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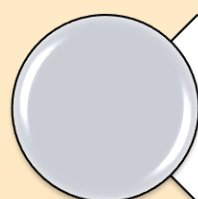
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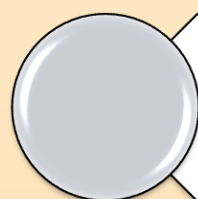
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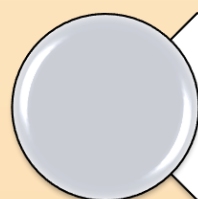
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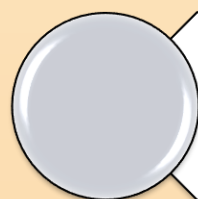
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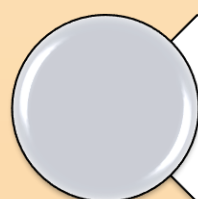
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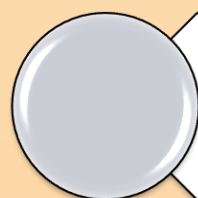
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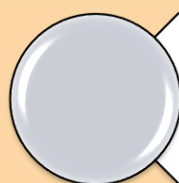
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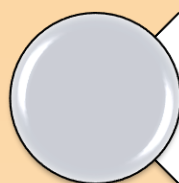
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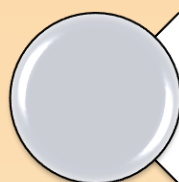
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About ISPPD

The Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry (ISPPD) is a national society specifically concerned with the oral health of children in India. It aims to improve oral health in children and encourage the highest standards of clinical care. ISPPD has over 2000 Pediatric Dentists as life members.

The emblem of the society is based on the famous triad of Keyes (1960). One circle represents the tooth, the other the bacteria and the third diet. The shaded area of inter-section of the circles represents dental caries. The Stress given is that for caries to develop all the three factors are essential; caries cannot occur if one factor is missing.

Incidentally, this area of inter section of circles takes the form of Triangles. The triangle connotes two aspects. It represents delta, which is the sign of dentistry. It depicts the Pedodontic triangle as given by Wright (1975).

The three corners of triangles are indicative of (a) Child, (b) Mother (parent) and (c) Dentist. This triangle represents 1:2 transaction for the management of children.

The top circle of keys in the emblem carries symbols of the emblem of the Indian Dental Association (IDA) Staff of Aesculpius with wings of serpents encircling around it. The staff of Aesculpius stands of captor of authority and represents the professional authority of association. The serpents show the power of healing since serpents ages back have been used for healing. Hippocrates adopted this symbol and we have adopted it with two serpents entwined around the staff in opposite directions. The wings on the staff represents the spread of knowledge. The wings have 6 small and 3 large divisions as in the IDA emblem.

The Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry has been formed on the firm belief that "Every child has a fundamental right to his total oral health". The Society has an obligation to fulfill this faith.

Aims & Objectives

- The Society is formed on the firm belief that “Every child in India has a fundamental right to total oral health”. Every member of the Dental profession in general and Pedodontists in particular have an obligation to uphold this right.
- The Society shall have the solemn responsibility towards the maintenance of positive dental health of the children through prevention, involvement of the community and through other necessary measures to achieve this objective.
- The Society shall make an endeavor to provide suitable medium for honoring the commitment it has so sacredly undertaken.
- The Society shall be responsible for improvement of education, research and delivery of Oral health care in the field of Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry and shall extend cooperation or collaborate with any individual, group or organization, national or international, with similar ideas, ideals and objectives

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE



As we progress through 2026, I warmly address every life member of ISPPD and reflect on the vision behind Smile Times.

This publication was introduced to create a shared space that informs, inspires, and connects our fraternity by highlighting achievements, innovations, leadership journeys, and service initiatives across pediatric dentistry. By learning from accomplished colleagues and mentors, members remain motivated to aim higher, think broader, and contribute meaningfully. Smile Times serves as a mirror of collective growth, encouraging reflection, pride, and renewed commitment toward advancing child oral healthcare with unity and purpose. The present decade calls for pediatric dentists to continuously refine clinical expertise and remain aligned with evolving global standards. Rapid advancements in diagnostics, preventive strategies, behavior management, digital dentistry, minimally invasive techniques, interdisciplinary protocols, and technology-assisted treatment planning demand proactive learning. Young graduates, in particular, must embrace lifelong education through academic programs, conventions, workshops, research engagement, and peer collaboration. Strengthening clinical skills enhances confidence, improves outcomes, and prepares practitioners for leadership roles in academics, community service, and policy development. ISPPD remains committed to guiding members toward excellence through structured learning and progressive professional platforms. Equally important is the physical and mental fitness of pediatric dentists, which directly influences performance, endurance, and career longevity. Clinical practice requires sustained concentration, precise movements, ergonomic stability, and emotional resilience. Regular physical activity, posture awareness, flexibility exercises, balanced nutrition, and stress management protect against occupational strain and burnout. I strongly encourage every pediatric dentist to integrate wellness into daily routines and view fitness as a professional responsibility. A healthy practitioner delivers better care, sustains passion, and inspires confidence. Together, let us build a future defined by knowledge, well-being, and compassionate service to children.

Dr. Sudhindra Baliga

President ISPPD

FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S DESK



Dear Esteemed Members and Colleagues,

Wishing you all Happy New Year!

It is with great pride and a renewed sense of purpose that I welcome you to the first 2026 edition of Smile Times. As we embark on this new year, our mission remains clear: to lead the vanguard of pediatric oral healthcare in India through innovation, inclusivity, and personal well-being. The highlight of our professional calendar is fast approaching. The 22nd National Postgraduate Convention (ISPPD Convene-2026) will be held in the vibrant city of Visakhapatnam (Vizag). Under the theme "Ped-AI: A Digital Leap in Child Oral Health Care." I urge all postgraduates and faculty to join us in the "City of Destiny" to witness this technological evolution firsthand. Our core belief that "Every child has a fundamental right to total oral health" is most evident in our efforts for children with Special Health Care Needs (SCHN). I am proud to highlight the success of our SCHN Certificate Course. This comprehensive program—spanning multiple modules of online and offline training—is equipping our members with the specialized skills required to manage complex physical, developmental, and behavioral conditions. A healthy society starts with healthy practitioners. In alignment with the national Fit India Initiative, ISPPD is promoting a culture of wellness among our members. Pediatric dentistry is physically intensive; hence, we are integrating ergonomics and physical fitness modules into our professional lifestyle. I encourage you all to take the "Fit India Pledge" and make physical activity a non-negotiable part of your daily routine. See you all in the "City of Destiny," Vizag! Let us work together to make 2026 a landmark year for ISPPD.

Dr. Varinder Goyal, MDS, MFDS, RCPS (Glasgow)

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FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD



Dear Readers,

Warm greetings from the Editorial Desk of *ISPPD Smile Times*.

It is with immense pleasure to present the October–December 2025 issue of our newsletter which is a vibrant reflection of the dynamic and ever evolving field of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry. As we continue our collective journey toward promoting oral health and overall well-being of children across the nation, *ISPPD SmileTimes* stands as a testament to our shared commitment, curiosity, and compassion.

