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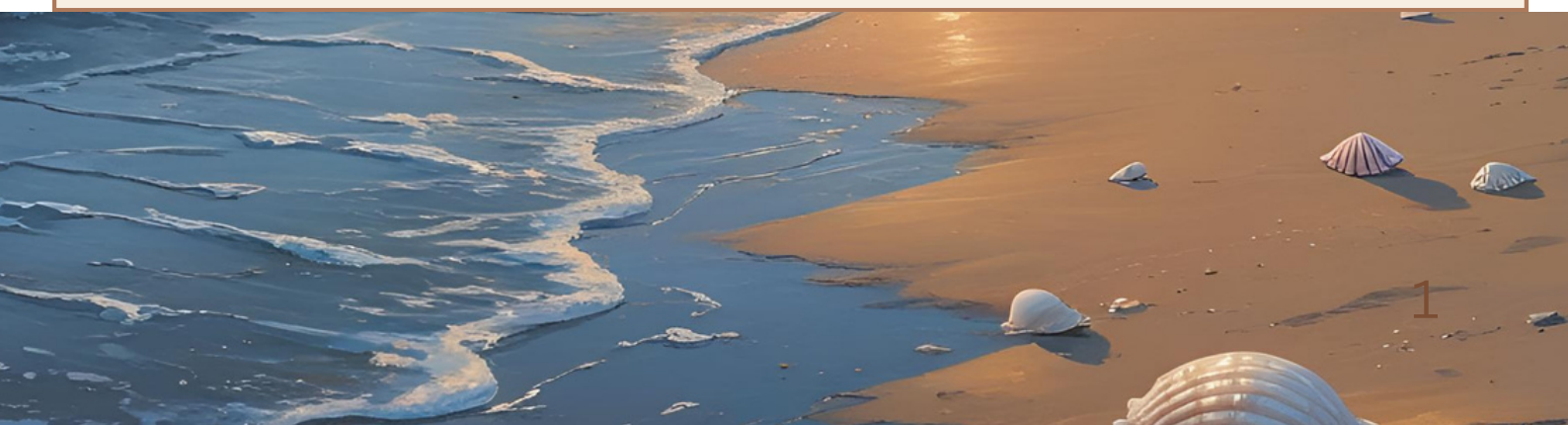
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Environmental sustainability is more than just a buzzword—it's a commitment to preserving our planet for future generations. It means using natural resources wisely, reducing waste and pollution, and supporting practices that protect ecosystems and biodiversity.

From using reusable products and conserving energy to supporting clean energy solutions and sustainable businesses, each of us can make a difference. Small actions—when multiplied across communities—lead to big changes.

Let's work together to create a greener, cleaner, and more resilient world.



Dean's Desk:

Environment sustainability

Dear Students, Faculty and Readers ,

At MGMDCH , we believe that environmental sustainability is not just a responsibility — it is a core value that must shape the way we learn, research, and live. As Dean, I am proud of the progress our community continues to make in reducing our ecological footprint and embedding sustainability into every facet of campus life.

From innovative green technologies in our labs to student-led initiatives that promote recycling and energy conservation, we are witnessing a cultural shift toward more conscious and sustainable choices. Our academic programs are also evolving to equip future leaders with the knowledge and tools they need to tackle the world's most pressing environmental challenges.

But sustainability is a journey, not a destination. It requires ongoing collaboration, creativity, and commitment. I encourage each member of our community — students, faculty, staff, and partners — to take active steps in this shared mission. Whether it's through research, advocacy, or daily habits, your actions matter.

Together, we can foster a greener, more resilient future — not only for our institution but for the planet we all call home.



**DR. SRIVALLI NATARAJAN,
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Subeditor's say : Environment sustainability

Dear readers,

As we put together this edition of the newsletter, one theme has stood out loud and clear: environmental sustainability is no longer optional — it's essential. Across our campus and beyond, individuals and teams are taking inspiring steps to create a more sustainable world, from reducing waste and conserving energy to rethinking how we teach, research, and engage with our environment.

