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THEME: REPUBLIC DAY

As we step into another year of our great Republic, let us pause and reflect on the journey that brought us here. January 26th, 1950 was not just a date in history—it was the dawn of a new era, the realization of a vision where every citizen is free, equal, and empowered. It was on this day that India reaffirmed its sovereignty, embracing democracy as its foundation and the Constitution as its guiding light.

Seventy-five years later, our Republic stands strong, resilient, and ever-evolving. From the sacrifices of our freedom fighters to the aspirations of our youth, from the wisdom of our leaders to the hard work of our citizens—every heartbeat of this nation contributes to its glory. We are a land of diverse cultures, faiths, and traditions, yet bound together by a shared dream of progress and unity.

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DEAN'S DESK : REPUBLIC DAY

Dear Students, Faculty, and Readers,

As we celebrate the 76th Republic Day of India, it is a moment of pride and reflection for all of us. It is not just a commemoration of our Constitution coming into effect; it is a testament to the values of democracy, equality, and progress that our nation upholds.

Education has always played a pivotal role in shaping a strong and self-reliant India. As future healthcare professionals and responsible citizens, you have the power to contribute meaningfully to society—through knowledge, innovation, and service. Let this Republic Day serve as a reminder of our collective duty to uphold integrity, compassion, and excellence in all that we do.

At our institution, we strive not only to impart education but also to instill values that align with the spirit of our great nation. Let us continue working towards a future where healthcare is accessible, research thrives, and our contributions to society reflect the greatness of our Republic.



**DR. SRIVALLI NATARAJAN,
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SUB - EDITOR'S SAY : REPUBLIC DAY

Dear Readers,

As we celebrate India's 76th Republic Day, it is a time to reflect on the incredible journey of our nation—one built on the foundation of democracy, diversity, and determination.

This day marks not just the adoption of our Constitution but the promise of a progressive, inclusive, and just society.

As an educator and sub-editor, I have had the privilege of witnessing the enthusiasm, intellect, and dedication of our students. You are the future of this nation, and your contributions—whether in academics, research, or service—will shape the India of tomorrow. Let this Republic Day inspire you to uphold values of honesty, responsibility, and excellence in all aspects of life.

Through this newsletter, we aim to celebrate the spirit of our Republic and highlight the collective efforts that make our institution a hub of learning and growth. May we continue to strive for knowledge, innovation, and service, always keeping the spirit of our great nation alive.



DR. SARIKA SHETTY
PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT
OF PERIODONTICS

FACULTY'S SAY : REPUBLIC DAY

Dear Students and Colleagues,

As we celebrate the 75th Republic Day of India, let us take a moment to appreciate the strength, resilience, and vision that have shaped our great nation. This day is not just a commemoration of our Constitution; it is a reminder of the values that define us—justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. As educators and mentors, our role extends beyond teaching—we are here to nurture minds, inspire growth, and instill a sense of responsibility in the next generation. Each one of you, as future healthcare professionals, carries the power to make a meaningful impact on society. Let this Republic Day be a motivation to uphold ethical values, strive for excellence, and contribute towards building a healthier, stronger India. May we continue to learn, innovate, and serve with integrity, always keeping the spirit of our Republic alive in our hearts.



DR. NITESH PATKAR
LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF ORAL
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A LECTURE ON CYBERCRIME BY SHRI GAJANAN KADAM

A lecture on cybercrime was conducted by Shri Gajanan Kadam, senior police inspector, Cyber police station, Navi Mumbai.



The lecture was excellent and insightful, warning the audience about different forms of cyber crimes and appropriate measures to prevent them as well as raising awareness about it.

Faculty Development program on Active Learning Strategies for Large group teaching by Dr. Jigna Pathak



The HSET Unit in collaboration with IQAC, MGMDCH organized a faculty development program on Active Learning Strategies for Large group teaching conducted by Dr. Jigna Pathak



Lecture on 'Planning for surgical guide using Implant Studio software' followed by demonstration



The Department of Prosthodontics and crown & bridge, organised a Lecture on 'Planning for surgical guide using Implant Studio software' followed by demonstration by Dr. Aqeel Sajjad Reshamvala.

The lecture aimed at : Introduction to digital dentistry, Types, designing and Printing of surgical guides.



