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Message from the Dean and Director

GDCRI, Bangalore, has been in the forefront of providing professional dental education in the country for the last sixty decades. It has been such an honour to serve my Alma mater at the capacity of the Dean and Director for the past 6 years in a row. Known for quality education, this institution has been consistently ranked among the top 10 dental institutions in the country. This is truly evident when GDCRI was ranked 5th position and nominated as India's best professional dental college in outlook magazine 2017 survey.



Dr. D R Prithviraj
Dean cum Director,
GDCRI, Bengaluru

The quest for continued medical education continues as a legacy at GDC, as witnessed, by a number of CDE programs that were conducted in our premises.

The college has procured the latest state of art equipments required for administering General Anaesthesia. The newly constructed in patient ward on the second floor is almost ready for possession. A separate research department and the department for Forensic dental sciences will be established soon in the second floor. A separate room would be handed over after a signed MOU for all the GDC alumni activities to the alumni association this coming new year.

It is with pride and great satisfaction I wish to mention is that the Annual Denture Camp organised by GDCRI, well supported by the alumni association drew with huge numbers of dedicated dental lab technicians, students and alumni members delivering a record of 215 complete dentures in 24 hours setting a new record by itself and was witnessed and nominated in the Indian Book of records.

As ever, alumni engagement at the school is astounding and truly gives GDCRI the distinctive edge we have over all other dental schools.

Further, As the Diamond jubilee celebration are around the corner I request the support and active participation and contribution of all the alumni members from India and abroad towards a colourful and successful event.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Key Dates

GDCRI Diamond Jubilee Celebration(28-29 December 2018) (Tentative dates)

The first day of the program will be held at GDCRI and the Banquet at a hotel.

An outing on the second day has been planned.

Separate registration fees for GDCRI Day 1 Program with or without Banquet are planned as per the activities and programmes.

Alumni donors are welcome and the donation will be managed by the Benevolence Committee.

Contact Organising Secretary Dr. Manjunath P Kuranik E-mail: m_p_puranik@yahoo.com for information

Message from the Honorary Secretary

Dear GDCites,

A Very Happy 2018 to all of you. Hope the New Year brings health, wealth and happiness to all. Last year at this time we all were so excited about the on coming World meeting that we all just didn't realise when the year started and ended. By the time we all got on visas and other formalities ready for the US trip the date were fast approaching. Most of the enthusiasts tried to cover both the East and West Coast. It was a real scene to be enjoyed and cherished when friends and classmates met each other after decades at Los Angeles. Everybody had changed so much appearancewise but what had not changed was the friendship, love and affection. It was like a huge family reunion and the whole lobby of Crowne Plaza was occupied by the GDCites. The 3 days on the cruise passed very fast. Everybody had a quality time whether it be the bus ride with old and gold Kannada Rajkumar songs or at the dinner times or at the CDE program with everybody narrating the wonderful moments during GDC days. The crowing glory was the wonderful entertainment program on the last day. Hats off to all the participants for putting up such a memorable performance. Everybody parted with a heavy heart on the last day at the Pier, though some continued exploring US in groups. Some with promises to meet again soon. Hats off to all the organisers for taking care of all the participants from India. We, the members of the Alumni Association in India are eager to reciprocate the hospitality to our GDC family members from overseas at the Diamond Jubilee celebrations during December 2018.

The other mega event that was held in the month of November was the annual Denture camp. This year the participants surpassed their own earlier record and made 215 complete dentures in record 24 hours at Shri Rampura near Hosadurga. Kudos to the Principal Dr. Prithviraj Doddamane, his teams comprising of final year students, house surgeons, PGs, (some from other colleges as well) alumni members and a huge number of dedicated lab technicians for working round the clock to achieve the goal. Heartiest congratulations to all the participants. This achievement has been recorded by the Indian Book of Records. We have already started the preparations for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in December 2018. We look forward to seeing you all in large numbers. Thanks for all the support.



Dr. Nalini C M

Editor's Desk

Happy New Year !

Hearty greetings and welcome to the 'First' issue of the alumni newsletter of 2017-2018 !



Dr. Namita Shanbhag
GDCRI, Bengaluru

It is a great pride and honour to be an alumnus of this institution that has been existing with a strong tradition of academic excellence and that has offered outstanding teaching, research and engagement opportunities for more than 70 years.

At the outset, I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to Dr Manjunath Puranik who had been the editor of choice of GDCRI alumni association for past consecutive 5 years and very successful in rolling out issues of "Alma-Mater". I thank him for all his support and constant encouragement in all my endeavours.

