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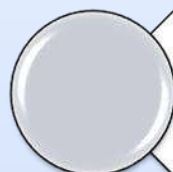
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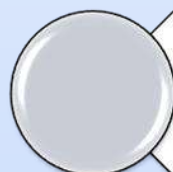
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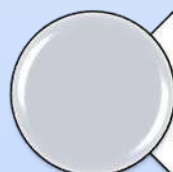
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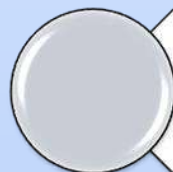
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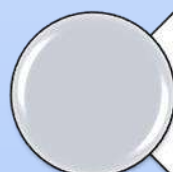
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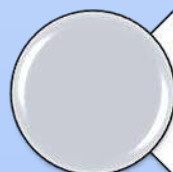
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About ISPPD

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

Dear Esteemed Members,

Warm greetings from the Indian Society of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry.

As we continue our journey of advancing pediatric oral healthcare, I am filled with pride in the remarkable progress our specialty has achieved and the collective commitment of our members.

Pediatric dentistry today stands at the intersection of innovation, evidence-based practice, and compassionate care.

Each year brings new opportunities to enhance the quality of care we provide, strengthen academic excellence, and positively influence the oral health of children across the country. The landscape of healthcare is evolving rapidly, and pediatric dentistry is at the forefront of this transformation. Artificial Intelligence (AI), digital dentistry, intraoral scanning, 3D printing, computer-assisted treatment planning, and teledentistry are no longer futuristic concepts but practical tools that are enhancing diagnosis, precision, efficiency, and patient communication. As clinicians and academicians, it is our responsibility to embrace these technologies while ensuring that they complement—not replace—the clinical judgement, empathy, and human touch that define our profession.

Equally encouraging is the growing emphasis on **minimal intervention dentistry**, preventive and risk-based caries management, regenerative approaches, and evidence-based clinical decision-making. These developments reinforce our philosophy of preserving natural tooth structure while promoting lifelong oral health. Early childhood caries prevention, silver diamine fluoride, selective caries removal, and individualized preventive strategies continue to redefine the standards of pediatric dental care worldwide.

The increasing focus on oral health within national public health initiatives presents significant opportunities for our specialty. Strengthening school oral health programs, integrating oral health into primary healthcare, promoting preventive awareness, and collaborating with pediatricians, family physicians, and other healthcare professionals can greatly improve children's overall health and well-being. As a professional society, ISPPD remains committed to supporting these efforts through education, advocacy, research, and community outreach. Sustainability is another emerging responsibility for our profession. As healthcare providers, we must adopt environmentally conscious practices by reducing waste, embracing digital workflows where appropriate, and using resources responsibly without compromising patient care. Together, we can contribute to a healthier planet while delivering the highest standards of clinical excellence.

The true strength of ISPPD lies in its members—our teachers, researchers, clinicians, postgraduate students, and young professionals who continue to elevate the standards of pediatric dentistry through dedication and innovation. Let us continue to foster collaboration, encourage high-quality research, mentor the next generation, and uphold the ethical values that define our profession.

As we embrace the opportunities before us, let us remember that no technology can replace the reassurance of a caring smile, the trust of a child, or the confidence of a parent. These human connections remain the heart of pediatric dentistry. Together, let us continue to innovate with purpose, serve with compassion, and strive for excellence in every aspect of our profession.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to ISPPD. I look forward to working with all of you as we shape a brighter future for our specialty and, most importantly, for the children we are privileged to serve.

With warm regards,

Dr. Sudhindra Baliga

President

Indian Society of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry (ISPPD)



FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S DESK



Dear Esteemed Members,

Warm greetings!

It gives me immense pleasure to present the **April–June 2026** issue of **ISPPD SmileTimes**, a reflection of the remarkable energy, commitment, and achievements of our vibrant pediatric dental fraternity.

The past quarter has been an eventful and productive one for our Society. From academic initiatives and continuing education programs to community outreach activities and international collaborations, ISPPD has continued to strengthen its commitment to excellence in pediatric and preventive dentistry. Every initiative undertaken during this period reflects our collective vision of advancing scientific knowledge while promoting optimal oral health for every child.

One of the highlights of this quarter has been the successful **ISPPD Midterm Congress 2026 in Pattaya, Thailand**, which brought together distinguished national and international faculty, enthusiastic delegates, and young researchers on a common platform for learning, collaboration, and professional growth. The overwhelming participation and academic excellence witnessed during the congress reaffirm the strength and global reach of our society.

As we move forward, preparations are already underway for the **47th National Conference of ISPPD**, scheduled to be held in **New Delhi**. I warmly invite every member to actively participate, contribute their scientific work, and make this flagship event another milestone in the history of our Society.

Our Society continues to evolve through several strategic initiatives aimed at strengthening education, governance, and professional development. These efforts are possible only because of the unwavering support and active participation of our members. I sincerely thank our President, Executive Committee, Editorial Board, organizing teams, volunteers, and every member who has contributed selflessly toward the growth of ISPPD.

SmileTimes is more than a newsletter—it is a chronicle of our journey, celebrating our achievements, recognizing excellence, and inspiring future innovations. I encourage all members, especially our young colleagues and postgraduate students, to continue sharing their accomplishments, research activities, outreach programs, and creative contributions for future editions.

Together, let us continue to uphold the values of professionalism, academic excellence, innovation, and compassionate care as we work toward our shared mission of creating healthier smiles and brighter futures for children.

Wishing you all continued success, good health, and many reasons to smile.

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 that we present the **April–June 2026** issue of our newsletter, a vibrant reflection of the dynamic and ever-evolving field of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry.

ISPPD Smile Times stands as a testament to our shared commitment, innovation, collaboration, and compassion. In this issue it features highlights of scientific programs organized by the Society in association with academic institutions, updates on the ISPPD Certificate Courses, and memorable moments from the ISPPD Midterm Congress.

One of the greatest strengths of our society lies in the remarkable accomplishments of its members. We are delighted to showcase the accolades, academic achievements, awards, and professional milestones of our members, celebrating their outstanding contributions to Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry. Every accomplishment featured in these pages reflects the dedication, excellence, and collective spirit that define ISPPD. In addition, this issue includes insights into emerging trends, information on upcoming conferences, and thought-provoking perspectives from both our young minds and seasoned professionals, reflecting the vibrancy and excellence of our professional community.

I am delighted to share these credentials and celebrate the successes of our members, whose work continues to inspire the entire pediatric dental fraternity. I warmly invite all our members to continue sharing their experiences, achievements, innovative ideas, and success stories with *Smile Times*. Your contributions not only enrich this publication but also motivate fellow colleagues, encourage young professionals, and strengthen our vibrant professional community.

Thank you for your continued support, trust, and enthusiasm.

Warm regards & Best wishes

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The MIDTERM ISPPD Congress–2026 held at Aiyara Grand Hotel & Resort, Pattaya, Thailand, from 24th June to 28th June 2026.

The **ISPPD Midterm Congress 2026**, organized in the vibrant coastal city of **Pattaya, Thailand**, from **24th to 28th June 2026**, was a grand success, bringing together members of the Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry (ISPPD) for an enriching blend of scientific learning, professional networking, and cultural experiences. The congress witnessed the enthusiastic participation of **60 Life Members** and **18 Student Members**, accompanied by their families, reflecting the growing spirit of collaboration and fellowship within the society.

