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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear All,

The second quarter of 2025 has been marked by impactful initiatives in tobacco cessation, academic advancement, interdisciplinary collaboration, and community outreach, reflecting our continued commitment to oral health and excellence in dental education. This quarter witnessed a focused initiative on tobacco cessation, culminating in the observance of World No Tobacco Day on 31st May 2025.



A significant milestone was the inauguration of the Tobacco Cessation Centre at the Ramaiah Kaiwara Rural Dental Centre by our Hon. Chancellor. This centre is envisioned to offer support particularly to smokeless tobacco users, a group identified as being highly prevalent in the Kaiwara region. In continuation of these efforts, tobacco awareness programs were organized for students, with a strong emphasis on the importance of mental health and strategies to prevent substance abuse and addiction.

The quarter also saw discussions on the establishment of a cancer registry, acknowledging its critical role in data collection and management for cancer surveillance. Initial steps toward its implementation have been initiated. Public Health Dentistry Day was celebrated with a focus on digital mobile dental infrastructure (MDI) and the promotion of preventive oral health measures. The release of the E-Danta Suraksha Manual marked a noteworthy achievement, reflecting our commitment to digital innovation and community-centric oral health education. Our community outreach programs gained further momentum through the deployment of the Mobile Dental Van, which continues to deliver dental care services to regions with limited access to routine oral healthcare.

As part of faculty development initiatives, comprehensive training programs were conducted on Biostatistics, Predictive Analytics, and Factor Analysis. These sessions served as a foundation for understanding data analytics and exploring the integration of artificial intelligence in digital health records, which will enhance the use of retrospective data for research and publications.

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DEAN'S MESSAGE

A highlight of the quarter was the Forensic Odontology Meet. which brought together distinguished professionals from the fields Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and to deliberate on interdisciplinary collaboration in forensic practice. Furthermore, the workshop on occlusion reinforced its significance in clinical particularly within the domain practice, restorative dentistry.



This quarter, our faculty and students continue to bring laurels to the institution, from receiving the Best Patent Award to representing the college at national and international forums, their contributions in academic presentations and research publications have been commendable.

We bid farewell to Dr. Usha Iyengar, who superannuated after years of dedicated service to the institution. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for her unwavering dedication and exemplary service to patients, students, and the institution.

As we move forward, we remain steadfast in our commitment to fostering academic excellence, advancing clinical practice, promoting community well-being, encouraging innovative research, and strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration.

Warm regards, Dr. Kavitha Prasad Dean, Faculty of Dental Sciences, RUAS

ESTABLISHED A TCC CENTRE

In a significant step towards promoting oral health and curbing tobacco use, the Department of Public Health Dentistry, Faculty of Dental Sciences (FDS), Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences (RUAS), inaugurated a Tobacco Cessation Centre at the MS Ramaiah Rural Dental Centre, Kaiwara, on May 31, 2025, marking World No Tobacco Day. The Centre aims to provide counseling and behavioral support to individuals addicted to smokeless tobacco, which is highly prevalent in the region. The ceremony was graced by Dr. M.R. Jayaram, Chancellor of RUAS, who emphasized the oral cavity's central role in health and society, and highlighted the importance of ASHA workers and communitydriven efforts in reducing tobacco use. Dr. K.K. Raina, Vice Chancellor, RUAS, reiterated the university's commitment to making Kaiwara a tobacco-free region. Dr. Pushpanjali, Head of Public Health Dentistry, shared alarming statistics showing over 50% tobacco use in the community and an increasing incidence of oral cancer, particularly among children and adolescents. The new Centre, supported by faculty, students, local healthcare workers, and community leaders, reinforces RUAS's mission of preventive dentistry and public health advocacy, offering hope for a healthier, tobacco-free future in Kaiwara.





OCCLUSION IN EVERYDAY DENTISTRY

A workshop on "Occlusion in everyday dentistry was conducted on $20^{\rm th}$ and $21^{\rm st}$ May 2025 by the Dept. of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics.

