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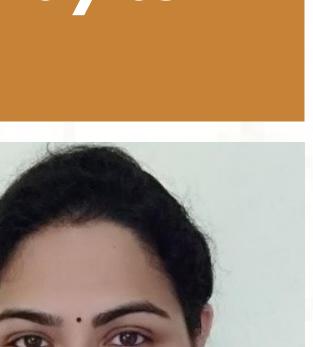
Internationalization at MAHE: A Gateway to **Global Excellence**

Manipal, a serene town nestled in the southern state of Karnataka, has emerged as a beacon of educational excellence in India. While renowned for its healthcare and technical institutions, Manipal has also embraced the internationalization of higher education, positioning itself as a gateway to global excellence. In this editorial, we will explore how Manipal's commitment to internationalization has transformed its educational landscape and propelled it onto the global stage.

One of the driving forces behind Manipal's internationalization is its extensive network of global academic partnerships. Collaborations with prestigious universities from around the world have paved the way for

faculty and student exchanges, joint research initiatives, and the establishment of offshore campuses. Such partnerships not only enrich the learning experience but also provide students with opportunities to immerse themselves in different cultures and gain a global perspective.

Manipal's internationalization has attracted a diverse community of students from various countries. This multicultural environment fosters cultural exchange, where students learn from each other's experiences and build lasting global networks. Exposure to different cultures and perspectives nurtures a broad global outlook, equipping students with the skills and mindset needed to thrive in an interconnected world.



By embracing international collaboration, Manipal has become a hub for cutting-edge research and innovation. Partnerships with global institutions facilitate joint research projects, access to advanced technology, and exposure to diverse research methodologies. This enables Manipal's faculty and students to contribute to global knowledge creation and stay at the forefront of academic advancements.

Manipal's internationalization efforts have a direct impact on the employability of its graduates. By fostering global competencies, Manipal prepares its students to excel in an increasingly globalized job market. The exposure gained through international collaborations and exchange programs enhances students' professional prospects, making them sought-after candidates by employers worldwide.

The internationalization of higher education in Manipal has been a transformative journey, propelling the region towards academic excellence, cultural enrichment, and economic growth. By fostering global partnerships, embracing diverse perspectives, and nurturing global competence among students, Manipal has positioned itself as an educational powerhouse. However, sustaining this momentum requires continued investment in infrastructure, faculty development, and robust policies. Manipal's commitment to internationalization is not just a testament to its educational aspirations but also a demonstration of its vision to shape globally competent leaders and contribute to a thriving knowledge-based society.

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New Partnerships for this quarter

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World Wide Manipal

Internationalization at Manipal Academy of Higher Education

Bolstering global engagement through academia: Erasmus+ facilitates staff visits

The renowned Erasmus+ Mobility Program has lived up to its name and saw to several intercultural interactions for MAHE. Mr. Vinyasa Hegade, Assistant Professor, MIC, and Prof Shubha H S, HOD Media Studies, MIC, participated in the International Week held at Volda University College, Norway, from 6 to 10 Feb 2023. They participated in presentations, discussions, and an exhibition that promoted international collaborations. They were both funded by the Erasmus+ mobility grant.

Prof Neeta Inamdar, Head of Manipal Center for European Studies (MCES), visited the University of Latvia, Riga, on Erasmus+ teaching mobility from 17 to 20 April. She delivered special lectures on "Politics and Multilingualism in Europe." She also visited Hochschule Bremen University of Applied Sciences, Bremen, Germany, from 28 to 30 April to rework the articulation agreement with them and to facilitate student exchanges.



Dr. Richa Gupta, Assistant Professor, MCES, and Ms. Jyothi Jithesh Kumar, Academic Coordinator, MCES, visited Tallinn University, Estonia, from 21 to 28 May. They interacted with various team members from the School of Humanities, School of Governance and Law, and Tallinn International Office. Their meetings focussed on expanding collaborations between the two universities, from Erasmus to general bilateral agreements and joint research projects.

Dr. Shashikala K Bhat, Head of Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, completed the ERASMUS plus mobility from the Faculty of Medicine in Latvia university from 17 to 28 April. She had the opportunity to see the Latvia university, meet the concerned authorities in the international mobility division and the international coordinator in the Faculty of Medicine as well.

