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# COMMUNIQUÉ

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**MCODS, Mangalore rankings among private dental institutions in India**

**Ranked # 2**

**Ranked # 3**

**Ranked # 5**



**Ranked # 5**



**Ranked # 9**



**Ranked # 12**

**MCODS, Mangalore Rankings among all dental institutions in India**

***Greetings from The Department of Public Health Dentistry,  
MCOADS, Mangalore!!***

It gives us immense pleasure in releasing Communiqué, the newsletter of Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Mangalore. Since its inception, the Department of Public Health Dentistry was headed by many stalwarts in the discipline. I am humbled and deem it a privilege to be part of such an elite group.

I would like to thank my colleagues Dr. Ashwini Rao, Dr. Ramya Shenoy, Dr. Mithun Pai BH, Dr. Mranali Shetty and post graduates for all their help and valuable inputs. The current issue of Communiqué will highlight various events held in our institution and the laurels achieved by our faculty members and students.

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MCOADS, Mangalore



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## CAD/CAM

The **Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics** arranged the demonstration of CAD/CAM system by DENTSPLY SIRONA on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019. The resource person was **Dr. Johnson Bandi**, Certified Dentsply Sirona CAD/CAM trainer. Dr. Johnson discussed the principles, application, uses, and advantages. He also demonstrated the chair side and laboratory procedures regarding CAD/CAM unit.



## Perioesthetics and Implant Dentistry



The **Department of Periodontology** conducted a Program titled “**Perioesthetics and Implant Dentistry**” on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019. **Dr Manoj Humagain**, an alumnus of MCOADS, Mangalore was the resource person. He is currently serving as the Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Periodontology and Oral Implantology, School of Medical Sciences, Kathmandu University, Nepal. It was attended by around 70 participants from our institution and neighboring institutes.

## CERTIFICATE COURSE IN MINOR ORAL SURGERY



The **Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery** conducted the Certificate Course in Minor Oral Surgery during the month of **April, 2019**. Four registered dental practitioners enrolled for the month long program. The closing ceremony and awards function was held on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

## Aesthetic Considerations For Anterior Single Tooth Implant



The **Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery**, conducted a CPD program on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 titled ‘**Aesthetic Considerations for Anterior Single Tooth Implants**’ and a hands-on workshop ‘**Provisionalisation after Implant Placement**’. The guest speaker was **Dr. Vibhuti Singh Gopal**, an accomplished oral implantologist. More than 50 delegates attended the event. The program consisted of a lecture, demonstrations and hands-on workshop on anterior single tooth implants.

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## Orientation Program on Infection control



An **Orientation Program on Infection Control Protocol** was held for 25 newly joined I year Postgraduate students on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 by the **Infection Control Committee** of the institution. The program consisted of lectures, group discussions, video and live demonstrations, question and answer sessions on topics related to infection control such as hand washing, personal protective equipment, autoclaving, chairside disinfection, waterline and suction system maintenance, needle stick injury protocol, waste disposal, infection control in radiology and prevention of transmission of blood borne infections.

## PG Orientation Program 2019



**Post Graduate Orientation Program** was conducted for the 2019 batch postgraduates on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. The postgraduates were welcomed by **Dr. Dilip G. Naik**, Dean, MCOADS, Mangalore. **Dr. Ashita Upoor**, Associate Dean, briefed the new postgraduate students about various aspects of post graduate training in the institution. The program was attended by all the Heads of the Departments and post graduate guides in the institution.

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### ‘Facial aesthetics – A creative way’



The **Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery** organized a CPD program titled ‘**Facial aesthetics – A creative way**’ on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The resource person was **Dr. Gopal Jee**, an experienced clinician and practitioner in the field. The talk included Dermal Fillers, Botox, Thread lift, Dermabrasion, PRP therapy, Microneedling, Mesotherapy, Cosmetic Peels and other facial aesthetic procedures. The lecture was followed by demonstration of various materials employed in facial aesthetics, which was attended by the faculty and student participants.