This newsletter reports the significant achievements of the present students, alumni, and faculty, including the campus news and events from July 2017 till Dec 2017. I hope this newsletter will help our alumni to stay connected with their alma mater, and also in contributing to the growth and achievements of this institute.

I look forward to keeping you posted on our progress on each of these vital fronts, and on the remarkable accomplishments at GDCRI.

I thank the Dean and all the EC alumni members for providing all the information and cooperation.

I welcome all your inputs for future newsletters and urge you to stay connected with us through email and website and also by paying your personal visit to GDC whenever possible.

Wishing you a Happy Reading!

Alumni Corner - Accomplishments / Achievements

Hearty Congratulations!

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) under Dental Faculty from RGUHS

Centre	GDCRI	DSDC
		
Dr. Manjunath Puranik, Prof & H O D GDCRI (Public Health Dentistry) Guide: Dr. S. S. Hiremath	Dr. Anoop Nair Asst. Prof. GDCRI (Prosthodontics and Implantology) Guide: Dr. D. R. Prithviraj	Dr. Shobha E. S Professor Dayanand Sagar College of Dental sciences (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) Guide: Dr. H. P. Raghuvver
		
	Dr. Sushi Kadanakuppe Asst. Prof. V.S. Dental College and Hospital (Public Health Dentistry) Guide: Dr. S. S. Hiremath	

Guest Speaker



Dr. Nalini C.M.
presented a guest lecture at the 52nd Indian Orthodontic Conference on "Obstructive Sleep Apnea". She also delivered a lecture at the International Summit of Myofunctional Orthodontic Research Centre Gold Coast, Australia in July 2017

American Board Certification in Orthodontics



Dr. Nithya Minnah
former alumna
D/o Late Dr. Satish Babu
has achieved Board certification in the American Board of orthodontics examination & is now an American Board certified orthodontist.

**GDCRI Bangalore - Ranked 5th in
India's Best Professional Dental College - 2017 Out Look Magazine Survey**

Alumni Activities

1-4 September 2017-World GDC Alumni Meet, Los Angeles, USA



Prologue - 2017 (8-11 August 2017)



An orientation program for the freshly admitted I yr Post graduate students of various dental colleges in Karnataka state was conducted by GDCRI Alumni Association for 9th consecutive year under the aegis of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bangalore.

Annual Complete Denture Camp - 2017 (25-26 Nov 2017)



Complete denture treatment camp at Srirampura, Hosadurga Taluk, Karnataka - The annual free dental camp held by the department of prosthodontics spearheaded by Dr D. R. Prithviraj supported by the GDCRI Alumni association was successful in the delivering close to 215 complete dentures in 24 hours. This herculean task was recognised and appreciated by the India book of Records. The team consisted of more than 100 dental lab technicians from the state and close to 160 dentists including dental technicians, faculty and students of GDCRI.

GDCRI Activities

Superannuations



Dr Ramakrishna
Associate Professor (Ortho)
GDCRI

Mrs. Monica Joseph
Laboratory Technician
GDCRI

Mr Ramakrishna
Dental Hygienist
GDCRI

Programmes at GDCRI

15.08.2017- Independence day- Flag hoisting ceremony was held at GDCRI. All the students and the faculty participated with great enthusiasm.



01.08.2017- "Oral hygiene day" was celebrated by the department of Periodontology under the aegis of Indian Society of Periodontology. Lectures were delivered by Dr. Mallika A, Associate Professor and Dr Guruprasad C.N., Assistant Professor. It was attended by III and IV year BDS students and the faculty. Certificate of participation and the gift hampers from Oral -B were distributed.

7.11.2017
Tooth brushing day was observed at Government school, Chamarajpet, attended by the department of Public Health Dentistry. (Dr. Manjunath Puranik, Dr. R. Yashoda, Dr. Uma S. R. and PG Students) All the children actively participated in the tooth brushing demonstration. Pepsodent sponsored the free tooth paste distribution.



25-28 August 2017
Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration - The students and staff of the college celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi with all devotion.



05.09.2017- A felicitation was done to our alumnus Dr Kartikeyan Gokulachandran who cleared the UPSC examinations in the first attempt to become an IPS officer during his visit to alma mater. He was felicitated by the GDCRI Interns' club. He gave an insight into his experiences and the journey of becoming an IPS officer. His talk was inspirational to many of our aspiring students.