Visits from Europe to MAHE were also facilitated through the mobility program. Prof Ana Pantea, Head of Department of International Relations and German Studies, Faculty of European Studies, and Ms Iulia Crisan, Chief Secretary of the faculty, Faculty of European Studies Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania, visited MAHE from 15 to 21 April. Prof Ana Pantea also delivered a special lecture on the topic "Challenges for Eastern Europe: The Ukrainian war, populism and fragmentation."

Dominating with Digital Innovation: MAHE wins big at THE Asian Awards 2023

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) has won the prestigious award at THE Awards Asia 2023 for its exceptional achievements in higher education in Asia. The institution won the highly esteemed Technological or Digital Innovation of the Year accolade at THE Awards Asia 2023. This recognition further solidifies MAHE's commitment to fostering innovation and excellence in the technology and digital landscape.



The award-winning innovation by MAHE is the revolutionary E-Pad system, which has transformed the examination process for students. This cutting-edge system facilitates students to submit their exam responses digitally using a stylus. By leveraging the power of digital technology, MAHE has streamlined the examination process, providing students with a more efficient and user-friendly experience.

Commenting on this momentous achievement, Lt. Gen. (Dr.) M D Venkatesh, Vice-Chancellor, MAHE congratulated the entire MAHE team for their hard work and dedication.

Institute of Communication goes global with ICA 2023

Manipal Institute of Communication organized the "ICA Regional Hub" 2023 in collaboration with the International Communication Association from 26 to 30 May 2023 at MIC Campus, Manipal, MAHE.

As the only regional hub in the South Asian Region, the ICA Manipal Regional Hub integrated communication scholars from South Asia under the larger umbrella of ICA and aimed to strengthen the development of a global research culture in the region. The conference was open to academicians, practitioners, and students of media, communications, and related fields from Southern Asia or whose scholarships engaged with the region.

This event gave participants the opportunity to interact with experts and academicians from India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Pakistan, Canada, and the USA. Furthermore, MIC co-

organized two international collaborative panels with Indonesia and Nigeria as part of the conference; these panels brought together experts from diverse backgrounds to discuss critical topics and foster global connections. Dr. Padma Rani, Director, MIC, represented the ICA Indian Chapter and and revealed that the chapter is set to be operational by 2024.



MAHE hosts its first Global Health Advisory meeting

As one of the prime partners of the Global Health Consortium, MAHE hosted the first International Global Health Advisory Board meeting at the Manipal campus on 15 and 16 April 2023. The meeting was attended by Dr. Thijs Teeling, Chair, Dr. Luis Barretto, Canada, and Mrs. Mary Heersink, USA, along with the current board members. Several representatives from across universities were present as well. MAHE was represented by Lt.Gen. (Dr.) M D Venkatesh, Vice Chancellor; Dr. Sharat K Rao, Pro Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Giridhar Kini, Registrar; Dr. Helmut Brand, Director, Prasanna School of Public Health (PSPH).



The partner universities provided an update on their academic programs, collaborations along with areas for future partnership in the post pandemic situation. Alumni across the universities provided the reflections and suggested directions for the future. Maj. Gen.(Prof.) Atul Kotwal, Executive Director, National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), was the invited guest speaker and addressed the international members about India's contributions and achievements in the field of global health.

Department of Languages hosts a first-of-its-kind film festival

The Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) celebrated the Croatian and Polish Film Festival from 17 to 20 April 2023. Organized by the Department of Languages, MAHE, in collaboration with Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, the festival offered a curated selection of contemporary European arthouse gems and a forum for cineastes and students to forge transnational alliances.



Film screenings, discussion sessions, and workshops were held at various MAHE institutes, lending insights into a new cartography of post-auteur cinema. One of the highlights of the festival was a special lecture by Dr. Adam Domalewski titled "Film Styles in 21st Century European Art Cinema: An Overview" delivered at the Department of Languages, MAHE.

Medical students from the Netherlands visit MAHE

Four MBBS final year students from UMCG, Netherlands, visited Manipal School of Information Sciences as part of the PRESCRIP-TEC project, a multinational project implemented across four countries (India, Slovakia, Uganda & Bangladesh) to carry out a costing survey for the project and assess the costings and availability of various medical procedures related to cervical cancer screening and treatment. The survey data collected would be used to



to recommend better and variable methods for accessible healthcare to the policymakers of the respective countries.

MAHE sparks with SPARC grants

The Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) is an initiative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development. It aims to facilitate research systems by providing grants for research collaborations between top-ranked Indian institutions and globally ranked foreign ones.