Dr. Ramesh Selvam, a distinguished keynote speaker with vast clinical experience, led the day with insightful presentations on the role of occlusion in restorative and prosthetic dentistry. He emphasized the significance of occlusal harmony in clinical outcomes and walked participants through the basics of morphology of tooth and concepts of occlusion. Dr. Ramesh's practical demonstrations offered a comprehensive understanding of functional occlusion and its everyday relevance in dental practice.





WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY

The Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Microbiology / Oral Cancer Research Centre, in collaboration with SUKOON – A Chain of Psychiatric Hospitals, organized a World No Tobacco Day celebration for the students of the Faculty of Dental Sciences, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, on 31st May 2025. As part of the observance, an awareness-based quiz competition was conducted, engaging both undergraduate and postgraduate students, with the objective of enhancing their knowledge about the harmful effects of tobacco and promoting tobacco cessation awareness within the dental community.





INTRODUCTION TO BIOSTATISTICS

The Department of Public Health Dentistry organized a workshop on "Introduction to Biostatistics" on April 18th, featuring renowned speaker Dr. L. Nagesh. The session provided valuable insights into various study designs and the appropriate statistical tests associated with them. Dr. Nagesh emphasized the importance of sound research methodology and accurate data analysis as the foundation of scientific research. His engaging delivery and practical examples made complex biostatistical concepts easy to understand for students and faculty alike. The workshop proved to be highly informative, strengthening the participants' understanding of research and analysis in healthcare.



ROLE OF REGISTRIES IN MITIGATING CANCER

The Department of Public Health Dentistry organized an insightful seminar on the topic "Role of Registries in Mitigating Cancer" on 21st April 2025. The session featured Dr. Meesha, a distinguished Scientist-C at the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), as the guest speaker. Dr. Meesha shed light on the critical importance of cancer registries in improving early detection, monitoring trends, guiding policy decisions, and strengthening cancer control programs in India. She elaborated on how systematically collected data from registries aids in identifying high-risk populations, evaluating the effectiveness of interventions, and optimizing resource allocation for cancer care and prevention. The seminar served as a valuable learning platform for students, faculty, and healthcare professionals, emphasizing the growing role of data-driven approaches in public health



PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS IN DENTISTRY

The Department of Public Health Dentistry organized an enriching Faculty Development Program (FDP) on the theme "Predictive Analytics in Dentistry" on 23/4/25 from 11:30 am at the Gurukula, aimed at empowering dental faculty with cutting-edge data-driven approaches. The event took place with great success, featuring Dr. S. Ajitha, a distinguished expert in business analytics and data science, as the keynote speaker. Dr. Ajitha brought a wealth of knowledge and practical insights. She highlighted how predictive analytics is revolutionizing digital healthcare, enabling dental professionals to analyze data, detect patterns, and forecast patient outcomes with greater precision. Participants left with a comprehensive understanding of how predictive analytics can be seamlessly integrated into dental education, research, and clinical practice, marking a significant step forward in embracing digital innovation in dentistry.





FACTOR ANALYSIS

On May 7th, Dr. Aileen J, Assistant Professor at the Department of Allied Health Sciences, delivered an enlightening seminar on Factor Analysis. The session offered a comprehensive understanding of the statistical method, widely used in research to identify underlying relationships among variables. Dr. Aileen's engaging explanation was complemented by a hands-on demonstration, allowing participants to apply the concepts in real-time. Her clear articulation and practical approach made the complex topic accessible and impactful. The session was well-received by faculty and students alike, sparking interest in deeper data analysis techniques for academic research.





NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY DAY

On the eve of National Public Health Dentistry Day, the Department of Public Health Dentistry celebrated its contributions with a special ceremony. The event was graced by Chief Guest Dr. S.S. Hiremath, along with Dr. Ranganath, Dean – Academics, and Dr. Silju Mathew, Dean – FDS. Key highlights included the launch of the E-Danta Suraksha Manual and a Digital Signage Board to enhance patient education and interaction. Dr. Hiremath shared insightful reflections on the history of Public Health Dentistry Day and the origins of IAPHD. BDS students were felicitated for their achievements in e-collage and quiz competitions, while postgraduate students were recognized for their dedicated services at the Rural Dental Unit in Kaiwara.