In this issue, we highlight stories of innovation, responsibility, and hope — each one a reminder that small actions can lead to big impact. As sub-editors, we are proud to spotlight voices and initiatives that not only raise awareness but also drive change.

We hope this edition inspires you to reflect on your own habits and contributions. Whether it's turning off unused lights, supporting green research, or joining a local clean-up, we all have a part to play.

The planet is in our hands — let's write a better future, together.



DR. SARIKA SHETTY
PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF PERIODONTICS

Faculty's say : Environment sustainability

Dear Students and Readers ,

In a world where the effects of climate change, pollution, and resource depletion are becoming more visible each day, environmental sustainability has become not just a goal, but a necessity. It's about living in harmony with our planet — making conscious choices that reduce harm and help restore balance to the natural world.

Sustainability isn't just about grand gestures or large-scale projects. It's also about the everyday decisions we make: reducing waste, conserving water and energy, choosing reusable over disposable, supporting local and ethical products, and staying informed about environmental issues.

At its core, sustainability is about connection — to nature, to our communities, and to the future. It reminds us that our actions, however small they may seem, have ripple effects. Every bottle recycled, every tree planted, every light turned off when not in use contributes to a bigger picture.

In this issue, we share ideas, efforts, and stories that showcase how individuals and communities are embracing sustainable living. As you read, we hope you feel inspired to reflect on your own impact and the small steps you can take toward a more sustainable way of life.

Together, we can make a difference — one mindful step at a time.



DR. SNEHA NAWARE
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MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Tobacco cessation counselling orientation



Venue: Lecture Hall, MGM Dental College & Hospital, Kamothe, Navi Mumbai

Organizing Department/Body: Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology
MGM Dental College & Hospital, Kamothe, Navi Mumbai

Resource Persons

1. Dr. Munitha Naik

The tobacco cessation centre MGM dental college & hospital kamothe Navi Mumbai conducted an Add on course on tobacco cessation counselling for 3rd year BDS students which included:

- 1) orientation
- 2) detail case History discussion
- 3) 5 A's
- 4) 5 R's
- 5) behavioral counseling
- 6) Behavioural counselling +NRT

MUHS Foundation Day

The Foundation Day of Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) was celebrated with great enthusiasm and reverence by the NSS unit along with the CWC of MGM Dental College and Hospital, Navi Mumbai. The event was a memorable occasion that brought together NSS volunteers, staff members, and students from not only the MGM Dental College but also from the MGM school of Nursing Sciences. The day was marked by a solemn flag hoisting ceremony followed by the singing of the MUHS anthem. The participants assembled near the PG Hostel of MGM University, where a sense of unity and pride was palpable. The highlight of the day was the flag hoisting ceremony. The MUHS flag, symbolizing the values and vision of the university, was raised with great dignity and respect.

The flag hoisting was performed by Dean, Dr. Srivalli Natarajan, Dr. Pankaj Lodha and Dr. Vaibhav Thakkar. Following the flag hoisting, the attendees joined together in singing the MUHS anthem. The anthem, a tribute to the university's mission and achievements, was sung with great enthusiasm and unity. The collective voices of the volunteers, students, and staff resonated, embodying the spirit and commitment of MUHS to advancing health sciences education and service.



Field visit : Technodent chair manufacturer , Nerul

Department of paediatric and preventive dentistry organised a field visit for interns at Technodent dental solution, Nerul . The visit helped students develop an understanding of dental chair and its various components and its implementation in Dentistry. Students found the visit highly beneficial as it provided clarity on the technical and practical aspects of dental chairs.



The interaction with engineers and technicians was enriching and aligned well with academic concepts. The industrial visit to the dental chair manufacturing unit was a great success. It enhanced the students' understanding of dental equipment technology and will aid in their future clinical and research practices

Value Added course : Inhalational sedation



Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry , conducted a value added course on Inhalation Sedation. The workshop helped to develop an awareness of Inhalational Sedation and its implementation in Pediatric Dentistry. The workshop included live demonstration of techniques on participants. Students got to experience the technique on them. The indications, contraindications and techniques was learnt and understood by participants. It was conducted for 16 hours. Overall, the topic and the quality of content was relevant to the participants. The speaker's interaction with the participants was good and the module was conducted well.