A number of professors from MAHE have received SPARC fellowships this term, and the list is as follows:

No. Project name Principal Investigator at MAHE Foreign University Amount in INR

1	Promoting Adolescents' Resilience: Evidence-based integrated approach to parenting and adolescent mental health	Dr. Lena Ashok, Professor & Head, Dept of Social and Health Innovation,	University of South Australia, Australia	52,00,000
		Prasanna School of Public Health	James Cook University, Australia	
2	Development and testing the effectiveness of a multifunctional nano therapeutic to overcome antimicrobial resistance among pathogenic bacteria associated with recalcitrant mastitis infections in dairy cows	Prof Sajan Daniel George, Head, Department of Atomic & Molecular Physics, MAHE	McGill University, Canada	42,12,320
3	Innovative Optical Diagnostics for Early Detection of Cardiovascular Disease	Prof Santhosh Chidangil, Professor, Department of Atomic & Molecular Physics	Nanyang Technical University, Singapore,	49,51,204
4	Evaluation of the bacterial ocular surface microbiome in the neonates Dr. Manali, Associate Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal University of New South Wales, Australia		30,00,000	
5	Non-invasive marker for screening of squamous cell carcinoma of cervix	Head Department of Cell and Molecular University		46,00,000
6	Digital Image Forensics and Security using Deep Learning	Prof Karunakar Annappa Kotegar, Professor, Department of Data Science & Computer Applications, Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal	Deakin University	80,00,000
TOTAL GRANT				2,99,63,524

Building MAHE Faculty news and milestones

Professor at Public Health bags an AHLA award

Dr. Usha Rani, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Manipal Health Literacy Unit (MHLU) at the Department of Social and Health Innovation, Prasanna School of Public Health (PSPH), Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal, has been honored with the highly esteemed Asian Health Literacy Award (AHLA) network achievement award. This prestigious accolade celebrates her outstanding dedication and impactful work advancing health literacy.



Her outstanding achievements and contributions to Health Literacy Collaborative and Networking activities, including the Monthly International Collaborative Health Literacy Webinar Series 2023, were recognized. This award aligns with SDG-3, SDG-4, and SDG-17, emphasizing good health, quality education, and partnerships for global goals.

A "canine" collaboration: Dental faculty visits Melbourne



Dr. M Vidya Saraswathi, Associate Dean of Manipal College of Dental Sciences (MCODS), Manipal, visited The Royal Dental

Hospital of Melbourne, Melbourne Dental School, University of Melbourne on 2 May 2023. She met Professor Alastair J Sloan, Head of School, Director of International, Melbourne Dental School. She discussed the possible areas of collaboration in terms of student mobility, student career progression, faculty and student exchange opportunities, and research collaborations. She visited the patient care setups with state-of-the-art facilities and preclinical and haptic labs of the dental school.

Operation MAHE & McGill: Faculty unite to host an event

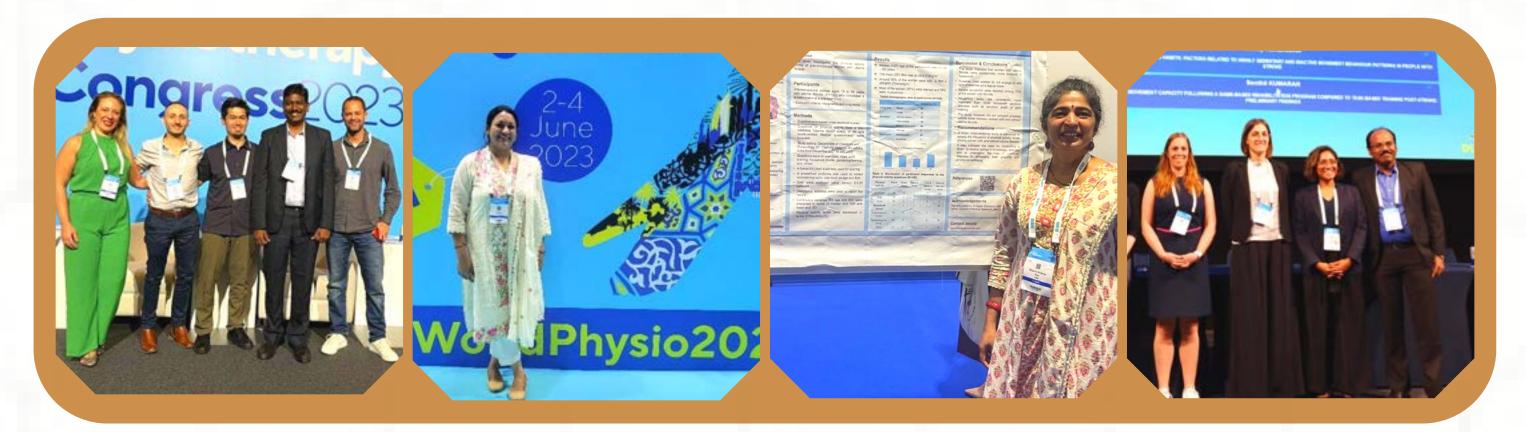
Ms. Sidhiprada Mohapatra, Assistant Professor- Selection grade, Department of Physiotherapy, Manipal College of Health Professions, MAHE; and Dr. Shaun Cleaver of McGill University - Global Health Programmes Summer Institutes hosted a three-day event highlighting the power of collaboration in the field of Disability Studies and Rehabilitation. The online program "Global Considerations of Disability for Rehabilitation Providers" was held from 23 to 25 May, with a remarkable collaboration between the two organizing institutes: Disability Rights Watch, Zambia; Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudi, Tamil Nadu; and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.