FORENSIC & BEYOND - BRIDGING THE DISCIPLINES

The Department of Oral Medicine & Radiology, FDS, RUAS, successfully conducted a one-day National Seminar and Workshop on 22nd May 2025. The event brought together over 250 participants from multiple disciplines including dentistry, medicine, pharmacy and law. Lectures were delivered by distinguished speakers — Dr. Ashok L, Mr. N. C. Mohan, Dr. Akshith Raj S. Shetty, Dr. Saraswathy G. R. and Dr. Ritesh Giri. The workshop component provided hands-on experience, enhancing practical understanding among attendees.





MASTERING THE ART OF SCIENTIFIC WRITING

On 26th May, the Department of Prosthodontics organized a guest lecture on "Mastering the Art of Scientific Writing" by Dr. Vasudev Ballal BDS, MDS, PhD Professor, Dept. of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, Manipal College of Dental sciences, Manipal, Karnataka. The lecture was highly engaging, with key highlights on structuring a scientific manuscript effectively, understanding the importance of clarity and conciseness and avoiding common pitfalls in academic writing.





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DENTAL CAMPS

Tobacco Awareness School Program

Tobacco awareness community programmes were conducted at:

- MS Ramaiah College of Law for graduate students (BCom. LLB, BA LLB, BBA LLB) on 22nd April, 23rd April and 5th May 2025.
- Faculty of Hospitality Management and Catering Technology, RUAS for 1st Year Students on 10th April 2025.
- M S Ramaiah Polytechnic College, Bangalore on 3rd April 2025.
- M S Ramaiah Institute of Nursing Education and Research, Bangalore on 2nd April 2025.





Danta Bhagya Scheme

On 28th April, 6th May, and 9th May 2025, a total of 15 completely and partially edentulous patients received treatment under the Danta Bhagya Scheme. The denture camp was conducted at the Department of Prosthodontics, M S Ramaiah Dental Hospital and the Kaiwara Outreach Unit, with valuable support from the Dental Health Officer at the Government Health Centre in Chintamani. Beneficiaries of the camp were residents from rural areas of Chintamani and Guluru.





CAMPS 15

DENTAL CAMPS

Department of Public Health Dentistry:

MONTH	NO. OF CAMPS	PATIENTS SCREENED	NO. OF PATIENTS TREATED	NO. OF PATIENTS REFERRED
April	15	666	93	371
May	14	299	96	182
June	14	527	72	224

Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry:

- Screening camp was conducted on 21st April, 2025 by 18 Not Out at Clarence High School, Bengaluru for a Special Needs summer camp in association with Rotaract Club of RUAS, aimed at providing dental awareness among autistic children by Dr Gayathri V S and Dr Serene Joy along with Postgraduate students Dr Aishwarya Koparde, Dr Simran Desai, Dr Maanya V, Dr Venkatesh P and Dr Sandhya Fredaric.
- Treatment camp conducted for Christel House India, Kannuru, Bengaluru and Ammana Mane M.S Ramaiah campus on 28-06-2025.



- Evaluation of platelet rich fibrin with biodentine in direct pulp therapy of permanent teeth- an in vivo study- Arbiya Anjum, Swaroop Hegde, Rhea Mathew, Shruthika Mahajan, Shruthi Nagaraja.
- Formulation and characterization of a novel drug loaded nanosponge for vital pulp therapy- Ayesha Najam, Shruthi Nagaraja, Deveswaran Rajamanickam, Sylvia Mathew, Poornima Ramesh, Nivas Kumar
- Characterization of a novel Drug Delivery system to enhance regeneration in Endodontics-Harshini Prakash, Anu Elsa Swaroop, Sylvia Mathew, Shruthi Nagaraja, Deveswaran Rajamanickam.
- Modified endodontic bioceramic sealer comprising gold nanoparticles and PNIPAAm for enhanced antibacterial ability against E.faecalis- Sagarika Yadav, Swaroop Hegde, Ashmitha Shetty
- In silico analysis of compounds isolated from Mulberry plant source for anti cariogenicity- Gaviappa Dhananjaya, Sylvia Mathew, Deveswaran Rajamanickam.
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FACULTY PRESENTATIONS/PROGRAMS ATTENDED/GUEST LECTURES