Field visit to Venus Safety & Health Pvt Ltd , at Taloja, MIDC .



As part of the academic enrichment and practical learning initiative, the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) of MGMDCH organized a field visit for final-year students to Venus Safety & Health Pvt. Ltd., a leading manufacturer of respiratory protection masks, located in MIDC Taloja.

The aim of the visit was to provide students with a deeper understanding of the manufacturing process of protective respiratory masks—an essential component of personal protective equipment (PPE) in both medical and surgical settings, especially in oral and maxillofacial procedures.

Professional development program : Injection Techniques



Department of oral and maxillofacial surgery organised a professional development program on injection techniques. Dr Ashok Ghodke was the speaker for the program. He took a lecture on the various injection techniques that are used and also demonstrated them to final year students interns and post graduate students. He spoke about the painless injection techniques , importance of correct approach of injection in order to make the procedures more comfortable for the patients. The session was enriched with the multiple clinical tips and his valuable insight.

It was more of a two way communication where students got to engage into the session, more proficiently . The session Concluded with the vote of thanks .

Yoga workshop



In observance of International Yoga Day, celebrated annually on 21st June, Mahatma Gandhi Mission's Dental College and Hospital, Navi Mumbai, organized a Yoga Workshop from 16th to 21st June 2025. This event was a collaborative effort by the Yoga & Wellness Committee and NSS, in association with the Patanjali Yog Samiti. The primary objective of the workshop was to promote physical and mental well-being among students, faculty, and staff through the ancient practice of yoga.

All students from BDS courses (I to IV year), interns, postgraduate students, teaching and non-teaching faculty, as well as housekeeping staff, were encouraged and invited to attend.

The workshop received an enthusiastic response from all participants, with many expressing appreciation for the opportunity to engage in guided yoga sessions. It served not only as a physical exercise routine but also as a platform for promoting mindfulness and stress management. Overall, the event was a resounding success and reinforced the importance of incorporating wellness practices into daily life within the academic and professional environment.



Debate competition : Yoga vs. Gym



A Workshop on Yoga was conducted by the Yoga and Wellness Committee from 16th June to 21st June for all BDS students, interns, postgraduate students, teaching and non-teaching staff, and housekeeping staff.

Dr. Priyanka Tidke and members from the Patanjali Yog Samiti served as the yoga instructors for the sessions. The workshop saw enthusiastic participation, with a total of 444 participants taking part in the week-long event.

In addition to the workshop, the Yoga and Wellness Committee, in collaboration with the NSS Unit, organized a debate competition on the topic "Yoga vs Gym" for 2nd and 3rd-year students. The debate encouraged students to express their thoughts on the benefits and limitations of both fitness approaches, promoting awareness and healthy lifestyle choices



Rotatory Clinical Training in Forensic science

Title of the Program: Rotatory Clinical Training in Forensic Science in the Dept of Forensic Science and Toxicology, Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College and Hospital, Sion

Organizing Department: Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology & Oral Microbiology

Target Audience: III MDS students

Goal:

1. To learn the importance of forensic science and use of dental knowledge in identification of individuals through analysis of the dental-related records.
2. To enlighten students on scope of forensic dentistry through oral pathology.

Implementation:

The program enabled the students to acquire knowledge, understanding and skills in forensic odontology and research. Uniquely, they learned about the interdisciplinary skills that are essential for dealing with forensic issues in real life enabling them independently deal with all routine forensic odontological casework; the efficient referral of cases of special difficulty outside or beyond their expertise. They were taught different methods applied in

1. Performing forensic autopsy
2. Identification of unknown human remains through medical and dental records
3. Age estimations of both living and deceased persons including neonatal remains
4. Analysis of bite marks found on victims of attack
5. Identification of bite marks in other substances such as wood, leather, and foodstuffs
6. Analysis of weapon marks using the principles of bite-mark analysis
7. Presentation of bite and weapon mark evidence in court as an expert witness



Rotatory Clinical Training in Surgical Oncopathology

Title of the Program: Rotatory Clinical Training in Surgical Oncopathology in the Dept of Surgical Oncopathology, Tata Memorial Centre- Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer (ACTREC)

Organizing Department: Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology & Oral Microbiology

Target Audience: II and III MDS students

Goal:

1. To enlighten post graduate students about grossing of head and neck specimens, frozen sectioning of tissues, fixation techniques and histopathological reporting of head and neck specimens.
2. To review histopathological slides of various oral pathologies.