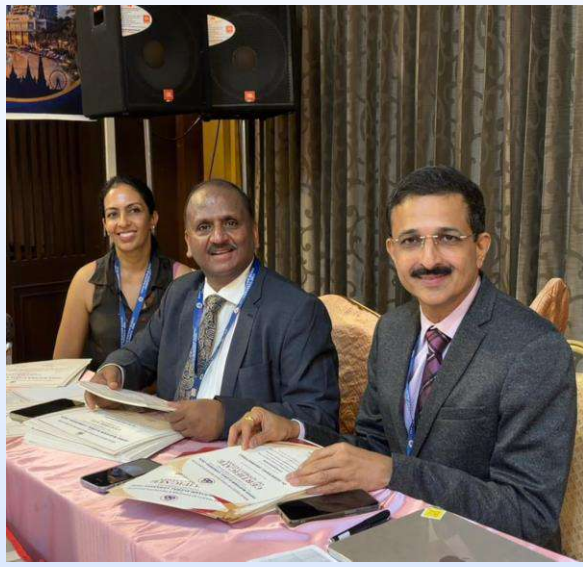
Designed around the theme "**Global Synergies in Pediatric Dentistry**," the congress served as an international platform for knowledge exchange, enabling delegates to engage with contemporary concepts, innovative research, and evolving clinical practices in pediatric dentistry. The scientific program was meticulously conceptualized and coordinated by the **Scientific Committee**, comprising **Dr. Rahul Hegde, Dr. Deepak P. Bhayya, Dr. Ramesh Krishnan, Dr. Laghna Gowda, Dr. Manoj Jaiswal, Dr. Chandan G. D. and Dr. Miral Mehta**. Their dedicated efforts culminated in a comprehensive one-and-a-half-day academic program that seamlessly integrated scientific presentations with invited expert lectures. The academic proceedings commenced with inspiring inaugural addresses by **Dr. Varinder Goyal, General Secretary, ISPPD**, and **Dr. Sudhindra Baliga, President, ISPPD**, who warmly welcomed the delegates and emphasized the importance of collaborations, continuous professional development, and research-driven clinical practice in advancing pediatric dentistry.

A major highlight of the congress was the presentation of **55 scientific papers** by Life Members and Student Members. The presentations reflected the high academic standards maintained by ISPPD members and covered a broad spectrum of contemporary topics, including preventive dentistry, minimally invasive treatment approaches, behavior management, dental traumatology, interceptive orthodontics, advances in biomaterials, regenerative therapies, and evidence-based clinical practices. The congress also provided valuable opportunities for networking and professional interaction.

Beyond the academic program, the organizing committee thoughtfully incorporated recreational and sightseeing activities that allowed delegates and their families to experience the natural beauty and cultural richness of Thailand. These memorable experiences provided the perfect balance between scientific engagement and leisure, enabling participants to unwind while creating lasting friendships and cherished memories.



Glimpses..



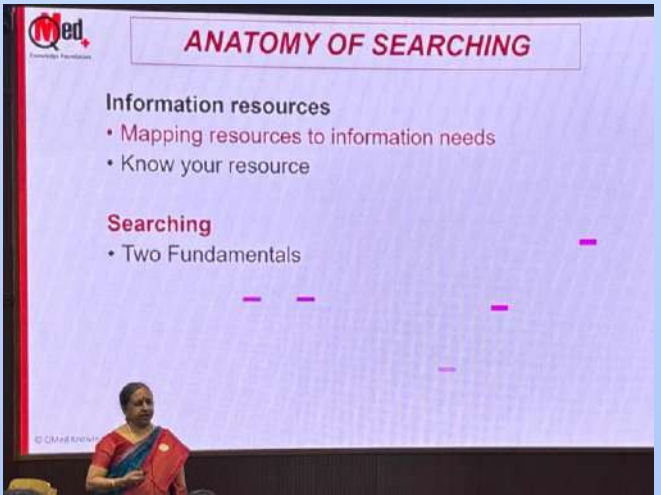
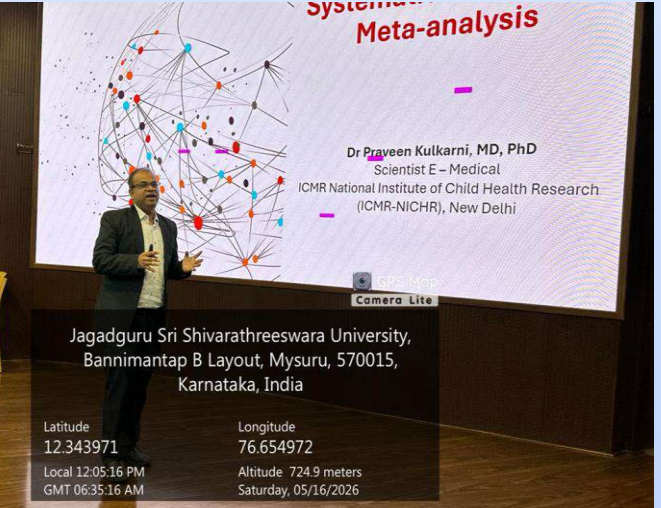
National Author–Reviewer Workshop 2026

The Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, JSS Dental College and Hospital, under JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru, in association with the Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry (ISPPD), successfully organized the **Author–Reviewer Workshop 2026** titled “**Academic Lens – Mastering Authorship and Peer Review**” on 15th and 16th May 2026 at JSS Dental College and Hospital, Mysuru.

The two-day workshop was conducted with the objective of enhancing knowledge and awareness among academicians, researchers, postgraduate students, and faculty members regarding scientific writing, manuscript preparation, publication ethics, and the peer-review process. The program was presided over by **Dr. Manjunatha B**, Registrar, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research. The Chief Guest, **Dr. Sudhindra Baliga**, President, Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry, highlighted the significance of quality research, scientific communication, and constructive peer review in strengthening evidence-based academic practice.

Dr. Dhakshaini M.R., Principal, JSS Dental College and Hospital, highlighted the importance of academic writing and commended the Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry for organizing the workshop. The workshop featured **10 eminent speakers** **Dr Sharath Asokan**, Dr. Suprabha B.S, Dr. Animesh Jain, Dr. Rashmi Nayak, Dr. Prashanth S. Dr. Arun Mamachan Xavier, Mrs. Vasumathi Sriganesh, Dr. Praveen Kulkarni, KM. Prathibha, and Dr. Neeraj Gugnani, delivering **13 expert sessions** on scientific writing, peer review, publication ethics, journal selection, systematic reviews, literature searching, statistics, manuscript preparation, and editors' expectations. Around **140 delegates** from institutions across Karnataka actively participated, benefiting from the highly interactive sessions. The programme was successfully coordinated by **Dr. Brinda Suhas Godhi**, Organizing Secretary and Executive Council Member, ISPPD, along with **Dr. Seema Deshmukh**, Treasurer, with the support of the organizing committee and postgraduate students.





Special Health Care Needs (Module 2)Batch 5

Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry (ISPPD) organized Module 2: Clinical and Skill Enhancement Programme on Special Health Care Needs (SHCN) Dentistry at Hotel Hyatt Centric, Hebbal, Bengaluru, on 23rd and 24th April 2026. The programme was conducted under the leadership of **Dr. Sudhindra Baliga, President, ISPPD** and **Dr. Virender Goyal, Secretary, ISPPD**. It was organized by **Dr. Mousumi Goswami**, Chief Co ordinator with the support of **Dr. Kavita Rai, Dr. Kunal Gupta and Dr. Premila Naidu**. A total of 41 faculty & postgraduate students participated in the two-day programme, which combined scientific lectures with simulation-based training to strengthen clinical skills in the management of children with Special Health Care Needs.