Empowering Excellence: Health Professions faculty shine at the World Physiotherapy Congress 2023

Several faculty members from Manipal College of Health Professions (MCHP), MAHE, visited Dubai to attend and present a myriad of topics at the World Physiotherapy Congress 2023 (WPC) held from 2 to 4 June 2023.

Dr. Senthil Kumaran D, Additional Professor, Department of Physiotherapy, MCHP, received the bursary award of £1,200 (Travel & Accommodation). He presented a poster titled "Effect of a game-based rehabilitation compared to task-based training on upper limb function in patients with stroke: preliminary findings." Dr. John Solomon M, Coordinator of the Centre for Comprehensive Stroke Rehabilitation and Research and Head of the Department of Physiotherapy, MCHP, was invited as a speaker and was supported by a travel bursary of £1,200.



Dr. Preetha R., Associate Professor, Department of Physiotherapy, MCHP, presented a poster titled "Knowledge, Attitude, and Practices about Exercises among pregnant women during COVID-19 Pandemic." She obtained a bursary award worth \$128. Dr. Bhamini Krishna Rao, Professor at the Department of Physiotherapy, MCHP, presented a poster titled "Physical Activity of Pre-menopausal Women with Uterine Fibroids – A Cross-Sectional Study."

Dr. Naveen Salins bags the prestigious Clinical Impact Award

Dr. Naveen Salins (Associate Dean, Research, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal) received the European Association of Palliative Care's (EAPC) 'Clinical Impact Award.' He accepted the award virtually during this year's EAPC's annual congress held at Rotterdam, Netherlands, from 15 to 17 June.

The EAPC's 'Clinical Impact Award' is a testimony to the outstanding scientific contributions to palliative care research which significantly impacts clinical practice, education, policy, and public advocacy. It is the highest award for research in Palliative care at the global level, and Dr. Salins is the first Indian National to have received this honor.



Pride of MAHE Student/Alumni news and milestones

MAHE and the University of New Brunswick become joint awardees of Global Technology Solutions





Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal, in partnership with the University of New Brunswick (UNB), Canada, jointly conducted the Global Technology Solutions (GTS) program 2022 Cohort from December 2022 to March 2023. GTS is a four-month program that unites student innovators from MAHE and UNB to develop technologies that solve global challenges.

The GTS program was designed for the students from UNB & MAHE interested in innovation, technology, development, and entrepreneurship. The ten best candidates were selected from MAHE's Manipal and Mangalore campuses. The second cohort gathered ten students from MAHE and five from UNB from fields of Medicine, Dentistry, Entrepreneurship, Biomedical, Computer Science, Mechanical Engineering and Biotechnology.

Students worked in teams to develop innovative solutions to problems within the United Nation's Goals for Sustainable Development regarding food security, health innovation, mobility and transportation, education, and women empowerment. These teams presented before a jury containing a mix of professors from MAHE and UNB on 25th April 2023.

The best innovation selected by Jury was Study Space, a tech platform that enables the concept of study companions for students with value-added features. Raahi App, a mobile platform that will assist women in making their late evening and night-time commute without fear, won the "Greatest Social Impact" award. Both teams will receive \$1,000 (Rs.60,000).

