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*“Shining exemplar,  
where knowledge, compassion,  
and community service  
intertwine”*





# Editorial note

## GITAM DENTAL TIMES 2025

stands as a vibrant tapestry of the year gone by an inspiring blend of academic excellence, extracurricular enthusiasm, and unwavering commitment to community service. This edition captures the spirit of our institution, where students and faculty come together in harmony, embracing every season with dedication and purpose.

The year tested our resilience in many ways. Even amidst the challenges posed by the severe Montha cyclone, our faculty and students did not step back. Instead, they rose with greater determination, extending essential services to the public and reaffirming the core values that define GITAM Dental College and Hospital. Their compassion, courage, and sense of duty shine through every page of this issue.

This editorial credits the institution's visionary leadership for inspiring excellence, promoting ethical values, and encouraging impactful initiatives throughout the year. This guiding force has strengthened our collective spirit, motivating faculty and students to innovate, serve, and uphold the highest standards in academics and community engagement.

This edition flows through the reflections of our committed faculty, energetic students, and the collaborative efforts that make our institution a beacon of excellence. From impactful outreach programs and research-driven activities to CDE programmes, specialty day celebrations, cultural extravaganzas, student achievements, and faculty recognition, each segment showcases the legacy we are proud to uphold.

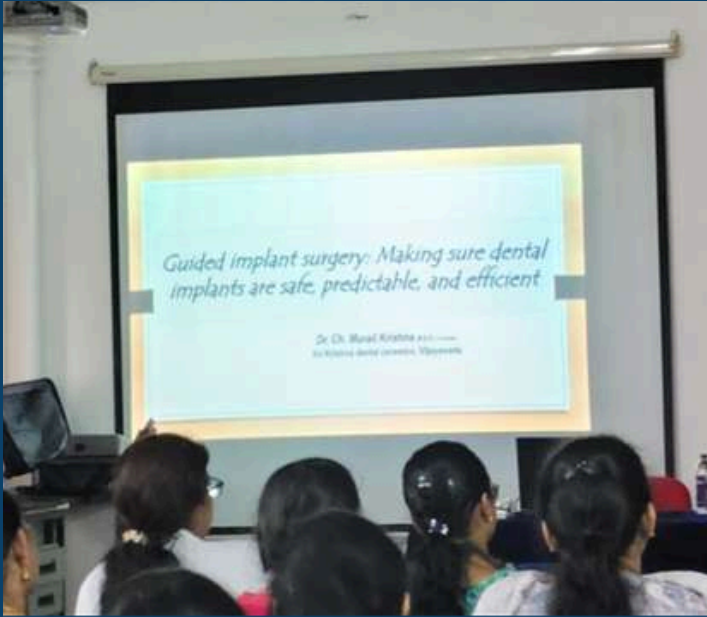
As you turn the pages of GITAM Dental Times 2025, we hope you feel the rhythm of our journey—a journey of learning, service, innovation, and shared growth. This issue is not just a compilation of events; it is a celebration of our identity, our achievements, and our unwavering vision for the future.

Warm regards,  
Dr. Jayalakshmi Pandranki  
Professor, Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry  
Chief Editor



# ADVANCED IMPLANTOLOGY WORKSHOP COMMEMORATING PROSTHODONTIST DAY

21st and 22nd January, 2025



Resource person

## Dr. Ch. Murali Krishna

Professor and Head,  
Department of Digital Dentistry,  
GSL Dental College, Rajahmundry.

An alumnus of Government Dental College, Hyderabad, with postgraduate training in Prosthodontics from Manipal University, Dr. Murali Krishna brought rich academic, clinical, and entrepreneurial experience. He is a pioneer in the integration of digital technologies such as implant planning software, surgical guide fabrication, CAD/CAM prostheses, and orthodontic aligners into routine dental practice.

## All-on-Four implant placement

The Department of Prosthodontics, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, successfully organized a two-day Advanced Implantology Workshop under the leadership of Dr. Satyendra T, Professor, Prosthodontics on 21st and 22nd January 2025 in commemoration of Prosthodontist Day. The program aimed to provide comprehensive insights into contemporary implant dentistry, with special emphasis on digital planning and precision-driven All-on-Four implant placement. The workshop witnessed active participation from 65 dental professionals, including faculty members, postgraduate students, interns, and private practitioners.

On the first day, Dr. Murali Krishna delivered an insightful lecture on digital surgical guide fabrication, highlighting protocols for both edentulous and partially edentulous cases. This was followed by a step-by-step demonstration of digital planning and guide fabrication using a clinical case scheduled for implant surgery. A live demonstration of an All-on-Four implant procedure on an edentulous mandible provided participants with valuable exposure to real-time clinical application.

The day also featured a dedicated session on intraoral scanning, where participants observed live scanning on a volunteer, gaining practical understanding of accuracy and workflow efficiency. An interactive doubt-clearing session further enriched the learning experience.



## Intraoral Scanning

## Day 2

- The second day of the workshop focused on advanced digital workflows in implant planning and prosthesis design. Dr. Murali Krishna conducted an in-depth hands-on session on EXOCAD software, covering single crown and bridge design, connector and pontic considerations, and cut-back techniques for layered restorations. The session further extended to implant crown design and All-on-Four prostheses, including bar attachments.
- Post-lunch, participants gained hands-on experience in recording implant scan bodies using intraoral scanners, reinforcing the seamless integration of digital tools in implant dentistry. The workshop concluded with the distribution of certificates of completion to all participants, marking the successful culmination of an academically enriching and clinically relevant program.



The program was graced by Dr. V. V. Narasimha Rao, Principal, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, who addressed the gathering and emphasized the significance of continuous professional development in modern dentistry. Dr. Murali Krishna was felicitated by the Principal in appreciation for his valuable academic contribution. Dr. Hima Bindu-Professor and Dr. T. Satyendra Kumar- Professor, Prosthodontics presented the certificate of appreciation to the guest speaker. The first day concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. P. Shameen Kumar, Professor, Department of Prosthodontics.



# PHOTODONTICS

Workshop by Periodontics department- 24-25<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## RESOURCE PERSON

**Dr. U Arunmozhi,**  
Professor and  
Principal,  
Sri Venkateshwara  
Dental College and  
Hospital, Chennai



## CAPTURING SMILES WITH PRECISION – PHOTODONTICS AT GITAM

The Department of Periodontics, GITAM Dental College & Hospital, Visakhapatnam, organized a two-day workshop titled “PHOTODONTICS – Workshop on Dental Photography” on 24th and 25th January 2025 under the supervision of Dr. Trinath Kishore, Professor and HOD, Periodontics. The program aimed to enhance awareness and practical skills in dental photography among postgraduate students, faculty members, and dental practitioners.

Dr. U. Arunmozhi, Professor and Principal, Sri Venkateshwara Dental College and Hospital, Chennai. Sessions conducted the workshop which focused on the basics of photography, extraoral and intraoral dental imaging, and the role of photography in clinical documentation and dental practice.

Hands-on training with DSLR cameras was conducted at the Department of Periodontics, enabling participants to gain practical exposure under expert guidance. Dr. Trinath Kishore, Dr. Manish Kumar, Professor and HOD, Public Health Dentistry and Dr. Sathya Bushan, Professor, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery felicitated Dr. Arunmozhi for his valuable contribution.



# ORAL CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

29th January to 3rd February 2025



Oral Cancer Awareness Week was observed at GITAM Dental College and Hospital conducted by NSS team led by Dr. Vivek Manohar, Associate Professor and NSS officer from 29th January to 1st February 2025, with the active participation of 100 students from 1st BDS to interns. The programme aimed to educate students and the university community on the importance of early detection, prevention, and the critical role of dental professionals in reducing the burden of oral cancer. Focus was laid on understanding risk factors, early warning signs, tobacco cessation, and the need for timely intervention through sustained awareness.



The week included an Essay Competition, Placard Competition, Rally, and Elocution Competition, encouraging academic engagement and social responsibility. The rally emerged as the highlight of the programme, where students marched across the GITAM University campus holding placards and raising slogans on oral cancer prevention, tobacco cessation, and early diagnosis. The rally significantly enhanced visibility, reached a wider audience, and reinforced the message of community-level awareness, making the initiative impactful and memorable.



# World cancer day

4TH FEBRUARY 2025



An awareness program on tobacco cessation was conducted by the NSS team on 4th February 2025 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College, with active participation from both students and faculty. The program was attended by 80 participants, reflecting keen interest and engagement in public health initiatives.

The session featured expert talks by Dr. Manish Kumar- Professor, Public Health Dentistry, Dr. Vivek Manohar- Associate Professor, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dr. Hyandavi Balla- Assistant Professor, Oral Pathology who sensitized the audience to the harmful effects of tobacco use and emphasized the importance of tobacco cessation.

The event was organized by Round Table India in collaboration with Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College and GITAM Dental College and Hospital, highlighting a successful partnership aimed at promoting health awareness and preventive dentistry. The program effectively reinforced the message of a tobacco-free lifestyle and emphasizes the role of educational institutions in shaping healthier communities.



6TH FEBRUARY 2025

# Systematic Reviews: Practical Approach to Evidence Synthesis



## WORKSHOP BY PEDODONTICS DEPARTMENT

The Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry organised a hands-on workshop on Systematic Reviews: Practical Approach to Evidence Synthesis, led by Dr. Srinivas Kumar Ch, HOD, Pedodontics and with the support of Dr. V V Narsimha Rao, Principal, GITAM Dental College and Hospital. The workshop, held on February 6, 2025, aimed to provide participants with the skills and knowledge required to conduct systematic reviews effectively.

The workshop was led by Dr. Patnana Arun Kumar, a proud alumnus of GITAM Dental College and Hospital who is currently serving as Assistant Professor and Additional Assistant Dean (Research) at AIIMS Rajkot. The workshop focused on equipping participants with the tools to undertake systematic reviews step-by-step. Dr. Arun Kumar guided participants through the essential processes, including framing research questions, conducting literature searches, assessing study quality, and synthesizing data.

Dr. Arun also shared valuable tips on managing challenges during the review process and ensuring the validity of results. The interactive session saw enthusiastic participation from students and faculty alike, as they explored the nuances of research synthesis under Dr. Arun Kumar's mentorship.



# PERIODONTICS

20th February 2025

## PG - UG TEACHING - VIDEO DEMONSTRATION

On the occasion of National Periodontist Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2025, Department of Periodontics, GITAM Dental College celebrated the event through different programmes under the leadership of Dr. Trinath Kishore, HOD - Periodontics. On 20<sup>th</sup> February (Thursday) Post Graduates of Periodontics conducted PG – UG teaching on various advanced surgical equipment's to final year under graduate students. Following topics were taken.

### Biologics

Dr Nazeroon, final year post graduate lectured on centrifuge equipment. In this video demonstration she taught about how to with draw venous blood and processing of platelet rich fibrin and also explained its applications in periodontics.

### Laser

Dr. Sangeetha S, final year post graduate lectured on soft tissue laser equipment. In this video demonstration she taught about parts, tips and functioning of laser equipment. She also explained its clinical applications in periodontics.

### Piezo Surgery

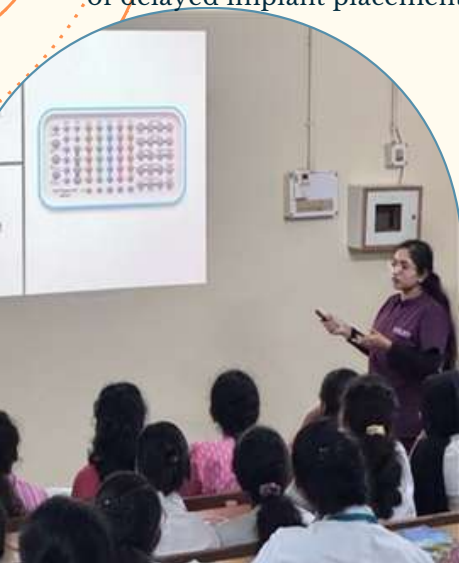
Dr Nishchala M, final year post graduate lectured on Piezo surgical equipment. In this video demonstration she taught about parts, tips of piezo surgical unit and how it can be used on pre-clinical model and also explained its applications in periodontal regenerative therapy.

### Implant Kit

Dr Sruthi V, final year post graduate lectured on various components of implant kit. In this video demonstration she explained about drills, components and how to distinguish different diameters and lengths of the drills. She also explained the clinical usage of the dental implants.

### Physio dispenser Unit

Dr Akhil final year post graduate lectured on function of physio dispenser unit. In this video demonstration he explained about parts and settings, functioning of the unit and showcased video of delayed implant placement.



# “AARAMBH GITAM 25”

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 2025

*GITAM Dental College Welcomes Freshers with Celebration and Creativity*



GITAM Dental College and Hospital, Visakhapatnam, hosted a vibrant and memorable Freshers' Day celebration titled 'AARAMBH GITAM 25' on 22 February 2025, warmly welcoming the 2024–2025 First BDS batch. The event, held at the Mother Teresa Auditorium, marked the beginning of the academic journey for the new students in an atmosphere filled with enthusiasm, creativity, and camaraderie. The programme was supported by Shri M. Sribharath, President of GITAM, Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. Gitanjali Batmanabane, and DMO Dr. Nagajapriya. The event was graced by Principal Dr. V. V. Narasimha Rao as the Guest of Honour. The celebrations were thoughtfully organized by students of the 2023–2024 batch under the guidance of Dr. Raviteja Y. S., Associate Professor, Department of Oral Pathology, and Dr. K. Vasudha, Assistant Professor, Department of Prosthodontics.