The scientific sessions covered key aspects of SHCN dentistry, including special care clinic design, identification of genetic syndromes through dental examination, autism and sensory processing, non-pharmacological behaviour guidance, communication with parents and caregivers, and various sedation techniques, including oral, nitrous oxide, buccal, intranasal sedation, and general anesthesia. Emergency management topics such as anaphylaxis and allergies were also discussed. A special interactive session featuring the mother of a child with Pierre Robin Sequence provided valuable insights into family-centred care, emphasizing empathy and multidisciplinary management. The programme concluded with simulation-based hands-on workshops on airway management and endotracheal intubation, anaphylaxis management, sensory-friendly dental operatory design, and management of epileptic seizures in the dental setting. These practical sessions reinforced the scientific lectures by enhancing participants' clinical skills in managing children with Special Health Care Needs. An MCQ-based assessment marked the successful completion of Module 2, equipping postgraduate students with evidence-based knowledge and practical competencies essential for comprehensive SHCN dental care.



APIOC 0.1'25 Module 3 at New Delhi

Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry (ISPPD) successfully conducted **Module 3 of the APIOC 0.1'25 Certificate Course** from **29th–31st May 2026** at **Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences (MAIDS), New Delhi**. This intensive three-day, in-person module marked another important milestone in the Advanced Preventive and Interceptive Orthodontics Certificate Course, bringing together pediatric dentists from across the country for an enriching academic experience.

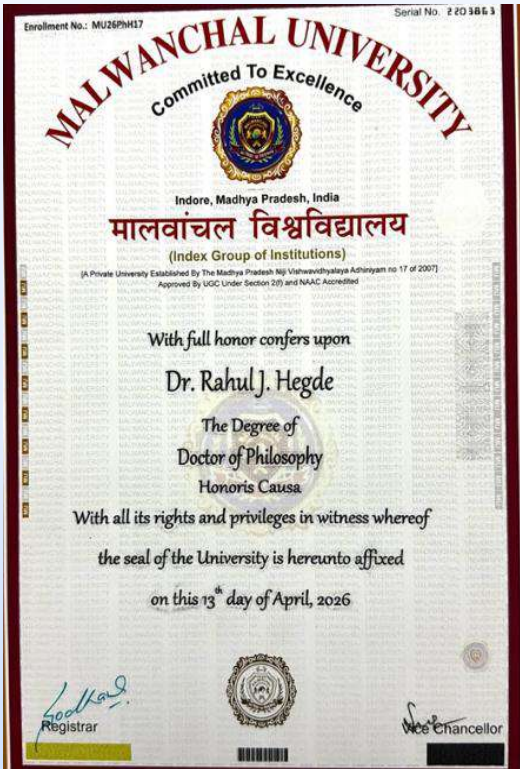
The module featured evidence-based lectures, interactive discussions, case-based learning, and hands-on sessions covering early management of Class II and III malocclusions, myofunctional therapy, 2×4 appliance systems, aligner biomechanics, digital workflow, and treatment planning. Participants actively engaged with distinguished faculty, enhancing both their theoretical understanding and clinical skills.

The APIOC team extends its heartfelt gratitude to Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences (MAIDS), New Delhi, for graciously hosting the program. The exceptional hospitality, and meticulous organizational support provided by the Dept. of Pediatric Dentistry, MAIDS administration, faculty, and staff were instrumental in making the event a grand success. Special appreciation was extended to the APIOC Program Director, Co-Director, Coordinators, distinguished faculty members, organizing team, and every participant whose dedication and enthusiasm made Module 3 a memorable academic event.

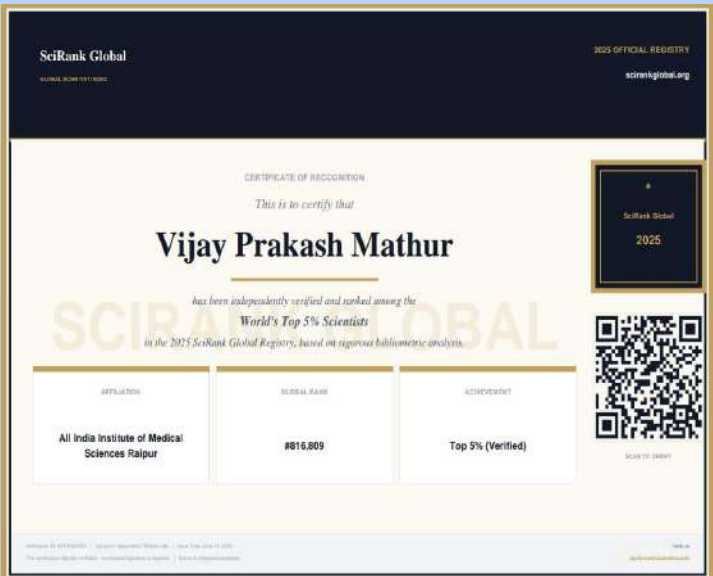


AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations...



Prof. Dr Rahul J. Hegde was conferred the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris Causa) by Malwanchal University, Indore, in recognition of his distinguished contribution and dedication to the dental profession and education. The honour was bestowed upon him by Hon. Dr Abhijat Chandrakant Sheth, Chairman, National Medical Commission (NMC). This prestigious recognition marks another significant milestone in Prof. Hegde's remarkable academic journey, sixteen years after earning his first PhD from Bharati Vidyapeeth. A committed academician and educator, Prof. Hegde continues to take dental education forward through academic leadership, innovation, and his enduring commitment to shaping future generations of dental professionals.



Dr Vijay Prakash Mathur, Professor , Pediatric Dentistry , AIIMS New Delhi, has been ranked among the world's top 5 % Scientists in the 2025 SciRank Global Registry based on rigorous bibliometric analysis.



Dr. Gyanendra Kumar, Professor (SAG), Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Science New Delhi has been selected as Member of Dental Advisory council, National Dental commission (NDC).



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Team of **Pediatric Dentist** who have been nominated to the **Special Advisory Group (SAG)** under the **National Dental Commission (NDC)**. They will be contributing for the development of the curricula for the various dentistry programs. We extend our best wishes to the team.

Dr. Nitesh Tewari was awarded with the prestigious **Tsukiboshi Award** for best research in **Dental Traumatology 2026** by the **International Association of Dental Traumatology**. He was appointed as a resource person for fellowship examinations of International Association of Pediatric Dentistry. Two of his articles in Dental Traumatology Journal were recognized as the most cited articles of 2024-25. He was appointed as an associate editor of the Brazilian Oral Research (Official Journal of IADR-Brazilian Division). He lectured for the Dental Trauma Guide in dental trauma congress in Cairo, Egypt and recently delivered a keynote lecture on primary tooth trauma in the 18th Congress of European Academy of Pediatric Dentistry on 3rd July 2026 in Liverpool, United Kingdom.



Dr. Laghna Gowda, Head of Department, MR ADC, Bangalore served as an Academic Council Member, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bangalore from June 2025-2026.



