dr. Konark Patil, Professor, SDM Dental College, Dharwad, delivered the guest lecture on full-mouth rehabilitation. Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Principal, spoke on the importance of such conventions, which help students showcase their clinical case presentation skills. The two-day event saw a variety of clinical presentations from the postgraduate students of our institute. This year, the undergraduate students also participated in the event. A total of 13 clinical paper presentations and 11 poster presentations were delivered by the students. All the winners were felicitated at the valedictory function.



Smt. Rajshree Nagaraju, President, Maratha Mandal Group of Institutions, was honoured with a PhD (Hon) in women entrepreneurship by the International Central Christian University Malawi at the graduation ceremony organized in Goa on December 17th in recognition of her scholarly achievement with distinguished and oriented service in the fields of education and society. She was conferred the honorary doctorate by the former Goa Chief Minister Shri. Digambar Kamat in the presence of University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sebastian Mendis, Father Allen Noronha, Dr. Kalyan Chakraborty,

Mr. Gerisham Vakole, Karnataka Legislative Council Member Mr. Nagaraju Yadav, and representatives of the Maratha Mandal group of institutions. Under the guidance of her strong leadership, the institute has substantially contributed to social activities over the years, along with educational work. Smt. Rajshree Nagaraju has been previously honoured with the Kittur Rani Chennamma Award 2014-15 by former Karnataka Chief Minister Shri. Siddaramaiah for her work in the field of education. Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Principal, Dr. Preethi Kusugal, Vice Principal, felicitated Smt. Rajshree Nagaraju in the presence of all the Heads of the departments.



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