The auditorium resonated with energy as students showcased their talents through a colourful mix of classical, semi-classical, and western dance performances, along with melodious singing and group dance presentations. The freshers confidently introduced themselves on stage, sharing their interests and aspirations while adhering to an elegant ethnic dress code that added grace to the occasion.

One of the highlights of the event was the 'Best Dressed' competition, where Ch. Rakesh and Reddi Sravani were declared winners for their impeccable style, judged by Professors, Dr. Anupreeta and Dr. Naveen Vittal. The much-anticipated Mr. and Ms. Fresher titles were awarded to Y. Avinash and K. Charanya, respectively, following an engaging interactive session on contemporary topics such as women empowerment, social media influence, climate change, and artificial intelligence. The session was judged by Dr. Trinath Kishore, Dr. U. Divya, and Dr. P. Shameen Kumar.



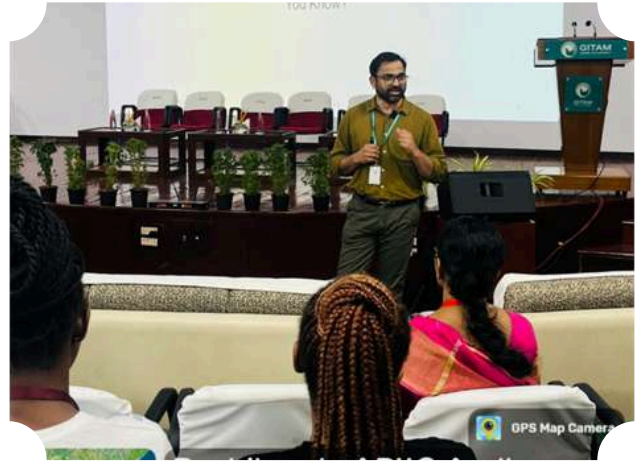
Addressing the gathering, Principal Dr. V. V. Narasimha Rao appreciated the organizing students for their excellent coordination and extended a warm welcome to the new batch. The event concluded with first-year students sharing their initial impressions, followed by a vote of thanks delivered by 2<sup>nd</sup> BDS students. S. Srija and K. Asta Lakshmi. Refreshments were served, bringing the celebrations to a cheerful close.

# NATIONAL PERIODONTIST DAY CELEBRATIONS

23rd February 2025

## Oral health awareness lecture to International students of GITAM University

Oral health awareness talk was given to international students of GITAM University. Awareness talk was given by Dr. Trinath Kishore, Professor and Head, Department of Periodontics. Lecture mainly highlighted on gum disease symptoms and emphasis was made on how a periodontist will manage them. Also enlightened about gum health maintenance. Lecture was followed by Oral health screening by Post graduates and faculty of Periodontics.



## Oral health screening to International students of GITAM University by Postgraduates



## Oral Health sample distribution

On 23<sup>rd</sup> February (Saturday), post graduates of Periodontics distributed oral health samples to the out patients of all the departments. Around 70-80 samples were distributed and made emphasis on oral hygiene, maintenance and Periodontists role in treating gum disease.



## Reel and meme competition

On the occasion of Periodontist Day, Reel and Meme Competition was conducted. A Monica, final year student was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Prize for Reel competition, Dr. Jahnavi and Dr. Deepika, interns were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize for Reel competition. Dr. Sneha, 3<sup>rd</sup> BDS was awarded First prize in Meme competition. Dr. Sandhya Y, Professor, Department of Periodontics awarded the prizes.

# National Oral Pathologist Day

commemorating the birth anniversary of **DR. H. M. DHOLAKIA**



National Oral Pathologist Day was celebrated by the Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology, GITAM Dental College & Hospital, with a series of academic and creative activities on 24th and 25th February 2025, led by Dr. Divya Uppala, Head of the Department. The celebrations effectively enhanced awareness about forensic odontology while encouraging student participation through both academic and creative platforms.

## EVENTS



### “Truth in Brushstrokes” & “Sculpting Secrets.”

The pre-celebration events on 24th February featured painting and soap-carving competitions based on the forensic themes “Truth in Brushstrokes” and “Sculpting Secrets.”

Students showcased their creativity while reflecting on concepts related to forensic odontology.



### “From Bite Marks to DNA”

The main program on 25th February began with registration followed by inaugural remarks.

A guest lecture titled “From Bite Marks to DNA: Medico-Legal Significance of Forensic Odontology & Oral Pathology” was delivered by Dr. Barri Ramesh, Assistant Professor, Department of Forensic Medicine, GIMSIR offering valuable insights into the intersection of oral pathology and forensic science.



### “Teeth, Time, and Truth: Age Estimation in Forensics”

Dr. Divya Uppala, Head of the Department of Oral Pathology, conducted a hands-on workshop on “Teeth, Time, and Truth: Age Estimation in Forensics,” during which participants gained practical exposure to age estimation techniques and their medico-legal applications.

The event concluded with closing acknowledgments, marking a successful observance of National Oral Pathologist Day.

# Smiles in the Hills: Tribal School Oral Health Outreach

*Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry*

## Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) Scheme

Department of Pedodontics, GITAM Dental College and Hospital conducted the two-day mega dental outreach camp under the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), focusing on improving oral health among tribal school children. The programme was organized in collaboration with school authorities and government officials.



### DAY 1 SUCCESS STORY

## Reaching Our Goal, Changing Oral Health

The first day of the camp on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025, focused on screening and treating students from the following schools:

1. Andhra Pradesh Tribal Welfare Residential (APTWR) Girls School, Yandapallivalasa
2. Government Tribal Welfare (GTWA) Girls School, Araku Valley
3. Government Tribal Welfare (GTWA) Boys School, Araku Valley

A total of 167 students were screened for various dental issues. The screening revealed common dental issues such as cavities, plaque buildup, and gum problems, which were addressed on-site. The dental team also emphasized the importance of maintaining oral hygiene and encouraged students to follow good dental habits.

### DEDICATED TEAM WORK

The dental camp was planned and coordinated by Dr. Ch. Srinivas Kumar, Head, Department of Paedodontics and Preventive Dentistry, and was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Vanga V. Narsimha Rao, Principal, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, who also personally visited the camp and interacted with students and staff. The dental team included Dr. Jayalakshmi Pandranki, Professor, Dr. P. Komali, Assistant Professor- Camp incharge, along with postgraduate students Dr. S. Pavan Vardhan, Dr. K. Darahas, Dr. Y. L. Mounica, Dr. D. Bala Satya Sri, Dr. K. Dorathi, Dr. K. Rohitha, Dr. K. N. V. Aishwarya, Dr. M. Mahitha, Dr. Ch. Nikitha Saranya, and Dr. R. Durga Bhavani.



The dental screening revealed common oral health issues including dental caries, plaque accumulation, and gingival problems among the students. Immediate chairside care was provided wherever required, along with oral hygiene counseling to promote preventive dental practices.

The treatments rendered included restorative procedures, scaling, and extractions, carried out with parental consent wherever necessary.

In addition to clinical care, students were actively engaged through oral hygiene demonstrations, emphasizing proper brushing techniques and the importance of maintaining daily oral hygiene habits for long-term oral health.

# “Building Healthy Smiles: Tribal School Dental Care Drive”

## DAY 2 SUCCESS STORY



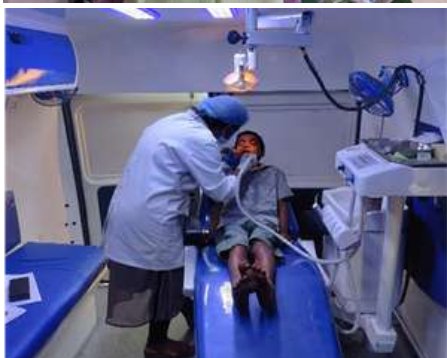
On the second day-1st March 2025, the camp expanded to include a larger number of schools. The participating schools included:

1. Government Tribal Welfare Boys School 1(GTWA), Chintapalli
2. Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS), Chintapalli
3. Mandal Parishad Primary School (MPP), Antharla
4. Mandal Parishad Primary School (MPP), Kandulagadhi
5. Mandal Parishad Primary School (MPP), Chinnagadda
6. Government Tribal Welfare Boys School 2(GTWA), Chintapalli
7. Mandal Parishad Primary School (MPP), Chintapalli
8. Government Primary School (GPS), Chintapalli
9. Government Tribal Welfare Girls High School (GTWS), Chintapalli

The two-day dental camp under the RBSK scheme was a resounding success, reaching over 440 students across remote and tribal regions. Through clinical care, live demonstrations, dietary counseling, and preventive guidance, the programme not only addressed existing dental problems but also empowered students with oral hygiene measures.



### Shining a Light on SERVICE





## “Rejuvenating implant neighborhood – A scientific insight”

The Indian Society of Periodontology Visakhapatnam study group and Department of Periodontics, GITAM Dental College and Hospital conducted 13th ISP Colloquium on March 3rd, 2025. The theme of the conference was “Rejuvenating implant neighbourhood – A scientific insight.”

Resource faculty were Dr. Harpreeth Singh Grover, President, Indian Society of Periodontology; Dr. Ashish Jain, Secretary, Indian Society of Periodontology and Dr. Mahantesha S, Associate Professor, Ramaiah university of applied sciences, Bengaluru. The program was inaugurated by M Sribharath, President, GITAM University; Member of Parliament. Dr. V V Narsimha Rao, Principal, Dr. Trinath Kishore D, Professor and Head, Department of Periodontics, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, Dr. Y Sashikanth, Secretary, ISP Visakhapatnam study group were present during inauguration.

This conference was intended to enhance knowledge on Peri-implant conditions and their management. A total of 127 delegates participated in the conference consisting of post graduates, academicians and clinicians. Hands on was conducted for 25 registered delegates.

Hands on concept was first of its kind in this zone and it was concluded with a positive note. There was an excellent response for the conference and it was successful.



### PROGRAM RELEVANCE

Implant placement prevalence has increased over a period of time. Clinician and patient preference made implants as main treatment option for edentulous areas. However certain factors need to be considered for better treatment outcomes. Over ruling these factors will lead to Peri-implant disease termed as Peri-implantitis. Education and enriching knowledge is required in managing and preventing peri-implant disease.

Following are objectives of the program

1. Key Factors Influencing Peri-Implant Health
2. Challenges in maintaining Peri-Implant Health
3. Management Strategies
  - Biomaterial Innovations
  - Advanced Diagnostic Tools
  - Therapeutic Advancements
  - Preventive Approaches





# 13<sup>TH</sup> ISP COLLOQUIUM -3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2025 LECTURE AND HANDS-ON



# HAPPY CONS ENDO DAY

5<sup>th</sup> March 2025



## Cons-Endo Day Celebrations

5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

The Cons & Endo Day was successfully conducted as an engaging academic event focused on enhancing precision and predictability in dental composite techniques. The programme brought together faculty and participants to explore recent advancements in Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics through an immersive learning experience. A hands-on workshop was conducted by a distinguished faculty team comprising Dr. Anupreeta- Professor and In charge HOD, Dr. Ravi Kumar-Professor, Dr. Lalitha-Associate Professor, Dr. Sahithi-Assistant Professor, Dr. Mouna- Assistant Professor, and Dr. Roja-Assistant Professor. The sessions provided practical insights into contemporary restorative and endodontic procedures, enabling participants to refine their skills and strengthen clinical confidence in composite restorations.

## Precision in Practice, Excellence in Care



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# WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



## CELEBRATING STRENGTH AND HEART

### GITAM DENTAL COLLEGE MARKS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WITH PURPOSE AND PRIDE

On the eve of International Women's Day, the Women Empowerment and Welfare Committee of GITAM Dental College & Hospital organized a vibrant and meaningful celebration honoring the women who enrich our lives, directly and indirectly. The 2025 theme, "Leading with Strength, Inspiring with Heart," set the tone for an afternoon filled with inspiration, learning, and spirited participation. The program was graced by the presence of Dr. V. V. Narasimha Rao, Principal, along with the Guest Speaker Ms. Gunturi Purna Praharshita, Chartered Accountant and professional at Flipkart Business Finance Supply Chain. The event began with a warm welcome address by Dr. Divya Uppala, Professor and HoD, Oral Pathology, and Convener, Women Empowerment Welfare Committee.

Adding color and energy to the celebration, a fashion walk by undergraduate and postgraduate students showcased confidence and creativity. The program concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Divya Uppala, acknowledging the support and participation that made the event meaningful. The celebration stood as a tribute to women's leadership, resilience, and inspiring presence across all spheres of life.

In addition, five stalls run by women entrepreneurs were organized, highlighting innovation, skill, and business acumen.



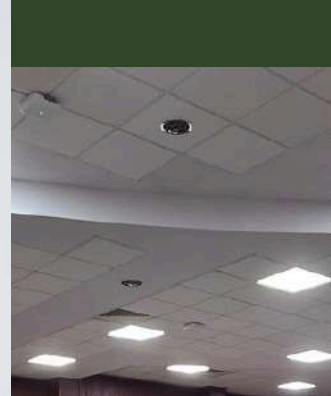
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# FASHION SHOW



## SMART MONEY MOVES

A dedicated session on smart money management was then delivered by Ms. Gunturi Purna Praharshita. As a Chartered Accountant, tax consultant, and financial management advisor, she enlightened the gathering of nearly 200 students with practical insights on handling loans responsibly, maintaining healthy credit scores, and avoiding common financial traps. Her talk provided valuable guidance for young adults stepping into financial independence.



# WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY



World Oral Health Day is observed on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The theme for this year is “A Happy Mouth is a Happy Mind” unveiled by FDI. As per the directions from Government of India, one-month long oral health promotion and prevention activities to be planned by Dental Colleges across India from 20.03.25 to 20.04.25. On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025, oral awareness campaign was organised by department of Public Health Dentistry under the leadership of Dr. Manish Kumar, HoD.



This campaign aims to raise awareness of how poor oral health can negatively impact quality of life, highlighting the importance of a healthy mouth for mental well-being. A healthy mouth can boost your positivity, self-esteem, and confidence, ultimately enhancing your quality of life. On the other hand, poor oral health can make it difficult to socialize, limit your food choices, and lead to stress and anxiety—all of which are essential for a happy mind. A healthy mouth can boost your positivity, self-esteem, and confidence, ultimately enhancing your quality of life. On the other hand, poor oral health can make it difficult to socialize, limit your food choices, and lead to stress and anxiety—all of which are essential for a happy mind.



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# PLEDGE

| Date                 | Activity   | Location/ Site                           |
|----------------------|--|--|
| 17.03.25 to 20.03.25 | Oral Health Awareness and Screening Camp for GITAM Hospitality     | Mother Teresa Auditorium and Graces Hall |
| 28.03.25             | Oral Health Awareness and Screening Camp at Dr. Reddy's Laboratory | Duvvada                                  |
| 08.04.25             | Pledge Ceremony for Oral Health Care Professionals                 | Lecture Hall – 4                         |
| 11.04.25             | Health Talk Delivery for patients                                  | Dental College OPD                       |
| 11.04.25             | Pledge Ceremony for patients                                       | Dental College OPD                       |
| 15.04.25             | CDE Program of Nurses for Early Diagnosis/ referral of patients    | GITAM College of Nursing                 |
| 16.04.25             | Reels, Memes, Slogan Writing, Painting, Photography                | Online & Offline Submissions             |
| 17.04.25             | Screening and Treatment Camp & Pledge Ceremony for patients        | Jalaripeta, PHC                          |

The Departments of Public Health Dentistry and Periodontics, GITAM Dental College, organized a series of awareness and outreach activities in alignment with this year's theme, "A Happy Mouth is a Happy Mind." The programs were designed to highlight the strong interrelationship between oral health and mental well-being, emphasizing that a healthy mouth plays a vital role in overall quality of life.

Through interactive sessions, educational talks, demonstrations, and community-oriented activities, participants were sensitized to the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene, preventing periodontal diseases, and adopting positive oral health behaviors. Special emphasis was placed on how oral diseases can impact self-esteem, confidence, and psychological health, thereby influencing mental well-being.

The activities witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and the community, fostering awareness and reinforcing the message that oral health is integral to holistic health. The initiative successfully conveyed the theme's core message and strengthened the commitment of the institution towards preventive dentistry and mental health promotion.



# World Oral Health Day- Oral health awareness for hospitality team

## Screening camp at GITAM Dental College and Hospital



World Oral Health Day was observed on 20th March 2025 by the Department of Periodontics, GITAM Dental College & Hospital, led by Dr. Trinath Kishore, Professor and HoD, in association with the Department of Public Health Dentistry.

Oral health awareness lectures were conducted for the GITAM Hospitality Team from 17th to 20th March 2025 at the Mother Teresa Auditorium, focusing on the importance of gum health, oral hygiene practices, and preventive care.

This was followed by gum health screening and oral examinations at Graces Hall, where over 800 individuals were screened. Oral hygiene kits and educational materials were distributed, and participants were counseled on maintaining optimal oral health.

The program emphasized the significance of periodontal health in overall well-being and reinforced the institution's commitment to community oral health promotion.



# “18th Graduation ceremony” of GITAM Dental College and Hospital



The GIMSR and GITAM Dental College Graduation Ceremony celebrated the success of 305 graduates, reflecting years of rigorous training, dedication, and perseverance. The ceremony was held at Yellapragada Subbarao Auditorium for both medical and dental graduates of 2019-20 and post graduates of 2021-22 on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2025.

The ceremony was graced by the chief guest Prof. Balram Bhargava, Padma Shree Awardee and the Former Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Shri M. Sribharat, President, GITAM, Honorable member of the Parliament, Prof. Errol D’Souza, Vice Chancellor, GITAM university and distinguished members of the executive council.

Following the academic procession, Dr. S.P. Rao, Dean GIMSR welcomed the gathering and shared a brief academic report. Dr. Bhargava, the chief guest, urged the graduating students to implement Samvaad (clear communication with patients), Sparsh (maintaining clinical touch), and Samvedna (being sympathetic towards patients). He suggested that they uphold the sanctity of the doctor-patient relationship, practice integrity and punctuality, remain capable, and continuously enhance their skills. President Shri Bharat felicitated the chief guest, Prof. Balram Bhargava. President Shri M. Bharat emphasized that it's crucial to operate with empathy and trust, while also prioritizing critical thinking and ethical decision-making.



The ceremony's highlights included the celebration of academic brilliance and awarding of gold medals to deserving students for their exceptional accomplishments.

**Dr. Ankem Pujya Praharsitha** received Prof. Gangadhara Prasad Memorial Gold medal for excelling in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopaedics.



**Dr. Goddu Bhavani** received Sri KRK Murthy Memorial Gold medal for excelling in Periodontics and Oral Implantology.



**Dr. Paravada Jayasree Bharathi** received Prof. Venogopal Rao's Endowment Gold medal for excelling in General Surgery.



**Dr. Hemasree Meghana Yerukonda** received –

- Sri M V Rao Memorial Gold medal for securing highest marks in Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics.
- Prof. R A Naik's Endowment Gold medal for excelling in General Medicine.
- Dr. Dusi Ram Mohan Rao's Memorial Gold medal for excelling in Microbiology and
- Dr. M V V S Murthi's presidential Gold medal for her **exceptional overall performance** in BDS course.



Following the awards, the event progressed to the oath taking ceremony. Dr. Tulasi Madhuri, Professor and Head, Department of Pharmacology and Dr. Sandhya R, Professor, Department of Periodontics, administered the professional oath to the medical and dental graduates respectively.

The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Dr. V V Narsimha Rao, Principal, Gitam Dental college, who expressed gratitude to the esteemed guests, management, event coordinators, especially Dr. Srinivas Kumar Chandrabhatla, Academic incharge who was the Co-ordinator for graduation Ceremony, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, and all individuals who contributed to the success of the event.

Celebrating academic accomplishments and reinforcing the institution's dedication to providing top-notch healthcare education and research, the graduation ceremony was a grand success.



# DENTAL CAMP AS PART OF NSD CAMPAIGN - FTO 7 & 9



Andhra Pradesh, India  
Department of Periodontics



As part of the National Service Day (NSD) Campaign, Department of Periodontics, GITAM Dental College and Hospital organized a Dental Screening Camp for Field Training Outreach (FTO) Units 7 and 9 on 28th March 2025. The camp aimed to promote oral health awareness and provide preventive dental care to employees and contractors associated with FTO 7 & 9. A total of 186 individuals were screened during the camp. The program was conducted by a team of eight doctors from GITAM Dental College & Hospital, Visakhapatnam, led by Dr. Trinath Kishore D, Professor and Head, Department of Periodontics.

The dental team included faculty- -Dr. Naveen Vital Kumar Gidijala, Dr. Anusha Boddeda and Postgraduates- Dr. Poojitha K, Dr. Manasa G, Dr. Amulya K, Dr. Chitra, and Dr. Pavani K, all from the Department of Periodontics, GITAM Dental College & Hospital. The camp focused on oral and periodontal health screening, patient counseling, and reinforcing the importance of preventive dental care. The initiative reflected the institution's commitment to community service and aligned with the objectives of the NSD campaign by extending quality oral health care beyond the campus.

# CANVAS OF CREATIVITY: NSS WORLD ART DAY 2025 AT GITAM DENTAL COLLEGE

➤➤➤ 14 APRIL 2025

On the occasion of World Art Day 2025, the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of GITAM Dental College and Hospital organized an art competition on 16th April 2025 to encourage creativity and artistic expression among students.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of all academic years and interns, who joined together to make the programme a grand success. The themes for the competition, "World Through My Eyes" and "Our Culture and Heritage," inspired students to creatively express their perspectives through art.

Participants showcased their artistic talents by creating paintings that beautifully reflected the given themes, with many students thoughtfully integrating elements of dentistry into their artwork. The competition provided a platform for students to explore social, cultural, and professional perspectives through creative expression.

The programme, organized by the NSS Committee of GITAM Dental College and Hospital, successfully fostered creativity, teamwork, and cultural appreciation among students, making the celebration of World Art Day both meaningful and memorable.



# FROM WOMB TO WORLD: NSS GITAM DENTAL AWARENESS INITIATIVE

As part of community outreach activities, the NSS Unit of GITAM Dental College & Hospital conducted an Oral Health Awareness Talk on 19th April 2025 at Vambay Colony, Madhurawada. The programme was attended by 75 participants, including Anganwadi teachers, pregnant women, and nursing mothers, with the aim of promoting awareness on maternal and child oral health.

## About Programme

The awareness session was led by Dr. K. Vivek Manohar, NSS Programme Officer, and Dr. Sahiti, NSS Committee Member, along with interns Dr. Veekshitha and Dr. Vandana. The interactive talk emphasized the importance of oral health care during pregnancy, lactation, and early childhood. Special focus was given to empowering Anganwadi teachers to effectively guide expectant and new mothers within their communities.

Key topics discussed included dental precautions during pregnancy, appropriate timing for dental visits and procedures, medications and radiation safety, practices to avoid during pregnancy, and essential oral health care measures for children. The programme was organized with the support of Mrs. Saritha, Head of Anganwadi Workers, Madhurawada, and her team.

The session witnessed active participation, with attendees engaging in discussions, clarifying doubts, and dispelling common myths related to dental treatment during pregnancy and infancy. Concluding at 3:30 PM, the programme successfully fulfilled its objective of enhancing awareness on maternal and child oral health, reinforcing GITAM Dental College's commitment to preventive and community-centered healthcare.





24th April 2025

# AOMR



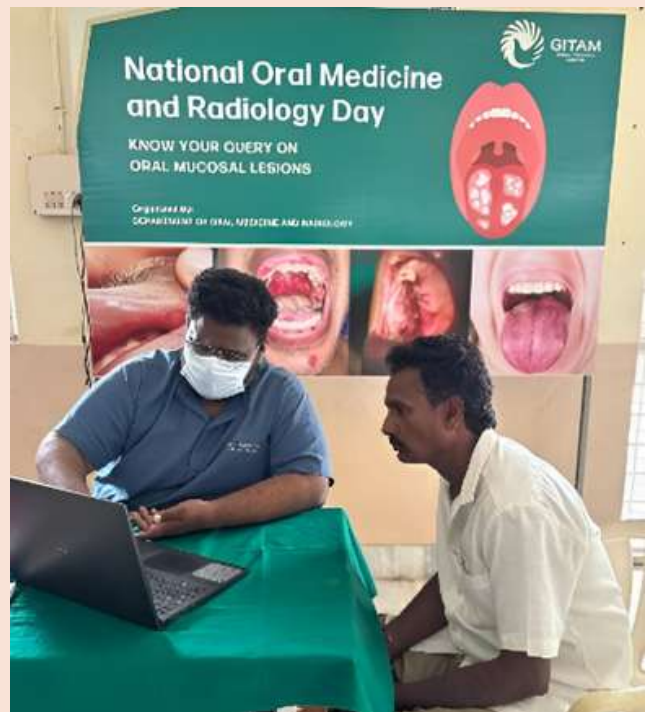
THE INDIAN ACADEMY OF ORAL  
MEDICINE AND RADIOLOGY

## National day

The Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology at GITAM Dental College and Hospital observed National Oral Medicine and Radiology Day from 22nd to 24th April 2025, aligning with the national celebration on 24th April 2025. The theme for 2025, "Prevention of Oral Precancer and Cancer," guided a series of educational and awareness activities focusing on early diagnosis and preventive strategies.

An awareness program on Oral Precancerous and Cancerous Lesions was conducted to highlight the importance of timely detection, patient counselling, and preventive care. The program saw active participation from Dr. P. Suresh, Head of the Department; Dr. Pavan Kumar, Professor, and faculty members Dr. Chandini D and Dr. Venkata Ramani, who contributed to the sessions and student interactions.

To enhance student engagement, the department organized various academic and creative competitions such as videography, reels and memes creation, E-posters, radiographic design, and a quiz competition based on OMR concepts and general knowledge. Students from all BDS years, interns, and postgraduate trainees participated enthusiastically.



A notable highlight of the observance was the felicitation of Dr. G. Divya Deepthi, who received a memento and certificate for securing the highest marks in OMDR in the Final Year BDS University Examinations held in October 2024.

The three-day observance concluded with appreciation for the participants and a renewed commitment to promoting awareness on the prevention of oral precancer and cancer.

24th April 2025

# Caring for Community Smiles:

GITAM Dental College  
and Hospital  
NSS Oral Health  
Camp at  
Bakkannapalem



## Oral Health Awareness campaign at Bakkannapalem - NSS team

An Oral Health Awareness and Examination Camp was successfully conducted on 24th April 2025 at Bakkannapalem, P.M. Palem, under the outreach initiative of the NSS Unit, GITAM Dental College & Hospital. The camp commenced at 9:30 AM with an interactive session highlighting the importance of oral hygiene and preventive dental care, sensitizing the community to the need for early dental check-ups.