This issue brings together a rich blend of scientific updates, society activities, valuable member contributions, and snapshots of the inspiring work being carried out across India. We have also included highlights from recent academic events, information on upcoming conferences, and thought provoking perspectives from both our young minds and seasoned professionals.

Pediatric dentistry is more than just a speciality; it is a responsibility, a passion, and a promise to nurture healthy smiles that last a lifetime. Let us continue to innovate, collaborate, and inspire one another in this noble endeavor. I warmly invite all our members to share their experiences, insights, and achievements with *Smile Times*, as your voice is what truly enriches this publication.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Together, let us keep spreading smiles

Warm regards & Best wishes

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Glimpses of Pedodham 2025.....

46th ISPPD National Conference, Bhubaneswar



46th National ISPPD Conference – PEDODHAM 2025 Concludes with Remarkable Success

The 46th National Conference of the Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry (ISPPD), *PEDODHAM 2025*, concluded with great enthusiasm, drawing distinguished clinicians, researchers, educators, and students from across the country. Hosted by the Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, Institute of Dental Sciences, Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (deemed to be) University under the aegis of ISPPD (Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry) at Campus 2 SOA Convention Centre, Bhubaneswar from 20th -22nd November 2025, the conference served as a vibrant platform for advancing the science and practice of pediatric dentistry.

The 3-day event showcased the latest innovations in child oral health, preventive dentistry, minimally invasive techniques, and interdisciplinary care. Eminent national and international speakers from UK, Malaysia and Austria delivered keynote lectures also had 15 hands-on workshops as a part of pre-conference courses which were held on 19th November, 2025 at IDS, Bhubaneswar offering participants exposure to cutting-edge research and clinical advancements.



The conference was inaugurated in the presence of esteemed dignitaries, including the **President Dr. Shashikiran ND and Secretary-General of ISPPD Dr. Varinder Goyal**, esteemed senior Pediatric Dentists like Dr. SG Damle - Director-Research at Global Oral research Academy, Dr. Rahul Hegde – Member of DCI and many others. The organizing team comprised of the Dr. Susant Mohanty - Organizing Chairman, Dr. Priyanka Kalimireddy – Organizing Secretary, Dr. Jnana Ranjan Swain – Treasurer, Dr. Radha Prasanna Dalai, Dr. Bismay Singh, Dr. Srinandan Pradhan and Dr. Dipmalla Sahoo along with some faculties of IDS and PGs of the Pediatric Dentistry Dept and Interns who worked tirelessly for the fruitful completion of the conference.

The conference was attended by almost 1600 delegates. Scientific sessions witnessed robust participation, with a record number of 840 plus papers and around 400 posters along with Table clinics presented by postgraduate students and faculties.

The Organising Committee expressed gratitude to ISPPD leadership, delegates, sponsors, and volunteers for their unwavering support. The conference concluded with a valedictory ceremony honoring outstanding scientific contributions and acknowledging the collective efforts that made PEDODHAM 2025 a resounding success. The Annual General body meeting witnessed Dr. Sudhindra Baliga taking over as the President of ISPPD and the election of the new President – Elect, the organizing chairman Dr. Susant Mohanty.

Office bearers (2024-25)



Thank you to our outgoing Office Bearers of ISPPD for your inspiring leadership and unwavering commitment to the society.

Authors & Reviewers Workshop



A two-day workshop on “**Authors & Reviewers**” was organized by Department of Pediatric & Preventive Dentistry on 1st & 2nd September 2025 at BBDCODS. A total of 105 delegates registered for the event. The workshop aimed to provide comprehensive insights into academic writing, manuscript preparation, submission processes, and the responsibilities and ethics involved in peer reviewing. It was designed to benefit both budding researchers looking to publish and experienced academics interested in reviewing manuscripts. The primary aim of the two-day workshop was to equip participants with essential skills in academic authorship and peer reviewing. The program was organized under the supervision of Dr. Monika Singh Rathore, HOD, and Dr. Neerja Singh, Professor of Dept. of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, BBDCODS, with valuable guidance of Respected Dr. Neeta Pasricha, Principal BBDCODS, BBD University. Eminent speakers gracing the occasion were Dr. Sharath Ashokan, Dr. B.S Suprabha, Dr. Neeraj Gugnani, Dr Virat Galhotra. Dr Nitesh Tiwari, Dr Umesh Wadgave and Dr Shyam Sivasamy

First Yr PG Orientation Program



Indian Society of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry conducted the First National Postgraduate Orientation Program on 30th and 31st October 2025. The programme was hosted by the Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, Malabar Dental College and Research Centre, Edappal.

The event aimed to provide newly admitted postgraduate students from across the country with a comprehensive overview of academic, clinical and research dimensions of pediatric and preventive dentistry.

Dr. Subbalekshmi T coordinated the program. The event was inaugurated by Dr Rahul Hegde, Executive member DCI, who emphasised the importance of early academic orientation in shaping a successful pediatric dentist. The inaugural session was presided over by **Dr Shashikiran, President ISPPD** and **Dr. Varinder Goyal Secretary General, ISPPD**, **Dr Rahul Hegde, DCI member**. **Dr Sudhindra Baliga President elect ISPPD** highlighted the vision behind conducting a structured national level orientation for new post-graduate entrants.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations



Congratulations to Dr Virender Goyal, Secretary, ISPPD, on being appointed as the President-Elect of the prestigious IAPD. This significant honor is a testament to his exceptional leadership, unwavering dedication, and sustained contributions to the profession. His vision and perseverance have been instrumental in elevating ISPPD to remarkable heights, fostering growth, unity, and academic excellence..



Congratulations to Prof. Dr. Rahul Hegde, Executive member, Dental Council of India, for his significant contributions to the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD). It is a matter of great pride that he continues into his third consecutive term (2025 – 27) on the prestigious IAPD Education Committee, reflecting his unwavering commitment, expertise, and leadership in Pediatric dental education.

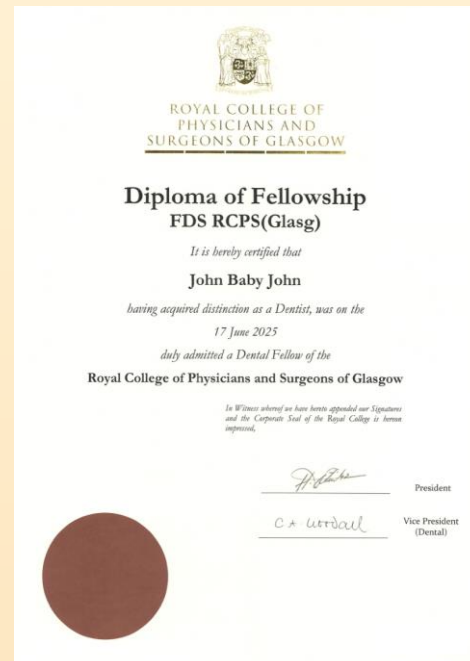




Dr. Nikhil Srivastava conferred the Fellowship of the prestigious **National Academy of Medical Sciences (FAMS)** the only fellowship awarded and officially recognized by the Government of India under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The Fellowship was conferred by the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Governor of Haryana, Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh, and the Guest of Honour, Prof. V. K. Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, during the 65th Convocation of NAMS held at PGIMER, Chandigarh. The ceremony was graced by the President of the National Medical Commission, several Directors of AIIMS, the Director of PGIMER, and Vice Chancellors of ABV Medical University and IP University, along with many distinguished leaders in medical education.