Implementation:

The program enabled the students to acquire knowledge, understanding of skills in field of pathology and study working of various state of art of equipment which include automated tissue processors, manual/semi- automatic/automatic microtomes, high-end cryomicrotomes, tissue embedding systems, auto-stainers, cover slippers, cyto-centrifuges, biosafety cabinets, immunohistochemistry auto-stainers, multi-headed microscopes, automated slide scanners etc. They observed

1. Frozen sectioning of tissues and reporting of the same.
2. Fixation of small and large specimen in formalin before processing.
3. Grossing of head and neck specimen consisting: maxilla, mandible, tongue.
4. Histopathological reporting of head and neck specimens.
5. Slides of cases of head and neck cancers like squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma, ameloblastoma, salivary gland tumors, etc.

CDE program: Insight into S.I.N Implant system

A continuing dental education program was organized by Department of Periodontology, MGM Dental College and Hospital Navi Mumbai with Noveta Healthcare Inc on “Insight into the S.I.N Implant System” at MGM Dental College and Hospital, Navi Mumbai .

Dr. Luiz Roberto Rodrigues Nantes , the resource person for the program delivered the lecture on “Insight into the S.I.N Implant System” to 36 participants comprising of Faculty and Post graduate students .

He delivered a detailed perspective on the S. I.N. implant system for the benefit of the participants . The participants were delivered conceptual map of the implant system and were shown clinical cases upon which academic and clinical discussions were held.

The marketing head of S.I.N. Implants Mr. Sayantan Banerjee addressed the gathering on the company presence in India through Noveta Healthcare Inc. The representative of Noveta healthcare INC, Dr. Neeta Shetty was also present at the program and gave her insights into the future of S.I.N. Implant systems in India.

Dr. Luiz Roberto Rodrigues Nantes then delivered his experience in research and development and clinical experience with the S.I.N implant system in his university at Sau Paulo Brazil. His insightful lecture engaged the attention of all participants .The lecture was followed by a question-and-answer session with engagement of all resource persons and participants.



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Oratory workshop

Department of Orthodontics, in coordination with MGM Dental College & Hospital, Kamothe, successfully organized an Add-on Course titled “Oratory Workshop”. The primary objective of this workshop was to enhance the oratory and public speaking skills of dental students, acknowledging the critical role of communication in both academic and clinical contexts. The workshop was exclusively conducted for First Year BDS students, providing them with an early platform to build confidence and develop essential soft skills.

It was conducted by Dr. Siddhant Shivdavkar, a respected speaker known for his expertise in effective communication and presentation. Through interactive sessions and practical tips, students were guided on how to present themselves confidently, structure their speech, and engage an audience effectively.



Fresher's Party



The College Working Committee (CWC) organized a Fresher's Welcome Party for the newly admitted first-year students .

The theme of the event was 'Masquerade', with a specified dress code of gowns and tuxedos for the freshers. The programme commenced with a warm welcome, followed by a series of engaging games conducted by the interns, ensuring active participation from the attendees. This was succeeded by an interactive question-and-answer session, providing the freshers an opportunity to introduce themselves and interact with their peers.

The event was graced by the presence of faculty in-charges — Dr. Bharat Gupta, Dr. Vaibhav Thakkar, and Dr. Rashmi Hosalkar, whose support and guidance contributed to the success of the event.

The programme concluded with an informal dance session, fostering a sense of celebration among the students. At the conclusion of the activities, meal boxes were distributed to all students, interns, and faculty members.

Overall, the event was well-received and served as a delightful and memorable welcome for the first-year students.