The programme was led by NSS Programme Officer Dr. K. Vivek Manohar, with active participation from faculty members Dr. Hyandavi and Dr. Srinivas, supported by a dedicated team of dental interns. Comprehensive dental screening and basic oral examinations were carried out, with all clinical findings meticulously recorded digitally by NSS volunteers. Individuals requiring further care were appropriately referred to GITAM Dental College & Hospital for advanced treatment.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from local residents, who appreciated the initiative and expressed keen interest in similar programmes in the future. Concluding at 12:30 PM, the outreach effectively achieved its goal of enhancing oral health awareness and facilitating early diagnosis, reinforcing GITAM's commitment to community-oriented healthcare.



# REVOLUTIONIZING SMILE DESIGN WITH VENEERS

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Department of Prosthodontics and Crown & Bridge, GITAM Dental College & Hospital, successfully organized a Zonal Continuing Dental Education (CDE) Programme on 26th April 2025 on the theme “Porcelain Veneers – Revolutionising Smile Designing with Veneers.” The programme was designed to enhance the academic knowledge and clinical proficiency of postgraduate students and dental professionals in the evolving field of smile designing and veneer technology.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members and postgraduate students of Sree Sai Dental College, Srikakulam, and ANIDS Dental College, Visakhapatnam, fostering inter-institutional academic interaction and collaborative learning.

The programme was observed by Dr. Manish Kumar, Head of the Department of Public Health Dentistry, and Dr. Karunakar Shetty, Head of the Department of Prosthodontics. Their presence, guidance, and academic inputs added significant value to the scientific deliberations.



# REVOLUTIONIZING SMILE DESIGN WITH VENEERS

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## Scientific Sessions

The academic programme comprised a series of expert lectures delivered by distinguished faculty members:

- Dr. Pratyusha inaugurated the scientific sessions with an overview of smile designing and porcelain veneers, laying a strong foundation for the programme.
- Dr. P. Shameen Kumar delivered a comprehensive lecture highlighting the importance of smile design and discussed recent advances in veneer materials and digital applications.
- Dr. Harikrishna presented an in-depth session on veneer preparation techniques, detailing clinical protocols, armamentarium, and critical considerations.
- Dr. T. Satyendra Kumar elaborated on impression procedures and provisionalisation, emphasizing precision and effective temporization.
- Dr. Hima Bindu concluded the lecture series with a focused discussion on cementation protocols, addressing materials, techniques, and management of common clinical challenges.

## Hands-On Training

To effectively integrate theory with clinical practice, a hands-on demonstration session on veneer preparation was conducted for all participants. The session was led by Dr. Sunitha, Dr. Nirupama, Dr. Rajasekhar, and Dr. Vasudha, who provided close supervision, individualized guidance, and practical insights. This session enabled participants to gain valuable hands-on experience and enhance their clinical skills in veneer preparation.

The Zonal CDE Programme was well received by participants and successfully fulfilled its objective of enriching knowledge and strengthening practical competencies in contemporary aesthetic dentistry.



# WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY

MAY 31, 2025



## AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The Departments of Public Health Dentistry and Oral Medicine & Radiology jointly observed World No Tobacco Day – 2025 by organizing a series of community- and institution-based activities aimed at early detection of oral cancer and promotion of tobacco cessation awareness. As part of the observance, an Oral Cancer Screening Week (Free) was conducted from 26th to 31st May 2025 at the College OPD. Patients visiting the college with a history of tobacco use were screened free of cost for oral cancer using toluidine blue staining. This initiative facilitated early identification of suspicious lesions, with approximately 30 patients benefiting from the screening and counseling services.



In addition, a community-based oral cancer screening program was carried out at Jalaripeta Primary Health Centre from 29th to 31st May 2025. During this period, patients and attendants with tobacco habits visiting the PHC were screened for oral cancer using toluidine blue. Dr. Srinivas and Dr. Venkata Ramani screened the patients. Following the screening, individuals were seated in the waiting area and provided health education on the harmful effects of tobacco use, association with oral cancer, and the importance of diagnosis.

Participants suspected of having potentially malignant disorders or oral cancer were appropriately referred to GITAM Dental College and Hospital for further evaluation and follow-up care. This outreach activity benefited around 50 individuals from the community. Overall, the programs effectively reinforced the message of tobacco cessation, highlighted the importance of early detection of oral cancer.



# Kreeda Gitam 2025

9th-13th June 2025



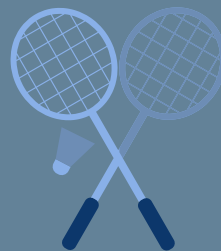
## Five-Day Sports Fest Held at GITAM Dental College

As part of KREEDA GITAM 2025, GITAM Dental College and Hospital organized a five-day sports competition from June 9 to June 13, 2025, with enthusiastic participation from students and staff, under the supervision of Dr. Shameen Kumar, Sports committee, chairperson.

The sports fest witnessed active involvement of undergraduate and postgraduate students, along with teaching and non-teaching faculty, fostering a spirit of fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The events were conducted at Kodi Ramamurthy Indoor Stadium, the table tennis courts at the annexure near KRC, and the GIMSR grounds.

The inaugural ceremony, held at the GIMSR grounds on June 9, was graced by the Principal, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, Dr. Vanga V. Narasimha Rao; Assistant Dean – Campus Life, GITAM Visakhapatnam, Mr. Arun Karthik; and Sports Committee Convener, Dr. Shameen Kumar P, along with faculty members and students. The programme was hosted by Sriya Raju, Intern.

Addressing the gathering, the Principal highlighted the importance of sports in maintaining physical and mental well-being among healthcare professionals and wished the participants success. Mr. Arun Karthik emphasized the role of sports in building discipline, resilience, and teamwork, encouraging students to actively engage in extracurricular activities. The GITAM and KREEDA GITAM flags were ceremoniously hoisted by the dignitaries, marking the formal inauguration of the sports fest.



A variety of sporting events were conducted, including shuttle badminton, table tennis, tennikoit, tug of war, discus throw, shot put, volleyball, throw ball, and the 100-metre run. The competitions were marked by high energy, healthy competition, and enthusiastic participation. The five-day sports meet concluded successfully, reaffirming GITAM Dental College and Hospital's commitment to holistic development and the promotion of an active and balanced lifestyle among students and faculty.





# Kreeda Gitam

9th-13th June 2025

2025



## Tug of War

- Men
  - Winners:Tridents (IV BDS)
  - Runners-up:Alvirons (III BDS)
- Women
  - Winners:Alvirons (III BDS)
  - Runners-up:Sapphires (Interns)

## 100 Metre Run

- Men
  - First: Praneeth (II BDS)
  - Second: Rakesh (I BDS)
  - Third: Madhukiran (I BDS)
- Women
  - First: Ashritha (II BDS)
  - Second: Fiza (III BDS)
  - Third: Dinnu Shree (II BDS)

## Chess

- Men
  - First: Praveen (II BDS)
  - Second: Srikar (Intern)
  - Third: Vikram (II BDS)
- Women
  - First: P. C. Sai Jahnvi (Intern)
  - Second: S. Sadhana Lakshmi (Intern)
  - Third: Deity Singh (II BDS)

## Table Tennis

- Women
  - First: Dr. Nirupama (Staff)
  - Third: Hephzibah (IV BDS)



## Shot Put

- Men
  - First: Sunil (IV BDS)
  - Second: Praneeth (II BDS)
  - Third: Charan P (I BDS)
- Women
  - First: Mounika (III BDS)
  - Second: Bhavya (I BDS)
  - Third: Tanuja (III BDS)

## Discus Throw

- Men
  - First: Raghu (III BDS)
  - Second: Varma (Intern)
  - Third: Sunil (IV BDS)

## Tennikoit (Women)

- Winners: Deity Singh & Vanaja (II BDS)
- Runners-up: Vandana Kiran & Fiza Taj (Interns)

## Throw Ball (Women)

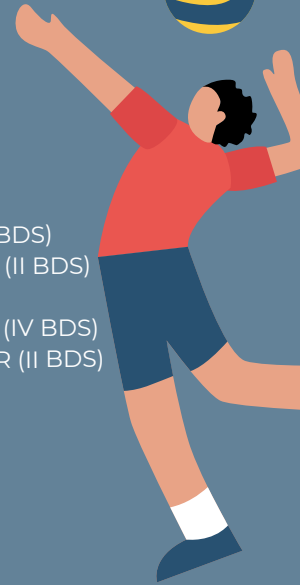
- Winners: Troizeanz(II BDS)
- Runners-up: Alvirons (III BDS)

## Volleyball

- Men
  - Winners:Tridents (IV BDS)
  - Runners-up: Team PG

## Badminton

- Men
  - Winners: Santosh & Shyam (II BDS)
  - Runners-up: Karthik & Zugesh (II BDS)
- Women
  - Winners: Meghana & Pragathi (IV BDS)
  - Runners-up: Kavya K & Bindu R (II BDS)



## Overall Champions- Alvirons (III BDS)



# SHARAD GITAM

28th June to 5th July 2025



SHARAD GITAM 2K25 was inaugurated with great enthusiasm at GITAM Dental College and Hospital, marking the beginning of a vibrant week-long college fest from 28th June to 5th July 2025. The ceremony showcased the creativity, coordination, and unity of the student community, with strong support and guidance from faculty members.

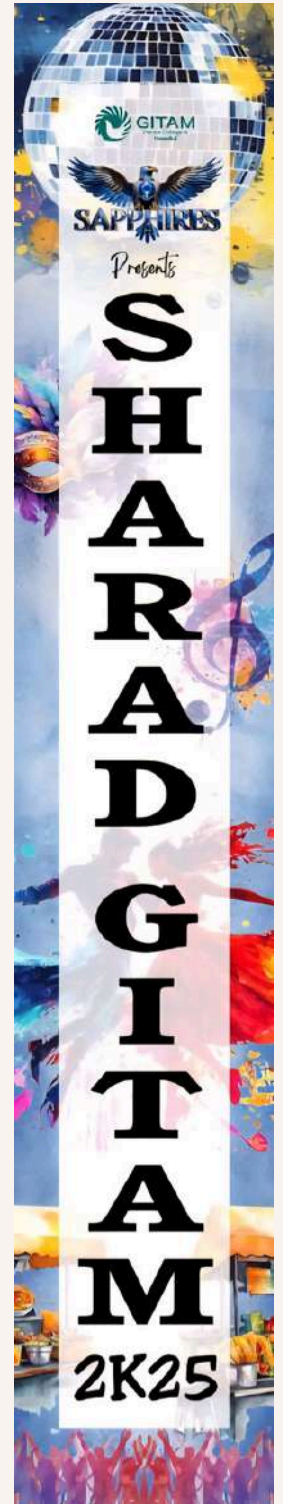
The program began with a brief welcome by student anchors, followed by the dramatic unveiling of the fest banner rolled down from the top of the building, revealing the visual identity of SHARAD GITAM 2K25. A symbolic helium balloon release by the faculty represented aspirations, positivity, and collective growth. One of the key highlights was the unveiling of the Unity Banner, created using fingerprints of teaching staff, non-teaching staff, and students, symbolizing unity and belonging. The banner was unveiled by the Principal, Dr. V. V. Narasimha Rao, in the presence of Heads of Departments and senior faculty.

In his address, the Principal appreciated the collaborative efforts of the organizing team and encouraged students to sustain the same enthusiasm throughout the fest. The successful organization of the event was carried out under the guidance of Dr. Srinivas Kumar Chandrabhatla, UG Academic In-charge, with the leadership of Dr. Sahithi P, Cultural Committee In-charge, and Dr. Shameen Kumar, Sports Committee In-charge. The cultural committee members, Dr. Spurthi G, Dr. Jayalakshmi P, Dr. Raviteja YS, Dr. Sruthi K, Dr. Supriya R, and Dr. Vivek Manohar, played an active role in the planning and smooth execution of the inaugural ceremony.

The inauguration concluded on an energetic note with a lively flash mob performance, drawing enthusiastic participation from the audience and setting a vibrant tone for the celebrations that followed.



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## Treasure Hunt

On 28th June 2025, the campus buzzed with excitement as students dashed across the grounds for the ultimate Treasure Hunt during the fest! Clues were hidden in the most unexpected places — from behind posters to under benches — and each riddle brought bursts of laughter, wild guesses, and clever teamwork. With hearts racing and minds whirring, teams raced against time in pursuit of glory (and bragging rights!). In the end, it wasn't just about finding the treasure, but the memories and madness along the way that made it truly unforgettable.

## Dance competition

The stage lit up with energy as the Dance Competition brought rhythm, passion, and stunning moves to life. Dancers swayed, twirled, and set the floor on fire with electrifying performances that left the audience cheering. Every beat showcased creativity and hard work, turning the night into a celebration of talent. The competition truly captured the spirit of Sharad GITAM — vibrant, fearless, and unforgettable.



## Singing competition

On 30th June, the campus resonated with music and emotion as the Singing Competition, Padutha Teeyaga, unfolded in a truly memorable way. Voices soared and hearts sang along as talented vocalists took the stage, delivering soulful melodies, powerful high notes, and captivating performances that kept the audience clapping, swaying, and asking for more.

The competition brought together participants who showcased a wide range of musical genres, reflecting their creativity, passion, and confident stage presence. Each performance added its own colour to the musical journey, creating a vibrant atmosphere filled with talent and energy. Celebrating the art of singing in a spirit of healthy competition and musical harmony, Padutha Teeyaga proved to be a symphony to remember and a highlight of the fest.