Prof. Dr B Nandlal, JSS Dental College, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru **Received Best Teacher Award** from **Pierre Fauchard Academy**, an **International dental honour organisation**. He has received this award in recognition to his contribution in Pediatric Dentistry. The Pierre Fauchard Academy awards celebrate the people who make outstanding contributions to the progress and standing of the dental profession. It was awarded by Ghabi Kaspo (President, PFA International), Rajiv Kumar Chugh (Chairman, PFA India), Maya Ramesh (Honorary Secretary, PFA India), Prof. (Dr.) Sabita Ram, and respected pioneers Dr. R. K. Bali, Prof. (Dr.) O. P. Kharbanda, and Prof. (Dr.) Shaili Pradhan.



Dr. Baby John, Dean, Vinayaka Mission's Sankarachariyar Dental College has been graced with the "**Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow (FDS RCS)**" in acknowledgement of his expertise and dedication to the field of Dentistry. He graces the Editorial Board of various indexed journals and is a robust speaker at various National and International forums. A proud owner of multiple dental clinics, he stresses the need to maintain Good Clinical Practices and Delivery of Quality and Safe Healthcare in the present times.



Dr. Priyanka Balakrishnan, Assistant professor, Sri Venkateswara dental college and hospital Received the **Pierre Fauchard Academy (PFA) Postgraduate Merit Award – 2025 for—Exceptional academic performance** during the MDS program, including 26 scientific publications, one patent, two copyrights, and the successful acquisition of a research grant.



Dr Nikhil Marwah, Dean Research, Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Science and Technology, Jaipur, has been awarded the prestigious **Star Pedodontist Award** in recognition of his long-standing inclination toward academics and research.

He is a distinguished pediatric dentist with a career dedicated to improving children's oral health through teaching, clinical care, and research. An alumnus of the College of Dental Surgery, Mangalore, and Bapuji Dental College, Davangere, he previously served as Head of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at Mahatma Gandhi Dental College and Hospital for ten years. In 2024, he was promoted to **Dean Research**, overseeing research activities across eight constituent colleges, while continuing as Professor of Pediatric Dentistry. With a strong inclination toward research, Dr. Marwah actively fosters a robust research culture among students and faculty. His passion for pediatric dentistry is reflected in his authorship of the Textbook of Pediatric Dentistry. Known for his compassionate approach to child care, he treats every child with exceptional patience and empathy.



Dr Swati Ramesh Karkare

Conferred PhD in Pedodontics from Datta Meghe Institute of Higher Education and Research Center, Wardha, under eminent guidance of **Dr Nilima Thosar**, Prof & HOD, Sharad Pawar Dental College. Her thesis titled – “Evaluation for the efficacy of Hemocoagulase agent as a pulpotomy material as compared to ferric sulphate – An Animal Study



Dr Babita Niranjana, Professor & Head, Department of Pediatric & Preventive Dentistry, Rishiraj college of dental science and research centre, Bhopal, India registered a copyright titled “PEDIATRIC ENDO GAUGE” IN THE COPYRIGHT OFFICE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA” Registration Number LD-40246/2025-CO.



Dr. Amruta Chowdhary, Postgraduate Student, under the guidance of **Dr. Neetu Jain**, Associate Professor, MM College of Dental Sciences and Research, Mullana, Ambala, has successfully patented a novel **Dental Isolation and Retraction Device**.

The innovation received the **Best Innovation Award** at *AKRUTI: Innovative Ideas of Universumm 2025*, held during the National Youth Festival at Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University), along with a cash prize of ₹7,000. The device was also recognized as the **Best Scientific Paper (Student Category)** at the **ISPPD 2025 National Conference, Pedodham**, highlighting its significance in advancing pediatric dental care.



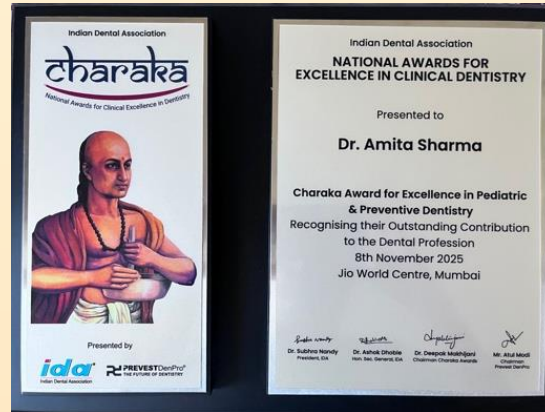
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Dr. Priyanka Balakrishnan, along with **Dr. M. S. Saravanakumar**, Sri Venkateswara dental college and hospital have been **granted copyright registration** for the “FLARE Protocol” - Focused Laser Assisted Regenerative Endodontic Procedure.



Dr. Tanzeem Ahmed has been awarded the “**Emerging Pediatric Dentist of the Year-East**” Award at the International Conference on Dentistry and Awards which was held on 31st Oct 2025 at New Delhi. The award was presented by Maj. Gen. (Prof) Atul Kotwal (Former Executive Director- NHSRC, Govt. of India), in the presence of (Hony) Brig. Dr Anil Kohli (Former President-DCI), Maj. Gen. Dr PN Awasthi (Retd) (former Secy.-DCI) and Lt. Gen Dr. Vimal Arora (PVSM, AVSM, VSM & Bar- by the President of India & Order of the Special Toyal Emblem- Oman).





Dr Amita Sharma, Professor has been awarded the prestigious **Charaka Award for Excellence in Pediatric & Preventive Dentistry**, recognising her Outstanding Contribution to the Dental Profession on 8th November 2025 at Jio World Centre, Mumbai by the Indian Dental Association.



Dr. Nitesh Tewari was invited to join the expert group of **International Association of Pediatric Dentistry (IAPD)** for the policy document on pulp therapy of primary teeth. He is also part of the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT)-Dental Trauma Guide (DTG) panel for revision of classification of tooth resorptions. He lectured in the prestigious IAPD congress in South Africa and the Copenhagen Trauma Symposium. He has joined PhD program in the Karolinska Institute Stockholm, Sweden in November 2025, on a study leave from AIIMS New Delhi. He finished the year 2025 with 38 published papers (PubMed-37, Scopus-1), taking his total published papers to 189 (PubMed-170, Scopus-19) and 2120 Citations.

Dr. Vidhina Ujjwala Bapurao Patil, JR-3, Institute of Dental Sciences, Bareilly under the guidance of **Dr Sathyajith Naik N** ,Principal, Prof & Head, Dept. Of Pediatric & Preventive Dentistry successfully conducted an extensive Oral Health Outreach Campaign for underprivileged school children, setting a record for the Largest Oral Health Outreach Program. For this remarkable achievement, she was honoured with the *Asia Book of Records 2025*.

The campaign benefitted 20,477 underprivileged children, focusing on oral health awareness, preventive care, and education.



Dr. Sathyajith Naik N. Principal, Professor & Head, Institute of Dental Sciences (IDS), Bareilly, received *Best Performer Award by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India*, for the outstanding performance for World Oral Health Day 2025. The award was presented by Dr. Sunitha Sharma, In-Charge President, Dental Council of India, DGHS.