Faculty development program on ECG training



In association with MGM School of Biomedical Sciences, a faculty development program on 'ECG Training' was conducted for all Non teaching staff on 4th January 2025.



Biostatistics program for Dissertation protocols.



The Institutional Research Review Committee (IRRC) OF MGMDCH, conducted a biostatistics program for 1st MDS students, for dissertation protocols. SRE Consultancy Services, a statistical consultancy company held an interactive program for PG students.

ADD-ON COURSE ON 'ROUTINE STAINING IN HISTOPATHOLOGY'



Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology conducted an add-on course on 'ROUTINE STAINING IN HISTOPATHOLOGY', for 1st BDS students. Dr. Shilpa Patel was the speaker. The course included a didactic lecture and a hands on training.



TEAM FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY VISITS MGM DENTAL COLLEGE

Day-1

Day began with introductions and team building activities, creating meaningful connections and fostering a sense of camaraderie.



The ice breaking session set the stage for strong relationship and united vision, laying the ground work for a successful partneship ahead to happen.

TEAM FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY VISITS CHINCHAVAN VILLAGE

Day-2

The Temple University team forged meaningful connections with the local community, transcending the realm of mere formal interactions. They engaged in friendly activities such as playing cricket with the village youth and visiting the local mandir, which helped break the ice and establish a rapport with the community. These interactions not only provided a glimpse into the community's social fabric but also allowed them to observe the existing water storage, drainage, filtration systems, and methods employed by the villagers.



TEAM FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY VISITS SANGURLI VILLAGE

Day-3



The warm-hearted villagers welcomed the students into their homes, graciously offering them a glimpse of their revered deities. The students were offered flowers, juices and tea to drink, exemplifying the village's legendary hospitality. Asha Tai generously addressed the students' queries regarding water storage and supply, providing invaluable insights.

Meanwhile, other group of students demonstrated water purification techniques in the tribal area of the village, disseminating crucial knowledge to the local community.



TEAM FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY VISITS SANGURLI VILLAGE

Day-4



Day started with fantastic event Organised by Sangurli school students on Savitribai Phule on occasion of her jayanti. Such events help raise awareness and promote values like equality, education, and social justice.

Our team organized an educational event for the women of Sangurli, focusing on crucial health topics like iron deficiency anemia, menstrual hygiene, and breast cancer. Demonstration on how to use pads, dispose them, and shared dietary advice to combat anemia and menopause-related issues.



TEAM FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY VISITS CHOUK VILLAGE

Day-5



A school health programme was organized which included nutrition, healthy eating and balanced diet in Govt. Primary School, Khalapur under the guidance of Dr. Vaibhav sir and Dr. Graciela mam.



Objectives were to distinguish between healthy and unhealthy food, To educate students about sources of food, To bring health awareness in school children, To encourage children to adapt healthy health habits, Inculcate positive changes, improve positive health among school children, educating them about benefits of eating healthy food, balanced diet.

TEAM FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY DOES YOGA AT YOGVATIKA ON CAMPUS

Day-6



The day begun with an amazing yoga session at yogvatika in MGM Campus, where under the guidance of Priyanka Ma'am a meditative and mindful yoga session was conducted. Followed by this they went to sangurli for a very important meeting with the village Heads.



TEAM FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY VISITS ASHA WORKERS AT NERE VILLAGE

Day-7



Students of MGM Dental College and Temple University embarked on a journey to Nere Primary Health Care Center to engage with ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activists) workers. These ASHA workers are the backbone of the rural communities and play a vital role in promoting healthcare in village communities. The interaction aimed to understand their challenges, contributions and the impact they make in bridging the gap between Healthcare systems and rural populations. During the visit, the ASHA workers demonstrated their expertise by engaging in discussion on tuberculosis and leprosy showcasing their knowledge and practical experience in addressing these critical Health issues.



TEAM FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY ALONG WITH MGMDCH CONDUCTS WATER SURVEY

Day-8



The day was marked by the team's efforts in conducting a comprehensive water survey across several villages and delivering an educational session to students on essential health practices in the Chinchvan village.

Volunteers went to a local school where they conducted an interactive health and hygiene session for the students, discussed the importance of maintaining a balanced diet, highlighting simple, nutritious snacks that could easily be prepared at home. The final segment of the session was dedicated to dental hygiene. They taught the students effective tooth-brushing techniques and underscored the importance of oral care as part of overall health.