### *evi*DENS 2019

The **Department of Public Health Dentistry** conducted a workshop on **Research Methodology, Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Ethics** titled *evi*DENS 2019 on 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. Resource persons included the **faculty members from the Department of Public Health Dentistry; Dr. UnniKrishnan**, Associate Dean, KMC, Mangalore; **Dr. Prashanthi Madhyastha**, Member Secretary, Institutional Ethics Committee; **Dr. Aditi Chopra**, Assistant Professor, Department of Periodontology, MCO DS, Manipal, who is an alumnus of our institution. The workshop was attended by 50 post graduate students and faculty members.



### Achiever's Day



A team of IV BDS students guided by **Dr. Karuna YM** participated in “**Achiever's Day**”, inter-collegiate competition organized by the Department of Paedodontics & Preventive Dentistry, **AB Shetty Memorial Institute of Dental Sciences, Nitte University, Mangalore** on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. Team MCO DS bagged the **Runner Up** position for the event.



## Tips for dental practice start up



A talk was organised by **MAHESRF** on the topic “**Tips for dental practice start up**” on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. The resource person for the same was **Dr Kapil K Raina**, who heads the Coordination of International Service Learning Program of the School of Dentistry, **University of Florida, USA**, in India. This presentation was specifically for the benefit of young dentists who intend to start their own practice.

## Surgical Microscope



The **Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics** arranged the demonstration of Surgical Microscope by **Carl Zeiss** on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The resource person was **Dr. Vinod Kumar**, Cosmetic Dentist and Endodontist, **ROOTS Microdentistry Centre**. Dr. Vinod Kumar discussed the principles, application, uses, and advantages of Operating Microscope. He also demonstrated the chair side functioning of the microscope and gave live demonstration of root canal treatment on a patient.

## World No Tobacco Day 2019

The **Department of Public Health Dentistry, MCOADS, Mangalore** commemorated the **World No Tobacco Day 2019** by organizing various events from 30<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019. This included **intercollegiate competitions** such as **poster, graffiti, quiz and street play competitions, screening and oral health education program** at Panambur beach, Mangalore. Valedictory function was held at Town Hall, Mangalore on **31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019**.



All the events were organized in association with **District Health & Family Welfare Services, Dakshina Kannada, Mangaluru**; **District Tobacco Control Cell, Mangaluru**, **District Legal Cell Authority, Mangaluru**; **Indian Red Cross Society, Dakshina Kannada, Mangalore** and **Indian Dental Association, Dakshina Kannada District, Mangalore**

### Laurels

**Dr. Janina Loren D'Souza**, II year Post Graduate student, **Department of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics** won **first prize** in debate competition at the **20<sup>th</sup> National PG Convention** held in Chandigarh from 7-10<sup>th</sup> March 2019.



**Ms. Debotri Basu**, was awarded the best poster presentation at 9<sup>th</sup> Dental Student's Scientific Symposium 2019 held at **UiTM Sungai Buloh, Selangor, Malaysia** On 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. The title of her poster was "Association between oral health status and oral health literacy among management students".



## Matribhasha Divas



**Matribhasha Divas** was organized by KMC's student council and DSA, MCOODS on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2019. This day is observed worldwide as **International Mother Language Day**, to promote awareness about linguistic and cultural diversity. Singing, elocution competitions were organized to mark this occasion. **Dr Rekha T**, Deputy Director – Student Affairs (Mangalore Campus) graced the occasion and distributed the prizes to the prize winners.

## International Yoga Day



Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore and Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Mangalore observed **International Yoga Day** on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 led by **Mr. Shrikar B**, an engineer and yoga enthusiast affiliated with The Heartfulness Organization and **Dr. Dhanashree B**, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, KMC Mangalore. History of Ashtanga Yoga and its various nuances was discussed, followed by relaxation and meditation sessions.