## *Memos and Reels*

Also on 30th June, the Meme and Reels Competition brought a wave of laughter and creativity to the fest! From hilarious takes on student life to trending reel challenges, participants had the crowd in stitches and scrolling for more. Wit met wild imagination, and the internet came alive — all in one epic, scroll-worthy showdown!

## *Minute to Win It*

On 1st July, the excitement peaked with the fast-paced Minute to Win It challenge! Participants had just 60 seconds to conquer quirky, fun-filled tasks — from stacking cups to balancing chaos! The crowd cheered, laughed, and held their breath as every tick of the clock turned up the pressure. It was a thrilling race against time, where every second counted and every moment was pure fun!

## *Cooking without gas*

On 1st July 2025, This event challenged chefs to think outside the kitchen. No flames, no stoves—just creativity and resourcefulness. From no-bake desserts to cold salads, the dishes were innovative. It highlighted sustainability and safe cooking methods. Judges tasted and scored based on flavor, technique, and originality. It was a great mix of learning and experimenting with food.





## *Stalls Day Celebrations*

The Stalls created a festive, fair-like atmosphere on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025. There were food stalls, handmade crafts, games, and quirky merchandise. Each stall had its unique style, color, and attraction. Visitors could taste, play, and shop—all in one lane. It encouraged entrepreneurship and team collaboration among students. It added life and movement to the event space. In short, the stalls were the heart of the event buzz. The event was graciously inaugurated by our beloved Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Gitanjali Batmanabane.



# BAND NIGHT

— *Connected*

On the evening of 3rd July, the fest reached its grand finale with an electrifying Band Night followed by a high-energy DJ set! Live music lit up the stage as bands rocked the crowd with powerful vocals, epic guitar riffs, and unforgettable vibes. Just when the energy peaked, the DJ took over — dropping beats that had everyone dancing under the stars. It was a night of rhythm, lights, and non-stop celebration — the perfect end to an unforgettable fest!



## *Eye make up competition*

On 4th July, creativity took center stage at the Eye Makeup Competition, where brushes became magic wands and eyelids turned into canvases! Participants wowed everyone with bold colors, glitter, and stunning designs — from elegant to edgy. Each look told a unique story, blending art and expression in the most dazzling way. It was beauty, skill, and imagination all rolled into one glam-packed event!



## *Sapphires crazy bowl*

Also on 4th July, Sapphires' Crazy Bowl brought the house down with a whirlwind of movie madness, musical mayhem, and dramatic flair! From guessing iconic songs to rapid-fire movie quizzes and hilarious scene enactments, participants showed off their film knowledge and acting chops. Laughter echoed, drama unfolded, and the crowd went wild — it was a total entertainment roller coaster that had everyone shouting "lights, camera, action!"

# CULTURAL DAY

2025



On 5th July, the campus came alive with color, tradition, and celebration for Cultural Day! Dressed in vibrant ethnic attire, students proudly represented diverse cultures through music, dance, fashion, and more. The stage turned into a melting pot of heritage and joy, with every performance telling a beautiful story. It was a heartwarming day of unity in diversity — where traditions were honored, cultures were celebrated, and memories were made!



As the final curtain falls, this unforgettable fest leaves behind a trail of laughter, creativity, and countless cherished memories. From thrilling competitions and dazzling performances to cultural showcases and late-night dance-offs, every moment was a celebration of talent, teamwork, and togetherness.



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# Green Minds, Clean Future

## NSS GITAM Dental College Inspires Young Eco-Champions at Yendada



The students participated enthusiastically, raising thoughtful questions and interacting freely with the volunteers, reflecting their keen interest in environmental issues. The entire programme was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Sarat, NSS Member. Concluding at 12:00 PM, the camp successfully met its objective of sensitizing young minds towards nature conservation, reinforcing the role of education in building a cleaner and greener future.



On the occasion of World Nature Conservation Day, the NSS Unit of GITAM Dental College & Hospital organized a Regular Camp at ZPHS, Yendada, on 28th July 2025, aiming to instill environmental awareness among school children. The programme witnessed active participation from 150 students of Classes 5 to 8, making it a vibrant and impactful outreach initiative.

The session began at 10:30 AM with an informative lecture delivered by NSS volunteers Haritha and Shivani, followed by an engaging skit that effectively captured the attention of the students. NSS volunteers S. Haritha, N. Vandana, P. Shivani, A. Varshini, L. Sivaram, N. Harsha, Moda Pradata, A. Sudheer, and Siri Chandana actively contributed to the success of the programme.



01 AUGUST 2025



# ORAL HYGIENE DAY CELEBRATIONS

National Oral Hygiene Day was observed on 1st August 2025 at GITAM Dental College & Hospital, Visakhapatnam, by the Department of Periodontics, marking the birth anniversary of Dr. Govind B. Shankwalkar, pioneer of Indian Periodontology and Founder President of the Indian Society of Periodontology (ISP).

An academic session titled "Future With Perio" was organized for interns, in collaboration with the Indian Society of Periodontology. The offline program was conducted at Lecture Gallery 4.

The session was delivered by Dr. Anusha, Associate Professor, and Dr. Shiva Shankar, Assistant Professor, who highlighted the clinical, research, and surgical scope of Periodontology, including implant procedures and the role of periodontists in daily practice. The program enhanced awareness on oral hygiene and periodontal care among interns.



## Oral Screening and Oral Health Sample distribution

Program was conducted to create awareness among patients and under graduation students regarding oral hygiene practices which needs to followed as daily practices. Post Graduate Students, Department of Periodontics actively demonstrated the same. Oral Health samples were distributed to the patients and students. Oral screening was done through app provided by Indian Society of Periodontology. Over 400 patients were screened as part of the activity.



# BASIC INCISION & SUTURING - HANDS ON

As part of the National Oral Hygiene Day celebrations, the Department of Periodontics, GITAM Dental College & Hospital, Visakhapatnam, in collaboration with the Indian Society of Periodontology, conducted a Mini Workshop on Incisions and Suturing on 1st August 2025 with the support of Dr. Raja V Murthy, Professor and HOD. The workshop was held at the Postgraduate Clinic, was organized for interns and final year BDS students and workshop was led by Dr. Trinath Kishore (Professor) and Dr. Naveen Kumar (Professor, Dr. Anusha (Associate Professor), and Dr. Shiva Shankar (Assistant Professor) actively participated. The program focused on teaching basic incision and suturing techniques through demonstrations and hands-on practice using fruit models. Participation certificates were distributed, and feedback was obtained from the interns and students at the end of the session.



# “TMJ Ankylosis Asymmetry Correction through TJR and Orthognathic Surgery”



## Surgical workshop

The Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery successfully conducted a Surgical Workshop titled “TMJ Ankylosis Asymmetry Correction through TJR and Orthognathic Surgery” on 29th August 2025, focusing on advanced surgical management of temporomandibular joint ankylosis and associated facial asymmetry.

The programme was organized by Dr. M. Satish-Professor and HoD, Dr. N. V. V. Satya Bhushan-Professor and other faculty including Dr. Poornima Sowjanya, Dr. K. Vivek Manohar, Dr. R. Sai Bhavana, Dr. Sai Sarat, and Dr. Roopa. The workshop featured Dr. Santosh Rao Agasthya, Professor, Department of Dentistry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Raipur, Chhattisgarh, as the eminent resource person.

The academic sessions highlighted contemporary concepts in total joint replacement (TJR) for TMJ reconstruction and its role in correcting facial asymmetry. Expert lectures were complemented by virtual surgical planning demonstrations and live surgical procedures, illustrating the integration of custom alloplastic TJR systems with 3D-guided orthognathic surgery. Dr. Santosh Rao Agasthya demonstrated state-of-the-art techniques in TMJ reconstruction, custom prosthesis design, occlusal alignment restoration, and postoperative rehabilitation.



Key discussions focused on indications and workflow for TMJ TJR, precision planning using virtual surgical protocols, and strategies for achieving optimal functional and aesthetic outcomes. The interactive format encouraged active participation, fostering meaningful academic exchange among the delegates. With participation from 30 attendees, the workshop concluded with an engaging panel discussion and Q&A session, reinforcing the importance of meticulous planning and multidisciplinary collaboration in managing complex craniofacial deformities and achieving predictable surgical results.

# ZONAL CDE OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

30th August 2025



## Facial Harmony Through Synergy Orthodontics and Orthognathic Surgery



A Zonal Continuing Dental Education (CDE) programme titled “Facial Harmony Through Synergy: Orthodontics and Orthognathic Surgery” was successfully conducted on 30th August 2025, focusing on the interdisciplinary approach essential for achieving optimal facial esthetics and functional outcomes. The programme was organized by Dr. M. Satish, Dr. N. V. V. Satya Bhushan, Dr. Poornima Sowjnaya, Dr. K. Vivek Manohar, Dr. R. Sai Bhavana, Dr. Sai Sarat, and Dr. Roopa. The academic sessions were delivered by eminent faculty members from Dr. N.T.R. University of Health Sciences, specializing in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS).



The guest speakers Dr. Shubhnita Verma (Associate Professor, Orthodontics), Dr. Supriya (Assistant Professor, Orthodontics), and Dr. Anil (Assistant Professor, Orthodontics) provided in-depth insights into the critical role of cephalometric analysis in orthognathic surgery planning. The sessions emphasized diagnostic accuracy, surgical prediction tracing, and integration of orthodontic and surgical treatment planning. A key highlight of the programme was the hands-on cephalometric tracing session, where postgraduate students actively engaged in practical exercises under expert guidance. The interactive format fostered critical thinking, collaborative learning, and enhanced clinical decision-making skills. With active participation from 50 delegates, the programme effectively bridged theoretical concepts with clinical application, strengthening the participants’ competence and confidence in cephalometric evaluation for orthognathic cases.

# MDS ORIENTATION PROGRAMME 2025

15th-24th September 2025

| Date                      | Faculty   | Lecture taken   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. D V V Narsimha Rao<br>Principal,                      | Orientation for MDS students and DCI regulations  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. V Ravindra<br>HOD -Orthodontics                       | Dental Phtography   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. Sruthi Kapu<br>Ast Prof--Conservative Dentsitry       | How to do a Journal Review?   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. Sandhya Pavan Kumar<br>Professor, Periodontics        | How to take a seminar?  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. M Satish<br>HOD, Oral Surgery                         | Universal Precautions   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. Pavan Kumar Y<br>Professor, Oral Medicine & Radiology | Role of Documnetation   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. G Naveen Vittal<br>Professor, Periodontics            | Role of Mentoring   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. Divya Uppala<br>HOD-Oral Pathology                    | Research Ethics   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. Srinivas Kumar Ch<br>HOD-Pedodontics                  | Pedagogy  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. Jayalakshmi Pandranki<br>Professor-Pedodontics        | Time management   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. Sreekanth<br>Professor-Oral Pathology                 | Immunization Protocol   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. Ravi Chandra<br>Professor-Conservative Dentistry      | Literature search   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. Satyendra T<br>Professor-Prosthodontics               | Use of AI Tools in Dentistry/<br>Research/ Publication writing                            |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. Roja<br>Assist. Prof-Conservative Dentistry           | Digital Dentistry   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. Shiva Shankar<br>Assist. Prof- Periodontics           | How to effectively select a research topic?   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. Anil Kumar<br>Assist. Prof- Orhodontics               | How to manage Stress in life  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. Shubnita Varma<br>Assist. Prof- Orhodontics           | Communication Skills  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 | Dr. Trinath Kishore<br>Professor- Orthodontics            | Mapping Resource content<br>Presentations and guidelines for<br>Powerpoint presentations. |





# Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan

29th  
September  
2025

## Empowered Women, Healthier Smiles: NSS GITAM Dental Team

In observance of Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan, the NSS Unit of GITAM Dental College & Hospital organized an awareness programme on 29th September 2025 within the college premises. The initiative was aimed at empowering women while promoting oral health awareness among non-teaching and housekeeping staff. A total of 45 women actively participated in the programme.

The awareness talk was delivered by Ms. Srivarshini, NSS Intern Volunteer, under the guidance of Dr. K. Vivek Manohar, NSS Programme Officer, and NSS committee members Dr. Nalini and Dr. Shiva Shankar. The session highlighted the importance of women's empowerment, self-care, and oral health as integral components of overall well-being. Following the talk, participants were divided into small groups for interactive oral hygiene instruction sessions.

Hands-on demonstrations of proper brushing techniques were conducted using dental models, ensuring better understanding and practical learning. NSS intern volunteers Ms. Afreen, Ms. Vinoothna, Ms. Siri Chandana, and Ms. Harika played an active role in guiding and engaging the participants throughout the session. The programme commenced at 2:00 PM and concluded at 3:30 PM with a vote of thanks.

The programme successfully reinforced the message that empowered women form the foundation of a healthy family, effectively meeting its objective of enhancing oral health awareness and promoting preventive practices among the participants.



# Igniting Young Leadership for Viksit Bharat: NSS GITAM Dental Initiative

The NSS Unit of GITAM Dental College and Hospital actively participated in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) – 2025 quiz on 30th September 2025 as part of National Service Scheme celebrations. The initiative was in line with the national vision of Viksit Bharat (Developed India), aiming to foster national pride, civic awareness, and informed participation among the youth. Intern volunteers from the NSS Unit enthusiastically took part in the programme, reflecting their commitment to nation-building initiatives.