- Dr Sowmya SV, Dr Dominic Augustine and Dr Hajira Khatoon attended an online Webinar titled "Overview of Forensic Odontology" organized by The Department of Forensic Dentistry, College of Dental Sciences, Davangere on 31st May 2025.
- \bullet Teaching Faculty of FDS attended a 2 day Programme on Implementation of NABH 3^{rd} Edition Standards for Dental Healthcare Service Providers on $29^{th}\,\&\,30^{th}$ May 2025
- Dr Sowmya SV, Dr Dominic Augustine and Dr Hajira Khatoon have completed a 5 day National FDP on Research Structuring & Publication Process organized by Centre for Research & Training, National Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development, Tamil Nadu from 23rd to 27th June 2025.
- Dr. Hajira Khatoon has attended a 3 day workshop titled "Biostatistics and its applications in Health Sciences" organized by the department of Public Health Dentistry, FDS, RUAS from 15th to 17th of April 2025.
- Dr Hajira Khatoon has attended a 1 day training program titled "Multi casualty incident-Medical Response Training" conducted by the Disaster Management Cell of RUAS on 16th May 2025
- Dr. Kavitha Prasad was a moderator for a scientific session on "Consent and Negligence suits in Forensics" at "National Seminar & Workshop on "Forensic and Beyond Bridging the Disciplines" on the 22nd May 2025
- Dr. K Ranganath and Dr. Vineeth Kumar attended the National Seminar & workshop on "Forensic and Beyond – Bridging the Disciplines" on the 22nd May 2025

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS/PROGRAMS ATTENDED/GUEST LECTURES

- A Hands-on workshop "From Socket to Success: A complete guide to GRB in Implant Dentistry" on 17th June 2025 was attended by Dr. Kavitha Prasad, Dr. Rajanikanth B R and Dr. Vineeth Kumar.
- Dr Haripriya P contributed as a coordinator at "Anveshan 2024" organised by RUAS in collaboration with Association of Indian Universities on 20th and 21st February 2025.
- Dr Haripriya P attended the "National Sumit on Maxillofacial Imaging" on 16th -18th April 2025 at Saveetha Dental College, SIMATS, Chennai.
- Dr Lavanya was a guest speaker in at the medical summit 2025, conducted at Kuvempu Kalakshatra 2025, KIMS Hospital.
- Dr Mahantesha was invited as a Keynote Speaker at the 4th IAOMR Karnataka State UG Conference 2025, held at Navodaya Dental College and Hospital, Raichur on 28th June 2025. A hands-on workshop on Lasers in Dentistry was also conducted by him.
- Dr Ravishankar Krishna attended a conference in South Korea organised by Dentis Implants on their 20th Anniversary in the month of April 2025.