Summer internship program

MGM Dental College and Hospital (MGMDCH), Navi Mumbai, successfully conducted a Summer Internship Program for BDS students from various dental colleges. The program was organized during the months of May and June 2025 and aimed to provide hands-on clinical exposure with clinical research and academic enrichment to participants from outside institutions.

The internship was structured to include clinical postings, observational sessions, workshops, clinical research and interactive lectures conducted by experienced faculty from all dental specialties.

Key highlights of the program included:

Rotational clinical postings across departments such as Oral Surgery, Prosthodontics, Periodontics, Conservative Dentistry, and Orthodontics.

Hands-on sessions on diagnostic procedures and chairside protocols.

Case discussions and seminars on advanced dental treatments and current practices.

Training in infection control, patient communication, and digital dentistry tools.

Clinical Research, broadening the students perspective.

Participants expressed high appreciation for the well-organized schedule, supportive faculty, and opportunities for clinical learning. The program concluded with a feedback session and certificate distribution.

This initiative by MGMDCH reflects its commitment to fostering collaborative learning and raising the standard of dental education through academic exchange and clinical exposure.



Summer internship program

NAME OF STUDENTS	INSTITUTE	LEARNING GOALS
ESHA KADAM	B.K.L Walawalkar Rural medical college , Dist- Ratnagiri Maharashtra	Social commitment
NIRAL OSTWAL	SNDT Women's University, Mumbai Hindustan Garments , Sangli	Health Education
MANASI PATIL	Hindustan Garments Sangli	Merchandise making for health professionals
PRATEEK DIXIT	Bract's Vishwakarma Institute	AI in healthcare
NANDINI YADAV	Dr. Vasant Rao Pawar Medical College	Research Methodology
ADITYA BHARATI	B.K.L Walawalkar Rural medical college , Dist- Ratnagiri Maharashtra	Social commitment
ANANYA KARNIK	Centre of Excellence in Research & training in infectious diseases, MUHS, Regional centre Mumbai	Molecular and immunology methods for diagnosis of infectious disease
IPSHITA SINGH	Chellaram Diabetes Institute ,Pune	Strength and conditioning
SAKSHI JANGO	Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Health Informatics MGUMST, JAIPUR RAJASTHAN	Medical Record Sciences and clinical information technology
ADITI SANGLE	Hindustan Garment Sangli	Snake bite management identification and Venomous and non venomous
SWATI SONAWANE	Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Health Informatics MGUMST, JAIPUR RAJASTHAN	develop the entrepreneurship for health professionals

Summer internship program

NAME OF STUDENTS	INSTITUTE	LEARNING GOALS
YASH JAGTAP	Centre of Excellence in Research & trading in infectious diseases, MUHS, Regional centre Mumbai	Medical records sciences and clinical information technology
YASHASVI TALELE	DISHA(Department of Innovation & Systems for Healthcare ASS.)	Molecular And immunology methods for diagnosis of infectious diseases
HARSHALA AINAPURE	Hon. Shri Annasaheb Dange Ayurved Medical College, Postgraduate & Research Centre, Astha, Sangli	clinical research
AKANKSHA DHONDAGE	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Vaidyakiya Pratishthan , Aurangabad	Health Education
SHRAWANI KHODADE	MUHS, Institute of Medical Education Technology & Teachers Training, Nashik	NABH (Quality Management System)
MRUNAL GAWALE	Bract’s Vishwakarma Institute	Communication and learning skills
NANDINI PILLAI	Sharda bai Pawar Institute of Nursing, Baramati	AI and Healthcare
ROHAN CHAUDHARI	Droneacharaya Aerial Innovations ltd, Pune	Nutrition
ANUSHKA DHAVAL	Chellaram Diabetes Institute, pune	Drones in medical technology

Summer internship program Feedback

"The internship was a valuable experience, offering hands-on exposure to drone technology in the healthcare sector. It enhanced my understanding of real-world medical applications and sparked a strong interest in tech-driven healthcare solutions. A great learning opportunity."

Rohan Chaudhari
3rd BDS



: I am thankful to my college for providing me the opportunity to attend the summer internship program about ECG BASICS. It helped me gain practical knowledge in ECG lead placement, waveform interpretation, and identifying abnormalities. The hands-on experience and clinical exposure were highly beneficial and have strengthened my understanding of cardiovascular diagnostics.