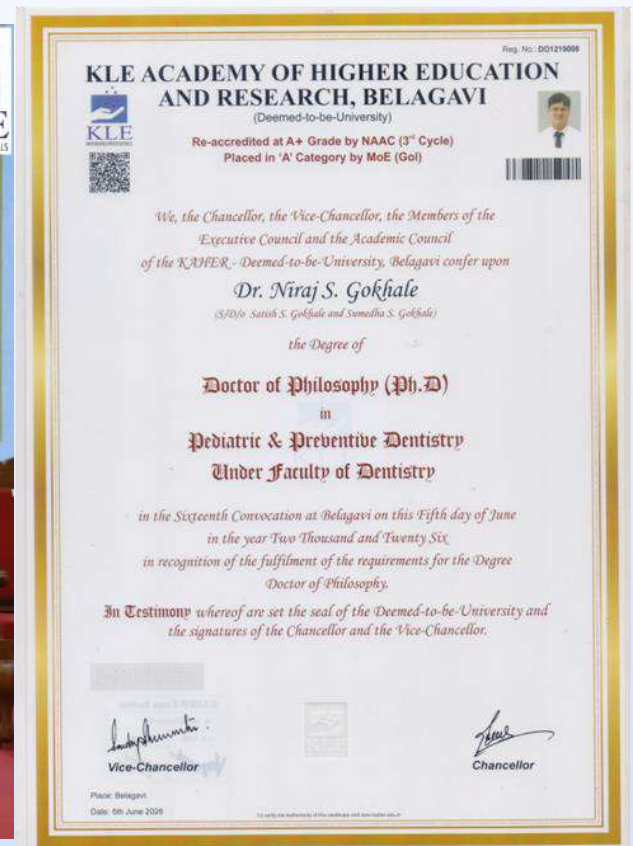
Dr. Sathyajith Naik N, Principal, Professor and Head, Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry at the Institute of Dental Sciences, Bareilly, was conferred the prestigious **Academic Leadership Award** during the **International Conference on Emerging Trends in Contemporary Dentistry**, held on 11 April 2026 at **Teerthanker Mahaveer University, Moradabad**. The award recognizes outstanding leadership and sustained contributions to dental education, academic excellence, research, institutional development, and professional mentorship.



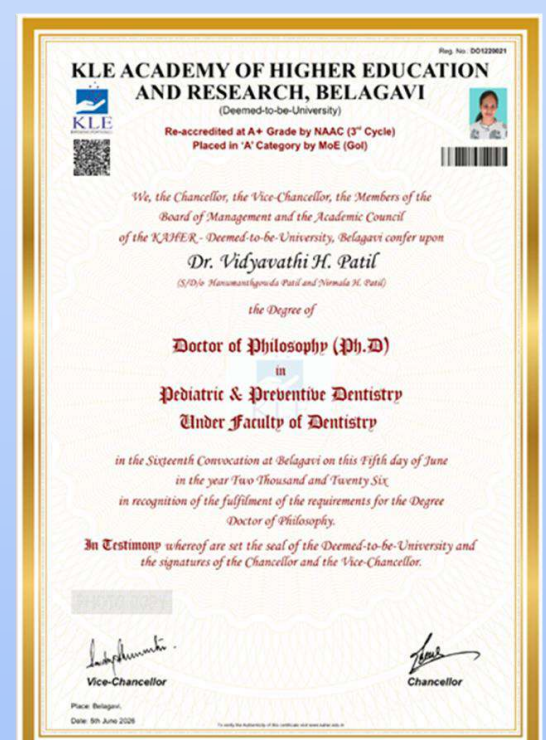
Dr. Seema Deshmukh, Professor, Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, JSS Dental College & Hospital, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, has successfully completed the prestigious **FAIMER Fellowship** through the **PSG FAIMER Regional Institute, Coimbatore**. The fellowship is an internationally recognized program aimed at nurturing excellence in health professions education, educational leadership, and research. As part of the fellowship, she developed and implemented an innovative immersive learning project integrating virtual reality into dental education, reinforcing her commitment to advancing educational innovation and enhancing student learning experiences.



Prof. Dr. Vasundhara Pathania, Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry, **Himachal Dental College and Hospital, Sundernagar, Himachal Pradesh**, was felicitated by the **Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh, His Excellency Shri Kavinder Gupta**, during the Prize Distribution Ceremony held on **6 May 2026**. She was honoured as the **Best Faculty for Overall Activities** in recognition of her outstanding contributions to institutional development, academic excellence, research, extension activities, and community service. The award reflects her sustained commitment to advancing the institution's academic and service mission.



Dr. Niraj S. Gokhale Professor, Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry KLE VK Institute of Dental Sciences, was conferred with Ph.D. Degree By the KLE ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH in the 16th Convocation of the University held on 5th June 2026. The research project titled “**Management Of Dental Caries With Conventional And Audio-Distracton Behaviour Guidance Techniques In Children: A Randomized Clinical Study**” under the guidance of Dr. Shivayogi M. Hugar was submitted to the university for the award of the Ph.D. degree



Dr. Vidyavathi H. Patil Reader, Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry KLE VK Institute of Dental Sciences, was conferred with Ph.D. Degree By the KLE ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH in the 16th Convocation of the University held on 5th June 2026. The research project titled “**Comparison of Reframing and Tell Show Do Behavior Guidance Techniques in Comprehensive Management of Dental Caries in 6-12 Years Children: A Randomized Clinical Study**” under the guidance of Dr. Shivayogi M. Hugar was submitted to the university for the award of the Ph.D. degree.

Dr. Krishna V. Patil , Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) Dental College and Hospital, Dhankawadi, Pune, has been awarded a Ph.D. in *Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry* for his outstanding research work in the field of pediatric dental care and preventive oral health. The degree was conferred during the **27th Convocation Ceremony 2026** of Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), held on **Thursday, April 23, 2026** .

Dr. Krishna Patil successfully completed his doctoral research under the valuable guidance of **Dr. Pritam Shah**. His research work title was “Comparative Evaluation Of The Effectiveness Of An Artificial Intelligence Based Mobile Application With The Conventional Approach In The Management Of Child Behavior During Dental Treatment–A Randomized Control Trial.



Dr Tushar Pruthi, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatric and Preventive dentistry, Subharti Dental College, Swami Vivekanand Subharti University has received intramural grant of Rs 1,50,000/- from Swami Vivekananda Subharti university to the research project titled “A clinical study to evaluate the rate of root resorption of the primary molars obturated by combining different materials in different concentrations ::a comparative CBCT.

Dr Amol Patil, Chief Pediatric Dentist @- Smile Seed Dental Clinic, Associate Professor, at M A R D C, Pune have been appointed as an "Adjunct Faculty (Academic Fellow) at the Faculty of Dental Medicine, Universitas Airlangga, Surabaya, Indonesia", for the academic year 2026. This appointment provides an opportunity to contribute to academic teaching, international collaboration, and knowledge exchange in the field of Pediatric Dentistry.



Session 1				
Chairpersons:				
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1.	09:30 - 09:40 AM	F66	Dr. Shailja Singh	Effect of Polyethylene Fiber Reinforcement on the Fracture Endodontically Treated Teeth with Proximal Margin Loss: Comparative Study
2.	09:40 - 09:50 AM	F27	Dr. Sonali Saha	Understanding the Psychosocial Ramifications of Dental Trauma Injuries in Children
3.	09:50 - 10:00 AM	F20	Dr. Paras Mull Gehlot	Effect of Reporting Time on Periapical Index (PAI) Scores with Traumatic Dental Injury: A Hospital-Based Cross-Sectional Study
4.	10:00 - 10:10 AM	F52	Dr. Sumaiyya Saleem	From Avulsion to Survival: A Multicenter Retrospective Study on Determinants in Replanted Permanent Teeth in Adolescents
5.	10:10 - 10:20 AM	F89	Dr. Immaculate J. M.	An in vitro study assessing the penetration of intracoronary luting agent in a microleakage based on the sealant barriers in pulp preserving crowns
6.	10:20 - 10:30 AM	F90	Dr. Sushant Kumar	Translating Clinical Research into Practice: A Case Report



Dr. Sonali Saha, Professor & Director, Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, Sardar Patel Post Graduate Institute of Dental and Medical Sciences, Lucknow was awarded **Best Paper in the Faculty Paper Presentation** (Review category) reflecting her outstanding research aptitude and presentation skills in the 6th National Conference of the Indian Society of Dental Traumatology (ISDT), held from 9th to 11th April 2026 at Clarks Avadh, Lucknow, India. Dr. Sonali won Gold medal for overall Paper presentation (Review category)



Dr Sonali Saha has once again brought immense pride to the institution by receiving the **Highest Number of Publications Award** at the **Founders' Day Ceremony** for the **fourth consecutive year**. This remarkable milestone reflects her unwavering dedication to academic excellence and research.