POSTGRADUATE/ UNDERGRADUATE PRESENTATIONS

- Dr Aastha Lal, PG student has presented a scientific paper at the International Oral Diseases Case Presentation Conference from 2nd to 4th May 2025.
- 2nd yr MDS students from Dept. of OMFS Dr. Saif Ali Ahmad, Dr. Ashalatha, Dr. Archana S attended Inter- University Cleft Postings at Jubilee Mission Hospital, Thrissur From June 15th to 5th July 2025.
- 3rd yr MDS Students from Dept. of OMFS attended the Value Added Course Surgical Skill Training on Cadavers Neck Dissection and Reconstruction conducted by Dr. K Ranganath on the 21st to 25th April 2025.
- 1st yr MDS students from Dept. of OMFS attended a workshop "Skills Max-Fac and Foundation Max-Fac" conducted by AOMSI in AJIDS Mangalore on 2nd to 5th of June 2025.
- Our 2nd MDS students from Dept. of OMFS, Dr. Muhammad Muntasir, Dr. Saif Ali Ahmad and Dr. Archana S attended a national Seminar & workshop on "Forensic and Beyond Bridging the Disciplines" on the 22nd May 2025
- 3rd yr MDS students from Dept. of OMFS attended a workshop "From Socket to Success: A complete guide to GRB in Implant Dentistry" on 17th June 2025.
- PG students from Dept. of Public Health Dentistry Dr. Aradhya Sharma and Dr. Neha Shetty were a part of the i-STEP TUFH course on "Social determinants" conducted from October 2024 to May 2025.
- Dr Rutuja Birdar, guided by Dr Ashmitha Shetty, presented a paper, titled, "Assessment of Physical Characterization and Cytotoxic Effect of Acidulated Phosphate Fluoride Gel with Gold Nanoparticles on Mesenchymal Stem Cells" at the Third International Conference on Recent Trends in Materials Science and Devices held on the 24 25 March 2025 at JVMGRR College, Charkhi Dadri, Haryana, India (Virtual Mode)

POSTGRADUATE/ UNDERGRADUATE PRESENTATIONS

- The 1st and 2nd year postgraduate students from the Department of Prosthodontics attended the 27th IPS PG Convention held at SGT University, Gurgaon- Haryana from 11th-13th April. The 1st year postgraduates of the department presented a poster titled "Leveraging Photogrammetry for Accurate Implant Impressions" while the 2nd year postgraduates presented table clinics on "Photogrammetry for Implant Impressions".
- On 12th May, Dr. Navneeth Acharya -Final Year postgraduate student and Dr. Momik Roy- Second Year postgraduate student presented a table clinic model titled "Holovision- A New Dimension, Revolutionizing Visualization and Treatment in Prosthodontics using Augmented Reality" at Peenya for National Technology Day.
- 2nd year postgraduate students from the Dept. of Orthodontics attended a TADs hands-on workshop in KLE Dental College on 9th April 2025.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr Shwetha V received the Padmavibhushan Professor Dr R A Mashelkar Award for Best Patent in Oral Healthcare (National Level).
- Dr Lalitha Jairam was invited as the key-note speaker at the World Conclave
 of Paediatrics and Neonatal care in Singapore held at the Village Changi
 Hotel on the 20th of June, 2025. The title of the talk was "Development and
 properties of a novel nanocellulose based film containing boron-infused mica
 for the prevention of dental caries"
- Dr. Ravishankar Krishna has been appointed as an External Board of Studies Member for SDM Dental College, Dharwad, in June 2025 for a term of three years.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr Roopa N (III yr. PG student), guided by Dr Dhananjaya G, won best paper, titled, "Enamel Remineralization Efficacy of Osteopontin-Incorporated Probiotic Paste: An Invitro Study" at the Third International Conference on Recent Trends in Materials Science and Devices held on the 24 25 March 2025 at JVMGRR College, Charkhi Dadri, Haryana, India (Virtual Mode).
- Dr Mukul Saini , Intern won the third overall prize in the Perio UG convention conducted in Oxford College on the 27th June 2025
- Dr. Zulekha Patel, Final Year Postgraduate student successfully cleared Part 1 of the Indian Board of Prosthodontics Examinations in April 2025.

SUPERANNUATION

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry organized a heartfelt superannuation farewell on $14^{\rm th}$ May 2025 for Dr. Usha Iyengar, celebrating her remarkable 32 years of dedicated academic and clinical service.



A warm farewell was organised by the Department of Pediatric Dentistry on 17th June 2025 in honour of the superannuation of the attender, Mr. Murali Krishna, recognizing his sincere and committed service of 33 years.