Under the visionary guidance of Dr. Sathyajith Naik N, Principal, Professor & Head, Department of Paediatric & Preventive Dentistry, Institute of Dental Sciences (IDS), Bareilly, the institute successfully conducted extensive oral health outreach camps, significantly impacting community oral health awareness and preventive care among school children. In recognition of these sustained efforts, **Dr. Sathyajith Naik N.** was honoured with a **Certificate of Appreciation** by Dr. Gabi Kaspo, President, **Pierre Fauchard Academy International** at the *39th Annual Convocation and award ceremony of the Pierre Fauchard Academy (India Section) held on 13th December 2025*, at Hotel Le Meridian, New Delhi.



Dr. M. S. Saravanakumar, Professor and Head, has been honored with **India Book of Records** for delivering the maximum number of guest lectures on pediatric tongue-tie and laser dentistry by a single specialist. He has also received The **Icon Award** for Excellence in education, innovation in teaching at 50th global summit held on 15th dec 2025, New delhi. He has also got a textbook released on “**Silent Suffering – The hidden impact of tongue-tie on health and well being**”, focusing on tongue-tie, which serves as a valuable resource highlighting early diagnosis, clinical implications, and evidence-based management.



Dr Sanchit Paul, Founder and Chief Pediatric Dentist, Tooth Tales, Greater Noida , India

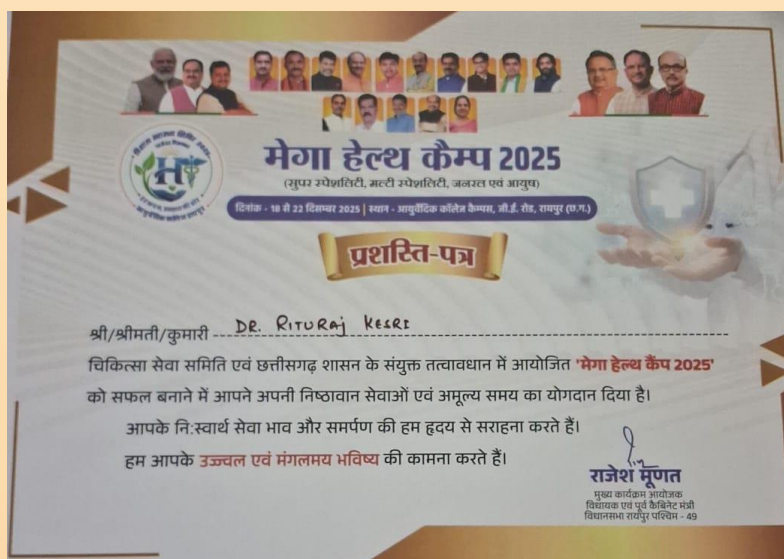


Dr. Dipanshu Kumar Honoured with IAPD Fellowship at 30th IAPD Congress

Dr. Dipanshu Kumar working as an Assistant Professor, Dentistry, AIIMS, Gorakhpur (UP) was conferred with the prestigious **IAPD Fellowship** at the **30th International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD)** Congress, held from 22nd–25th October 2025 in Cape Town, South Africa. This recognition reflects his sustained academic contributions and commitment to advancing paediatric oral health.

In addition to this honour, Dr. Kumar also presented his scientific work at the same congress, focusing on the role of probiotic lozenges in modulating the salivary ecosystem, with particular emphasis on their impact on cariogenic microorganisms.

Dr K. Siva Shankar, Reader at **Sibar Institute of Dental Sciences, Guntur**, has been awarded a 2025 ICMR Small Extramural Grant (220 IIRPSG-2025- 01-03292). this grant has been awarded for his research proposal titled **AI-Integrated Mobile Health Platform for Early Screening, Risk Stratification, and Intervention in Tobacco Users,'** aiming to address the significant burden of oral cancer and lung disease in India."



Dr. Rituraj Kesri, Professor & HOD, Shri Balaji Institute of Dental Sciences, Raipur, Chhattisgarh Awarded by the Honorable Speaker of Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Dr. Raman Singh, and Deputy Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh State Mr. Arun Sao for Scientific Session conducted in the Chhattisgarh State IDA Conference held at Raipur, Chhattisgarh. He headed the team of Doctors in Mega Health Camp. Over 03 lakh patients reported to the camp out of which dental patients were reported to be approximately 56000. Free basic dental procedure including oral prophylaxis, fluoride application, pit and fissure sealants for children and anticipatory guidance for parents, were provided.





Dr. Saima Yunus Khan, Professor and Chairperson, Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Dental College, Aligarh Muslim University, **delivered an impactful lecture titled “Milk Teeth Matter: An Insight into Early Childhood Caries”** at the Indian Dental Association Uttar Pradesh State CDE program held at the Aligarh Club on 16 November 2025.

Addressing dental practitioners, postgraduate students, and public health professionals, Dr. Saima highlighted the alarming burden of Early Childhood Caries (ECC) in India and its adverse effects on nutrition, growth, school attendance, and overall development. A major highlight of the session was the evidence-based Indian Caries Risk Assessment Tool, developed by her and copyrighted under the Government of India.



Dr. Seema Deshmukh, Professor, JSS Dental College & Hospital was awarded 2nd Best paper award for her scientific presentation titled “Development, validation and Implementation of Immersive learning based toolkit: A mixed method study” in the VIDYEN 3.0 conference 2025, The innovative approach of immersive learning, strong impact on healthcare education, and well-documented results that demonstrated the effectiveness of this novel tool for education.

Ironman – 4th time

Dr Rupesh Suresh, Successfully completed the **Ironman triathlon** at **calella, Barcelona**, spain on October 5th 2025 comprising 4 km sea swim, 180 km cycling and 42 km run in 13 hours 8 minutes. Finished fastest among the Indian contingent of 17 athletes. This is the fourth Ironman race that he has completed the first three being at Estonia (2022), sweden (2023), italy (2024)



From Clinics to Crown – A Journey of Purpose and Possibility



Dr Dimple Padaawe, Dean, Government Dental College & Hospital, Mumbai, was crowned as **Mrs India 2025** winner

At the age of 53, as a mother of two adult daughters, winning **Mrs India 2025** brought her a very different kind of pride. It was not merely about wearing a crown, but about proving that no age, role, or responsibility can limit a woman who chooses to believe in herself. Standing on that stage, she carried with her the confidence of every woman who has ever been told that her time has passed.



Dr. Brinda Suhas Godhi, Reader at JSS Dental College & Hospital, JSSAHER, Mysuru, was honored with the **ICON AWARD** by the Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry (ISPPD) at national conference . This prestigious recognition highlights her remarkable contributions, exceptional dedication, and outstanding talent beyond Pediatric dentistry. She was recognised as the first lady dentist to cycle from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, spreading oral health awareness among children and rural communities across India. The award acknowledges that through her commitment and unique abilities, she has not only achieved personal excellence but has also set an inspiring benchmark for others



Beyond academics and clinical care, **Dr Ritesh Kalaskar**, Professor and HOD, GDCH Nagpur, celebrated a notable sports achievement, emerging as the **winner** at the **Vidarbha** level in both the NOB-2 League held on 14th December 2025 and the **Swaraj Badminton Tournament** on 30th November 2025, highlighting excellence in athletic performance and sports-oriented well-being.