## Student Conference of Research in Education (SCoRE 2.0)



**SCoRE 2.0** was organised by Manipal Academy of Higher Education Student Research Forum (MAHESRF), MCOADS, Mangalore. The two-day conference was held on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, and over 500 student participants from 28 colleges participated in the conference. The inaugural ceremony was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, with **Dr. H. Vinod Bhat**, Vice Chancellor, MAHE being the chief guest. The Guests of Honour were **Dr. V. Surendra Shetty**, Pro vice chancellor, MAHE and **Dr. Poornima Baliga**, Pro Vice Chancellor, MAHE. **Dr. Joe V. Mathew memorial research award** for 3 best publications and **MAHESRF seed money** were distributed during the inauguration.



Keynote speakers included **Dr. Alben Sigamani**, Group Head, Clinical Research, Narayana Hrudayalaya Ltd., Bengaluru, who spoke on the topic “Becoming a Clinician Scientist: A Journey of a Lifetime”; **Dr. Arun Shanbagh**, Chief Innovation Officer, MAHE, who spoke on “The Big Rocks in Our Life”; **Dr. Praveen Birur**, Professor and Head, KLE Dental College, Bengaluru, who spoke on “Integrating Health & Technology in Early Oral Cancer Detection”. The Valedictory ceremony was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, with **Dr. Bharti Chogtu M**, Deputy Director, Research (Health Sciences), MAHE being the chief guest.

## College day 2019



Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Mangalore celebrated its **College Day and Awards Ceremony** on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Dr. TMA Pai International Convention Center. The chief guest of the event was **Dr Prasanna Neelakantan**, Assistant Dean, Research and Innovation and Faculty of Dentistry, **University of Hong Kong**.

**Dr. Dilip Naik**, Dean, MCOADS, Mangalore presented the college report for the year 2018. **Dr. Poornima Baliga**, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Health Sciences) released the college magazine titled “Querencia” and felicitated the graduates. **Dr. V. Surendra Shetty**, Pro-Vice Chancellor congratulated the graduates and wished them well.

The event was also graced by Associate Deans – **Dr. Ashita Uppoor** and **Dr. Premalatha Shetty**. The Best outgoing student of batch of 2014 was awarded to **Dr. Asadur Rahaman Middy** (who is also recipient of the prestigious Dr. TMA Pai gold medal), who won a bunch of awards expressed his thoughts and experiences at MCOADS. **Dr. Manuel Thomas and team** won the **first prize in best audio-visual material** and **Dr. Ashwin Rao and team** won the **second prize** for best audio-visual material.

The formal function was followed by an entertainment program by the staff and students of MCOADS and a gala dinner. This event was made more memorable by the presence of parents and relatives of the graduating batch of students.

**Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> among private dental colleges and 5<sup>th</sup> among all dental colleges in India as per survey by the magazine The Week**

Magazine	Private colleges	All India
The Week	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
India Today	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>
Outlook	5 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>