The quiz was designed to create awareness about India's historical legacy, developmental journey, and governance milestones through an online multiple-choice format. Conducted in 12 Indian languages, the event ensured inclusivity and encouraged wider participation among Indian citizens aged 15 to 29 years. The programme was effectively coordinated by Dr. Vivek Manohar Kavila, NSS Programme Officer, with active support from NSS member Dr. Hyandavi, contributing to the successful engagement of students in the national dialogue on progress and development.



## Community Outreach Activity

Dr. Raviteja YS, Associate Professor in the Department of Oral Pathology, delivered an oral health awareness session at Lions Club, Ramnagar, organised by Junior Chamber International. The programme focused on creating awareness among youth about oral health, with special emphasis on oral cancer prevention and early detection. He highlighted the increasing prevalence of oral cancer in India and discussed major risk factors such as tobacco use, areca nut chewing, alcohol consumption, and poor oral hygiene.

## Fire Fighting Awareness Training by A.P. State Disaster Response and Fire Services at GITAM Dental College



October 10, 2025

# International Day of the girl child

## Empowering Young Minds: NSS Outreach Program at Zilla Parishad High School

In observance of the spirit of International Day for the girl Child, the NSS Unit of GITAM Dental College and Hospital organized an outreach program on 10th October 2025 for 6th-grade girl students of Zilla Parishad High School, PM Palem, Visakhapatnam. The initiative aimed at promoting awareness on essential aspects of adolescent health, personal safety, and self-development.

The program focused on key themes including menstrual health and hygiene, good touch–bad touch, self-confidence, and body positivity. Students were sensitized about personal safety, recognizing unsafe situations, and the importance of seeking help when required. Menstrual health was discussed in a simple and reassuring manner, emphasizing hygiene practices and normalizing menstruation as a natural biological process. An interactive session on self-confidence encouraged students to express their thoughts and opinions, helping them overcome stage fear and build self-esteem. Discussions on balanced diet, healthy habits, and an active lifestyle further reinforced the importance of overall well-being.

The program was conducted by Dr. Vivek Manohar, NSS Program Officer, and Dr. Sahithi, NSS Faculty Member, with active support from house surgeons I. Stuthi Abigail, D. Veekshitha, Y. Lekhya, and D. Sriya. The enthusiastic participation of students made the programme engaging and impactful. The outreach initiative successfully created awareness, instilled confidence, and inspired young minds to develop a positive outlook towards health and self-worth, truly reflecting the essence of National Child Day.





# ANTI-RAGGING ORIENTATION AND SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME

24TH OCTOBER 2025

## *Sets the Tone for a Safe Campus at GITAM Dental College*



GITAM Dental College and Hospital has reaffirmed its zero-tolerance stance towards ragging through a structured and proactive anti-ragging framework, aimed at ensuring a safe, secure, and student-friendly academic environment.

As a key preventive initiative, an Orientation and Sensitization Programme on Anti-Ragging was conducted on 24th October 2026 for First BDS (2024-2025) and Second Year BDS students, prior to the admission of the Juniors. Dr. Vanga V Narsimha Rao, Principal, GITAM Dental College and Mr. Pilla Venkata Ramakrishna (Security officer -MS) addressed the gathering and the programme focused on creating awareness about the meaning and consequences of ragging, institutional anti-ragging policies, students' responsibilities, and the available support mechanisms. Students were sensitized to the legal, academic, and psychological implications of ragging, reinforcing the message that the campus is committed to dignity, mutual respect, and inclusivity.

To effectively implement anti-ragging measures, the institution has constituted a comprehensive Anti-Ragging Committee and an Anti-Ragging Squad comprising senior faculty members, hostel administrators, security personnel, and student representatives from various academic years. The Anti-Ragging Committee is chaired by Dr. M. Harikrishna and includes experienced faculty members, hostel management staff, security officers, and student members to ensure broad-based representation and accessibility. Parallely, the Anti-Ragging Squad, chaired by Dr. Y. Pavan Kumar, functions as an active monitoring body with members drawn from faculty, hostel authorities, security staff, and students.

As an added preventive step, the institution has implemented daily monitoring measures from December 4th onwards. One member each from either the Anti-Ragging Committee or the Anti-Ragging Squad conducts daily visits to hostels and sports grounds. These visits are intended to observe student interactions, monitor behaviour, and promptly address or report any instance of ragging, thereby ensuring continuous vigilance across campus premises.

# “SISHU-GITAM”

## 2025



The Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry at GITAM Dental College and Hospital, Visakhapatnam, proudly hosted “Sishu-GITAM”, a month-long celebration of Children’s Day dedicated to promoting oral health awareness among children. Conducted throughout the month of November, the initiative actively engaged the community through creative, enjoyable, and educational preventive dental activities aimed at instilling lifelong oral hygiene practices in young minds.

The programme received strong institutional support from Dr. V. V. Narasimha Rao, Principal, GITAM Dental College and Hospital. The event was meticulously planned and organised under the guidance of Dr. Ch. Srinivas Kumar, Head of the Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry, with active participation from the faculty members Dr. Jayalakshmi Pandranki, Dr. Nalini Bashyam, Dr. Komali Paruvada, Dr. Sanhati Biswas, and Dr. Padmaja Chimala, along with postgraduate students. Dr. Nagaja Priya, Deputy Manager of Operations extended timely support. Their collective involvement and leadership highlighted the strong institutional commitment toward community outreach and preventive pediatric oral healthcare, making “Sishu-GITAM” a meaningful and impactful initiative dedicated to children’s oral well-being.

## Community out reach oral health awareness in various schools

1. Smart Kids Pre School- PM Palem
2. IKSA Play school and Kindergarten- Yendada,
3. Dictionary Pre school- Yendada
4. Swecha Waldroff Inspired school- Rushikonda,
5. Cherry Kids Play School- Akkayapalem,
6. Lotus English Medium School -Akkayapalem,
7. Sea Birds play School- Maddilapalem,
8. Little steps school, PM Palem



# Oral health Awareness in schools



## 1. Oral health awareness talks for children

Engaging and interactive sessions were conducted for primary school children, highlighting the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene. The talks emphasized proper brushing and flossing techniques, along with the beneficial use of mouthwash in keeping teeth healthy. Children were encouraged to develop strong oral care habits early to prevent future dental problems.

## 2. Oral hygiene education- Brushing Techniques

Demonstrating the Fones technique to children involves explaining and showing them how to brush using big, gentle circular motions. The toothbrush is held straight against the teeth, and the circles help clean all the surfaces.



## 3. Oral health screening

As a part of the program, an oral health screening was carried out to examine the children for common dental problems and provide recommendations for follow-up care.



## 4. Tooth-Friendly vs Tooth-Trouble Foods

“Good and Bad Food” activity for children to create awareness about healthy eating and oral hygiene. Children were shown pictures of various foods and asked to identify whether they were good or bad for their teeth. Interactive poster-making and sticker activities helped them learn in a fun way. The activity was well-received, and children actively participated, understanding the importance of choosing tooth-friendly foods.



## PUZZLE GAME

As part of our Children's Day celebration, we conducted a fun and educational activity called "Puzzle the Word and Circle It" to create awareness about oral health status. Children searched for important dental-health words hidden among jumbled letters and circled them.



## DRAWING COMPETITION

Drawing competition was conducted for children to promote creativity and oral health awareness. The activity helped them understand oral hygiene in a fun way. Students enthusiastically drew pictures of nutritious foods like fruits, vegetables, and milk, along with harmful choices such as junk food and sugary snacks.



## Oral Hygiene Kits Distribution



# CHILDREN'S DAY Celebrations

By Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry

The Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, celebrated Children's Day on 14th November 2025. The program was conducted under the leadership of Dr. Srinivas Kumar Chandrabhatla, Head of the Department, and was well organised with the support of Dr. Vanga V. Narsimha Rao, Principal. Faculty members Dr. Jayalakshmi P, Dr. Nalini B, Dr. Komali P, Dr. Padmaja Ch and Dr. Sanhati B , along with the postgraduate students of the department, actively coordinated the event. Children from Gracious Wings, Gracious Just Services Trust, Vepagunta, were brought to the department for the programme.

The activities included oral health screening, carried out by postgraduates: 3rd year PGs: Dr. Bala, Dr. Darahas, Dr. Mounica, Dr. Dorathi and Dr. Swapna; 2nd year PGs: Dr. Nikitha, Dr. Rohitha and Dr. Bhavani; 1st year PGs: Dr. Mishra, Dr. Siva Priya, Dr. Jyothi, Dr. Sheeba and Dr. Arsitha and Senior PGs: Dr. Pavan, Dr. Salma, Dr. Chandrika, Dr. Renuka and Dr. Bindu Sravani. Oral health talk was provided by Dr. Siva Priya and Team. Oral screening was done for 40 orphanage children and 60 out patients. Treatment done for the needy children.

A puppet show on oral health in a unique way was presented by Dr. Dorathi and Dr. Sheeba, followed by an oral health awareness session focusing on good and bad food habits. Brushing dance was done by Dr. Swapna and team. Fun activities such as musical chairs and a painting competition were also organised. Oral hygiene kits were distributed to all the children. The event highlighted the department's commitment to promoting oral health and spreading joy among children on this special day.



# HEALTH TALK



# PUPPET SHOW

Oral Health Awareness

# PHOTO BOOTH

Capturing the moments



# ORAL HEALTH CARE AWARENESS





# WHITE COAT CEREMONY

## SILVER JUBILEE BATCH- 2025-2026

GITAM Dental College and Hospital conducted the Orientation and White Coat Ceremony for the Silver Jubilee Batch (2025-2026) of First Year BDS students on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov' 2025, marking the formal beginning of their dental education. The programme brought together institutional leadership, faculty members, parents, and the new students in a dignified and engaging gathering.

The Principal, Dr. V. V. Narasimha Rao, addressed the students, highlighting the values of academic excellence, ethics, and patient-centered learning. Faculty from the basic science departments introduced the First BDS curriculum, giving students a clear overview of academic expectations and the importance of foundational subjects.

A brief interaction with parents emphasized the shared role of the institution and families in supporting student development.



The White Coat Ceremony began with the Lighting of the Lamp by senior academic leaders, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge and professional responsibility. In her address, Dr. Gitanjali Batmanabane spoke about the ethics of healthcare and the significance of the white coat. Heads of dental specialties then conferred white coats on the new batch, marking their entry into the professional phase of their journey.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Manish Kumar. The ceremony offered an inspiring start to the academic journey of the Silver Jubilee Batch, reflecting GITAM's commitment to nurturing competent and compassionate dental professionals.

# ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR BDS 2025–26 (SILVER JUBILEE BATCH) 21-22 NOVEMBER, 2025



On the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2025, GITAM Dental College & Hospital successfully conducted the Orientation Programme for the Silver Jubilee Batch of First Year BDS students for the academic year 2025–26. The event was organized with academic elegance and a warm sense of welcome, marking the formal beginning of the undergraduate journey for the new cohort.

Dr. V. V. Narasimha Rao, Principal, delivered an insightful inaugural address, emphasizing the transformative nature of dental education and GITAM's commitment to excellence, professionalism, ethical practice, and patient-centered values.

On 21<sup>st</sup> November, faculty from the foundational departments of Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, Dental Materials, and Dental Anatomy & Dental Histology presented an overview of the First BDS curriculum, emphasizing academic structure, integration, and clinical relevance.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Dr. Naveen Vittal delivered a lecture highlighting the role of mentoring in professional growth. Introductions to the speciality departments were presented by departmental in-charges Dr. Venkata Ramani, Dr. Hyandavi, Dr. Stella Spurthi, Dr. Nalini, Dr. Bandhana, Dr. Sai Sarat, Dr. Nirupama, Dr. Santhosh, and Dr. Supriya, each outlining their department's academic scope and clinical significance.

A guided campus visit was conducted by Dr. Anil Kumar, Dr. Tejaswi, and Dr. Rajashekar to familiarize students with institutional facilities. Dr. Anusha B elaborated on the role of dentists in society, while Dr. Chandrasekhar addressed effective time management during undergraduate education.

An interactive session with parents followed, strengthening collaboration between the institution, faculty, and families. The Principal reassured parents of the college's continued commitment to a safe, supportive, and academically enriching environment.

The programme concluded on a positive and motivating note, reflecting GITAM Dental College & Hospital's dedication to nurturing knowledgeable, ethical, and service-oriented future dental professionals.



# VOICES OF THE CONSTITUTION: NSS GITAM DENTAL COLLEGE CELEBRATES NATIONAL CONSTITUTION DAY

26TH NOVEMBER 2025



The NSS Unit of GITAM Dental College and Hospital observed National Constitution Day on 26th November 2025 with an educative and inspiring programme to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution and honour Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. The event aimed to promote awareness of constitutional rights, duties, and democratic values among students.

Faculty, interns, and students from various academic years actively participated. An essay writing competition on Articles 14–18 highlighted the principles of equality, justice, and non-discrimination, encouraging students to connect constitutional values with everyday life. An elocution competition on the theme “What the Constitution Means to Me” provided a platform for students to express their understanding of the Constitution’s role in individual and national development.

The program was coordinated by Dr. Vivek Manohar, NSS Program Coordinator, along with faculty members Dr. Rajsekhar, Dr. Sarat, and Dr. Hyandavi, with support from NSS volunteers. The event concluded successfully, reinforcing the importance of constitutional values and civic responsibility among students.