- Harshala Ainapure

Summer internship program Feedback

Attending the MUHS Summer Internship Programme 2025 at Shardhabai Pawar Institute of Nursing, Baramati was a truly enjoyable experience. It was not only fun but gave me an opportunity to meet and interact with students from other healthcare sectors.

The staff and faculty were incredibly supportive and cooperative throughout the programme, making the entire experience smooth and comfortable. We got to explore nearby places and local factories, adding a new dimension to our understanding of community health and industrial practices.

Overall, this experience will truly be a memory to cherish forever.

- Nandini (Pillai Dental college)



"My summer internship at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Health Informatics, Jaipur, was fantastic! I gained valuable knowledge and skills about medical record system and the team was incredibly supportive. Applying my learning to real-world projects was truly enriching. It provided a great platform for students like me to learn and explore. It was a great time, and this opportunity has left a lasting impression. I'm also grateful to my college for supporting my participation."

-Sakshi Jangid

Summer internship program Feedback

I am Esha Kadam, and I had the opportunity to undertake a summer internship at BKL Walawalker Hospital on the topic of social commitment. It was a truly enriching experience where I explored various aspects of rural life and became more aware of the social challenges faced by people in these areas. Overall, it was a valuable and eye-opening journey.



My SIP experience at Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Health Informatics, Jaipur Rajasthan, was truly enriching and insightful. I got hands-on exposure to hospital record systems and learned how clinical data is managed in real-time. It helped me grow both personally and professionally. A heartfelt thanks to my college and MUHS for giving me this wonderful opportunity to learn, explore, and apply that knowledge in a real healthcare setting.

-Swati sonune

Summer internship program Feedback

Ananya Karnik
2nd BDS

I was selected for Molecular and immunological methods for diagnosis of infectious diseases at the MUHS regional centre at Kasturba hospital in Mumbai.

It was a great learning experience with new things to learn everyday. We were shown demonstrations of different diagnostic techniques like ELISA, PCR etc. and how they are practically used. I met a lot of like minded people who made the internship even more fun and memorable. I'm extremely grateful for this opportunity.

My 14-day internship at Hindustan Garments under the mentorship of Sajid Sir and Sumit Sir was a truly enriching experience. It gave me hands-on exposure to how small-scale businesses operate and grow in the real world. From observing production lines to understanding customer demands, every day brought something new to learn. The internship not only improved my communication and management skills but also sparked a deeper interest in entrepreneurship. I'm grateful for the guidance and practical knowledge I gained through this journey.

-Aditi Sangle



Summer internship program Feedback

The merchandise making internship under the guidance of Sajid sir and Mahesh sir provided valuable hands-on experience in designing and creating merchandise for healthcare professionals. The course mainly focused on disinfectants used and sterilization of clothes used in the field. The course also made me understand entrepreneurship in health care professionals. The overall experience was valuable and worth learning.



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Rotary Endodontics workshop

Department of conservative dentistry and endodontics in collaboration with Institution's innovation Council, conducted a value added course- lecture, and hands on workshop on rotary and endodontics (industry academia).

It was a two day intensive program which included lecture on basic concepts of endodontics from diagnosis to obturation with clinical tips and demonstration on conservative access opening , apex locator usage, crown down technique, irrigation protocol, etc on day -1 & Hands on workshop about Rotary endodontic, sealer placement and obturation with clinical tips on day-2 .

Dr Pradeep Shetty was the speaker and the guide for the workshop. Overall, the workshop concluded with the valuable knowledge and practical clinical tips which helped interns and post graduate students to learn the basics and advanced procedures in a more interactive way.



Suturing technique workshop

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at MGM Dental College and Hospital successfully conducted a hands-on workshop on suturing techniques for final year BDS students and dental interns.

The objective of the workshop was to enhance the clinical skills and confidence of students in basic and advanced suturing methods, which are essential in various dental and surgical procedures. The session began with a brief lecture and demonstration by senior faculty members of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery department, focusing on different types of sutures, materials used, needle handling, and principles of wound closure.