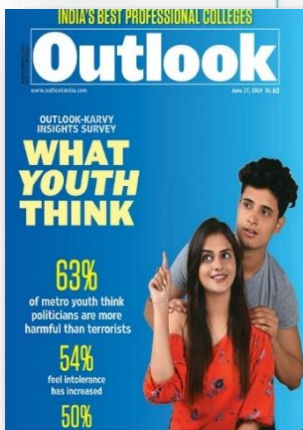
PRIVATE DENTAL COLLEGES ALL INDIA

RANK	COLLEGE	CITY	COMPOSITE SCORE
2019			
1	Manipal College of Dental Sciences	Manipal	533
2	A.P. Shetty Memorial Institute of Dental Sciences	Mangaluru	430
3	Manipal College of Dental Sciences	Mangaluru	430
4	Bapuji Dental College and Hospital	Davangere	420
5	SDM College of Dental Sciences and Hospital	Dharwad	400
6	Saveetha Dental College and Hospital	Chennai	340
7	Sri Ramachandra Dental College and Hospital	Chennai	338
8	Christian Dental College	Ludhiana	333
9	College of Dental Sciences	Davangere	308
10	Army College of Dental Sciences	Secunderabad	285
11	Institute of Dental Sciences	Bhubaneswar	266
12	Singhad Dental College and Hospital	Pune	240
13	I.T.S. Dental College, Hospital and Research Centre	Greater Noida	217
14	Bhojia Dental College and Hospital	Baddi	214
15	Coorg Institute of Dental Sciences	Virajpet	211
16	Vishnu Dental College	Bhimavaram	210
17	Manav Rachna Dental College	Faridabad	192

TOP 10 COLLEGES IN INDIA >>>

- 1 MAULANA AZAD INSTITUTE OF DENTAL SCIENCES, *Delhi*
- 2 FACULTY OF DENTAL SCIENCES, KING GEORGE'S MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, *Lucknow*
- 3 POST-GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF DENTAL SCIENCES, *Rohtak*
- 4 FACULTY OF DENTAL SCIENCES, IMS, BHU, *Varanasi*

- 5 MANIPAL COLLEGE OF DENTAL SCIENCES, *Manipal*
- 6 NAIR HOSPITAL DENTAL COLLEGE, *Mumbai*
- 7 GOVERNMENT DENTAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, *Mumbai*
- 8 CHRISTIAN DENTAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, *Ludhiana*
- 9 MANIPAL COLLEGE OF DENTAL SCIENCES, *Mangaluru*
- 10 GOVERNMENT DENTAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, *Nagpur*



1	Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences	G	Delhi	7	Christian Dental College	P	Ludhiana
2	Government Dental College & Hospital	G	Mumbai	8	SDM College of Dental Sciences	P	Dharwad
3	Nair Hospital Dental College	G	Mumbai	9	Post-Graduate Institute of Dental Science	G	Rohtak
4	Manipal College of Dental Sciences	P	Manipal	10	Dr. R. Ahmed Dental College & Hospital	G	Koikata
5	Government Dental College & Research Institute	G	Bangalore	11	Sri Ramachandra Dental College & Hospital	P	Chennai
6	Faculty of Dental Sciences, King George's Medical University	G	Lucknow	12	Manipal College of Dental Sciences	P	Mangaluru
				13	Faculty of Dental Sciences, IMS Ramaiah Medical	G	Bangalore

## Dental week

**Dental Week 2019** titled “**Orrosto**”, the annual inter-class cultural fest, was held from 13<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2019. Students and faculty members from the institution participated in various competitions. Overall winners were the **batch of 2016**, while the overall runners up were the **batch of 2017**.



## UTSAV 2019

**UTSAV 2019**, the annual inter-collegiate cultural fest, was held from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at Manipal. Students and faculty members from all the constituent institutions of MAHE participated with zeal and enthusiasm in various competitions. Students from MCOADS, Mangalore bagged first prizes in cartooning, debate, clay modelling, standup comedy. Overall, MCOADS, Mangalore won the “**1<sup>st</sup> Runners-Up**”, bringing laurels to the institution.



## Annual sports day 2019

**Annual Sports Day 2019** was held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at Marena Sports Complex, Mangalore. The event was inaugurated by **Dr Deepa Shenoy**, Alumnus 1990 batch. Ms. Sai Soumya Tiwari (2016 batch) and Mr. Aashish Shetty (2018 batch) won the best female and male athletes. The batch of 2016 were the overall winners of sport shield. Students participated in large numbers in various sports competitions and the event was a grand success.



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## Intercollegiate sports competitions



**Dr. Karthik Shetty**, Additional Professor, Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics won the **2<sup>nd</sup> place** in **MAHE intercollegiate squash tournament** held at Manipal on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. He received the prize at the **Annual Sports Prize Distribution Ceremony** held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019 at Manipal.