TEAM FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY VISITS VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF MGMDCH

Day-9



Department of Prosthodontics



Department of Conservative Dentistry
and Endodontics



VEDAS Lab



Department of Periodontics



Department of Pedodontics



Department of Orthodontics

AWARENESS SESSION ON IRON DEFICIENCY ANAEMIA

Day-9



NSS unit of MGMDCH in association with Department of Public Health Dentistry conducted a training session on 'Awareness on Iron deficiency Anaemia'. Members from Temple University, Philadelphia also joined. This session was directed towards the female non teaching staff and House keeping staff.



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



The MGMIHS celebrated 76th Republic day with full enthusiasm and patriotism on The MGM Campus.



The event unfolded with flag hosting, followed by national anthem and speeches by various dignitaries.

A VISIT TO SAVEETHA DENTAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL



A visit was undertaken by our dean Dr. Shrivalli Natarajan, Dr. Sumanthini M.V and Dr. Suraj A, to Saveetha Dental College And Hospital, a NIRF rank 1 dental institution and QS ranked 13 dental college to understand the functioning of a comprehensive dental clinic and also to get an overview of the 'DIAS', a dental hospital management software. This visit opened the gates for a meaningful collaboration between the two institutions in the field of contemporary dental research, faculty and student exchange and sharing of resources. It was a great learning experience in terms of innovative competency based curriculum with emphasis on research, documentation and digitalisation.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY COLGATE INDIA LTD.



Colgate Keep India Smiling Scholarship 2024-25

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INR 75,000

for BDS and MDS students

The Colgate Keep India Smiling Scholarship 2024-25, an initiative by Colgate-Palmolive (India) Limited, aims to provide financial assistance to deserving and meritorious individuals who may lack the resources to pursue their dreams. This scholarship program offers a one-time support of INR 75,000 to students enrolled in the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) (any year) or Master of Dental Surgery (MDS) courses at recognized institutes, helping them achieve their academic goals.

Students who were awarded the scholarship

Post Graduates

1. Dr. Misbah Kamle (II MDS Oral Pathology)
2. Dr. Prashant Bhasge (II MDS Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics)
3. Dr. Suresh Pole (I MDS Oral Pathology)
4. Dr. Shubham Khale (I MDS Oral and Maxillofacial surgery)

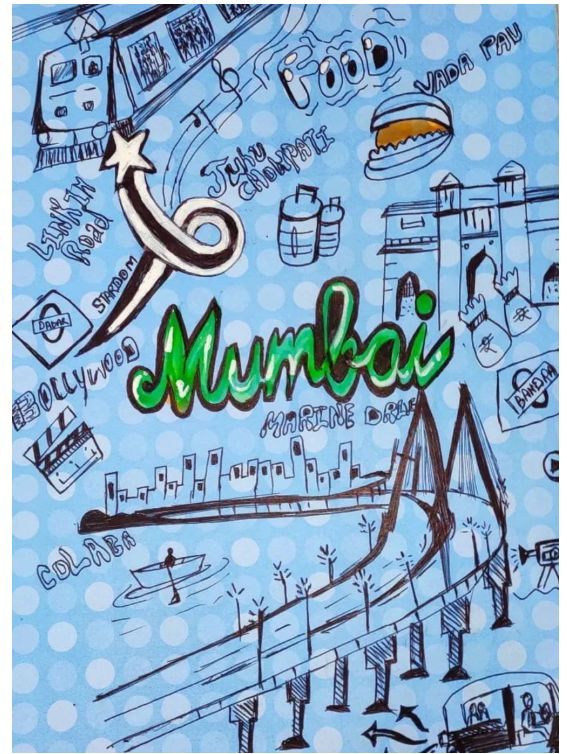
Undergraduates

Akanksha Dhondage (III BDS)

ARTISTS OF MGM



Maher Gala
II BDS



Akanksha Dhondage
III BDS



Sidrah Ansari
II BDS

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"The strength of a nation lies in the integrity of its citizens." – Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

"Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes." – Mahatma Gandhi

"Let us together strive to make India a place where peace, progress, and prosperity flourish for all." – Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel