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AIDS, also known as Acquired Immunodeficiency
Syndrome is a chronic and life threatening disease, caused
by HIV virus. It can damage the immune system, and
thereby, interfere with the ability of the body to fight
infection and diseases. In India, over 1 million are
diagnosed with AIDS every year. Globally, 38 million people
are currently living with HIV or AIDS. This disease cannot
be cured and requires lifetime medication. World AIDS Day
is commemorated every year on 1st December, 2022 to unite
people in the world to support people who are affected by
HIV. On this day, people globally remember those who have
died from AIDS-related illnesses.

Every year World AIDS Day focuses on a specific theme. This year, the theme will be "Equalize." It is a call to action to end all forms of bias faced by patients of AIDS.

#### FROM DEAN'S DESK: WORLD AIDS DAY

World AIDS day is not just another day. It is a day of awareness. It is a clarion call to unite the world in the back-to-wall fight against AIDS, the last in a long list destructive pandemics such as TB, Plague, and more recently Covid and its variants.

All pandemics have common phases of evolution—initial hopelessness against the bolt from the blue enemy, research, understanding the contours of the catastrophe, defining an action plan ,identifying inequalities, harnessing the resources, unanimous fight against the common enemy and oppressor of all and ultimate triumph. And AIDS is no different. In the case of AIDS, discrimination, stigma are added living realities.

There is some confusion among people in the terms HIV and AIDS. The resultant fear, gives an extra dimension to the crisis. HIV is only a virus. Only if it is not identified in time and eradicated, it provides the fodder for the development of AIDS, which again is only a Trojan Horse for the killer immunity breakdown. Testing is the key to success.

The eradication of this lies in the understanding of the background to ultimate fatality. HIV was first identified in 1984. Since then, it has claimed millions of human lives. This is largely due to absence of or lack of or misplaced awareness, inequalities in providing opportunities amongst affected population to get cured, man-made stigma and apathy. The community, university, and work stations have a role to play in this, which at present is inadequate.

Only 50% of the children living with HIV are on life treatment and 70% of the new infections are among the marginalized and downtrodden. The message to the conscience of the world is loud and clear.

Every World AIDS day has a focus. This year, rightly, it is Equality of opportunities. The advancement and development in scientific knowledge, and laws to protect the affected, not to speak of the funds, must be available with equal ease.

Pandemics like AIDS and COVID are only teachers to the erring humanity. Many more may follow. The enemy is within each of us. Let us identify, understand to destroy and move forward hand in hand towards a better and healthy world.



Dr. Srivalli Natarajan

#### SUB-EDITOR'S SAY: EQUALIZE.

### " Equalise"

HIV became and continues to be a global health epidemic due to a number of shortcomings, including division, inequality, and contempt for human rights.

Stigma is one of the main reasons that some people end up having quite negative feelings about themselves in relation to their HIV diagnosis.

Since the beginning of the HIV epidemic a lot of negative and inaccurate ideas and beliefs have developed about what HIV is, and what it isn't. It can be difficult for anybody, including people living with HIV, to avoid being exposed to all these ideas and not be influenced and affected by them.

The theme "Equalize" is a call to action. It is a call to action for all of us to pursue the tried-and-true methods required to redress disparities and aid in the eradication of AIDS. These consist of:

To make sure that everyone is well-served for the needful services, increase the availability, quality, and acceptability of required services for HIV treatment, testing, and prevention.

To combat the preconceived opinion and isolation suffered by people who are HIV-positive, disadvantaged communities by reform laws, policies, and practices.

This will ensure that everyone is respected and accepted.

Ensure technology exchange among localities as well as among higher authorities to provide fair access to the greatest HIV science.

- Dr. Sarika Shetty
Professor
Department of Periodontics

#### FACULTY: EQUALIZE.

#### AIDS-SPREAD AWARENESS & END THE STIGMA

It's bad enough that people are dying of AIDS, but no one should die of ignorance -Elizabeth Taylor

World AIDS Day is observed annually on 1 December. The day is recognized to create awareness among people about the primary cause of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) that is Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), its transmission, diagnostic testing, preventive measures, and treatment options. The significance of the day is to address the social stigma and discrimination that are coming in the way of eradicating this dreadful disease and hindering its treatment.

HIV replicates itself into the human body by inserting a copy of its DNA into the human host cells also known as retrovirus. The host cells in which the HIV resides are the WBCs (White Blood Cells) that are the part of the Human Immune system. HIV destroys the WBCs and weakens the immune system. The weakening of the immune system affects an individual's ability to fight diseases in time.

HIV majorly transmits in one of the three ways – Blood, Prenatal and Sexual transmission. Transfusion of HIV through blood has been very common during the initial time of its spread. Nowadays, all the developed and developing countries have stringent measures to check the blood for infection before transfusion and usage of shared needles have been prohibited. HIV infected mother can easily pass the virus to her child during pregnancy, breastfeeding or even during delivery. HIV can easily be spread from an infected person to a healthy person if they perform unprotected sexual coitus through oral, genital or rectal parts as it can be transferred through body fluids.

The incubation period for AIDS is much longer as compared to other diseases. It takes around 0-12 years for the symptoms to appear promptly. Few of the common symptoms of AIDS include fever, fatigue, loss of weight, lymphadenopathy, yeast infection, and herpes zoster and uncommon infections viz., persistent fever, night sweating, skin rashes, lesions in mouth and more.

AIDS is a life-threatening disease. The best way to cease its spread is antiretroviral therapy. It is a drug therapy which prevents HIV from replicating and hence slows down its progress. The treatment should start at the earliest to minimize the damage to the immune system. It is important for an individual to know his/her own and partner's HIV status, before performing any sexual intercourse activity. One should always practice safe sex. Use of condoms during sexual intercourse is a must and one should restrict oneself on the number of partners he/she is having sex with. Multiple awareness drives by World Health Organisation (WHO), local government bodies and various non-profit organizations have reduced the risk of spread by making the people aware of the AIDS spread and prevention.

HIV positive patients can still lead a long and healthy life through love and proper care. We must have our regular and periodical health check-up and encourage and educate others to do the same. The only way to fight the AIDS disease is through creating awareness.

Dr. Manjari Chaudhary Lecturer- Oral Medicine & Radiology

### PARENTS SPEAK: EQUALIZE.

We have come a long way in our understanding of AIDS and HIV, but discrimination against people with AIDS is widespread. In todays world technology and newer researches and advances have made it possible for people with AIDS to live with the disease as that of any other chronic illness, but what makes it difficult for them in the society is the stigma that accompanies the disease. This stigma encourages worries and instills fear in the mind of many leading to behaviours that puts oneself and others at risk such as avoiding getting tested for HIV, hiding ones health issues from family, etc. For these reasons many prefer the pain and infection rather than facing the stigma of the society. The prejudices have also slowed down the treatment facilities and centres in rural as well as urban areas and people still live in fear of what society will think. That is why it is important to 'EQUALIZE'. On the occasion of World AIDS day it is of prime importance to stop using nomenclatures such as HIV positive, AIDS community and treat them as one of our own.Let us not bracket people who suffer from and have survived this diseaseLet us shun any kind of discrimination in thoughts, actions and behaviour towards the people suffering from HIV and AIDS. Let us all take small steps towards achieving a bigger milestone and stop the stigma agains AIDS and EQUALISE each and everyone of us.

> -Kausalya Deshmukh Mother of Sharvari Deshmukh

# Road Map to Neet MDS Lecture by Dr. Padmakar Baviskar

1st december 2022

Dr. Padmakar Baviskar; BDS, MDS, OMFS Lecturer, guided interns regarding the NEET MDS process.





### Road Map to **NEET-MDS**

Dr. Padmakar Baviskar BDS, MDS, OMFS, Bronze Medallist MUHS Lecturer Dept. of OMFS MGM Dental College and Hospital



Interns were informed about the form filling; fees of the exam. And about college counselling procedure.



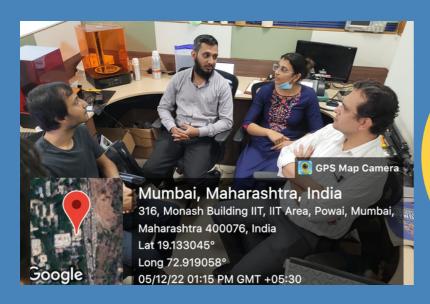
### Field visit to IIT Mumbai



Department of Oral & Maxillofacial
Surgery in association with EpoCare had organized an "Field Visit" to IIT, Mumbai on 5th December, to understand the working of two devices FluoroSight and SpeccaFlow for post surgical monitoring of free tissue transfer.

Mr Deepak Kumar, co-founder of EpoCare had presented the working principle of the SppecaFlow, post which a demonstration was given for the same.





Post demonstration there was a discussion to standardize the protocol on the applicability and use of the device in cases of micro vascular free tissue transfer and design a clinical trial to be undertaken at MGMDCH.

### **CWC** Elections

For post of member secretary

The election for the position of Member Secretary was held on 8th December, 2022.













Candidates were allowed to briefly introduce themselves before the start of voting. Ballot system method of voting was adopted.

The result of the voting was declared on the very same day.











Meghna salian became the Member secretary, recieving the highest number of votes.

Karina Borate: Joint secretary.

### **CWC** Elections

For rest of the council positions



This election was held on 9th December, 2022.







Ballot box

Member incharges of the CWC were elected: The CWC is a committee – of the students, by the students and for the students

The result of the voting was declared on the very same day



Cultural
Sports
Literary
Research
Scientific
Iqac
Arts
Music







### Photography workshop by Dr. Avinash Narayankar





On 12th-13th December, a two day photography workshop was organised with the aim to enhance skills towards dental imaging and photography. Dr Avinash educated the students on different parts of camera, various types of camera, the effective technique to take a detailed photograph of the pre and post operative clinical cases.

The selection of pixel size, image size, background selection poses, focus point for shooting with the help of mobile camera and professional camera.

The lecture included introduction of different types of lenses, exposure, aperture, shutter speed and other terminology related to DSLR Photography





### Photography workshop by Dr. Avinash Narayankar



The Two day photography
workshop was aimed at the interns
and included the basic skills
required for every kind of
photography which was later more
focused on dental photography.

### Intraoral photographs were taken with mirror







The basics were covered in the workshop and interns were encouraged to apply the new skills hands on experience by clicking photographs themselves.

### Mission 16



# Complete solution from post endodontic treatment to crown placement



On 16 December an initiative was taken by the **Department of Prosthodontics to organize a CDE program** with a hands-on workshop in collaboration with

3M



The guest speaker was Dr. Tasmeen Sheikh a 3M clinical specialist who gave a captivating lecture and discussed step by step solution from post endodontic treatment to crown placement, the snow plow technique, triple tray impression technique, stand stain free provisional restoration and cementation of post and crowns.





The programme and hands on helped impart knowledge and make the audience aware of the newer techniques and materials in dentistry and inspired them to be smart dentists along with hardworking dentists for a faster better and sustainable practice

#### ALPHA GATE IMPLANT SYSTEM



Oral and Maxillofacial surgery department Presented an Add On Course on dental implant in collaboration with alpha gate dental implant system.

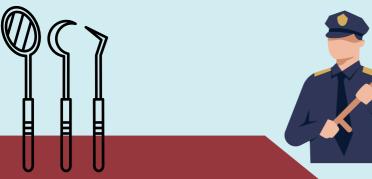




The chief guest speaker **Dr. Mohammed Zahalka** who has specialised in dental implantology gave an insightful lecture on dental implant, various procedures and materials and the techniques of placing implant.



### Public Health Dentistry Camps



AWARENESS ABOUT DIET AND DENTAL CARIES AT BELAPUR POLICE STATION





TREATMENT CAMP FOR
DEVOTEES OF
SAI BABA TEMPLE

AWARENESS ABOUT
DENTAL CARIES IN
STUDENTS OF S.P.R.J
KANYASHALA,
GHATKOPAR

560 students Examined



# United for road safety Two wheels One Life

On 20th December, a
collaboration between the NSS
unit of MGM dental college and
the United way Mumbai a nonprofit organization which
works actively in areas of
cicvic awareness, health and
safe of the society brought
forward an awareness
programme for the students of
MGM college





The guest speakers were Mr. Rohit
Dalvi and Mr. Sujit Patil from
United way Mumbai. The
programme helped make the
audience aware of the road safety
rules, various traffic signals and
signs. This impact initiative was
another step towards ensuring and
improving the state of road safety in
the city

The aim of the programme was to sensitize the youth, educate them and make them aware to become safer and responsible drivers.



#### AESTHETIC DENTISTRY

The department of Conservative and Endodontics organized a CDE programme on aesthetic dentistry for the interns and post graduates on 19th December







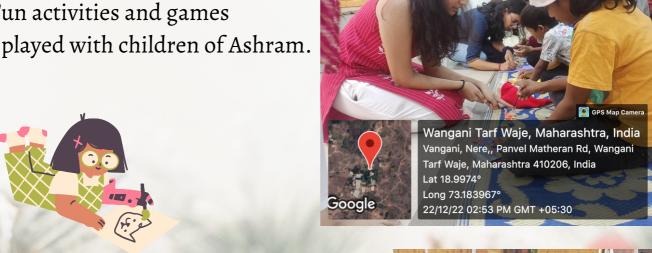
The guest speaker Dr. Pankaj Maheshwari educated the audience on the best and efficient ways to design a perfect smile. He gave an insight on the step by step procedure of smile designing which will definitely help in bringing brighter future to the young dentist and brighter smiles in the society.