## Public Health Dentistry Day 2019

The **Department of Public Health Dentistry** commemorated the **Public Health Dentistry day** on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. **Oral health treatment and awareness camp** was held at **Mangalore Refineries & Petroleum Ltd., (MRPL), Mangalore**. The participants of the program were members of the **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), MRPL**. On the same day, the **Facebook page** of the department was launched. This will be employed as a tool to showcase various activities of the department and also to interact with a wide variety of audience in the social media. `



### Xtract-19



Students from MCODS Mangalore participated in cultural events organized by the Indian Dental Association (IDA), Dakshina Kannada branch titled: “Xtract-19”. MCODS won first prizes in fashion show and dance. **Team MCODS Mangalore** bagged the overall **First prize** at the event, bringing glories to the institution.

### Public Health Research Initiative (PHRI) Research Grant



**Dr. Ashwini Rao**, Professor, Department of Public Health Dentistry has been awarded a **Public Health Research Initiative (PHRI) Research Grant** of **Rs. 18,99,205/-** by Public Health foundation of India (PHFI) in collaboration with Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Government of India. The title of the project is “Effectiveness of a school-based tobacco free intervention on adolescents’ knowledge and exposure to second hand smoke – A multiphase study”.

### Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) Grant

**Dr. Ramya Shenoy**, Associate Professor, Department of Public Health Dentistry received a **grant of Rs.1,17,873/-** from **Science and Engineering Research Board, Government of India** for participating in **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting in Special Care Dentistry** held on 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2019, at **Atlanta, Georgia, USA**. The title of her paper was “Evaluation of existing Dental Health Program at Old Age Home- An Interview based survey”.



**Dr. Anwetakshmi Ray**, PG student **Department of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics**, participated in **Manipal Research Colloquium**, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. Her short study “Evaluation of anterior composite restorations for validation of assessment of digital photography” was selected for **best 3 minute oral presentation** and was amongst the top 5 out of 300 entries.



### Dental hackathon

The “**Dental hackathon: Making it Affordable**” was held in Manipal from 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Team **REMIX** - consisting of **Ms. Vidushi Gupta, Mr. Lohan Moradia, Mr. Atishay Jain and Ms. Sushmita Ghosh** were awarded as one of the Top 5 teams and were awarded a **seed fund**.





### Student exchange program



Three students of Faculty of Dental Sciences, **University of Portsmouth, UK** visited our institution from 4<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 for **observership** as a part of the **student exchange program**. They were demonstrated the use of new equipments and procedures and visited community outreach centres. They gave a talk on ‘dental therapy students in plaque control’.

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### Student Exchange Program

**Miss. Rashi Bhasin** has been selected for the **Student Exchange Program** in the **University of Iowa, USA** from 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 to 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2019. She is currently visiting University of Iowa under this exchange program.



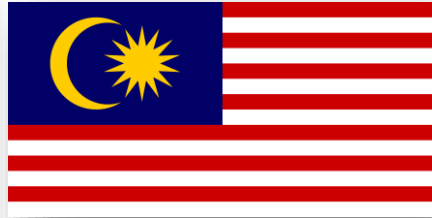

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### Observership Programs



Three post graduate students of the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, **BK Koriala College of Health Sciences, Dharan, Nepal**, visited the **Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics** from 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 as a part of observership program. Demonstration of equipments such as Elements Obturation System and procedures such as instrument retrieval, resin post and core pattern were conducted.

## Student Observership Program



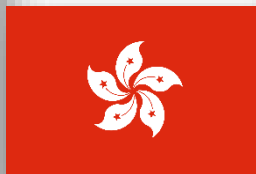
A group of six house surgeons from the institution attended the **9<sup>th</sup> Dental Student Scientific Symposium** held at UiTM, Sungai Buloh, Selangor, **Malaysia**. **Ms. Debotri Basu** was awarded the “Best Poster Amongst The International Delegates”. This was followed by **Observership Program** at UiTM, Sungai Buloh, **Malaysia** on 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

## Visit by University of Portsmouth official



**Ms. Kathryn Land**, Faculty International Manager, **University of Portsmouth, UK** visited our institution on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. Avenues for student and faculty exchange, collaborative research were discussed.