# 59TH INDIAN ORTHODONTIC CONFERENCE



## Inaugural of Pre-conference courses

The Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopaedics, GITAM Dental College successfully organized the Pre-Conference Courses of the 59th Indian Orthodontic Conference led by Dr. Ravindra V, HoD on 27th November 2025 at GITAM Dental College & Hospital, commencing with a formal Inauguration Ceremony held at the Mother Teresa Auditorium.

The session was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Johnny Liaw (Visiting Faculty, National Taiwan University Hospital) and Guest of Honor Dr. Gitanjali Batmanabane (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Medical Sciences, GITAM (Deemed to be University)), in the presence of Dr. Puneet Batra, President-IOS, and Prof. Sanjay Labh, Secretary-IOS, along with the Conference Organizing Committee led by Dr. Srikrishna Chalasani (Organizing Chairman), Dr. N. Sleva Raju (Organizing Secretary).

Dr. C.V. Padma Priya (Scientific Chairperson), Dr. Ravindra Vangala (Conference Convenor), and Dr. S. Gowri Sankar (Co-Convenor) and Dr VV Narasimha Rao, Principal, GITAM Dental College and Hospital joined for the inaugural on the dias.





27TH NOVEMBER, 2025

## PRE-CONFERENCE COURSES OF 59TH INDIAN ORTHODONTIC CONFERENCE AT GITAM DENTAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL

Nine Pre-Conference Courses were conducted featuring international faculty Dr Johnny Liaw and national speakers from across India.

One of the courses was conducted by faculty from the Armed Forces, which included Major General (Dr.) Balakrishnan Jayan, the senior most Orthodontist in the Army Dental Corps. These courses provided high-value academic exposure through focused lectures, interactive demonstrations, and hands-on skill development, enabling participants to strengthen competencies in biomechanics, surgical-orthodontic planning, cleft workflows, digital orthodontics, TMD management, and clinical research methodology.

The organizing team saw active participation from interns, postgraduate students, and faculty members of the Department of Orthodontics. The venues and technical support were provided by Professor GVS Raj Kumar, Associate Director, GITAM Institute of Technology, Associate Professor GLakshmeeswari, HOD, GITAM Institute of Technology and Dr VV Narasimha Rao, Principal, GITAM Dental College and Hospital.

The program witnessed strong national participation and concluded with the distribution of certificates, marking a highly successful academic prelude to the national conference.



# Expert Insights on Endocrowns

A guest lecture on Endocrowns by Dr. S. Lata, Endodontist and Academician, was organised by Conservative and Endodontics department on 5th December 2025. Dr. Lata is associated with the Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences and practicing clinician at The Pulp Dental Clinic, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. With over seventeen years of experience in academics, clinical practice, and research, she delivered a highly insightful and clinically relevant academic session.

The lecture focused on endocrowns as an innovative and conservative restorative option for endodontically treated posterior teeth with extensive structural loss. Dr. Lata explained how advancements in adhesive dentistry and ceramic materials have made endocrowns a predictable alternative to traditional post-and-core crowns. Key aspects such as biomechanics, indications, preparation design, material selection, advantages, limitations, and evidence-based clinical outcomes were discussed in detail.

Dr. Jyothi - HOD, Conservative and Endodontics, Dr. Pavan Kumar-Professor, Oral Medicine and Radiology and Dr. Srinivas Kumar Ch- Professor and HOD on behalf of GITAM Dental College and Hospital felicitated Dr. S. Lata for her valuable contribution.



6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025

# CONE BEAM COMPUTER TOMOGRAPHY

SPEAKERS

## Mastering CBCT from imaging to interpretation in dental practice.

The Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology at GITAM Dental College and Hospital conducted a focused Continuing Education Program titled "Mastering CBCT: From Imaging to Interpretation in Dental Practice" on 6th December 2025. The program was inaugurated in the presence of Dr. Vanga V. Narsimha Rao, Principal; Dr. Suresh Kumar P, Professor and Head, Oral Medicine and Radiology; Dr. Pavan Kumar Y, Professor and Senior Faculty, Oral Medicine and Radiology; and Dr. Jagat Reddy R. C, Professor and Head, KIMS Dental College and Hospital, Amalapuram, who served as the guest speaker. The scientific sessions began with Dr. Pavan Kumar Y, who provided a comprehensive introduction to the fundamental principles of CBCT imaging.



### Hands on Workshop

A hands-on workshop was conducted for 30 registered participants, beginning with an orientation to the basic tools required for manipulating CBCT data. This was followed by exercises on the fundamentals of implant planning and familiarization with CBCT software interfaces. Participants engaged in practical training on assessing implant sites, evaluating the temporomandibular joint, and interpreting CBCT findings related to odontogenic cysts and tumors. Additional modules covered analysis of impacted teeth and their relation to vital structures, understanding root canal morphology, and identifying periapical pathologies and tooth fractures. The workshop provided a comprehensive, application-oriented learning experience for all attendees.

This was followed by an insightful lecture by Dr. Jagat Reddy R. C, who oriented participants to the essential aspects of 3D CBCT volume interpretation. Dr. P. Suresh Kumar, Professor and Head, presented an in-depth overview of the diverse clinical applications of CBCT, covering endodontics, oral and maxillofacial pathology, temporomandibular joint evaluation, airway analysis, and implantology. The program received an enthusiastic response, with around 65 participants registering and actively engaging in the sessions.



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49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF  
ASSOCIATION OF ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL  
SURGEONS OF INDIA

WELCOME DELEGATES

Pre-Conference highlights of the

## 49TH AOMSI ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT GITAM DENTAL COLLEGE

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE UNFOLDS

The 49th Annual Conference of the Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons of India (AOMSI), themed “Embrace, Enhance and Enrich MAXFACS”, commenced on 10th December 2025 in Visakhapatnam with a remarkable series of pre-conference courses under the supervision of Dr. M Satish, HoD, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at GITAM Dental College and Hospital. The event set a strong academic tone for one of India’s most prestigious scientific gatherings in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

GITAM Dental College and Hospital proudly hosted six pre-conference courses, providing a premium platform for knowledge exchange, skill enhancement and collaborative research. The pre-conference witnessed an outstanding response, with 400 delegates attending the specialized sessions and more than 2200 participants expected for the main conference, representing clinicians, academicians, researchers and postgraduate students from across India.

This year’s academic sessions highlighted advanced technological innovations and evolving surgical practices in the OMFS domain. A distinguished group of national and international faculty enriched the scientific deliberations, including experts from leading global bodies such as AOCMF, SORG and other renowned maxillofacial surgery organizations. Delegates benefitted from immersive hands-on training in virtual surgical planning, advanced implantology and digital intelligence in OMFS, gaining exposure to cutting-edge tools and modern surgical techniques.





## INAUGURATION

The pre-conference inauguration, held at GITAM Dental College, was graced by eminent dignitaries:

- Chief Guest: Dr. Erroll D'Souza, Vice Chancellor, GITAM (Deemed to be University)
- Guest of Honour: Dr. V. S. Prakasa Rao, Dean, GITAM Institute of Medical Sciences & Research

Key AOMSI leadership in attendance included:

- Dr. R. Manikandhan, President, AOMSI
- Dr. S. Girish Rao, Honorary General Secretary, AOMSI
- Dr. A. Bhagavan Das Rai, Conference Secretary

Institutional and organizing committee leaders who played a pivotal role in the successful conduct of the event:

- Dr. L. Krishna Prasad, Organising Chairman
- Dr. N. Kiran Kumar, Organising Secretary
- Dr. N. V. V. Satya Bhushan, Chairman, Pre-Conference
- Dr. S. Ravi Raj Kumar, Chairman, Scientific Committee
- Dr. M. Satish, Program Convenor
- Dr. V. Narasimha Rao, Principal, GITAM Dental College

The inauguration concluded with enthusiastic appreciation from participants for the intensive hands-on experience, robust scientific content, and collaborative academic environment. With the main conference set to unfold, the 49th AOMSI National Conference is poised to mark a significant milestone in learning, innovation, and networking in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.



# 49<sup>TH</sup> AOMSI ANNUAL A GLIMPSE OF PRECONFERENCE COURSES



## Fracture Management of the Mandibular Condyle — Benchmarks and Refinements

- This session presented updated benchmarks and refined techniques for managing mandibular condyle fractures, covering surgical approaches, fixation strategies, complication control and postoperative functional rehabilitation. Resource persons: Dr. Saruchi Agarwal, Dr. Mohammad Al-Muharraqi, Surgeon Commander Dr. Kapil Tomar, Dr. Srijon Mukherjee, Dr. K. K. Raja and Dr. Pushkar P. Wanknis.

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## Virtual Surgical Planning (VSP) and Patient-Specific Implants (PSI) in Craniomaxillofacial Surgery

- This module emphasized the application of digital workflows in surgical planning through VSP and the design of custom PSIs. Resource persons: Dr. Sherry Peter, Dr. Vivek Vardhan Reddy, Dr. Thomas Kofod, Dr. Majeed Rana and Dr. Andrew Edwards.

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## Cortical Basal Implants on 3D Models

- This hands-on course allowed participants to practice basal implant placement on 3D models, with emphasis on surgical protocols, biomechanical concepts and technique sensitivity. Resource persons: Dr. Leelakrishna G. and Dr. Ranjith P.

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## Rehabilitation Options for Atrophic Posterior Maxilla

- This session explored rehabilitation strategies for severely resorbed posterior maxilla including sinus augmentation, short implants, pterygoid implants and grafting alternatives. Resource persons: Dr. Anjan Shah, Dr. Reena John, Dr. Chitra Chakravarthy and Dr. Shubhra Chauhan A.

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## Beyond Conventional: Mastering Zygomatic, Pterygoid and Nasalis Implants

- This advanced program addressed implant placement in complex anatomical zones with step-by-step guidance on indications, surgical access, safety zones and complication avoidance. Resource person: Dr. Sankalp Mittal.

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## Digital Intelligence in Implantology and Ridge Expansion

- This session introduced emerging digital tools that enhance precision in implant planning, guided surgery and ridge expansion procedures. Resource persons: Dr. Vipin Dehane and Dr. M. Satish.

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## Implant 360 Program

- This comprehensive module provided a complete overview of modern implantology, spanning surgical foundations, prosthetic principles, case planning, management of complications and long-term maintenance. Resource persons: Dr. Gunaseelan Rajan, Dr. Udatta Kher, Dr. Anjan Shah, Dr. Saurabh Kamat and Dr. M. Senthil Moporthy.

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# “PRARAMBHA GITAM 25”

19th December, 2025

## A Grand Welcome to the New Smiles of GITAM Dental College and Hospital

The celebration featured a wide range of engaging activities, including introduction videos of juniors and seniors, group self-introductions by freshers, stand-up comedy, guitar performance, a resilience-themed journey video, solo singing, girls' dance, and a collaborative group singing performance. These events provided a vibrant platform for students to showcase their talents while promoting strong bonding between seniors and juniors.

GITAM Dental College and Hospital organized the Freshers' Day celebration PRARAMBHA'25 on 19 December 2025 at the Mother Teresa Auditorium with great enthusiasm to welcome the first-year BDS students (2025-2026 batch) and to foster a joyful and interactive atmosphere under the guidance of Dr. Raviteja YS, Associate Professor, Oral Pathology and Dr. Sruthi K, Assistant Professor, Conservative and Endodontics. The programme commenced with a brief introduction followed by a prayer song, creating a positive and serene beginning to the event. A classical dance performance added cultural elegance to the inaugural session.

The programme was graced by the presence of the respected Principal, Dr. V. V. Narasimha Rao, who addressed the gathering and shared valuable guidance with the students. The event was also attended by GITAM Dental College -teaching and non teaching staff.

The celebration was further honoured by the presence of faculty members from GIMSR. Dr. Padmini, Professor and Head, Department of Anatomy, addressed the gathering and motivated the students with her encouraging words, inspiring confidence, enthusiasm, and a positive outlook among the freshers.

Based on evaluation during the preliminary and final rounds, students were assessed for confidence, talent, and stage presence. Mr. B. Vamsi Varma and Ms. Reesa Noel were crowned Mr. Fresher and Miss Fresher, respectively, as judged by Dr. Manish, Dr. Shameen Kumar, Dr. Chitra, and Dr. Nirupama. Mr. A. Sharon Babu and Ms. V. Christi Vinolea were awarded the Best Dressed titles, evaluated by Dr. Anil and Dr. Sowjanya. PRARAMBHA'25 successfully marked a warm and memorable welcome for the new batch, reinforcing a sense of belonging and setting a positive tone for their academic journey at GITAM Dental College and Hospital.



# GUNAVATTA YATRA

20th December, 2025

Visakhapatnam witnessed a significant step toward strengthening quality in dental healthcare as the Quality Council of India (QCI), in collaboration with GITAM Dental College and Hospital, organized an awareness programme on NABH Entry Level Certification under the banner of Gunavatta Yatra. The programme aimed to create awareness on accreditation standards and highlight their role in improving patient safety, service consistency, and overall quality of dental care.

The programme commenced with an address by Mr. Venugopal C, Advisor, NBQP-QCI, who introduced the vision of the Gunavatta Yatra and underscored the need for a unified, quality-driven healthcare ecosystem across the nation. He emphasized that quality accreditation is a key enabler in building trust, safety, and excellence in healthcare delivery. An in-depth technical session followed by Dr. Harikrishna Bhatt, Principal Assessor, NABH, who elaborated on the NABH Dental Healthcare Service Provider and Dental Clinics Certification Standards. He highlighted the importance of structured processes, patient safety protocols, and continuous quality improvement in achieving and sustaining accreditation.

