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Guest Editorial

This edition of Communique, the vibrant periodical e-newsletter of MCODES Mangalore, has been thoughtfully compiled and produced by the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to contribute to this publication, and we have made every effort to showcase the numerous accomplishments of all our students, faculty, and alumni. The newsletter highlights the rich spectrum of scholarly activities, community outreach initiatives, and noteworthy achievements that exemplify our institution's unwavering commitment to excellence in education, skill development, service, and innovation.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Premalatha Shetty, Dr. Dharnappa Poojary, Dr. Joanna Baptist, Dr. Sameep Shetty, Dr. Jefferson Prince, and, most especially, Dr. Sandeep K. M., whose dedication, diligence, and exceptional leadership as Editor have been instrumental in bringing this edition of Communique to fruition.

I also sincerely thank our Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. Dilip G. Nayak; our Dean, Dr. Ashita Upoor; and our Associate Deans, Dr. Junaid Ahmed and Dr. Srikant, for their constant guidance, encouragement, and steadfast support. Their vision and commitment continue to inspire us in our pursuit of academic and professional excellence.

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INSPIRING FUTURES, TRANSFORMING LIVES

INTEGRITY & VALUES

This recognition is a testament to the dedication of our students, faculty, staff, alumni and well-wishers.

Thank you for being part of our journey!

Dr. Dilip G Naik
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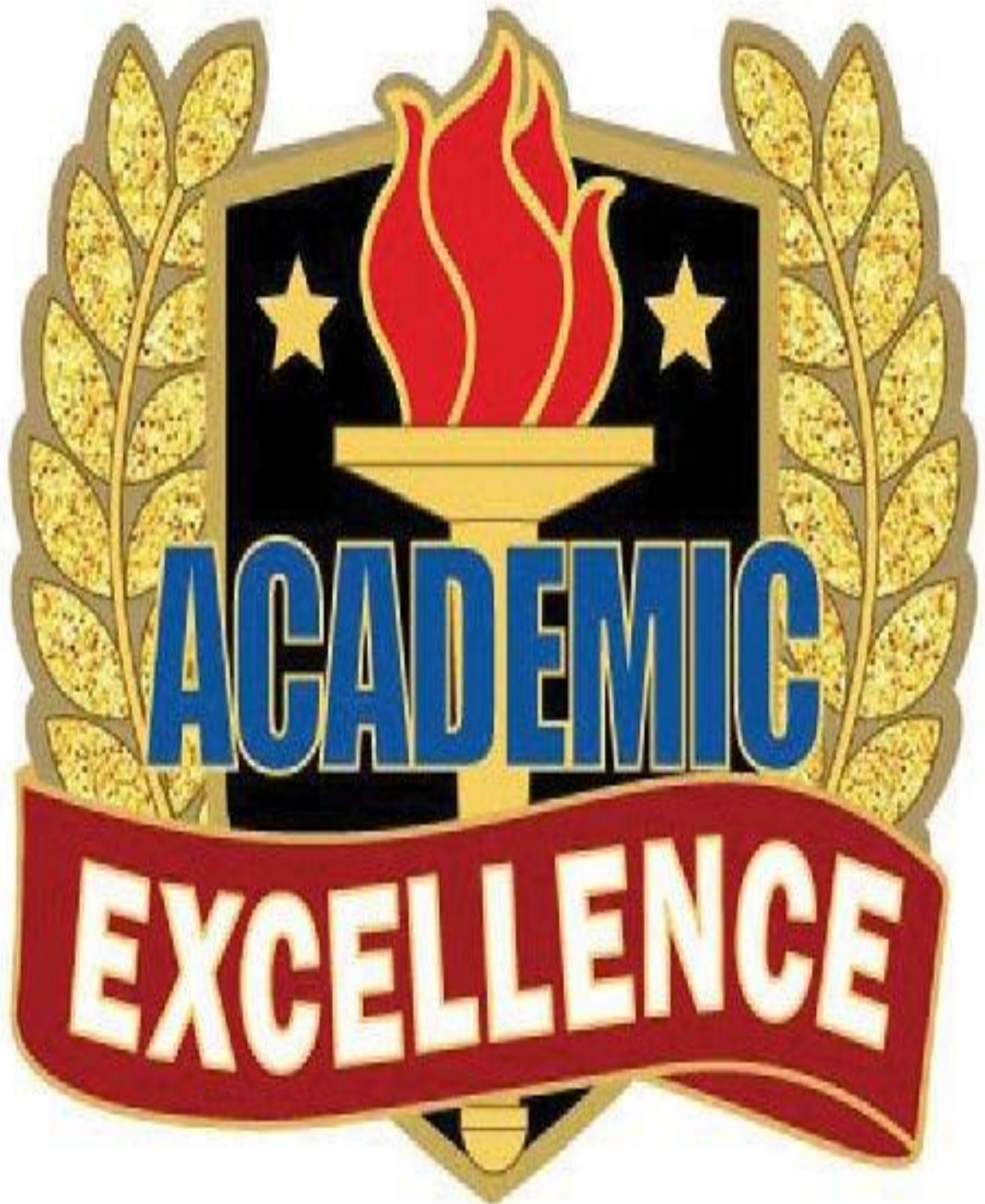


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Insight to incision: Integrating Oral Pathology and Surgery, April 25/2026

The Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology conducted a CDE program titled **“Insight to incision: Integrating Oral Pathology and Surgery”** on the 25th of April 2026. The resource person of the program was **Dr Chitra Chakravarthy**, Professor & Head at Department of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery Navodaya Dental College, Raichur . Dr Chitra discussed the basic insights into identification and diagnosis of common pathologies encountered in the oral cavity during routine surgery practice. She discussed the importance of clinic-radio-pathologic correlation and also emphasized the role of oral pathologist in determining the surgical treatment. She also gave a videographic and live demonstration of different types of biopsy procedures. The program also included an icebreaker game session conducted by Dr Karen, where students actively participated and enjoyed themselves. Students gave excellent feedback, saying they liked getting to observe real cases and learning about the importance of diagnosis of oral pathologies.