### Christmas celebration at SEAL Ashram



Christmas is celebrated as a festival full of love and joy, Interns spent this year's Christmas in a little different way by celebrating it at SEAL ASHRAM, NERE on 22/12/2022 where donations recieved from college students in the form of books, toys and clothes were distributed to the residents

Fun activities and games were also played with children of Ashram.









### Christmas celebration at SEAL Ashram











Perfomances of singing and Dancing by Interns.

Residents were also encouraged to actively participate in singing and

enjoying the cultural program













# ORIENTATION TOWARDS NEET MDS

On 28th of December, career counselling cell in association with IQAC conducted a lecture on orientation towards Neet entrance exam.





Dr. Raison Thomas;
Director of CEDEES
Oriented Interns and final
years towards Strategies to
prepare for NEET MDS



Women empowerment cell in association with IQAC

Presented Movie screening of

### **MARY KOM**

On 31.12.22 for Final year students and Interns.



### **CREATIVE BRAINS**

### World AIDS Day

World AIDS day is commemorated every year on 1st December to provide support to people affected by HIV and to remember those who lost their lives to AIDS. It is also used to mark the achievements made, and the work still to be done, in the fight against HIV/AIDS. It was first observed in 1988. Many people around the world celebrate this day by wearing a red ribbon which is the universal symbol of awareness of, support for and solidarity with people living with HIV. The purpose of World AIDS Day is to end the stigma and discrimination faced and to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV.

AIDS stands for Acquired ImmunoDeficiency Syndrome which is caused by Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). It is a chronic and life threatening disease. It attacks an individual's immune system and leads to the decrease in CD4 T-cells. This weakens the person's immunity against opportunistic infections such as tuberculosis, fungal infections, severe bacterial infections and some cancers. HIV can be spread through sexual, parenteral and perinatal routes. There's no cure for AIDS, but the progression of disease can be controlled by medicines. In India, over 1 million people are diagnosed with AIDS every year. Globally 38 million people are living with HIV/AIDS currently. It is very important to raise awareness and provide education on the current knowledge of the disease. These efforts will accomplish a great deal in the elimination of AIDS stigma and discrimination. The saying "Prevention is better than cure" holds very true for this disease. Prevention includes educating yourself and others, using sterilised needles, avoiding any behaviour that allows HIV- infected fluids into your body and getting regular screening tests.

AIDS has, so far, ended more than 29 million lives all over the world. It is one of the most dreaded diseases of the 20th century. Since it's discovery, it has spread around the world like a wildfire. World AIDS Day remains as relevant today as it has always been. Reminding people that HIV has not gone away is the main purpose of this day.

Mizba Zaidi Second BDS

### CREATIVE BRAINS



This Old vintage
Senescenced leaf.
Has a lesson to teach.
The art of letting things go.
Like Past Versions of your own.
Unhealthy and toxic mindsets.
That no longer served good.
You learn slowly .. to release them.
Your vulnerabilities confronted.
As we marvel at how beautiful it is
To see the trees.

Shed their pasts in preparation of the next season.

We all have same capabilities; for definite reasons.

When we look back and see lackness

Of confidence and wisdom.

And we had doubts and still are unsure.

Yet we grow .we shed. We wilt. shed for a new season.

Accepting bad seasons

Allowing periods of dormancy.

This makes me hopeful that one day we might see 'letting go' X

As beautifully X

Ifrah Khan Intern

# Artists of MGM



Sneha Tidke Intern

Ruchita Sukhadia Intern

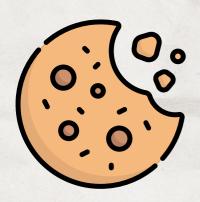


**GLASS PAINTING** 



## PUN-TASTIC WORDPLAY AND QUOTES





"Why did the Christmas cookie go to the dentist?"

Because he had Ginger-vitis!

IFRAH KHAN
Intern

What is the best time to go to the dentist?

Toothirty!



SHARVARI DESHMUKH Intern



My dentist doesn't really like tea. So I just call him Denis. He wasn't really abcess-ed with it.

KULSUM KHAN
Intern