Manipal Student chosen for Young Scientist Program 2023

Ms. Anushka Iyer from Manipal School of Life Sciences (MSLS) has been selected for Young Scientist Program 2023 at the Blue Marble Space Institute of Science. She will be working in the DasSarma Lab as a research associate from June to August under the guidance of Dr. Shiladitya DasSarma and Dr. Priya DasSarma. She will be researching "Evolution and Survival of Ancient Microbes- A Bioinformatic Approach" from an astrobiological point of view. The program will be held online.



An Otto win: MIT secures a high rank at Auto-Robotics comp.

The results of the International Ground Vehicle Competition (IGVC) announced by Oakland University, USA, have put MAHE in the spotlight. Project Manas, the team from Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT), has achieved a remarkable feat by securing third place globally in the Auto-Navigation Challenge. The outstanding accomplishment has granted a grand prize of \$1500.

Among the 29 participating teams, only 13 were deemed qualified to partake in auto-navigation trials on the designated course. MIT's creation, *Otto*, flawlessly traversed 365 feet. It stood as a testament to the brilliance of the team's ingenuity and unwavering dedication.



WPC 2023 Highlights: MAHE Ph.D. Scholars elevate the stage

The World Physiotherapy Conference (WPC) 2023, held in Dubai from 2 June to 4 June 2023, witnessed many attendees from Manipal College of Health Professions (MCHP), MAHE.

Ms. Shristi Shakya, and Ms. Akhila Jagadish, Dr. TMA Pai Ph.D. scholars, Department of Physiotherapy, MCHP, gave presentations on "Technology-based physiotherapy interventions for head and trunk control in children with Cerebral Palsy: A Review" and "Management of fatigue using transcranial direct current stimulation in neurological conditions: A Systematic Scoping Review" respectively. Both received a bursary of \$ 254 to attend the online WPC event.



Mr. Prabal Kumar and Mr. Arnold Fredrick D'Souza, Dr. TMA Pai Ph.D. scholars, gave presentations on "The effect of targeted interventions on C-Terminal Argin fragment concentration in sarcopenic older adults: A Scoping Review" and "Effect of Home-based Telerehabilitation on Balance, Functional Mobility, and Quality of Life in persons with Parkinson's disease: A Systematic Review" respectively.

Ms. Sanjukta Sardesai, Dr. TMA Pai Ph.D. scholar, presented a Scientific Paper titled "Kinematics of a 3D reach-to-grasp-to-mouth task in sub-acute phase to differentiate across mild, moderate, and severe groups of stroke survivors."

Students of MIT compete in Int. Robotics Competition

The e-Yantra Robotics Competition (eYRC) is an international competition conducted annually by the e-Yantra, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB). eYRC has six themes, each facilitating the teams with varied levels of skills from beginners to advanced. Participants are to use these skills to solve real problems in the future.

This competition is conducted online over a period of five-six months in a "Learning while Competing" mode. This year's eYRC themes focused on sensitizing the participants to problems of using technology in future cities. Five out of 41 teams from MIT were shortlisted for the pre-final round, highlighting the teams' resilience and problem-solving skills.

Dental Interns take part in the Int. Observership Program

The interns of MCODS Mangalore: Dr. Sukanya Menon, Dr. Harsimrat Kaur, Dr. Kiran Gurdasani, Dr. Sahej Chadha, Dr. Yashaswini Modukuru, Dr. Sukanya Chakraborty, Dr. Shreya Kumar, Dr. G Kamala, Dr. Chaithra M, Dr. Urmila Mense, Dr. Simran Gupta, and Dr. Ravi Divya Lakshmi were selected to participate in the observership Programme at Faculty of Dentistry, Universiti Teknologi MARA, and Melaka Manipal Medical College, Malaysia, from 10 to 14 April 2023. The students also attended an international conference, the 13th UiTM Dental Students' Scientific Symposium 2023, held from 18



to 19 March 2023 at Universiti Teknologi MARA. Simran Gupta and the team of Sukanya Menon and Yashaswini Modukuru won second place in research presentation and e-poster presentation categories respectively.

Experience MAHE

Jakob Meyer: Voyage from Germany to MAHE

My exchange semester at the MAHE has been a great experience. The warmth and kindness of the people, particularly within my department, the Manipal Centre for Humanities, were nothing but terrific and helpful.

Exploring the academic life of an Indian private university allowed me to gain insights into a diverse range of subjects and perspectives. Engaging with other international students and classmates helped me create friendships and a social network in general.