“From Crime Scene to Identification” by Forensic Odontology, 28th- 30th May 2026.

The Centre for Forensic Odontology successfully conducted the Contact Session for the certificate course in forensic odontology with theme **“From Crime Scene to Identification”** from **28th May 2026 to 30th May 2026**. The three-day workshop comprised a series of theory sessions, practical exercises, demonstrations, and hands-on training programs covering various aspects of forensic odontology and forensic medicine. The sessions included Crime Scene Investigation, Mock Court proceedings, Packing and Chain of Custody procedures, Autopsy Procedures, Artificial Intelligence in Forensic Dentistry, Disaster Victim Identification (DVI), Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem documentation, Sex Estimation techniques, CBCT in Age Estimation, Exhumation exercises, Post-Mortem Dental Examination, and Reconciliation exercises.



Dr. Premanand Kamath Memorial Endowment Oration by Dept of Conservative dentistry and Endodontics on May 25th 2026

The Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, MCODS Mangalore, in association with the MCODS Mangalore Alumni Association, successfully conducted the **Prof. Dr. Premanand Kamath Memorial Endowment Oration** on 25th May 2026 at Lecture Hall 2, Knowledge Block, Centre for Basic Sciences, Bejai, Mangalore.

The program was organized to commemorate the contributions of Prof. Dr. Premanand Kamath and to provide an academic platform for students, faculty, alumni, and practitioners in the field of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics. The keynote speaker for the oration was **Dr. V. Gopi Krishna**, President-elect of the International Federation of Endodontic Associations (IFEA) and Secretary General of the Indian Endodontic Society. He delivered insightful lectures on the topic **“Endodontics: What the Future Beholds!!”** which were highly informative and well appreciated by the audience. One of the highlights of the program was the generous contribution made by the alumni, who sponsored a **Light Curing Unit worth ₹62,000/-** to the department. This contribution will greatly benefit the academic and clinical activities of the department.



The feedback received from the participants was extremely positive. The audience highly appreciated the scientific content of the lectures, the excellent organization of the event, and the venue arrangements. The resource person's lecture was particularly well received for its depth, clarity, and relevance to contemporary endodontic practice.



Faculty Development Program on Smart Materials for Modern Dentistry

The session focused on the evolving role of **smart materials** in contemporary dental practice, highlighting their unique ability to respond dynamically to environmental stimuli such as temperature, pH, stress, and moisture. Dr. Isloor provided valuable insights into the **scientific principles, classifications, and clinical applications** of these materials in dentistry. Key areas covered during the program included: Introduction to smart materials and their fundamental properties, Recent advancements in **bioactive and self-healing dental materials**, Applications in **restorative dentistry, orthodontics, prosthodontics, and endodontics**, and prospects and research opportunities in smart biomaterials. The session emphasised how these innovations are transforming dental treatment by enhancing **biocompatibility, durability, and patient outcomes**. Dr. Isloor also discussed interdisciplinary collaboration between **materials science and dentistry**, encouraging faculty to explore translational research avenues.

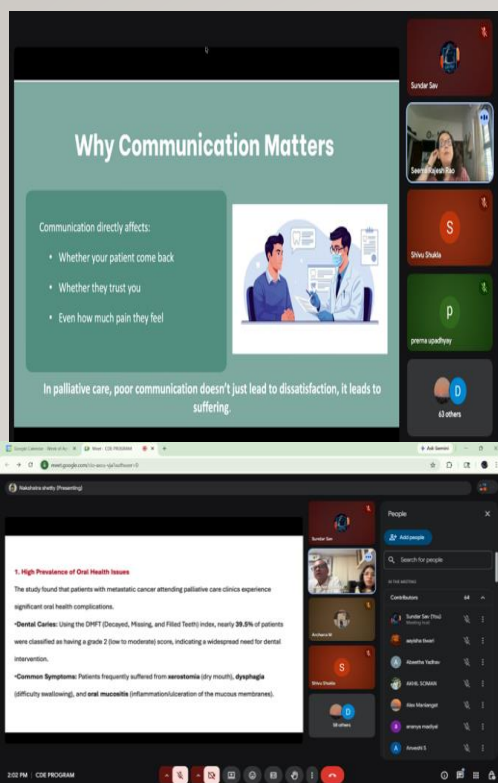


Polymer platforms for Tissue Engineering & Regenerative Medicine: A Translational Approach on 15th May 2026

A prestigious guest lecture was jointly organised by the Doctoral vertical & Faculty Vertical, in association with Department of Dental Materials, Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Mangalore on 15th May 2026. The event took place at the Medical Education Hall, Kasturba Medical College, Light House Hill Campus. The resource person for the program was Dr. K. K. Sangamesh Gurappa, Professor and Associate Dean, Department of Growth and Development, Nebraska Translational research centre, College of Dentistry, University of Nebraska Medical centre, Omaha..

Dr. Sangamesh K. K. delivered a highly insightful and engaging lecture on “Polymer platforms for Tissue Engineering & Regenerative Medicine: A Translational Approach” sharing advanced perspectives and translational strategies in biomaterials. He discussed recent developments in biomaterial sciences, scaffold fabrication techniques, and regenerative approaches. The session provided valuable insights into advanced biomaterial research and its potential clinical applications.





“Role of Palliative Care in Oral Medicine” on 24 April 2026

The Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, Manipal College of Dental Sciences conducted an online webinar titled **“Role of Palliative Care in Oral Medicine”** on 24 April 2026

Dr Archana M, Senior Lecturer, and an Alumnus, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, MCODS Mangalore, delivered a lecture on **“Oral Medicine and Palliative Care: Setting the Bridge for Integrated Patient Care”**, highlighting the role of oral medicine specialists in early diagnosis, symptom management, and coordinated multidisciplinary care..