54th Graduation Ceremony

13.09.2017 - The Graduation ceremony of the 54th batch of dental graduates from GDCRI was held with great enthusiasm. It was a very joyous and proud moments for the Graduating class of 49 students from the batch of 2012-2017 witnessed by their parents and relatives.



Dr. Ashwin P S Bhat



Dr. Niyosha Rizvi

The best out going students of the batch were Dr. Ashwin P S Bhat and Dr. Niyosha Rizvi for their outstanding all round performance through their study years.

The best outgoing male and female in the cultural category were Dr. Abhiram C and Dr. Jhanvi.

Best outgoing Sportsperson of the batch was bagged by Dr. Lokesh B. Kanchan and Dr. Sheetal.

The Graduation certificates were distributed by the Chief guest- Padmashri Dr C N Manjunath, Director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bangalore.

GDCRI Students Association

The elected members for the GDCRI Students Association for the year 2016-2017 is as follows :

General secretary - Mr Akshay Hegde (Intern)

Joint Secretary - Miss Monica. V (Intern)

Cultural Secretary - Miss Divyashree.N (IV yr)

Co cultural secretary- Mr Keerthan Bhat (III yr)

Sports secretary- Miss Sahana Kamath (IV yr)

Co sports secretary -Miss Sharanya V Rao(III yr)



30.11.2017

The Kannada Rajyotsava Celebration was held at Sri Ramachandra Auditorium, GDCRI.

We witnessed a set of cultural programmes like Yakshagana and Huli vesha to name a few. A food festival with various stalls serving food representing different parts of our Karnataka state namely from North Karnataka, Dakshina Kannada, Kolar, Mandya and Mangalore. A Kannada quiz competition was held for the staff and the students and the staff team (Dr Vishwanath, Dr Purnima Bhandary and Dr Sowmya K R) won the quiz competition.

CDE Programs / Workshops / Projects at GDCRI

29.07.2017- A talk by our alumnus, Dr. B. R. Ashok Kumar MDS (Retired Professor and Head, Public health dentistry) on “Secret of good life and living well” was attended by the students, Interns and many staff members.

09.08.2017-Flagging off of the Pilot Project on pit and fissure sealant application for 5000 permanent molars (selected under National oral health program (NOHP) an initiative

by MOHFW, Government of India in the 12th plan from FY2014-15) to strengthen the oral health care delivery in the country has been taken up in full swing by Department of Public health dentistry. The team headed by Dr Manjunath. P. Puranik, Project Director for this oral health project along with the postgraduate students and Interns, monitored by the staff members of the department were able to screen 4065 children from various Government and BBMP schools. As on 31/12/2017 the team was successful in sealing close 1671 teeth in 534 children with the Pit and Fissure Sealant.



22.08.2017- A CDE program on “Overview of Orofacial pain and Temporomandibular joint disorders” was held by our alumna Dr. Archana Viswanath BDS, MS, Director of Clinical Research, TUFTS University of School of Dental Medicine, Boston, USA in association with IDA Bangalore Branch and coordinated by Government Dental College and Research Institute Teachers Association. She is also in the Committee of Selection of Students in the TUFTS University who wants to pursue DDS in USA. It was chaired by Dean cum Director Dr Prithviraj, GDCRI and Dr Suresh T, CDE Chairman IDA Bangalore Branch. It was an interactive session with over 100 participants.



22-24 September 2017
A Pre conference course that was attended by 22 delegates on Basic Implantology using Dentium Implants was held at GDCRI during the National conference of Indian Society of Implantology that was held in Bangalore. It included series of lectures, and Hands on along with live demonstration was successfully conducted by Dr Prithviraj D R and Dr Anup Nair.



13-14 November 2017 - ISP colloquium 2017- “Aesthetic Periodontics” organised by Dept of Periodontology GDCRI, and Bangalore Academy of Periodontology under the aegis of Indian Society of Periodontology was held at Government Dental college, Bangalore. The lectures were delivered by Prof Jung-Chul Park, Prof Sudhindra Kulkarni and included live demonstrations.

The event was sponsored by Dentium Implants, Korea. Close to 250 delegates attended and the program was well appreciated.

Staff Achievements



Dr. S K Srinath Prof & HOD (Pedo) was invited as guest speaker & delivered lecture on “The value of p value in evidence based dentistry” at Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai during the 39th Conference held by Indian Society of Preventive and Pedodontics and has been appointed as Chairman of Institutional Ethical Committee of Narayana Dental College, Nellore, Seema Andhra.