## Lecture by Dr. Prasanna Neelakantan



The **Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics** arranged a lecture titled, “**Root canal Debridement**” on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. The resource person was **Dr. Prasanna Neelakantan**, Assistant Dean, Research and Innovation, **Hong Kong University, Hong Kong**, who discussed irrigation protocol for the success of the root canal treatment.

## Temporomandibular Joint Disorders & Orofacial Pain



Departments of Oral Medicine and Radiology, and Prosthodontics and Crown & Bridge organized program on “**Temporomandibular Joint Disorders & Orofacial Pain**” on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The resource persons were **Mrs. Manisha P Shenoy**, Assistant Professor-Senior Scale, KMC, Mangalore, Manipal College of Health Professions, MAHE and **Dr. Yoshizo Matsuka**, Professor, Stomatognathic Function and Occlusal Reconstruction, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, **Tokushima University, Tokushima, Japan**. The program was attended by 45 participants including faculty, post-graduates and interns.

### Student Observership Program



The **Center for Forensic Odontology**, MCODES Mangalore conducted a five-day training program for **Ethiopian residents** from April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 as a part of the advanced training in Forensic Medicine conducted by the Department of Forensic Medicine, KMC Mangalore. Three residents from the St. Paul Millennium Hospital, **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia** visited the Center for Forensic Odontology. Traits of teeth, Bite marks, Cheiloscopy & Rugoscopy, role of the odontologist in detecting child abuse, histology & radiological techniques and skeletal age assessment techniques were discussed.

### Alumni feature



**Dr. Varun Arya**, an alumni of 2004 batch, graduated valedictorian from MCOBS in 2009 with the **Dr. TMA Pai Gold Medal for Best Outgoing Graduate** across Manipal University. He then went to the United States to pursue his DMD from **Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (GSDM), Boston University**. He graduated first in his DMD class and was awarded for his outstanding achievements in oral and maxillofacial surgery as a dental student from the **American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**. He pursued his specialization in **Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery** and was trained at two Level 1 trauma center Boston Medical Center and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical center.

In December 2014, Dr. Arya was the recipient of the **American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Philip J. Boyne Memorial Scholarship** based on academic excellence and his contribution to research in the field of oral and maxillofacial surgery. In January 2015, Dr. Arya received the **Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery National Insurance Company (OMSNIC) educational grant award**. In 2017, he received national award in best research paper from the **American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery** for his research on Orthognathic Surgery and its effects on the TMJ, which was funded by the OMS foundation.

He has published several papers in the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and has contributed a book chapter on floor of the mouth squamous cell carcinoma, in the book titled **“Oral, Head and Neck Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery”** by **Dr. Bryan Bell**.

Dr. Arya is now in a private practice in Greater Harrisburg Area, Pennsylvania, USA. He enjoys **traveling** across the globe. **Cooking** makes him happy, with a hope that he will open a fusion Italian and Indian restaurant in future. When not working, he would often find himself **Kayaking** on the Susquehanna River or practicing yoga.

We are proud of his achievements!!

**Alumni achievements**

**Dr. Megha Gupta**, (2001 batch) has won the **Best Research Award** for the academic year 2017-18 at **Jazan University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**. This includes a certificate and SAR 10,000 PRIZE. The award was for her Q1 indexed research publication “**Dental implant treatment for renal failure patients on dialysis - A clinical guideline**”. This project included researchers from 5 reputed universities around the globe including Jazan University, KSA; Sichuan University, China; Complutense University, Spain; Mahidol University, Thailand; and Harvard School of Dental Medicine, USA.