Dr Naveen Salins, Associate Dean and Head, Department of Palliative Medicine and Supportive Care, spoke on **“Developing Supportive Care Dentistry Program in Oncology”**, emphasizing the importance of structured dental care support for oncology patients and the role of interdisciplinary collaboration in improving patient comfort and quality of life.

Dr Seema R Rao, Director and Consultant, Palliative Medicine, Manipal Hospice and Respite Center, Manipal, presented on **“Beyond the Drill: Navigating Difficult Conversations in Dental Care”**, focusing on communication strategies, empathy, and managing difficult conversations with patients and caregivers in palliative care settings



Strengthening Perception of Manipal Amongst the Peers

The Dental Education Unit of Manipal College of Dental Sciences (MCODS), Mangalore, successfully organized an engaging and thought-provoking session titled **“Strengthening Perception of Manipal Amongst the Peers”** at the MEU Hall. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, with more than 50 faculty members in attendance, reflecting the collective commitment towards institutional growth and academic excellence.

The program was led by key members of the Dental Education Unit. Valuable insights were shared on the importance of consistent academic branding, effective communication, and faculty-driven initiatives in shaping perceptions within the academic community. The session emphasized the need for innovation in teaching methodologies, research visibility, and outreach activities to build a stronger institutional reputation.

Mastering Full Mouth Rehabilitation on 12th and 13th June 2026.



The Department of Prosthodontics and Crown & Bridge, Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Mangalore, organized a two-day Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program titled **“Mastering Full Mouth Rehabilitation”** on 12th and 13th June 2026. The program was designed to enhance participants’ understanding of contemporary concepts and clinical protocols involved in Full Mouth Rehabilitation (FMR), with emphasis on systematic diagnosis, treatment planning, occlusal principles, and predictable clinical execution. The program was attended by postgraduate students, faculty members, and practicing clinicians.

The course was structured as an intensive two-day academic program covering key aspects of Full Mouth Rehabilitation.

Day 1 focused on diagnosis and case selection, occlusal blueprint, facebow transfer, centric relation records, vertical dimension, and semi-adjustable articulator programming. Participants also had the opportunity to observe demonstrations and engage in hands-on exercises related to centric relation recording.

Day 2 addressed tooth preparation, provisional restorations, master impressions, material considerations, trial stages, cementation protocols, and the maintenance and management of complications associated with rehabilitative treatment. Interactive discussions and question-and-answer sessions were conducted throughout the program to facilitate active learning and clinical problem-solving.



The resource person for the program was **Dr. K. Lokesh Sai**, MDS (Prosthodontics), FICOI, Faculty at Saveetha Dental College and a BDS alumnus (Batch of 2015) of MCODES Mangalore. Dr. Lokesh Sai shared his extensive clinical experience and practical insights into Full Mouth Rehabilitation, presenting evidence-based protocols and simplified workflows that enabled participants to better understand complex rehabilitative procedures..

The two-day program provided participants with comprehensive exposure to the principles and clinical workflow of Full Mouth Rehabilitation. Through a combination of lectures, demonstrations, case-based discussions, and interactive sessions, attendees gained valuable knowledge and practical understanding of diagnosis, occlusal management, treatment sequencing, and long-term maintenance strategies. The program reinforced the department’s commitment to continuing professional education and the advancement of contemporary prosthodontic practice

The workshop on "Qualitative Analysis and ATLAS." PHD-ACE-IV 2026

Agenda: The workshop was structured to provide a comprehensive learning experience through a combination of lectures and hands-on practice.

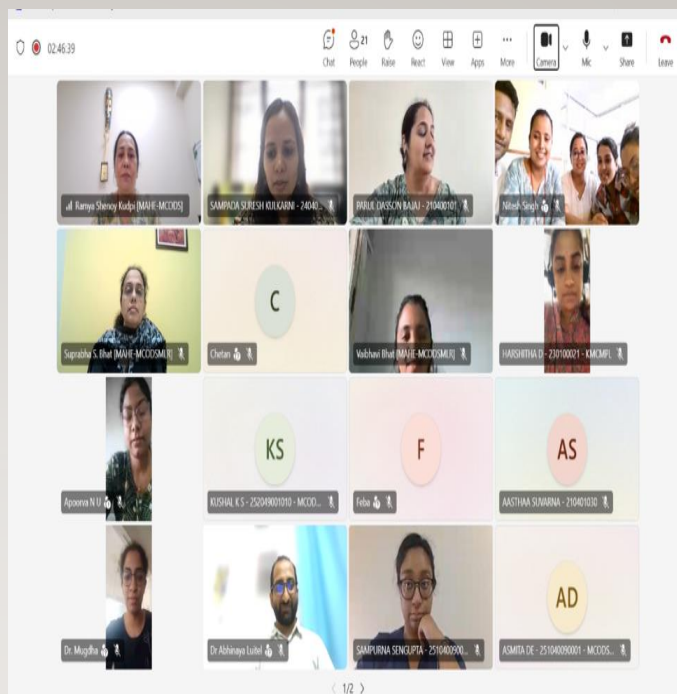
Welcome Address: The event commenced with a warm welcome from **Dr Ramya Shenoy**, Professor and Head of the Department of Public Health Dentistry. **Dr. Shenoy** highlighted the significance of qualitative research in gaining in-depth insights and encouraged participants to make the most of the workshop.

2. Lecture on Qualitative Research Methods: **Dr. Parul Dasson Bajaj** delivered a detailed lecture on the fundamentals of qualitative research and data analysis. The session covered key qualitative methodologies, theoretical approaches, coding concepts and the process of thematic analysis, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of qualitative data interpretation.

3. Demonstration of ATLAS for Qualitative Data Analysis: **Dr. Sampada Kulkarni** delivered a demonstration session of ATLAS for qualitative data analysis. The session introduced participants to the software interface, its applications in qualitative research and the process of coding and organising qualitative data, along with an overview of network analysis and best practices in thematic analysis.