Dr. A.R. Pradeep, Prof & HOD (Perio) was invited as a “Country Speaker” for 12th Asian Pacific society of periodontology to deliver Guest Lecture on “Local host modulating agents in Periodontal Regeneration” on September 23-24, 2017 at Seoul, Korea. Also, as the President Indian Society of Periodontology, he delivered the presidential address and a guest lecture at the National conference held at Kolkata on Nov 24-26 2017.

Dr. Jeevitha Murugesh, Assistant Professor, (OMR) won Second prize in the Essay competition (Topic- Recent diagnostic approaches in Immunological mediated diseases) held during 29th Indian Academy of Oral Medicine and Radiology national conference 2017 at ITS, Ghazidabad

Dr Manjunath P Puranik, Prof & HOD (Public Health Dentistry) was invited as a guest speaker to deliver lectures on “Dissertation topic selection and study design and how to write synopsis?” at RGUHS Bangalore
“Oral health survey for Karnataka, A proposal” during the Symposium on “An update on oral health policy, Karnataka” at Yenepoya Dental College, Mangalore
“Planning and implementation of National Oral Health Program in Karnataka” during the symposium on “Oral Health Policy for Karnataka - Formulation and its Effective Implementation” conducted by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka held on - at Bapuji Dental College, Davangere

Students Corner- Feather in the Cap

Dr. Shahira, (I MDS-OMR) bagged the **Best paper** on "Papillion Le fevre syndrome in a 10year old girl -A case report with review of literature" at 29th Indian Academy of Oral Medicine and Radiology National Conference 2017 held at ITS Ghaziabad from 1-3 dec 2017

Miss Poojitha Chaudary(III BDS) won the **Second Prize** in an Essay competition during the 29th Indian Academy of Oral Medicine and Radiology National Conference-2017 held at ITS Ghazidabad from 1-3 dec 2017

Dr. Pallavi Singh (III MDS-Oral Pathology) won the **Second prize** in Histopathology quiz held during the 26th National Conference of Indian Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology 2017 held at Bhubaneshwar

Dr. Neha, Dr. Divya and Dr.Chandralekha (II Yr MDS-Pedodontics) won the national level debate competition on "Rotary vs Conventional instrumentation in primary endodontics" and Dr Binish (I Yr MDS-Pedodontics) won the **Best Paper award** for the paper on "Management of dental trauma in children" held at the 39th ISPPD conference held at Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai from 12th to 14th September 2017

Interns -Miss Sindhu Iyengar and Miss Shruthika Mahajan won the **Second Prize** and Miss Sneha H and Miss Soujanya Patil won the **Third prize** in a Quiz competition held by Indian Dental Association on 15.11.2017

Best Scientific Paper awarded to Mr Appaji Gowda (Intern) on the topic "Assessment of vital structures using cone beam computer tomography for planning and placement of Implants" during the 45th Karnataka State Dental Conference held at Davangere on 15.12.2017



"Perio Fiesta" the UG Conference of the Indian Society of Periodontology held at Indira Gandhi of Dental Sciences, Pondicherry on 3-4 Nov 2017 witnessed most of our UG students in bagging most of the prizes.

Second Prize for Table clinic- Topic - Can nerves stem from the Periodontium? (Team from IV Yr BDS) Miss Mownika BG, Miss Swetha, Miss Harshini, and Miss Nabila

Second Prize in Paper presentation (Topic- Smile enhancement: Periodontal intervention for completion and improvement of orthodontic treatment)-Miss Nandhita M (IV Yr BDS) and Miss Meghana HR (Topic- Comparative evaluation of 1% Metformin and Aloe vera gel in the treatment of intrabony defects.

Best Paper award bagged by the interns Mr Appaji Gowda (Topic-Gingival depigmentation) and Miss Megha Rao- (Topic- Post Enucleation Rehabilitation of an OKC Using Dental Implants)

Best Original Research Paper Presentation - Miss. Nitya K Olety, Intern (Topic-clinical efficacy of a Suryaksara plant derived mouth wash on dentinal hypersensitivity.

Best Poster - Mr. Akshay Hegde, Intern (Topic-Periodontal manifestations of junctional Epidermolysis Bullosa)

Thanks for the Donations

**Dr Mrutyunjaya B D S, D D S from USA
(1ST batch student) Donated INR 50000 towards
the Annual Denture Camp 2017**

**Dr Nandini Murthy B D S, D D S from USA
donated INR 25,000 to the Alumni Association**

Obituary



Dr Krishnamurthy
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