Adding another feather to her cap, Dr Sonali Saha was also specially honoured for receiving the prestigious **Famdent Excellence in Dentistry Award** – Outstanding Dentist of the Year 2026, along with recognition for her other notable national achievements and accolades.



Dr. Nagaveni NB, is a Professor from the College of Dental Sciences, Davangere, Karnataka, India. She has been awarded the "Gold Medal" under “Overall Case Report Category” in the “Indian Society of Dental Traumatology” (ISDT) National Conference, Organised by FODS, King George’s Medical University (KGMU), Lucknow which was held on 9th to 11th April, 2026. She has also achieved 1st place in best scientific research paper presentation for the Case Report Research paper entitled “Successful Management of Traumatized, Immature Necrotic Permanent Teeth in Children – Case Series.”



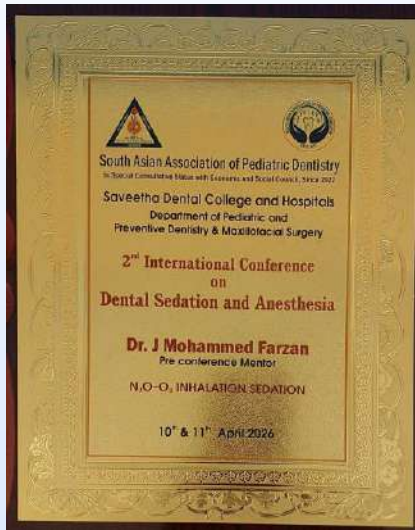
Dr. Sheetal Dilip Badnaware, Assistant Professor, Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, Faculty of Dental Sciences, Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS), Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, has been awarded the **Gold Medal** in the **Faculty Original Research/Review Poster** category at the **6th National Conference of the Indian Society of Dental Traumatology (ISDT)**, held from **9–11 April 2026** in Lucknow. This remarkable achievement reflects Dr. Sheetal Badnaware's dedication to excellence in research, academics, and clinical practice. It also underscores his commitment to advancing preventive dental care and creating greater awareness about the importance of timely diagnosis and appropriate management of traumatic dental injuries.



Dr. Sumaiyya S, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, was honored with the Gold Medal for Overall Best Original Research at the 6th National Conference of the Indian Society of Dental Traumatology (ISDT) held in Lucknow from 9th–11th April 2026. The award recognized her original research titled "Prognostic Factors Influencing the Outcome of Reimplanted Avulsed Permanent Teeth: A Retrospective Study. The study evaluated clinical, patient-related, and treatment-related variables affecting the long-term survival and prognosis of replanted avulsed teeth. By identifying key predictors of treatment success, the research addresses important evidence gaps in dental traumatology and provides clinically relevant insights to guide decision-making and improve patient outcomes. This prestigious recognition reflects



Dr. Shivangi Sharma ,Professor ,IDS ,Bareilly. received IDA Smileverse Award at IDDC 2026 in the "Most Innovative Dental Content" category during the 3rd International Digital Dentistry Congress (IDDC 2026) held at the Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai. Dr. Sharma received this national recognition for DnMe Squad, a pioneering new-age oral health literacy initiative that harnesses digital media, storytelling, music, and creative educational content to make oral health learning engaging, relatable, and impactful for today's generation. The initiative represents an innovative shift from conventional awareness campaigns to technology-driven, behaviour-focused health education, empowering children and families to adopt healthier oral health practices.



Dr. J. Mohammed Farzan, Professor and Head of the Department, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital served as a **Pre-conference Mentor** for the N_2O-O_2 Inhalation Sedation course at the **2nd International Conference on Dental Sedation and Anesthesia**, organized by the South Asian Association of Pediatric Dentistry (SAAPD) at Saveetha Dental College and Hospital on **10–11th April 2026**.



Dr J Mohammed Farzan, honored with a **Certificate of Appreciation** for delivering a guest lecture titled *"Decoding MIH – Spot it, Manage it, Save the Tooth"* at Adhiparasakthi Dental College and Hospital, Melmaruvathur, on **19th May 2026**.



Dr. Parisa Norouzi Baghkomeh, Associate Professor, was awarded the Runner-up Certificate of Achievement for her scientific paper titled "Silent Patient, Complete Care: Comprehensive Dental Rehabilitation in a Patient with Juvenile Alexander's Disease – A Case Report" at the 2nd International Conference on Dental Sedation and Anesthesia held on **10–11 April 2026**.



Dr. Kavita Dhinsa , Professor and Research & Innovation Coordinator, Saraswati Dental College & Hospital secured First Prize in the Faculty Paper Presentation, reflecting her academic excellence and research contributions at the 6th National Conference of the Indian Society of Dental Traumatology (ISDT) held from 9–11 April 2026. She was also felicitated for her contribution to the Emergency Management of Injured Tooth (EMIT) Pan-India Project 2025.



Dr. Kavita Dhinsa represented Saraswati Dental College & Hospital at the GIMS MedTech Hospital Demo Day 2026 and AI Startup Clinic – “AI for Doctors: From Doctors” held at the Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS), Greater Noida. The event provided valuable insights into AI-driven healthcare opportunities.

She additionally represented her institute at the one-day "UP PROMOTE Pharma Council Workshop" organized at SGPGIMS, Lucknow, under the UPIMRAS initiative. The workshop focused on advancing research, innovation, and interdisciplinary collaboration in healthcare.



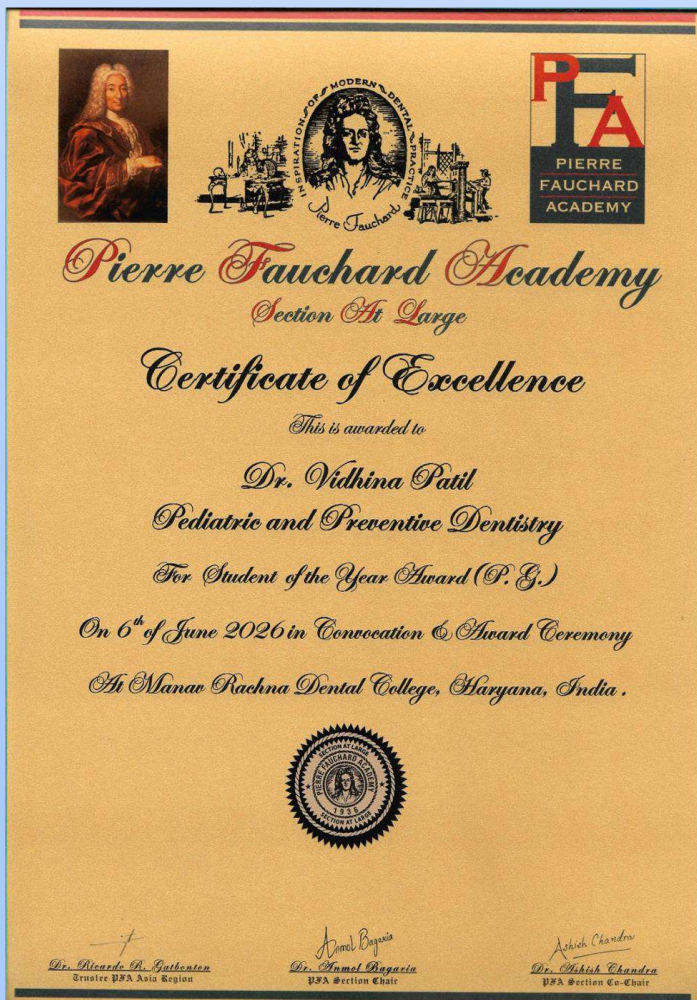
Dr. Rashi Gupta, MDS (Pediatric & Preventive Dentistry), received recognition for her professional excellence, entrepreneurship, and commitment to community service. She was declared the winner of the **YiBE (Young Indians Bharat Entrepreneurship) Brand Blast Challenge 1.0**, organized by **Young Indians (Yi), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**, and was recognized for "**Exceptional Consistency & Storytelling**" among 250 entrepreneurs for creating impactful healthcare awareness through digital platforms. Dr. Gupta was also felicitated with a **Certificate of Appreciation** by **Prime Star Mercedes-Benz, Uttar Pradesh**, under the **#BeingBertha** initiative celebrating **140 Years of Innovation**, in recognition of her achievements and contribution to society.