4. Interactive Discussions: The workshop encouraged active participation through interactive discussions. Participants had the opportunity to ask questions, share insights, and clarify doubts related to the lecture and hands-on session.

A manuscript writing workshop was conducted for the batch of 2023 post-graduates for transforming theses into publications, **Do and Don'ts** in manuscript writing and a hands-on session on research tools



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ACADEMIC CURRICULAR EXCHANGE (ACE) - VI



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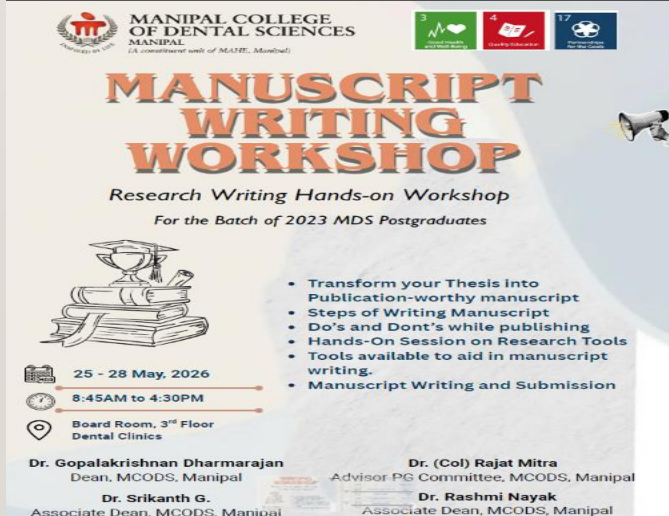


DR. PARUL DASSON BAJAJ



DR. SAMPADA KULKARNI

An insightful ACE-VI workshop featuring participants from MCODS and BPKIHS Nepal, focused on qualitative data analysis and live demonstration of ATLAS.ti



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MANUSCRIPT WRITING WORKSHOP

Research Writing Hands-on Workshop
For the Batch of 2023 MDS Postgraduates

- Transform your Thesis into Publication-worthy manuscript
- Steps of Writing Manuscript
- Do's and Don'ts while publishing
- Hands-On Session on Research Tools
- Tools available to aid in manuscript writing.
- Manuscript Writing and Submission

25 - 28 May, 2026
8:45AM to 4:30PM
Board Room, 3rd Floor Dental Clinics

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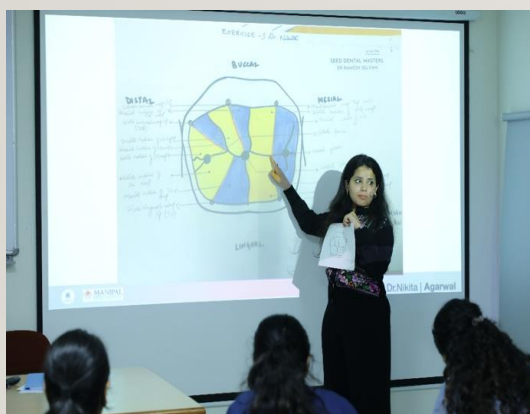
Dr. Rashmi Nayak
Associate Dean, MCODS, Manipal

ACADEMICS- WORKSHOPS,CDE PROGRAMS

The program on “**Systematic Review**,” conducted by the Postgraduate Research Vertical at MCODS Mangalore in association with Prasanna School of Public Health, Manipal on April 15th and 16th, 2026



The key speakers of the program was Dr. Divya Sussana Patil, Dr. Edlin Mathias, Dr. Elstin Raj and Dr. Ramya Shenoy. They explained the steps in drafting a systematic review. These experts guided participants through complex aspects such as risk of bias assessment, data extraction, and meta-analysis basics. Their sessions emphasized common pitfalls in systematic reviews and offered pragmatic solutions to overcome challenges in study selection, data heterogeneity, and reporting standards. The speakers also underscored the importance of adhering to established guidelines such as PRISMA, thereby reinforcing the need for transparency and reproducibility in research



The Department of Prosthodontics, Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Mangalore, organized a two-day **PACE (Partnership with Alumni for Collaborative Excellence)** Program for postgraduate students, aimed at enhancing their understanding of occlusion, prosthodontic rehabilitation, and guided implant surgery through interactive learning and clinical demonstration.

The resource person for the program was Dr. Nikita Agarwal, an alumna of the department, who conducted comprehensive sessions focused on both theoretical concepts and practical applications relevant to contemporary prosthodontic practice.



Dr Parul Bjaj PHD scholar, was conferred a doctorate under the guidance of Dr Ramya Shenoy and Dr Kundabala M



Dr. Praveen Jodalli, Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health Dentistry, for publishing a book on

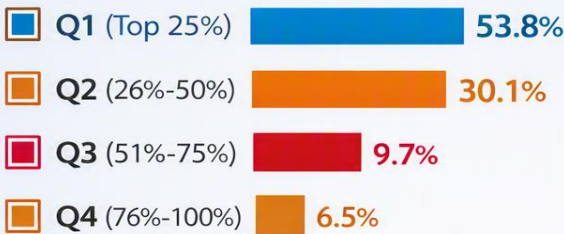
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Dr Amoli Singh Chowta, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Orthodontics, received a grant of Rs 100000 from the Indian orthodontic society research foundation for a research project