Student achievements



Miss Aditi Gandhewar, Sharad Pawar Dental College and Hospital Datta Meghe Institute of Higher Education and Research (Deemed to be University), Wardha Intern, received the **“Student Merit Award 2024”** during 46th ISPPD National Conference – 2025 “PEDODHAM” at Shiksha ‘O’ Anusandhan Deemed University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on date 21.11.2025.



Miss Janvi Tote, Intern, Sharad Pawar Dental College and Hospital Datta Meghe Institute of Higher Education and Research (Deemed to be University), Wardha received **Consolation prize** in ISPPD National Level Essay competition 2025. She had submitted essay on “Pediatric Dentistry as a Career Option” under UG category. She was awarded by ISPPD during 46th ISPPD National Conference – 2025 “PEDODHAM” at Shiksha ‘O’ Anusandhan Deemed University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha held from 20 to 22nd November 2025.



Srm Dental College, Ramapuram have won laurels

Dr. Charanya S (II MDS) – 1st Prize, Best Paper Presentation, *National Dental Summit 3.0*

Dr. S. Darshana (III MDS) – 1st Prize, Best Paper Presentation, *FOM 2.0 – Excel & Educate, International Medical Conference 2025*

Dr. D. Swethaa (I MDS) – 3rd Prize, Best Paper Presentation, *PEDO PULSE 2025*

In addition, our original research article, “*Comparative Evaluation of Remineralization Efficacy of a Novel Proanthocyanidin Biovarnish with Fluoride Varnish on Primary Teeth: An In Vitro Study*” funded by **ISPPD Research Grant** was published, furthering evidence-based pediatric dental practice.

At SRM Dental College, our department organized impactful academic and outreach programs. **PEDO QUICK RECAP 2025** provided intensive, exam-oriented revision.

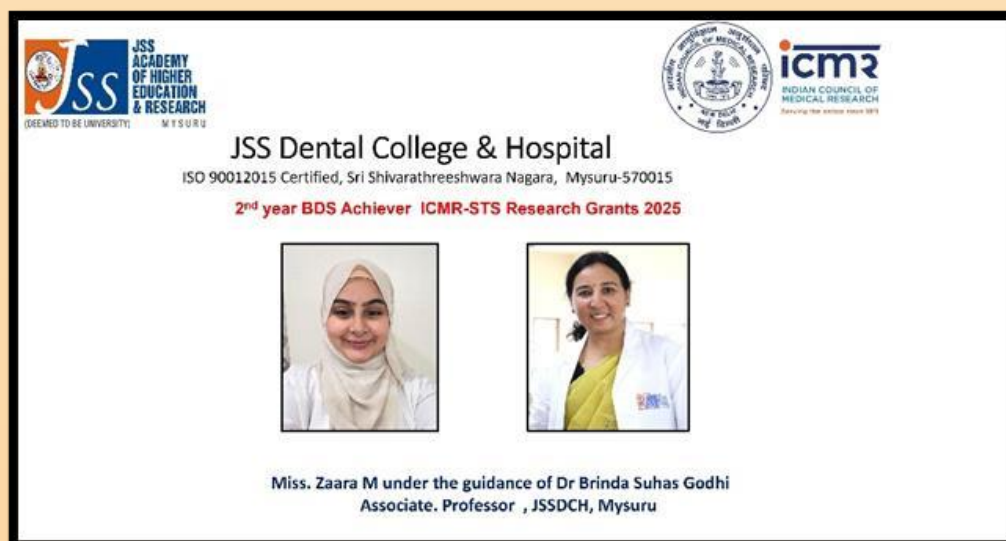


KHANDESH KANYA AWARD 2025

In recognition of the exceptional contribution to community service and public health, **Dr Vidhina B Patil , JR 3 ,,** Institute Of Dental Sciences, Bareilly was honoured with the prestigious “***Khandesh Kanya Award***” by the Honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra.



Mr. **Hardik Yadav**, II Year BDS student, Manipal College of Dental Sciences (MCODS), Manipal, has been awarded the **ICMR Short-Term Studentship (STS) Grant 2025** with a funding support of **₹60,000**. The research project is titled: **“Development, Validation and Reliability of the Novel TEDDY (Tool for Expressing and Determining Dental Fear and Anxiety in Young Children) Scale.”** The project is guided by Dr. Nithya Annie Thomas, Reader, Department of Pediatric & Preventive Dentistry, Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Manipal



Ms. Zaara 2nd yr BDS Student received ICMR STS Grant 2025 under the guidance of **Dr. Brinda Suhas Godhi**, Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, JSS Dental College & Hospital, JSS AHER, Mysuru. The student has been granted Rs. 60,000/- for the same.



Dr. Resham Payak, JR 2, Institute of Dental Sciences, Bareilly, has been honoured with the Dr. R. Ahmed National Student Award in the Excellence in Sports category by the Indian Dental Association (IDA). With over 100 certificates of achievement in different areas, Dr. Payak exemplifies dedication, discipline, and holistic excellence, inspiring students to pursue success beyond academics



Dr. Razya Rahim Sheikh was awarded a Merit Certificate by the University of Kashmir for securing Distinction and First Position in the Master of Dental Surgery (MDS) in Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry.

This academic achievement reflects consistent excellence in postgraduate training, clinical proficiency, and scholarly performance in the specialty of pediatric dentistry. Securing the first rank among peers underscores a strong commitment to academic rigor and professional growth.

DR R AHMED NATIONAL STUDENT AWARD 2025

Dr Vidhina Ujjwala Bapurao Patil, JR 3, Dept. Of Pediatric & Preventive Dentistry, Institute Of Dental Sciences, Bareilly was conferred with the prestigious *Dr. R. Ahmed National Student Award in the All-Rounder PG category*. The award, presented by the Indian Dental Association, recognises outstanding academic brilliance, commitment to continuous learning, and excellence in dental education and co-curricular pursuits.



Dental Awareness programs

Shri Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University



Dr Savreen Kaur Assistant Professor, Faculty of Dentistry, Shri Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University contributed as lead team member in the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan(UBA) under the aegis of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University (SGT university), Samajik Vikas SGT ka Prayas (SVSP), and IQAC in collaboration with government of India. This survey was between 12th September to 12th October 2025.

Kannur Dental College, Anjarakandy, Kannur, Kerala



Kannur Dental College, Anjarakandy, Kannur, Kerala has marked an important milestone in inclusive oral healthcare by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Special Olympics Bharat on 8th December 2025. The initiative, jointly led by the Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry and the Department of Public Health Dentistry of Kannur Dental College, aims to promote oral health awareness, preventive care, and improved access to dental services for athletes with intellectual disabilities. The collaboration envisions regular dental screening programs, oral health education initiatives, and student involvement, reflecting a shared commitment to social responsibility, equity, and compassionate care in dentistry.