Dr. Sonal Gupta, Professor and Head, Department of Paediatric and Preventive Dentistry, K.D. Dental College and Hospital, Mathura, was invited to deliver a Guest lecture on *Oral Sedation in Paediatric Dentistry*" at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, India.





Postgraduate students of Sharavathi Dental College & Hospital, Shivamoga participated in the South Asian Conference held in Chennai and secured **First and Second Prizes** in the **Paper Presentation** category. The award-winning presentations were: **First Prize:** *Effect of Salivary Biomarkers on Different Conscious Sedation Techniques: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis*. **Second Prize:** *Pediatric Obstructive Sleep Apnea: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis*



Dr. Vidhina UB Patil, from Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, Institute of Dental Sciences, Bareilly was conferred the prestigious **Student of the Year Award 2026 (Postgraduate Category)** during the **19th World Dental Sciences and Oral Health Conference and Pierre Fauchard Academy (PFA) Convocation and Awards Ceremony**, held on **6 June 2026** at Manav Rachna Dental College, Faridabad, Haryana.



Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, **Santosh Dental College and Hospital, Ghaziabad**, achieved significant academic recognition at the university level. The department received the **Highest Publication Award** in recognition of its outstanding contributions to scientific research and academic excellence. **Dr. Rishabh Solanki** was honoured with the **MDS Topper Award** and the **Best Outgoing Student Award** for his exceptional academic performance and overall excellence during his postgraduate training.



Global Representation at the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Annual Session 2026

Dr. Venkata Naga Sai Suma Tetta, alumna of the MDS programme (2020–2023) at Lenora Institute of Dental Sciences, represented Indian pediatric dentistry at the **American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Annual Session 2026**, held in Las Vegas, USA, from **May 21–24, 2026**.

She presented a scientific poster titled, *“Child-Centered Chemo-mechanical Caries Removal: A Split-mouth Evaluation of Two Minimally Invasive Agents,”* highlighting evidence-based approaches to minimally invasive caries management in children. The study evaluated two chemo-mechanical caries removal agents with a focus on enhancing patient comfort, reducing dental anxiety, and preserving healthy tooth structure, reflecting the principles of child-centred dental care.



Two short-term undergraduate research projects from the **Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, SIBAR Institute of Dental Sciences, Guntur**, have been approved for research grants by **Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh**, under its programme to promote research activities among undergraduate students. The approved projects are being undertaken by **Miss K. Hema Sri** and **Miss P. Sri Lakshmi**, final-year BDS students, under the guidance of **Dr. A. J. Sai Sankar**, Professor & Head, and **Dr. K. Pranitha**, Professor, Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry.



Dr. Parthipann J, 3rd year Postgraduate student, Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, **KSR Institute of Dental Science and Research**, mentored by **Dr. Sharath Asokan** and **Dr. Geethapriya P.R.**, won the **Best Performing Team (Paeds League)** award for **Idea Pitching** in the **Innovation, Design and Entrepreneurship (IDE) Bootcamp**, held from 11th to 15th May 2026, organized by the **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)**. Their project was on the development of a **Polyherbal Topical Anaesthetic Gel**.

Dental Awareness programs

Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry, Himachal Dental College and Hospital, Sundernagar, Himachal Pradesh,



Conducted a series of community oral health promotion programmes in collaboration with the **Public Health Department** and the **Indian Dental Association (IDA), Sundernagar Branch**. Outreach initiatives included oral health screening, awareness, and treatment camps at **Kullu District Jail** on **26 June 2026** and the **Come Back to Life De-addiction Centre, Mandi**, on **30 May 2026**. The department also played a key role in organizing activities during **World No Tobacco Day**, promoting tobacco cessation, oral cancer screening, and preventive oral healthcare, reaffirming its commitment to community engagement and public oral health.



Muskan Seva Abhiyan: Serving Smiles, Changing Lives

An initiative by **Dr. Priyank Sudani**, Exclusive Pediatric Dentist, Surat, Gujarat, has been providing free dental care to orphaned and underprivileged children since **2021**. Established with the vision of ensuring equitable access to oral healthcare, the initiative has benefited **more than 2,000 children** through preventive, restorative, emergency, and comprehensive dental treatment. The campaign is conducted on a larger scale every year on **12 May** as a day of community service, while free treatment for orphaned children continues throughout the year. Dr. Sudani envisions expanding **Muskan Seva Abhiyan** into a collaborative movement with the **Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry (ISPPD)** and pediatric dentists across the country to reach more underserved children and promote equitable access to quality oral healthcare.

Government Dental College and Hospital, Nagpur



Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, **Government Dental College and Hospital, Nagpur**, continued to uphold its vision of excellence in pediatric oral healthcare through a series of impactful initiatives in preventive outreach, academic innovation, and noteworthy achievements during April–June 2026. In April 2026, the department conducted a **Pit and Fissure Sealant Camp** at Chimur, Dongargaon and Chandrapur, delivering preventive dental care to schoolchildren while reinforcing the importance of early caries prevention and oral health education.



Oral Health Awareness and Dental Check-up Camps organised by, Dr. Z.A. Dental College and Hospital, Aligarh Muslim University



Dental Camp at ASRA



Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, **Dr. Z.A. Dental College and Hospital, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh**, organized two Oral Health Awareness and Dental Check-up Camps in April, 2026. The camps were conducted at Sultan Jahan School on 18th and 21st April, followed by an outreach programme at ASRA for Women, an NGO, on 30th April.

The initiatives were led by **Prof. Saima Yunus Khan** along with **Dr. Imam Azam, Dr. Mohammad Atif, Dr. Akhtar Ali, Dr. Sufain and Dr. Manish Kumar Singh**. The programmes benefited students from UKG to Class V at Sultan Jahan School and nearly 70 children associated with ASRA, along with teachers and staff members.

Interactive oral health education sessions emphasized the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene, proper toothbrushing techniques, healthy dietary practices, and the prevention of common dental diseases. Basic oral examinations and dental screenings were conducted, and individualized guidance was provided to participants regarding preventive care and the need for timely dental treatment.

Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Dental Sciences, Chengalpet, Tamil Nadu celebrated Global Parents Day 2026



On June 1, 2026, the Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry at Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Dental Sciences, Chengalpet, Tamil Nadu celebrated “Global Parents Day 2026” to honor families and promote oral health. The Pediatric Dental Department was festively decorated, hosting interactive games like block-stacking to create a welcoming, anxiety-free environment for young patients. Alongside the fun activities parents received valuable counselling on preventive dental care and early childhood oral hygiene practices from the faculty. The department’s dental team distributed handmade cards, customized gifts, and oral hygiene kits to appreciate the visiting families. This successful initiative beautifully strengthened community ties, reinforcing the institution’s commitment to positive, family-centered pediatric dental care.