MCODS MANGLORE RESEARCH OUTPUT Jan-June 2026

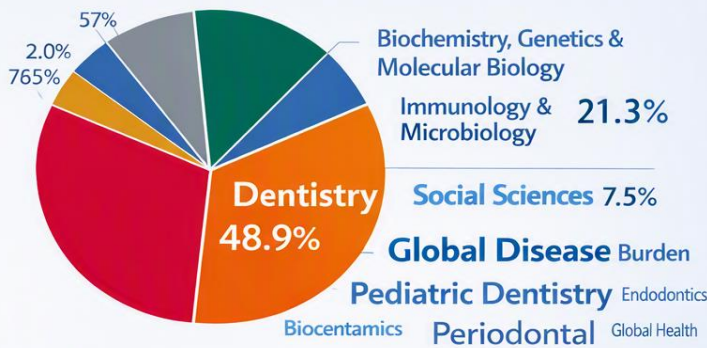
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Cumulative shares	83.9%
Top 50%: 78 Publications	83.9%
Top 75%: 87 Publications	93.5%

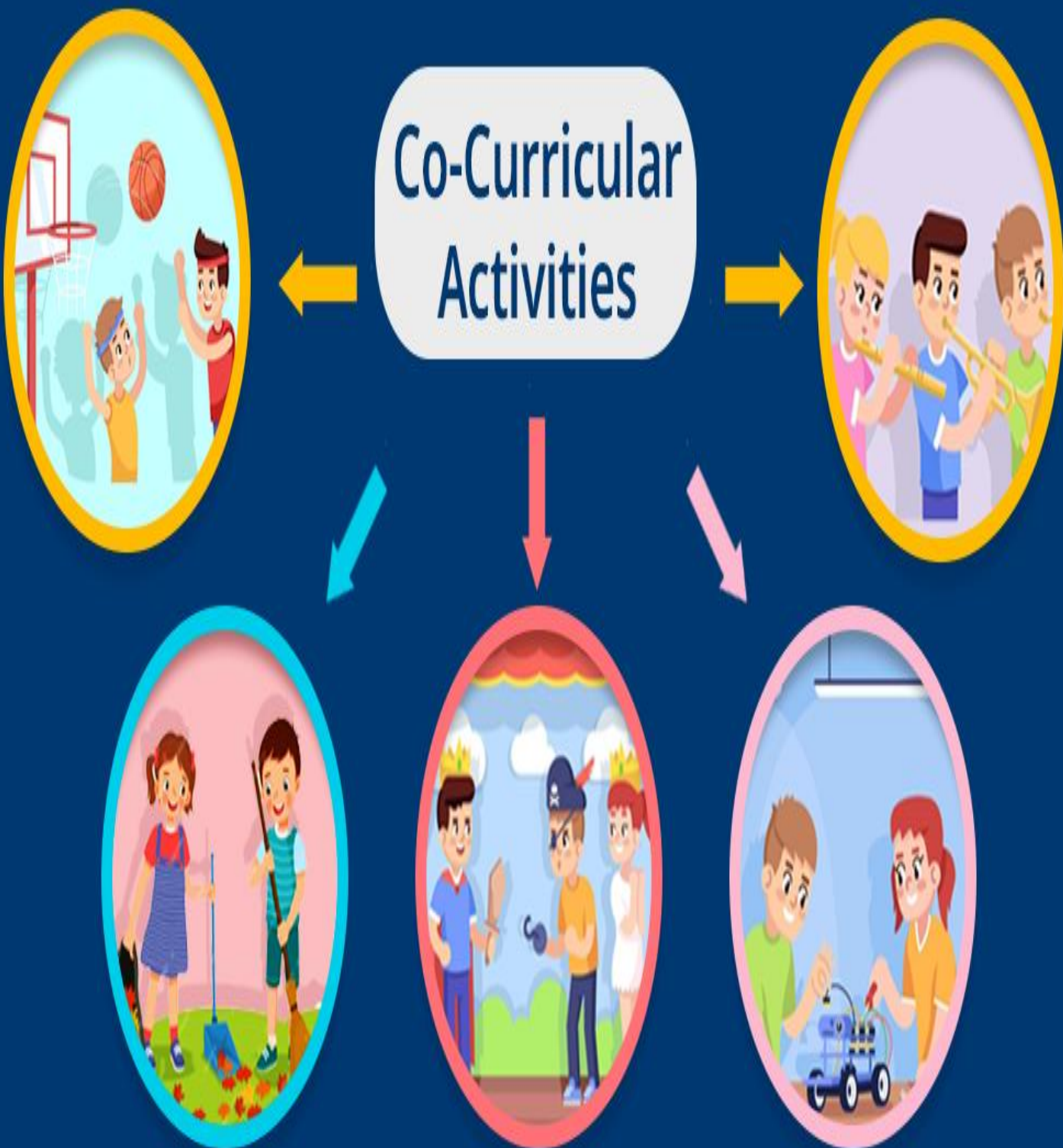


Research Topics & Focus Areas



Performance Indicators





World Environmental Day

As part of **World Environment Day 2026**, MAHE Mangalore Campus, through its HR Department, successfully organized the Grow Green Campaign, a multi-unit sustainability initiative that brought together leadership, faculty, students, and staff in a shared commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable practices.

The campaign featured a sapling plantation drive across six locations—Light House Hill Campus, Nandagiri Hostel, Bejai Hostel, Attavara Hostel, MARENA, and Durga Sanjeevini Manipal Hospital (DSMH), Kateel. The initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation from leadership teams, faculty, non-teaching staff, drivers, housekeeping and maintenance personnel, hostel teams, and student volunteers, reflecting MAHE's inclusive approach to sustainability.

Organized in collaboration with Kasturba Medical College (KMC), Mangalore, Manipal College of Dental Sciences (MCODS), Mangalore, KMC Hospital, Attavara, and DSMH, Kateel, the campaign highlighted the power of collective action in creating sustainable impact across institutions and communities

On **National Public Health Dentistry Day** (June '19th), the outreach activities conducted from 18th to 27th June 2026 reflected the department's strong commitment to prevention, community service, and professional development. Through treatment camps, screening, school-based oral health education, and the virtual symposium, the programs improved awareness, delivered essential care, encouraged and strengthened the role of public health dentistry in promoting equitable oral health.