Teerthankar Mahaveer Dental College



The Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry recently concluded an intensive four-day School Oral Health Programme at Wilsonia Scholar's Home, Pakbara, benefitting 1,848 students. Led by Dr. Sonali Garg, Dr. Wajahat Ali, Dr. Ipika Jain, Dr. Nikita, and Dr. Mayuk Chattopadhyay, the camp combined clinical intervention with advanced health education. Along with oral screening, topical fluoride applications, and pit and fissure sealants, the team conducted in-depth awareness sessions. To ensure sustainability, WhatsApp groups involving parents, teachers, and doctors were created for live monitoring.



Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, Teerthankar Mahaveer Dental College, Moradabad organised a free Dental Health camp across schools and towns of Moradabad. A total of around 800 children aged 3-17 years were screened and provided with preventive dental treatment. Proper Brushing technique was taught to all the children. Diet counselling was done for those with high caries risk.

Sri Aurobindo College of Dentistry



Sri Aurobindo College of Dentistry, Sri Aurobindo University (SAU), Indore, commemorated Dentist's Day by organizing an Oral Health Screening Camp and Health Awareness Program at Royal Raman School, Indore, on 24th December 2025. The initiative aimed to promote holistic child wellness through oral health education and personal hygiene awareness. The camp was led by Professor **Dr. Binti Chand**, with the active involvement of postgraduate students. A comprehensive oral health screening was conducted for approximately 200 students across various classes. Oral hygiene kits were distributed to reinforce positive habits.



Government Dental College and Hospital, Nagpur



Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, **Government Dental College and Hospital, Nagpur**, continued to exemplify excellence in community service, academic leadership, child-friendly dentistry, and sports engagement during 2025.

On 9th October 2025, the department conducted a dental awareness and screening camp at A Plus Convent, Narsala, Nagpur, for children aged 3–6 years, where an innovative, interactive educational approach effectively promoted oral health awareness and encouraged positive behavioural change among children and parents



K M Shah Dental College and Hospital



Oral Health Awareness and Treatment Camp for Children of Bidada Village on 17th to 24th December 2025. A landmark Mega Oral Health Camp was successfully conducted recently by Shree Bidada Sarvodaya Trust in Bidada village, Kutch, Gujarat, reaching approximately 4,800 children and making a significant impact on community well-being. Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, **K M Shah Dental College and Hospital**, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University, Vadodara actively participated in the camp and rendered oral health check-up and treatment.

Children received comprehensive oral screenings, Oral Prophylaxis, fluoride applications, pit and fissure sealants, and early interventions aimed at preventing cavities and gum diseases, extractions, Pulp therapies, Full coverage crowns and space maintainers.



As part of continued commitment to community outreach and inclusive healthcare, a dedicated team of Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, K M Shah Dental College and Hospital, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University, Vadodara lead by Prof. Dr Pratik Kariya, in association with Special Smiles, Special Olympics Bharat successfully organized a Social Oral Health Awareness Camp for children with special abilities, held alongside an athletic games event designed especially for them on 11th and 12th December 2025.

Children's Day Celebrations

V. S Dental College and Hospital



The Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry at **V. S Dental College and Hospital** celebrated **Children's Day** with a vibrant jungle safari theme, creating a fun and friendly environment where children learned about oral health through games, storytelling, and themed activities.

JSS Dental College and Hospital



JSS Dental College and Hospital, Mysuru, celebrated Pedodontist Day 2025 with the theme "Interprofessional Integration for Healthy Smiles." A series of coordinated academic, community and outreach activities aimed at strengthening oral health awareness among children with interprofessional involvement was conducted. The celebration reflected the department's continued commitment to preventive dentistry and child-focused oral health promotion. Various outreach activities were conducted including gamified oral health education in preschools, guided dental tours for young children, peer-led oral health awareness and oral hygiene kit distributed to orphanages in Mysore.

Children's Day Celebrations

Sibar Institute of Dental Sciences



Sibar Institute of Dental Sciences, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, organised a series of Oral health screening and treatment camps from 6-11-25 to 28-11-25 at 10 different schools with the theme (Slogan) “Let's build healthy smiles together”. Along with school children, awareness sessions were organised for parents, teachers and special children regarding maintenance of proper oral hygiene, proper dietary habits and the importance of physical exercise as there has been an increased incidence of childhood obesity in recent times. Non-cariogenic snacks like fresh fruits, boiled eggs and hot milk were served as refreshments (instead of cakes and chocolates).

SRM Dental College



Future En Vue – Children's Day Celebration 2025 combined creativity and oral health education, engaging school children from five schools around Chennai through drawing competitions and preventive screenings. **PEDOLENS 2025** showcased innovative reels, memes, and photography, promoting paediatric oral health awareness in digital platform.

Bapuji Dental College and Hospital



Bapuji Dental College and Hospital, Davanagere, successfully organized the ISPPD Children's Day Week Celebration 2025 from 1st to 30th November 2025, in alignment with the objectives of the Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry. The program adopted the theme "One World, Special Smiles – Joy across Miles", which served as a unifying framework for a month-long series of educational, preventive, outreach and celebratory activities. The initiative focused on promoting equitable access to pediatric oral healthcare, with special emphasis on children with special health care needs and underserved populations. The department hosted a series of engaging and educational activities for children from Rashmi School like greeting card-making competition and various fun games. As a part of Outreach Programs for Children with Special Health Care Needs, several oral health screening camps were held from 25th to 29th November 2025 at Asha Kirana School, Ananya School for Autism, and Sankalpa School for Special Health Care Needs Children, reaching over 300 children and more than 140 parents, caregivers, teachers, and staff members.

Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Dental Sciences



The Gateway Program (October 9th–10th 2025), Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Dental Sciences hosted "Gateway-2025" a two-days mock practical examination for Pedodontics postgraduates across Tamil Nadu, including those from Saveetha, SRM, and Tamil Nadu Government Dental College participated in intensive evaluations of **pulpectomy and stainless-steel crown procedures**. Faculty experts conducted grand viva's and pedagogy presentations, providing critical feedback on instrumentation and time management to enhance clinical exam preparedness.

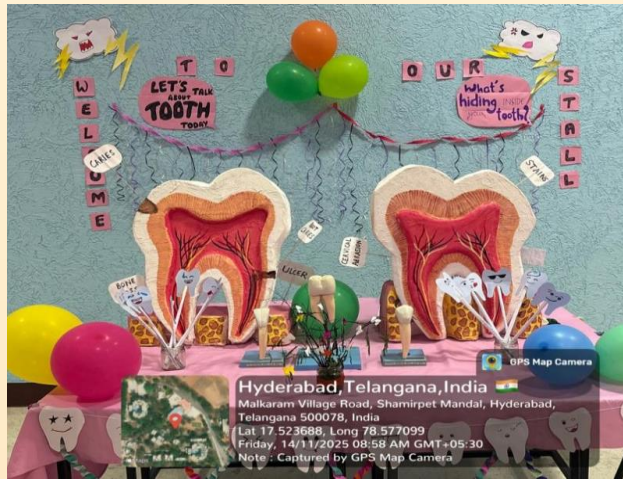
Children's Day & Pedodontists' Day Interactive Exhibitions: Displays on oral anatomy, dental caries, and hygiene for students from Karpaga Vinayaga Global School.

Educational Outreach: School visits included oral health workshops and specialized lectures on **sports dentistry** for teachers.

Engagement: Quizzes, games, and cultural activities fostered a fun learning environment for children and dental faculty alike.