Following the demonstration, students actively participated in a practical session where they practiced suturing techniques on simulation models under the guidance of Dr. Padmakar Baviskar & Dr. Pareeksit Bagchi. Techniques such as simple, interrupted, continuous, and horizontal mattress sutures were taught and practiced.

The workshop concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where students clarified their doubts and received valuable feedback on their technique.

Overall, the workshop proved to be an enriching experience and was appreciated by all participants for its practical approach and relevance to clinical practice.



Field Visit : MGM Center of Human Movement Science

MGM Centre of Human Movement Science (MGMCHMS) was established under the auspices of MGM School of Physiotherapy, MGM Institute of Health Sciences, Navi Mumbai in October 2015.

It was supported by the International Society of Biomechanics and BETiC, IIT-B to address the urgent need to integrate clinical biomechanics in Indian healthcare. The core team of MGMCHMS includes Physiotherapists collaborating with Mechanical engineers and human movement scientists from various National and International universities contributing with complementary skills on specific research projects. To understand the available research and innovation ecosystem in vicinity,

Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology, MGM Dental College & Hospital organised field trips of students to this centre. In this regard, students of participated in two day field visit to MGM Center of Human movement science lab, Vashi. In this visit, the participants were exposed to various comprehensive movement analysis facilities following neuro-musculoskeletal injuries (acquired and traumatic, such as amputations, sports injuries, joint replacement, diabetic foot complications, stroke,

cerebral palsy, Parkinson's disease; and scientific basis to our Indian culture (classical dance, traditional sports, Yoga asanas). Faculty of both institutes exchanged their views and suggestions on scopes for interdisciplinary research and innovation.



Extension Activities

Reaching the Unreached

The Department of Public Health Dentistry along with the NSS Unit of MGMDCH, organized the following activities. Urban areas generally have better access to healthcare facilities, specialists, and advanced medical technologies, while rural residents may face longer travel times to reach healthcare providers and limited access to specialized care. Limited access to healthcare and higher exposure to environmental risks in rural areas can result in poorer health outcomes and increased mortality rates.

In the month of June 2025, a total of 20 camps were organized to benefit from the dental services. To enhance their understanding about regular visit to a dentist for check-up, engaging videos were shown that illustrated the progression of untreated cavities and highlighted preventive measures. Additionally, a demonstration of proper brushing techniques was conducted using a model. The initiative also included discussions about the importance of regular dental check-ups.



Extension Activities

SR NO	DATE	CAMP SITE	No. of beneficiaries
1.	03/06/2025	Kalamboli BPCL	224
2.	04/06/2025	ANC camp at MGM medical hospital	05
3.	05/06/2025	Vishwa Balak Kendra, Nerul	110
4.	05/06/2025	Shri Narayan Baba Charitable trust Panvel	17
5.	06/06/2025	ANC camp at MGM medical hospita	25
6.	09/06/2025	SIES Veda Vidya Pitha, Nerul	73
7.	11/06/2025	ANC camp at MGM medical hospital	10
8.	12/06/2025	Ajivali Vitthal Mandir	24
9.	13/06/2025	ANC camp at MGM medical hospital	42
10.	15/06/2025	Shreee Ballaleshwar Temple Centre Pali	16
11.	18/06/2025	ANC camp at MGM medical hospital	04
12.	19/06/2025	Shri Narayan Baba Charitable trust Panvel	19
13.	19-06-2025	Kalamboli Police station	26
14.	20/06/2025	ANC camp at MGM medical hospital	05
15.	22/06/2025	Shreee Ballaleshwar Temple Centre Pali	14
16.	23/06/2025	Taloja MIDC	208
17.	25/06/2025	Taloja MIDC	174
18.	25/06/2025	ANC camp at MGM medical hospital	02
19.	27/06/2025	ANC camp at MGM medical hospital	44
20.	29/06/2025	Shreee Ballaleshwar Temple Centre Pali	7
		Total	1049



Convocation Day



The graduation ceremony of Mahatma Gandhi Mission Dental College and Hospital (MGMDCH) was held at MGM Medical College Auditorium, marking a significant milestone for the graduating batch of 2019-2024.