On the occasion of **World Blood Donor Day 2026**, KMC Hospital, Attavara organized a Blood Donation Camp for Doctors, Staff members and students on 18th June 2026 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Blood Bank, KMC Central Lab, Attavara, Mangalore.

Staff Members & students from MCODS Mangalore participated in this noble initiative and support the cause by donating blood



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KMC Hospital Attavar, Mangaluru
In association with
Blood Centre, KMC Mangalore

on occasion of
WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY 2026
organizes
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One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives.

Join us in celebrating World Blood Donor Day by becoming a Hero. We invite employees, students, and members of the public to participate in this noble cause and contribute towards strengthening our community's blood supply.

DATE: 18-06-2026 (Thursday)
TIME: 9AM to 4PM
VENUE: Blood Centre, KMC Mangalore
also: Central Lab, Dental XRD, Hospital Attavar

WHO CAN DONATE?
• Healthy individuals aged 18-65 years
• Weight above 50kg
• No use of oral antiplatelets
• Hemoglobin and health parameters within acceptable limits
• Carry valid ID card

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• Support patients undergoing surgeries, cancer treatment, and kidney transplant
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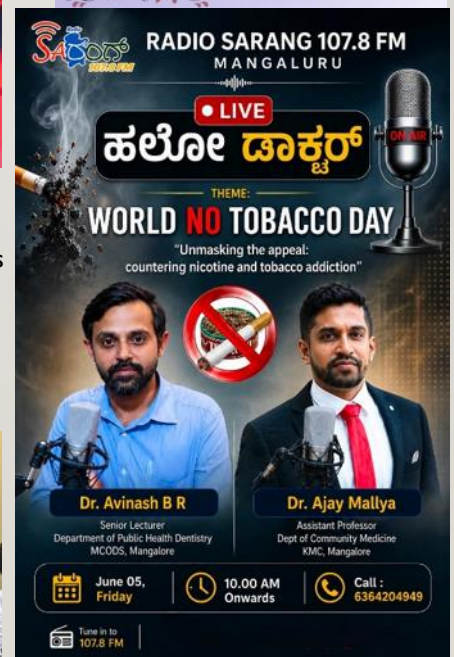
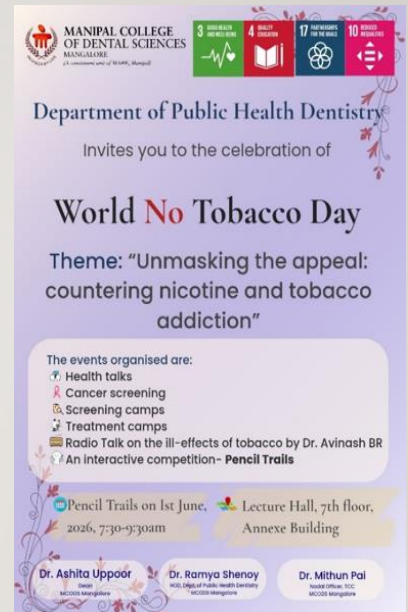
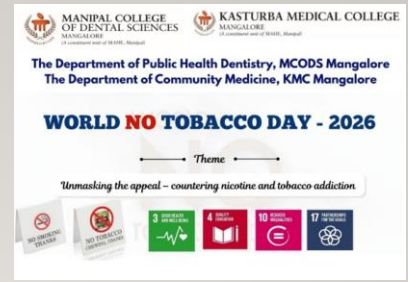
No Tobacco Day

In observance of World No Tobacco Day on May 31, series of oral health screening camps were conducted across Dakshina Kannada district from 1st May, 2026 to 6th June 2026. These camps were organised at Primary Health centres in Surathkal and Community Health Centre in Moodabidri. Multiple special camps at charity organisations were held. Health talks for various target populations such as youths, labourers and security personnel were organised. Screening for oral cancer and tobacco consumption was done at every camp which was followed by a tobacco cessation counselling. A talk on the importance of Tobacco Cessation counselling and instructions on how to conduct it were given to UG students studying Bachelor of Dental Surgery.

Participants benefited from personalized counseling, referrals for further care with free treatment arrangements for six months, and an elaboration on the ill-effects of tobacco use and how to quit the habit. The initiative to conduct these camps at various locations and separate age groups and target populations was to identify tobacco consumption among the diverse population and to counsel them about the ill-effects as well as to aid and assist them to quit the habit.



The participants benefited from personalised counselling, motivation to quit the habit and a health promotive education on the ill-effects of tobacco as well as exposure to second-hand smoking. Tobacco consumers were also given referrals to higher centres to help them and motivate them to quit the habit. By combining large-scale screening, education and targeted counselling, the initiative set a strong example of Good Health and Well-Being and reinforced the World No Tobacco Day theme: **“Unmasking the Appeal: Countering nicotine and tobacco addiction”**



International Yoga Day Celebration at Marena 21st June 2026

The International Yoga Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and active participation on 21st June 2026 at Marena, bringing together students, faculty, and wellness enthusiasts in a spirit of health, mindfulness, and holistic well-being.

The program was graced by **Dr. Srikant N**, Associate Dean, whose presence added significance to the occasion. In his address, he emphasized the importance of incorporating yoga into daily life, especially for students balancing academic responsibilities and personal well-being. He highlighted how yoga serves as a powerful tool to enhance concentration, reduce stress, and promote overall physical and mental health. A key highlight of the event was the expert guidance provided by trainers from the ISHA Foundation, Coimbatore. The trainers conducted an engaging and informative session, demonstrating various yogasanas (postures) aimed at improving flexibility, posture, and energy levels. They also introduced participants to guided meditation techniques, focusing on breath control and mindfulness practices designed to enhance concentration and emotional balance among students.



The session witnessed **large-scale student participation**, reflecting a growing awareness and interest in wellness practices. The students actively followed the instructions, performing the asanas with dedication and enthusiasm, creating a serene and disciplined atmosphere throughout the venue.