Institute of Dental Sciences ,Bareilly Receives "Best Community Project of the Year" Award



The Institute of Dental Sciences achieved a significant milestone by receiving the prestigious **Best Community Project of the Year Award** at the **Indian Dental Excellence Awards 2026**, presented during the **19th World Dental Sciences and Oral Health Conference** Organized by the **Pierre Fauchard Academy (PFA)**, Asia Region, in collaboration with **Cynodont, India** held on **6 June 2026** at **Manav Rachna Dental College, Faridabad, Haryana**.

Institute of Dental Sciences. Honoured with “Rural Service Award”



The **Institute of Dental Sciences, Bareilly**, was honoured with the prestigious **Rural Service Award** at the **International Conference on Emerging Trends in Contemporary Dentistry**, held on **11 April 2026** at **Teerthanker Mahaveer University, Moradabad**, in recognition of its outstanding contribution to improving oral healthcare in rural communities.

World No Tobacco Day 2026 Awareness Program at Government Medical College, Chandigarh.



To commemorate World No Tobacco Day 2026, the **Department of Dentistry, Government Medical College & Hospital (GMCH), Sector 32, Chandigarh** organized a public awareness program at Government Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh. An informative talk on the ill effects of tobacco use was delivered by the doctors and the audience was educated about various tobacco cessation measures and the importance of quitting tobacco for a healthier life. Adding a personal perspective to the event, patients who had successfully overcome oral cancer shared their inspiring journeys of treatment, recovery and becoming cancer-free. They used this experience to motivate others to quit tobacco products to prevent cancer. A tooth brushing demonstration was also conducted to promote oral hygiene awareness among the attendees.

Safety Awareness Program



The **Department of Pediatric & Preventive Dentistry, Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Dental Sciences, Chengalpet, Tamil Nadu** recently organized a vital “**Safety Awareness Program**” on needle stick injury prevention for dental faculties, students, and dental assistants. The event featured distinguished Chief Guest Dr. Dhanapaul, M.D., Professor and Head of Microbiology at the Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences, Chennai. He provided attendees with invaluable insights into sharp-safety protocols, blood-borne pathogen risks, and essential post-exposure prophylaxis measures. The session included interactive demonstrations tailored to the dental team regarding safe injection practices and proper biomedical waste disposal. The program successfully concluded by equipping our dental healthcare community with the critical knowledge needed to maintain a safer clinical environment.

CDE PROGRAMS

SMBT Dental College and Hospital, Sangamner



The Department of Paediatric and Preventive Dentistry, SMBT Dental College and Hospital, Sangamner, successfully organized a Continuing Dental Education (CDE) program titled **“Two Essentials in Modern Practice: Pediatric Airway Dentistry and Mixed Dentition Aligners”** on **15th April 2026** . The program, conducted under the chairmanship of **Dr. Vinaya Kumar Kulkarni**, witnessed enthusiastic participation from **103** undergraduate, postgraduate students and faculty members.

The scientific session was delivered by **Dr. Deepesh Prajapati**, BDS, MDS, FIAPD who provided valuable insights into pediatric airway assessment, craniofacial growth, breathing patterns, and their impact on overall child development. He also discussed the principles, case selection, treatment planning, and clinical application of mixed dentition aligners for early orthodontic intervention.

A live demonstration on airway assessment and screening protocols, followed by practical sessions on aligner therapy, digital workflow, case documentation, treatment planning, and patient compliance, enriched the learning experience. Interactive case discussions enabled attendees to bridge theoretical concepts with practical application.

The program aimed to strengthen participants' diagnostic skills, improve clinical decision-making, and enhance communication with patients and parents regarding airway health and aligner therapy. **Dr. Kishor Patil** attended the event as the nominee of the Maharashtra State Dental Council (MSDC).

The CDE program successfully achieved its learning objectives by enhancing participants' knowledge of airway dentistry and mixed dentition aligners. It reinforced the importance of a holistic, patient-centered approach to pediatric dental care and reflected SMBT Dental College and Hospital's continued commitment to academic excellence and quality continuing professional education.

Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, Government Dental College and Hospital, Nagpur



Dr. Ritesh Kalaskar, Professor and Head of the Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, **Government Dental College and Hospital, Nagpur**, and RDC Chairman and his team organized the Systematic Review and Meta-analysis Workshop, held on 5th and 6th June 2026. The workshop provided participants with comprehensive training in evidence-based research methodology, strengthening their skills in critical appraisal, systematic review methodology, and scientific writing.

National Workshop - Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, Santosh Dental College & Hospital, Ghaziabad,



Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, Santosh Dental College & Hospital, Ghaziabad, organized a workshop on “Contemporary Caries Management: Integrating Evidence-Based Dentistry with Artificial Intelligence.” in hybrid mode under the visionary leadership of Our respected **CMD, Dr P Mahalingam Sir** and **Vice Chairman, Dr Santosh Mahalingam Sir** and the able guidance of **Vice Chancellor Dr. V.N. Mahalakshmi** and **Dean, Faculty of Dental Sciences Dr. Akshay Bhargava Sir**. The programme witnessed an overwhelming response, with 120 offline and online delegates (faculty and students) representing 25 cities across 14 states, alongside participation from 32 colleges. The workshop featured a series of lectures delivered by the eminent guest speaker **Dr. Neeraj Gugnani**, Professor, Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry, DAV Dental College, Yamuna Nagar, followed by an engaging hands-on session that effectively bridged theoretical knowledge with clinical application.

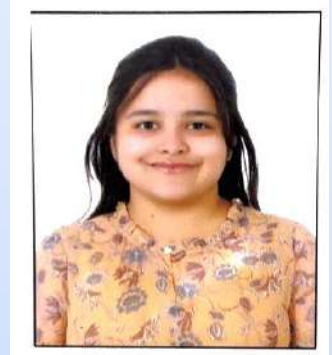
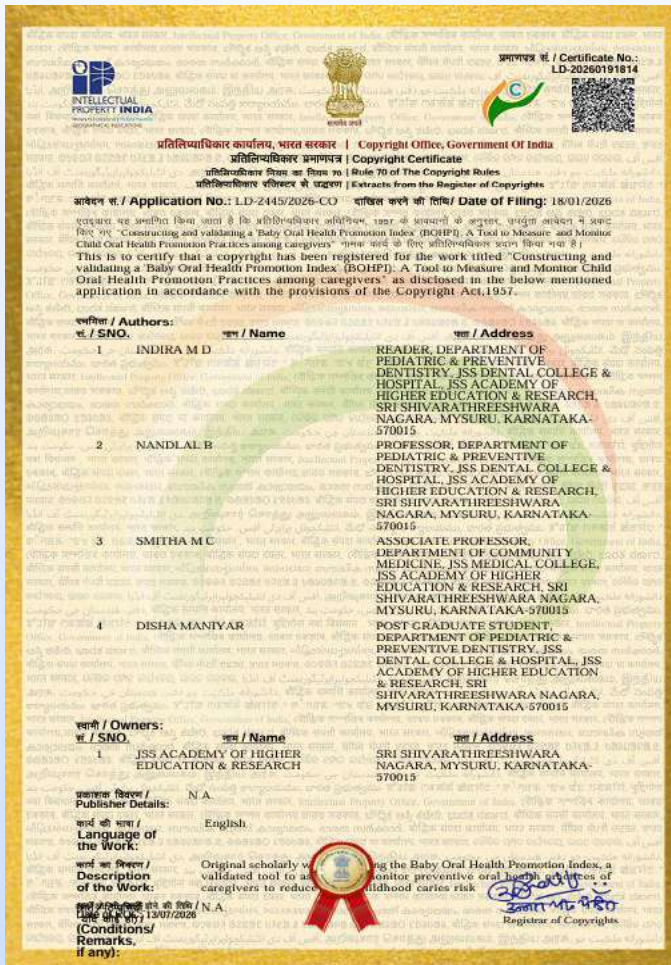
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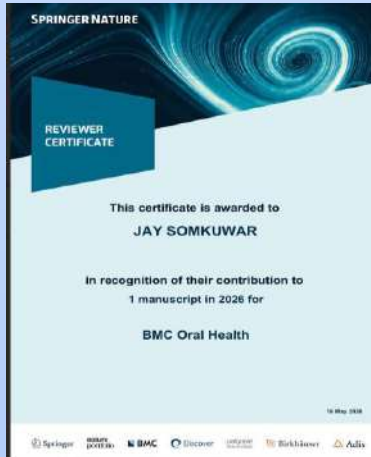
Dr. Aboli Dambare, MDS Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, Yogita Dental College , Ratnagiri



Dr Babita Niranjan- Prof & Head, Dr Prachi Siberia-Professor, Dr Ankit Pachori- Reader, Himachal Kolte- PG Student, Dept of Pediatric & Preventive dentistry, Rishiraj college of dental science and research centre, Bhopal registered a UK International Patent Design on “Pediatric Dental Endodontic file measuring gauge” with registration number 6527254 on 18th June 2026.