Manipal offers many possibilities for exploration, as the university stands close to beaches and cultural sites. Traveling was a big part of my studies, which granted me a comprehensive understanding of India's diversity, from its incredible nature to its unique cultural traditions.

In summary, my exchange semester in Manipal has been an extraordinary experience. The kindness

of the people, the academic scope, and the opportunity to witness many aspects of this nation have all contributed to an unforgettable journey. I am immensely grateful for the experiences and lasting memories I have gained through my time in Manipal.

From MAHE to Norway: Amway Bansod

My name is Anway Bansod. I am pursuing an MA in Media and Communications from MIC and went to Volda University College, Norway, as an exchange student. I attended the 'FALSTAD WORKSHOP 2023: Memory Dialogues on Racism & Anti-Semitism' in Oslo, Norway.



The workshop was held for students of film studies, public history, design, psychology, and journalism coming from Volda University College [Norway], Freie University of Berlin [Germany], University of Bergen [Norway], SWPS University Wrocław [Poland] and HMS Hamburg Media school [Germany].

I presented an assignment called 'SuperSession' on how to develop anti-discriminatory activities and conceptualize appropriate workshops to educate students and reflect on social history.

Savoring the culinary dream in Sweden: Arya S Kumar



I am Arya S Kumar. I qualified for the exchange program for my final master's semester as part of my internship. I finished my Exchange program at Umeå University, Sweden, for the Spring semester of 2023.

My journey in Sweden was wonderful. I explored real Swedish food, winter activities, and Umea tourism attractions. The classes were amazing and incorporated more practical skills, along with group

discussions, presentations, and individual assessments. I also studied public health concerns across a wide range of locations because my classmates and lecturers were all from different nations. My comprehension of my area of interest has greatly increased, thanks to Umea. Any issues faced were swiftly resolved by the college office, making this journey easier for me. Overall, the time I spent there was one of the best experiences of my life.

I sincerely appreciate WGSHA, MAHE, and Umea University for providing this fantastic opportunity and helping me advance in my academic career.

From MAHE to the sky: Tanisha Mishra

My name is Tanisha Mishra, and I am an MBBS intern at Kasturba



Medical College, MAHE. Earlier this year, I had the wonderful opportunity to undergo internships at some of the leading hospitals in the world, namely, the Mayo Clinic Hospital, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, and the Cleveland Clinic Hospital. I am also fortunate to have been recently accepted as a scholarship student at Harvard Medical School, Boston, for a one-year research program. I was beyond overwhelmed after my acceptance at these prestigious universities.

I am incredibly grateful to all my preceptors at KMC Manipal and the Student Mobility Center for helping me prepare well for these rotations and always providing timely guidance. Being a part of the Manipal family and having a path already laid out by my seniors provided me with good foundational skills to achieve all my goals at these internships. When I finally started working in the US, it was heartwarming for me to receive tremendous support from my new preceptors, mentors, and friends.

I feel blessed to have learned a vast range of new skill sets through these internships. I really encourage all my peers to pursue global internships to enhance their skills. We are part of a wonderful institution at Manipal with world-class facilities and access to valuable guidance. I hope more students can avail these benefits and strive to be their best versions.

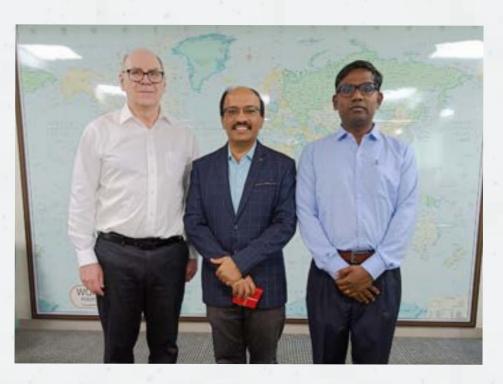
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German Consulate, Bengaluru



Carleton University, Canada



Babeș-Bolyai University, Romania



Student from Oslo who finished a three-month observership at MCHP



Griffith University, Australia



Merck Foundation, Germany



Dr. Keith Brennan, Uni of Manchester, visits MAHE



Gastroenterology unit declared a training center by MGH



Ms.Gnanakshi, Ph.D. Nursing Scholar from Nepal visits College of Nursing, MAHE



Career Guidance Program by MAHE, Mangaluru in collab with Queen Mary Uni, England



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