The trainers also shared valuable insights into the importance of consistency in practice and how even simple daily routines can lead to long-term physical and psychological benefits. The interactive nature of the session encouraged participants to clarify doubts and engage more deeply with the concepts presented.

At the conclusion of the yoga session, refreshments were served, providing an opportunity for participants to relax and interact informally. The event culminated with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to **Dr. Srikant N** for his inspiring presence, the ISHA Foundation trainers for their expert guidance, and all participants for contributing to the success of the program.



ALUMNI RELATIONS



The Career Guidance Cell and Alumni Association, MCODS Mangalore, in collaboration with Medi Study Go, organised a workshop on 2nd June 2026 at MCODS Mangalore. The program was attended by final-year BDS students, interns, and postgraduate students of MCODS Mangalore.

Dr Nidhin Philip, Alumni Coordinator, welcomed the gathering along with Dr Nandita K.P., Coordinator of the Career Guidance Cell, who introduced the resource persons. The keynote speaker, **Dr Palak Bhandari**, alumna from the Batch of 2017 and Founder of Medi Study Go, delivered an inspiring session on the theme **“Build Your Future, Lead with Purpose.”** She shared her professional journey and provided valuable insights into career opportunities, entrepreneurship, and leadership in dentistry. Resource person Dr Vijay, Viral Marketing Manager, Unicorn Denmark, and Dr Riddhi from Medi Study Go conducted an engaging Kahoot quiz session, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students. A Dental Launchpad Competition was conducted as part of the workshop, and the winning team was awarded a cash prize of ₹5,000. The program was highly interactive, informative, and well appreciated by all the participants.



The Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery proudly hosted a talk by accomplished PG Alumna (Batch of 2019) Dr Rica Singh Bajpai on **“Fat Grafting in Facial Aesthetic Surgery”** on 22nd May 2026. The talk was attended by Faculty and students, and Dr Rica shared her expertise on Facial aesthetic procedures and her international experience of training and practicing Facial Aesthetic procedures. The scientific session was followed by warm interactions and reminiscences of her student days spent at MCODS Mangalore



SPOTLIGHT

Manipal International Student Dental Conference by MAHE SRF on 29- 31 May 2026

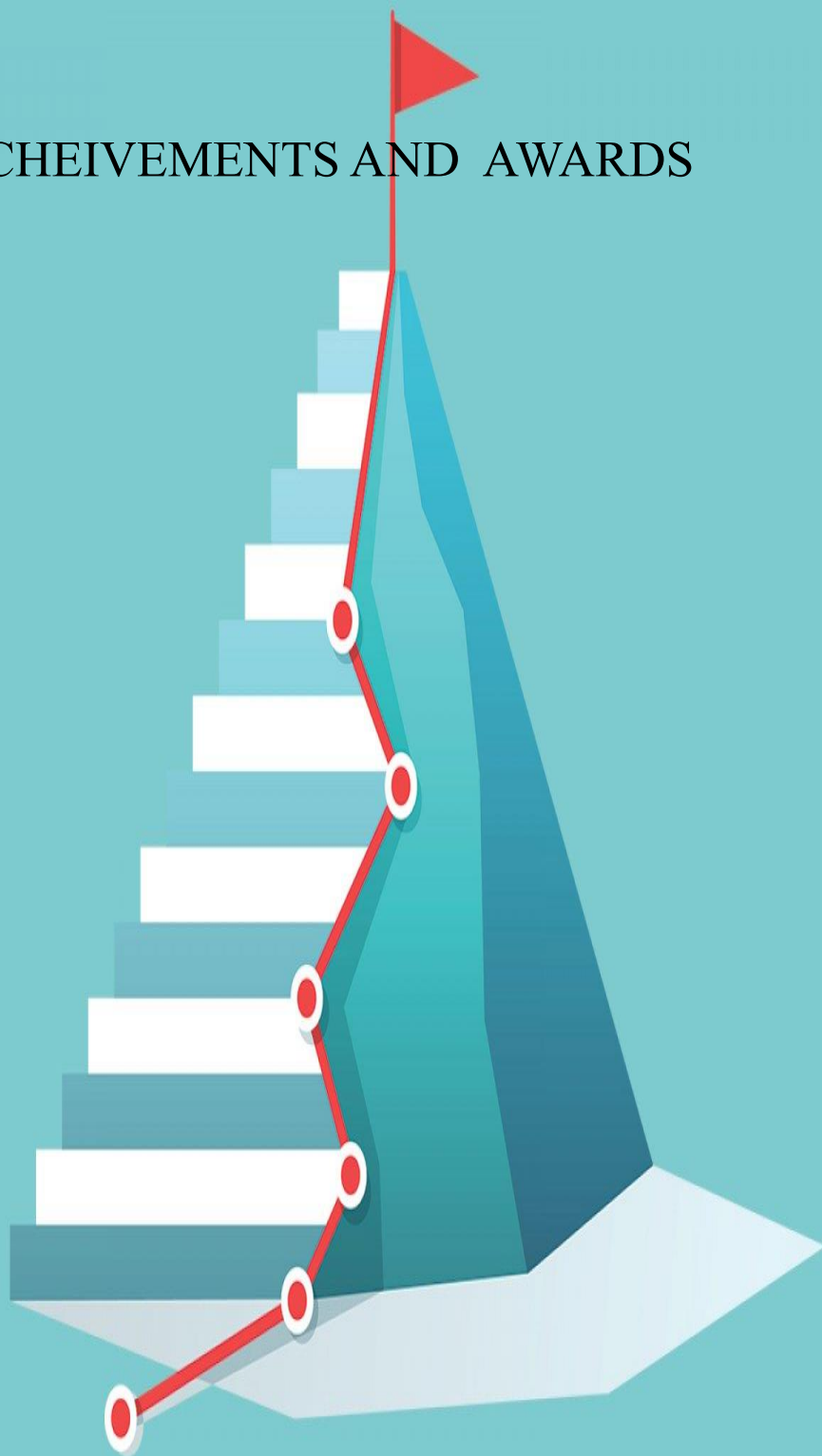
Keynote lectures, hands-on workshops, paper and poster presentation froms student on national and international levels were the highlight of this conference