Army College of Dental Sciences



The Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, Army College of Dental Sciences Secunderabad ,Telangana organized an Oral Health Exhibition and Children's Cultural Programme on 14th November 2025 at the college auditorium, as part of its continued efforts toward community-based Pediatric oral health promotion. The programme was conducted in the esteemed presence of the Principal Dr Mamta Kaushik Ma'am and the Registrar Col C B Prasad Sir, whose encouragement greatly strengthened the initiative. Students from three different schools actively participated in the programme. In addition to the educational activities, a free oral health screening camp was conducted on the same day, during which approximately 200 children were examined.

CDE PROGRAMS



Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry, **Bapuji Dental College and Hospital, Davanagere**, under the adept leadership of **Dr. Basappa N** (Professor and Head), **Dr. Chandrashekar Yavagal** (Professor, Organizing Secretary) and other faculty members of the department, successfully hosted a CDE programme titled **“Rainbow Smiles: Smile Spectrum Workshop”** on 8th October 2025. Dr. Jeet Naik, Co-founder of Rainbow Crowns, lectured on various preformed pediatric crowns ranging from Stainless steel to Zirconia and shared practical tips for enhanced pediatric restorations. Attendees actively participated in discussion during demonstration of preformed crown placement on teeth models.



Nitrous Oxide Sedation workshop, titled **“Noxperience: Unlocking the steps towards painless dentistry”** was organized by Bapuji Dental on 8th December 2025. The session led by Dr. Vaibhav Patni, Director of NOX Analgesia Solutions Pvt. Ltd., witnessed enthusiastic participation from 65 delegates, including interns, postgraduate students and dental professionals from SDM College of Dental Sciences, Dharwad; SJM Dental College and Hospital, Chitradurga and Bapuji Dental College and Hospital, Davanagere.



On 29th November 2025, Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, **Sibar Institute of Dental Sciences, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh** under the aegis of Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry conducted a one day workshop on aligner therapy with **Dr Rohan Bhatt MDS** as the resource person. The workshop is titled “” and included these following topics - History and evolution of Invisalign, Digital Invisalign Essentials: A Comprehensive Clinical Workflow and treatment planning, Biomechanics deep dive and troubleshooting, Case reviews; Real-world applications, Video demonstration, Practice growth strategies and patient communication. A total of 80 participants attended the program, which include postgraduate students, faculty members and general dental practitioners.





CDE and Hands on Workshop at Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, Rishiraj College of Dental Sciences and Research Center (LNCT group) Bhopal, successfully showcased a multifaceted Continuing Dental Education program on 10/11/2025 that integrated academics. Lecture & hands on BioFlx and pre fabricated space maintainers in association with kids e dental by Dr Deepesh prajapati. The program included an informative academic session on Bioflx crowns and Prefabricated Space Maintainers, highlighting their clinical indications, advantages, and role in Esthetic and functional rehabilitation of pediatric patients. The Smooth conduct of program was assisted by Dr Prachi Sijeria, Dr Ankit Pachori, Dr poorvesh singh thakur of institute. A Total 145 participants were attended CDE programe.





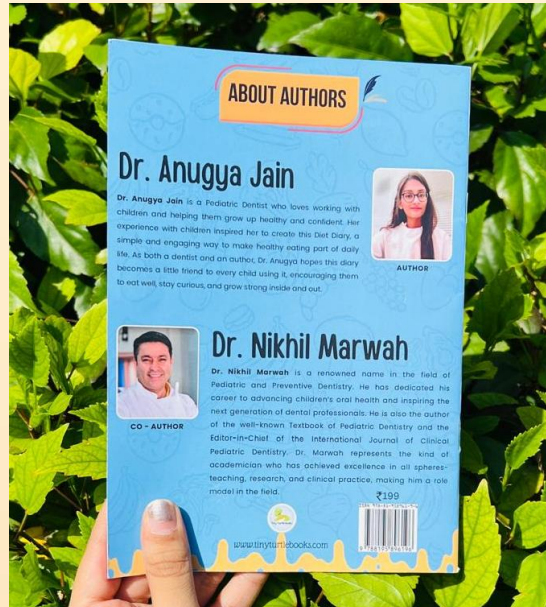
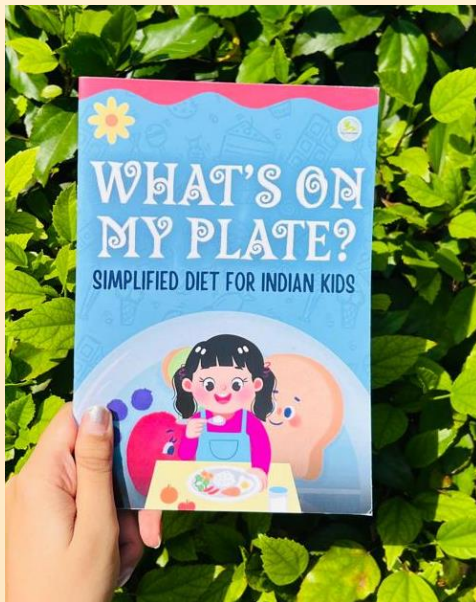
The Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, The Oxford Dental College conducted a CDE and Hands-on workshop on " **Management of Dentoalveolar trauma in children during the mixed dentition period**" for the postgraduates. **Dr Pushpalatha C**, Professor and Head Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, **M S Ramaiah Dental College and Hospital**, Ramaiah University of Allied Sciences, Bangalore was the resource person for the program. The aim of the CDE and hands-on workshop was to enhance the knowledge and clinical competence of postgraduates in the diagnosis, emergency care, and comprehensive management of dentoalveolar trauma in children during the mixed dentition period through evidence-based guidelines and practical training.



Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, **Sibar Institute of Dental Sciences**, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh organized a professional development session with lecture titled "**Painless to Pain-free Dentistry**" with **Dr Yusuf K Chunawala MDS**, Professor & Head Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry, M.A. Rangoonwala College of Dental Sciences & Research Centre, Pune as the resource person. A total of 80 postgraduate students, interns, and faculty members actively participated in the event. The session highlights advancements in local anaesthesia delivery systems, behavioural management strategies, and minimally invasive treatment approaches that enhance patient comfort and cooperation.