The ceremony commenced with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony followed by a welcome address from the Dean, Dr. Srivalli Natarajan, who congratulated the graduates and emphasized the responsibilities of a healthcare professional. Esteemed dignitaries, graced the event and shared inspiring words with the students.

Degrees were conferred upon BDS graduates, with medals and certificates awarded to students who excelled in academics and clinical performance. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm and emotions as students took the Hippocratic Oath, pledging to serve society with compassion and integrity.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by a group photograph session and refreshments.

The event was a proud moment for the students, faculty, and families, celebrating years of hard work, perseverance, and achievement.



PTA Meeting

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) meeting at MGM Dental College and Hospital (MGMDCH) was held at the college auditorium. The meeting aimed to foster better communication between faculty members and parents, discuss students' academic progress, and address concerns related to overall student development.

The meeting commenced with a welcome address by the Dean, Dr. Srivalli Natarajan, who highlighted the institution's recent achievements and ongoing academic activities. Faculty members presented updates on curriculum changes, examination schedules, clinical training, and extracurricular programs. Student performance statistics were shared, along with attendance records and feedback on academic and behavioral progress.

Parents appreciated the transparent communication and actively participated in discussions.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks and a mutual commitment to continued collaboration for the holistic development of students.



LifeFirst Tobacco Cessation Program

Tobacco Cessation Centre organised a LIFEFIRST tobacco cessation training program for the third year BDS students. Dr Dinesh Jagiasi and Ratandeep Chawla were the speaker for the program.

▪ Course Objective:

The course was aimed to:

- o Tobacco and Tobacco control Landscape. (Prevalence, Products, & Perceptions)
- o Tobacco Use Behavior (Physical, Psychological and Behavioral)
- o Providing Brief Intervention Tobacco Cessation in practice
- o Motivational Interviewing
- o Case Discussion
- o Pharmacotherapy
- o Approach to cessation and LifeFirst Module

▪ Course Outcome:

- It was a very successful program which provided an overview on Tobacco Cessation and all the objectives of the course were achieved.
- Evaluation of participants was accessed by pre and post-test score



Monthly Publications

**Dr. Sarika Shetty & Dr. Aishwarya Patil published
articles
in Journal of Clinical Periodontology**

Index in PUBMED JOURNAL with impact factor of 6.8

Link for the articles-

Dr. Sarika Shetty's Article -

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jcpe.14161>

Dr. Aishwarya Patil's Article -

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/1600051X>

Awards & Achievements

Dean, Dr. Srivalli Natarajan ,Dr. Usha Asnani , Dr. Sujeet Kriste, Dr. Niharika Swain , attended an International Conference on Accreditation Ranking And Quality In Higher Education at Chennai



Dean, Dr. Srivalli Natarajan ,Dr. Usha Asnani , Dr. Sujeet Kriste, Dr. Niharika Swain, took an individual workshop at Preconference course on Accreditation Ranking And Quality in Higher Education at Chennai .

The preconference courses taken by -

Dr. Srivalli Natarajan- conducting an academic audit

Dr. Usha Asnani- assessment for learning

Dr Sujit khiste- AI in health professions education

Dr. Niharika Swain- navigating the patient landscape

Awards & Achievements

- **MGMDCH signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with Saveetha Dental college .**



- **Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry of MGMDCH , starting a Postgraduate course in upcoming academic session**

Awards & Achievements



Dr. Vaibhav Thakkar participated in “Virtual National Level Training & Capacity Building of Dental Professionals in Tobacco Cessation” at Maulana Institute of Dental Sciences.



Dr. Rohit Gada participated in “Virtual National Level Training & Capacity Building of Dental Professionals in Tobacco Cessation” at Maulana Institute of Dental Sciences.

Awards & Achievements



Shivang Ojha & Bhavesh (interns) , the MUHS toppers

Quotes of the Month

The future depends on what you do today

— Mahatma Gandhi

Education is the most powerful weapon, which you can
use to change the world

-Nelson Mandela

Intellectual growth should commence at work and cease
only at death

— Albert Einstein