1. Dental photography. This intensive 3-hour hands-on workshop is designed for undergraduate dental students to develop essential skills in clinical photography
2. Clinical Protocol in Fixed Prosthodontics: Crown Preparation, Temporization, and Impression
3. Cone Beam Computed Tomography in Dentistry: Principles, Application, and Clinical Relevance for Undergraduates
4. Emergency Preparedness and Response in Dental Clinics: A Practical Workshop
5. Unboxing AI: Practical Tools for Research and Academic Excellence
6. Visual Learning Strategies in Dentistry and Oral Pathology- Participants will be able to use new visual learning methods that are specific to dentistry and oral pathology helping them understand complex ideas better
7. Artificial Intelligence in Forensic Dentistry: Dental comparison is one of the primary identifiers used in the identification of the deceased during disasters, as it provides a scientific basis for identification. This workshop will guide the participants on different software that can be used, along with their advantages and limitations in victim identification.

Keynotes lectures and a hands-on workshop was followed by poster and paper presentations from students.



ACHEIVEMENTS AND AWARDS





Dr Karuna YM, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatric & Dentistry, MCODS, Mangalore won the Best poster award at the 2nd International Conference on Dental Sedation and Anesthesia at Saveetha Dental College & Hospital, Chennai on 10th & 11th April 2026.

Dr. Ashwin Rao, Professor, has been awarded the Best Paper Award at the 2nd International Conference on Dental Sedation and Anesthesia held at Saveetha Dental College and Hospital, Chennai (10th–11th April 2026).



Dr. Shivani Nitin 2nd year post graduate from department of community dentistry won second prize in the national pedagogy presentation under the guidance of Dr. Mithun Pai

Miss Raee Kowli and Miss Kuchibhatla were awarded first prize in paper presentation title PRSCRIPTION ERRORS: A PREVENTABLE IATROGENIC MISHAP at the Manipal International Student Dental Conference held at Marena sports complex Manglore, under the guidance of Dr Nandita Shenoy



Dr, Sreehari, 3rd year postgraduate Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and **Dr Manya Shetty**, intern under the guidance of Dr. Joanna Baptist, got Special mention– jury nominated- for innovating a high-precision nerve block device for the MEDTEC Hackathon April 2026

Dr. Madhumitha M, post graduate Student, Department of Periodontology, MCODS, Mangalore awarded the session best and overall scientific paper at 24th Midyear PG Convention of Indian Society of Periodontology, Held at Karnavati University, Gujarat from 23rd to 25th April 2026





Ms Shreya Sahoo, UG Student, MCODS, Mangalore won 1st place in the scientific Poster Presentation at International Digital Dentistry Congress at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, under the guidance of Dr Srikant N on 27th & 28th June 2026

Ms Olena Rachel Pinto, Mr Daksh Indireshe Hejmady, UG Student, MCODS, Mangalore won 1st place for Poster Presentation at Manipal International Student Dental Conference organized by Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Mangalore, MAHE student Research Forum, Manipal, Faculty of Dentistry, Manipal University College, Malaysia held at Mangalore on 29th & 30th May 2026.



Ms Vaishnavi R Shetty, Undergraduate Student, MCODS, Mangalore won third prize in the poster presentation titled “Your mouth a mirror to systemic health” at ADCON Global Scientific Conclave 2026 at Annor Dental College and Hospital, Kerala from 4th to 7th May 2026.

Mr. Mohammed Khalaf, Undergraduate Student, MCODS, Mangalore won First prize in the poster presentation titled “Energy drink and dental erosion-A silent lifestyle hazard” at ADCON Global Scientific Conclave 2026 at Annor Dental College and Hospital, Kerala from 4th to 7th May 2026.

Dr Kriti Kaushik, PG Student, Department of Prosthodontics & Crown & Bridge, MCODS, Mangalore Awarded Best Reel award at 28th IPS PG CONVENTION 2026, KAHER'S KLE VKIDS, Belagavi from 24th -26th April 2026.

Dr Ankita Chakraborty, Postgraduate student, Department of Periodontology, MCODS, Mangalore won the Best Paper session at the 24th Midyear PG Convention of Indian Society of Periodontology and Implantology held at Karnavati University, Gujarat from 23rd to 25th April 2026.





Dr. Ravikiran Ongole and Dr. Joanna Baptist co-authored an innovation titled **Facio Cervical Evaluation- Impairment and Disfigurement: A simple novel index for head and neck burns**. She was also a co-author for the innovation **Academic Alerts: An innovative web portal for academic events**, which was also awarded by a silver medal in Putrajaya, Malaysia



Dr Sameep Shetty has presented a paper at the **127th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (JORL-HNS International Oncology Conference)** held in Japan from May 20-May23,2026.The conference had leading oncologists, cancer researchers, clinicians, academicians, and healthcare professionals globally to discuss recent developments in head and neck cancer diagnosis, treatment and the nascent basic cancer research

MAHE has partnered with the British High Commission as the host institution for the **UK-India Health Tech Accelerator Program** for the period 2026–2028. The 4th Edition will be organized between July 22-24, 2026, at MAHE, Manipal. The programme is delivered in collaboration with UK Government National Health Agencies, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) and Bhubaneswar City Knowledge Innovation Cluster (BCKIC).



Students and faculty members of MCODS Mangalore, under the supervision of **Dr. Vinod Jathanna, Dr.Charisma Thimmaiah and Dr. Shivangi Vats**, participated in the FDCU symposium in faculty of Dentistry, Bangkok, Thailand, on 29th May. This visit provided a valuable opportunity to interact with researchers and academicians to foster innovation, knowledge and research collaborations

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