IN SPOTLIGHT

What's On My Plate? Simplified Diet For Indian Kids



Book Author- Dr. Anugya Jain

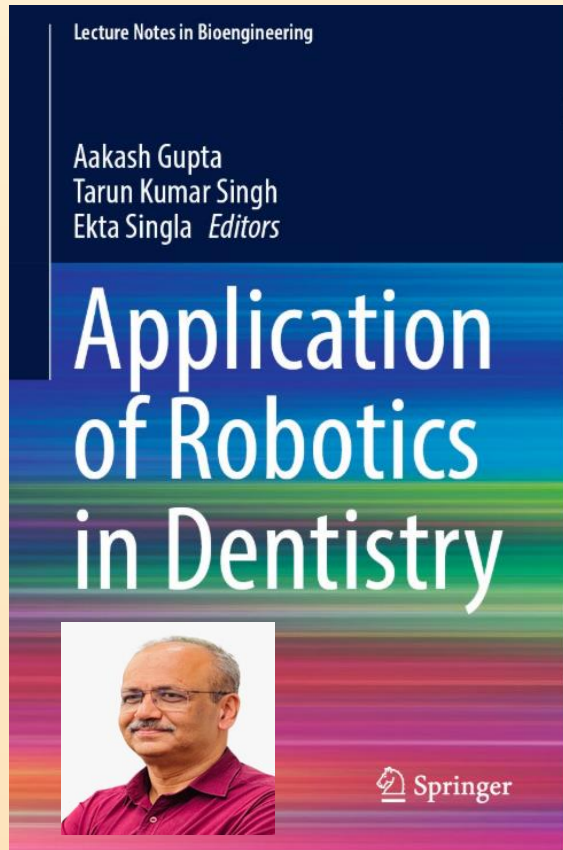
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About Book

What's on my Plate? is a blend of clinical insight and everyday practicality, covering what to eat, what to skip, and how to keep the fun in food while protecting those little pearly whites. This book spills all the secrets on what to eat, even for the fussy eaters! From smart, healthy swaps for those “cheat days” to tasty twists on your favourite Indian foods, it's your one-stop guide to fun, flavourful, and wholesome eating. This book is dedicated to every parent who turns brushing and eating into learning and every child discovering that healthy teeth begin with everyday choices. This book is approved by pediatric dentists and has been thoughtfully developed to meet the specific nutritional and oral health needs of Indian children. It addresses a significant gap in existing resources, as there is currently no structured and child-focused diet counseling guide in India that clearly explains appropriate dietary intake in relation to dental and overall health. By combining scientific guidance with practical, culturally relevant food choices, this book serves as a reliable tool for parents, caregivers, and dental professionals to promote healthy eating habits, prevent dental diseases, and support optimal growth and development in children.

Book Chapter on “Application of AI in Pedodontics” – Dr. Faizal C P

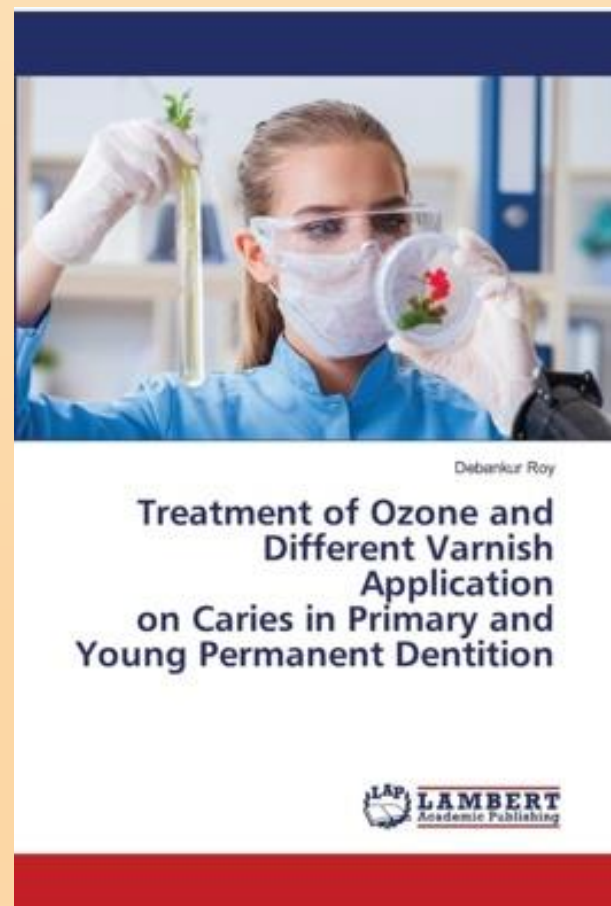


Dr . Faizal C. P., Professor and Head, Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, Kannur Dental College, Anjarakandy, Kannur, has authored a scholarly chapter titled “Application of AI in Pedodontics” in the Springer Nature published book Application of Robotics in Dentistry. The chapter explores the emerging role of artificial intelligence in pediatric dental care, highlighting its applications in diagnosis, behavior management, treatment planning, and preventive strategies.

Debankur Roy, Kolkata has published a book, ‘Treatment of Ozone and different varnish application on caries in Primary and young permanent dentition’ and it has been translated into five major world languages: English, Spanish, German, Persian, and Russian.

He has received an International Publication Award from Lambert Academic Publishing.

The various editions of the book are currently available through major global retailers, including Amazon and MoreBooks, making the research accessible to a worldwide audience.

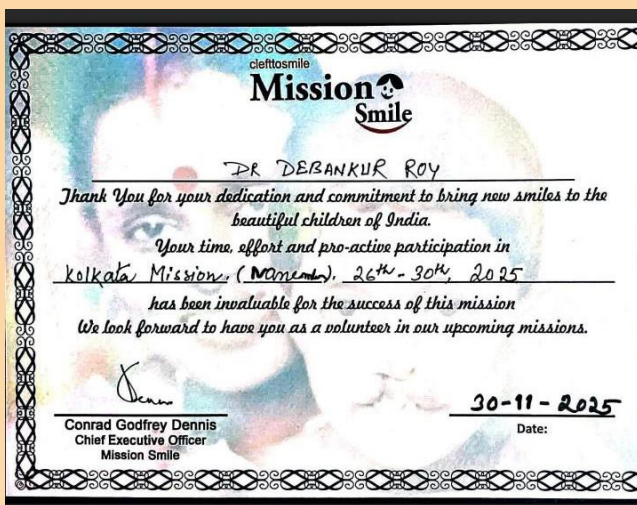




The article scripted by Dr Shreya S , Assistant Professor, Chettinad Dental College and Research Institute, Chennai titled “ occupational implications of fishing on oral health: a Systematic review and meta-analysis” has been accepted for High-resolution headshot publication by International Maritime Health



Role of Diet Counselling and Behaviour Management in Pediatric Dentistry: A Preventive and Transformative Approach by Dr Pooja Pani, Associate Professor, Awadh Dental College and Hospital. Diet counselling and behaviour management form the cornerstone of preventive pediatric dentistry. These non-invasive strategies not only address the etiological factors of dental diseases but also promote long-term oral health and positive dental attitudes among children. As a pediatric dentist, consistently observed that structured counselling alone can bring significant improvement in the oral health status and quality of life of pediatric patients.



Dr. Debankur Roy has conducted camps under mission Smile, for many families in remote regions of Bankura District. His work goes beyond the operating theatre. It is a mission of equity, bringing world-class surgical precision to those forgotten by the urban healthcare infrastructure. Mission smile's commitment to the "poorest of the poor" reflects a deep-seated belief that a child's geography or economic status should never determine their right to a healthy future.

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Sibar Institute of Dental Sciences



On the eve of Christmas, December 24, 2025, the **Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry** at the **Sibar Institute of Dental Sciences, Guntur**, organized a festive celebration designed to foster team spirit and cultivate a joyous atmosphere. The event aimed to strengthen professional bonds among faculty and students while celebrating the season of giving and collaboration."

Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Dental Sciences



Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Dental Sciences concluded with festive joy as the department was decorated for **Christmas and New Year**. Pediatric patients received gifts from "Santa," while staffs and students engaged in "Secret Santa" and cake-cutting ceremonies on December 24th and 31st.

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