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Dr. Jay Somkuwar, Senior Lecturer, Department of Paediatric and Preventive Dentistry, Ranjeet Deshmukh Dental College and Research Centre, Nagpur, Maharashtra (ISPPD registration no. L-2785/24), was awarded a reviewer certificate for reviewing by the “BMC ORAL HEALTH” journal in recognition of his contribution to one manuscript on 16 th May 2026.

World Food Safety Day Awareness Programme

The Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry, SIBAR Institute of Dental Sciences, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, organized a week-long oral health awareness programme in observance of **World Food Safety Day** from **8 June to 13 June 2026** across various schools in Guntur.

Awareness sessions were conducted for children on the importance of a balanced diet, healthy dietary habits, and maintaining good oral hygiene. A total of **800 children** underwent oral health screening. Indoor mind games were also organized, and referral cards were distributed to children requiring further dental care.



Oral Health Awareness Initiatives

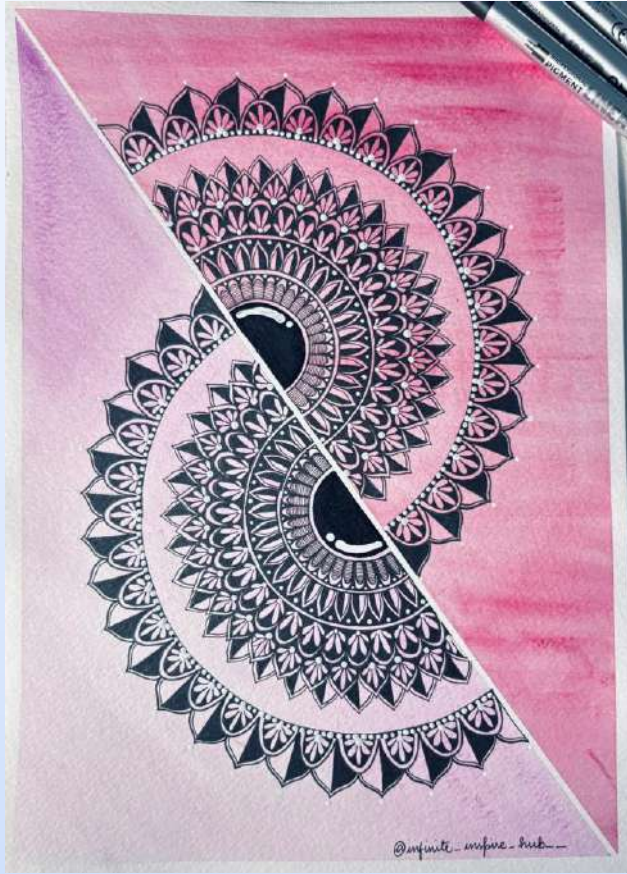
Happynest Dental Care, Kanpur, conducted oral health awareness and dental screening programmes at **Kidzee School, Palm Apartments, and Aishwaryam Apartments** as part of its commitment to preventive pediatric dentistry.

Interactive sessions at Kidzee School focused on the correct tooth-brushing technique, healthy dietary habits, foods that promote oral health, and foods associated with dental caries. Dental screenings were also conducted to facilitate early diagnosis and timely referral of children requiring dental care.

International Yoga Day

On the eve of **International Yoga Day**, a yoga session was organised on **21/06/2026** at **Sibar Institute of Dental Sciences, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh**. Both faculty and postgraduate students actively participated in the event. Various asanas were practiced under the guidance of a yoga instructor, who emphasized the importance of yoga in maintaining good health by integrating it as a part of one's daily activities.





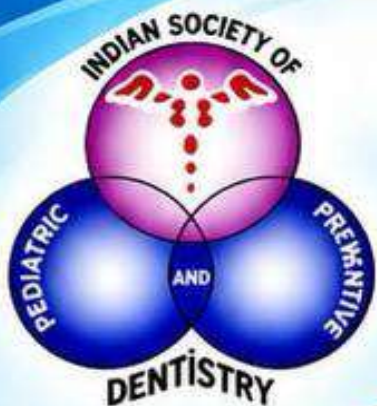
Dr. Anshu Singhania is pursuing MDS in Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry at Sardar Patel Post Graduate Institute of Dental and Medical Sciences, Lucknow. She loves creating mandala art, as it helps her stay calm while enhancing her patience, focus, and creativity. For her, every intricate design is a reflection of mindfulness, precision, and perseverance.



Extending its excellence beyond academics and clinical care, **Dr. Ritesh Kalaskar**, Professor and Head of the Department, secured the championship title at the KRA Badminton Tournament, organized by the KRA Group, Nagpur, on 26th April 2026.

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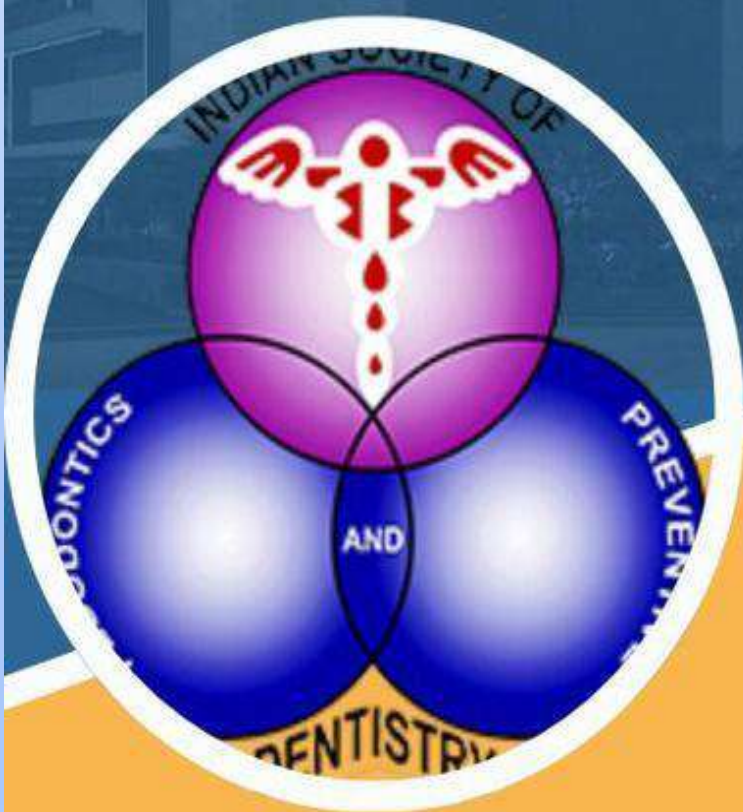


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Warm regards,
Dr. Varinder Goyal
General Secretary

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