This research received grant from the following organizations: National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC 81371173), State Key Laboratory of Oral Diseases (SKLOD 201704), International Team for Implantology (Grant no. 975\_2014, Basel Switzerland), National Key R and D Program of China during the 13th five year plan. (2016 YFC1102700). She worked at College of Dentistry, Jazan university, KSA from 2013 to 2018. She is currently working as Reader, Department of Paedodontics, Vyas Dental College, Jodhpur.



**Dr. Jessica Thomas**, (2007 batch) has joined **University of Michigan** for DDS program under Internationally Trained Dentist Program & will graduate in 2021.

**Dr Parthiban Krishnaraj**, (2010 batch) won **Gold medal** by securing highest marks in MDS exam in **Orthodontics** at KLE VI Institute of Dental Sciences, Belgaum.



**Dr Nikita Sudhir**, (2010 batch) won **Gold medal** by securing highest marks in MDS exam in **Endodontics** at KLE VI Institute of Dental Sciences, Belgaum.

## Alumni Positions



**Dr. Seema Jacob** (1990 batch) has been appointed as the **Board Member, Board of Registration in Dentistry, Massachusetts** by Governor Charlie Baker, in March 2019. She is the first person to get appointed from her native state, Kerala and first from MCOODS, Mangalore. Board of Registration represents the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is a regulatory body overseeing all dentists.

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**Dr. Sushant A. Pai**, (1990 batch) is currently holding the post of the **Principal, Sri Rajiv Gandhi College of Dental Sciences and Hospital, Bangalore**



**Dr. Vidya Saraswathi**, (1990 batch) is appointed as **Associate Dean, Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Manipal**. She had earlier headed the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, MCOODS, Manipal.

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**Dr. Prasad Aravind**, (1992 batch) was elected as **Executive Member, Indian Prosthodontic Society, Kerala State**.



**Dr Neeraj Grover**, (1992 batch) has taken over as the **Principal, Kalka Dental College, Meerut**. He is also heading the Department of Oral Pathology.

## Alumni reunion

The **1993 batch** of MCODES Mangalore celebrated their 25 years reunion from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019. A total of 31 alumni attended the event. A dinner at Hotel Gateway was organized for all the teachers on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019. During the program they handed a cheque for the amount of **Rs. 31,000/-** towards **alumni fund**. The alumni visited their Alma Mater on 4<sup>th</sup> January and celebrated their happiness by cutting a cake in every department. They involved all faculty members and non teaching staff and addressed each one of them individually. They later visited all the hostels, Marena and other facilities followed by lunch at Kaprigudda hostel hosted by the institution. The team then left to River Roost resort to have an exclusive batch get together. **Mr. Prasanna Kailaje**, Director Alumni Relations, MAHE, Manipal was present on 3<sup>rd</sup> January at Gateway and on 4<sup>th</sup> January at Kaprigudda Hostel. He was kind enough to gift all the visiting alumni with a beautiful custom made remembrance, a tote bag and car stickers. He also bought a cake that was cut by the alumni who had their birthdays in January.



## Dental Week Valedictory

**Dr. Sherry Mukkada**, 1988 batch Alumnus, was the chief guest for the college **Dental Week valedictory program** held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2019 at TMA Pai convention Hall.

## Alumni contribution

The **1993 batch Alumni** contributed ₹ 31,000/- and **1999 batch** contributed ₹ 1,11,111/- towards the Alumni Fund. All **Alumni Faculty** contributed ₹ 52,000/- towards Alumni Fund.



## Spotlight

The Department of Public Health Dentistry was established in the year 1987, while the postgraduate program was initiated in 2011. The Faculty members of the department are actively involved in teaching, patient care, research, and community outreach activities. They have been successful in obtaining research grants, research awards, scientific publications in National and International Journals and have authored textbooks including the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of Essentials of Public Health Dentistry.

The teaching program of Public Health Dentistry for undergraduate and postgraduate learning is dynamic, innovative and interactive. The students are encouraged to participate in field work, professional conferences and they have undertaken numerous research activities.



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