The programme witnessed active participation from faculty members, clinicians, and healthcare professionals, with engaging discussions and interactions. The event concluded with a Quality Pledge taken by all attendees, reaffirming their collective commitment to embedding quality and safety in everyday dental practice. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Gitanjali Batmanabane, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Medical Sciences), reiterated that quality is a continuous journey rather than a destination. She highlighted GITAM's strong institutional culture of academic excellence, patient-centric care, and its sustained commitment to long-term healthcare quality. The awareness programme reinforced the significance of NABH accreditation as a cornerstone for modern dental healthcare and reflected GITAM Dental College and Hospital's proactive role in advancing quality and excellence in oral health services.





20th December 2025

## ZONAL CDE ON “RADIOLOGY IN ENDODONTICS & SMILE DESIGNING”

A Zonal Continuing Dental Education programme on “Role of Radiology in Endodontics and Concepts of Smile Designing” was organized by the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025. The programme served as a platform to enhance clinical competence, encourage academic interaction, and promote lifelong learning among postgraduates.



**Dr. Pavan Kumar Y**  
Professor, Oral Medicine and Radiology

The scientific deliberations featured lectures by eminent faculty members. Dr. Pavankumar, Professor, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, delivered an insightful lecture on the role of radiology in endodontics, highlighting the importance of advanced imaging in diagnosis, treatment planning, and outcome assessment. This was followed by a comprehensive session on concepts of smile designing by Dr. Ravikumar, Professor, Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, who elaborated on esthetic principles, clinical protocols, and interdisciplinary considerations essential for achieving predictable and harmonious smile outcomes.



**Dr. Ravi Kumar K**  
Professor, Conservative and Endodontics

The afternoon session was marked by engaging case discussions, interactive exchanges, and a quiz, which encouraged active participation and critical thinking among the delegates. The programme was well received, with enthusiastic involvement from participants throughout the sessions.

The CDE programme successfully fulfilled its objectives by enriching scientific knowledge and strengthening clinical understanding. Feedback from the delegates was highly positive, appreciating the clinical relevance of the topics and the quality of the academic deliberations.

# Precision Meets Planning: CBCT-Guided Implantology at GITAM Dental College & Hospital

## ZONAL CDE – PERIODONTICS

The Department of Periodontics, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, Visakhapatnam, successfully conducted a Zonal Continuous Dental Education (CDE) Program titled "Role of CBCT in Implant Planning" on 27 December 2025 under the aegis of Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences. The program was meticulously planned and organized by Dr. K. Raja V. Murthy, Professor and Head, Department of Periodontics, Dr. Trinath Kishore, Professor, and other faculty reflecting the department's commitment to academic excellence and clinical advancement.

The program was attended by postgraduate students from GITAM Dental College and Hospital, ANIDS, and Sree Sai Dental Colleges, making it a zonal academic platform for collaborative learning.



The program concluded with distribution of participation certificates and collection of feedback, which reflected high appreciation for the scientific content, hands-on exposure, and overall organization. The successful conduct of the Zonal CDE reaffirmed GITAM Dental College and Hospital's role as a leading center for advanced dental education and continuing professional development in implant dentistry.

## LECTURE AND LIVE-DEMO



The academic deliberations were led by Dr. P. Suresh Kumar, Professor and Head, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, who served as the Resource Person. The program was observed by Dr. P. Jayalakshmi, Department of Paediatric Dentistry, GITAM Dental College and Hospital. The sessions highlighted the clinical significance of CBCT in implant dentistry, focusing on assessment of bone architecture, identification of vital anatomical structures, nerve localization, and virtual implant placement.

A live demonstration followed by an extensive hands-on session was conducted, during which participants received practical training in CBCT-based implant planning and virtual implant positioning using specialized software. The hands-on component, spanning nearly three hours, enabled participants to translate theoretical knowledge into clinical application with greater precision and confidence.





# BACK TO BASICS: TREATMENT PLANNING – THE CORE OF ORTHODONTIC EXCELLENCE

**DR. NTRUHS ZONAL CDE  
27 DECEMBER 2025**

The Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopaedics, GITAM Dental College & Hospital, Visakhapatnam, successfully organised a Dr NTR University of Health Sciences (NTRUHS) Zonal CDE Programme titled “Back to Basics: Treatment Planning – The Core of Orthodontic Excellence”, a Continuing Dental Education (CDE) programme conducted on 27 December 2025 at Lecture Hall 4, GITAM Dental College.

The programme was coordinated by Dr Shubhnita Verma, Associate Professor, Department of Orthodontics, under the guidance of Dr Y.N.Sasidhar, Professor, Department of Orthodontics and Dr Ravindra Vangala, Professor & Head, Department of Orthodontics and Dr Navya Puvvula, Zonal Coordinator, with active support from the departmental faculty (Dr Anil Marna and Dr Supriya Rajapatruni).

The scientific programme featured expert sessions by Dr Som Sudheer Boddeti, Associate Professor, Department of Orthodontics, Anil Neerukonda Institute of Dental Sciences, Visakhapatnam, on “Diagnosing with Confidence: From Records to Clear Clinical Decisions”; Dr N. Chitra Rachel, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthodontics, GITAM Dental College & Hospital, Visakhapatnam, on “Anchorage Control: Planning for Success, Not Surprises”; and Dr Geetika Simhadri, Associate Professor, Department of Orthodontics, Sree Sai Dental College and Research Institute, Srikakulam, who delivered an insightful session on “Navigating the Nuances: Effective Mid-treatment Troubleshooting”.

The programme comprised well-structured lectures, clinical decision-making discussions, and interactive question-and-answer sessions with a strong emphasis on evidence-based treatment planning and practical clinical problem-solving. The CDE was attended by approximately 50 participants, including postgraduate students and faculty from various dental institutions across the zone. Feedback from participants indicated a high level of satisfaction, with key takeaways including enhanced understanding of orthodontic diagnosis, anchorage management, and mid-treatment corrections. The event concluded on a successful note, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback and reinforcing the importance of strengthening foundational orthodontic principles to achieve improved clinical outcomes.



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**27th  
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# MICROSCOPIC ENDODONTICS



**An enriching programme marked by expert insight and  
GITAM Alumna mentorship**

The GITAM Dental College Alumni Association (GDCAA) successfully organised a unique academic programme on Microscopic Endodontics on 27 December 2025, in association with Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, marking the first such alumni-led academic deliberation of its kind at GITAM Dental College and Hospital.



**DR. VIJITA MEHTA**  
Resource Person

The programme featured Dr. Vijita Mehta, distinguished alumna (MDS 2011 batch), Endodontist and Implantologist from Chandigarh, as the Resource Person. A renowned speaker and mentor, Dr. Vijita Mehta delivered an insightful lecture on advances in micro endodontics, emphasizing precision-driven clinical practice and contemporary endodontic techniques.

The event was graced by Dr. Gitanjali Batmanabane, Guest of Honour, Dr. Vanga V. Narasimha Rao, Chairman, GITAM Dental College Alumni Association and Principal, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, Dr. Shameen Kumar, President, GDCAA, and Dr. Jyothi M, Head of the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics. The dignitaries addressed the delegates, highlighted the growing strength of the alumni association, and emphasized the importance of reinforcing alumni bonding through academic excellence. Dr. M. Jyothi and Dr. Vanga V. Narasimha Rao felicitated Dr. Vijita Mehta in recognition of her valuable academic and professional contributions to the institution. The dignitaries expressed confidence that this initiative would pave the way for many more impactful academic deliberations led by GITAM alumni in the future.



The lecture was followed by a live clinical demonstration on patients conducted by Dr. Vijita Mehta in the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics. The demonstration was simultaneously live-streamed at the KRC Auditorium, GITAM University, enabling wider participation. Around 70 alumni registered for the program, reflecting strong engagement and enthusiasm.

Further enhancing the academic value of the event, a hands-on, one-to-one mentoring program was conducted for 20 registered participants, where Dr. Vijita Mehta provided personalized clinical training using dental loupes and dental operating microscopes, making the programme highly enriching and practice-oriented.





# LIVE DEMONSTRATION

The program sequence included the lecture, live demonstration, certificate presentation, and concluded with the hands-on mentoring session. The event stood as a testimony to GDCAA's commitment to continuous professional development, alumni-driven academic leadership, and strengthening institutional bonds through excellence in education.



# LECTURE



# HANDS ON



# Roots Reunited, Future Strengthened

## GITAM Dental College Inaugurates GDCAA Office



GITAM Dental College and Hospital marked a memorable milestone in 2025 with the grand inauguration of the GITAM Dental College Alumni Association (GDCAA) Office, unveiled as a special surprise event of the year. The inauguration was graciously performed by the respected Pro Vice-Chancellor (Medical Sciences), Dr. Gitanjali Batmanabane, in the esteemed presence of alumni and dignitaries.

The occasion was further honored by the presence of the Respected Principal, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, Dr. V V Narsimha Rao along with Mr. Naveen, Deputy Director – Alumni Relations. The ceremony witnessed the participation of GDCAA office bearers and a large gathering of enthusiastic alumni, reflecting the strong bond shared between the institution and its graduates.

The alumni office, thoughtfully conceptualized and beautifully decorated under the guidance of Dr. Shameen Kumar, President, GDCAA and team, stands as a symbol of unity and legacy. The initiative received constant encouragement and support from Dr. V V Narsimha Rao, Principal, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, who has been the driving force behind the program, along with Dr. Nagaja Priya, DMO and alumna, whose efforts added strength to the initiative.

A striking feature of the alumni room is a creatively painted wall showcasing a symbolic tree of growth and belonging. One side of the tree represents BDS alumni and the other MDS alumni, with each branch depicting different dental specialties. Alumni present at the event were visibly delighted and enthusiastic as they searched for their photographs on the tree, reliving cherished memories and reconnecting with their roots.



The establishment of the GDCAA Office marks a significant step forward in strengthening alumni engagement, fostering collaboration, and enhancing coordinated alumni activities. The new space is envisioned as a vibrant hub for networking, mentorship, and continued association between GITAM Dental College and its ever-growing alumni fraternity. The inauguration not only celebrated the past achievements of alumni but also laid a strong foundation for future collaborations, reinforcing the institution's commitment to lifelong relationships beyond graduation.



# RESEARCH LIGHTHOUSE

Envisioned by the Principal, Dr. Vanga V. Narsimha Rao, and formally launched on 3rd December 2024, Research Lighthouse has emerged as a dynamic and purpose-driven initiative aimed at fostering research culture at GITAM Dental College and Hospital. Designed as a continuous academic platform, the program serves to guide, motivate, and empower participants in the principles and practice of high-quality research. Since its inception, Research Lighthouse has steadily grown into a hub for scholarly interaction, critical thinking, and evidence-based learning.

The initiative is steered by the Research Lighthouse Committee, comprising Dr. Trinath Kishore, Chairperson of the Institutional Review Board, Dr. Jayalakshmi Pandranki, Professor of Pedodontics, and Dr. Hyandavi Balla, Assistant Professor of Oral Pathology. With eleven thoughtfully structured and insightful sessions planned across the academic year,

The sessions are tailored to benefit a wide target population, including dental faculty, postgraduate students from various specialties, and motivated interns, thereby promoting interdisciplinary collaboration. Through sustained engagement and mentorship, Research Lighthouse continues to inspire scientific inquiry, strengthen research competencies, and reinforce a culture of ethical and impactful research within the institution.



## Resource Persons 2025 on Research lighthouse platform

#1ST TALK  
JAN 2025

### Application of Mass Spectrometry in Biomedical Research

GITAM Dental College and Hospital conducted the first session of its Monthly Research Club, "Research Lighthouse," on January 7th, 2025, featuring Dr. Rajdeep Das, Assistant Professor and Faculty Head of the Mass Spectrometry facility at MURTI-SAIF. He delivered an insightful talk on the "Application of Mass Spectrometry in Biomedical Research," highlighting its role in precise molecular analysis and emerging biomedical advancements. The session saw active participation from postgraduate students and faculty, reaffirming the institution's commitment to fostering research-oriented learning and interdisciplinary collaboration.





## #2ND TALK

FEB 2025

### Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses: Current Perspectives in the Era of Evidence- Based Dentistry



GITAM Dental College and Hospital conducted its Monthly Research Lighthouse session on February 4th, 2025, featuring Dr. Patnana Arun Kumar, Assistant Professor and Additional Assistant Dean (Research) at AIIMS Rajkot and proud GITAM alumnus. He delivered a clear and insightful lecture on "Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses," emphasizing their role as the gold standard in evidence-based dentistry and their impact on clinical decision-making and research. The session was well-received by faculty and students, continuing to strengthen the institution's research culture.



## #3RD TALK

MAR 2025

### Expanding the Horizons from Embryo Development to Cancer Therapeutics: A Scientific Odyssey



GITAM Dental College & Hospital conducted its March session of the Monthly Research Lighthouse on March 4th, 2025, featuring an insightful lecture by Dr. Garimella Venkata Sireesha, Assistant Professor, Department of Life Sciences, GITAM School of Science. Her talk, titled "Expanding the Horizons from Embryo Development to Cancer Therapeutics: A Scientific Odyssey," explored the link between embryology and cancer research, highlighting emerging scientific breakthroughs and their therapeutic potential. The session drew active participation from faculty, students, and researchers, followed by an engaging discussion. The event reaffirmed the institution's commitment to promoting research-driven learning and academic excellence.





## “Applications of Analytical Instrumental Techniques in Dentistry – An Insight”



GITAM Dental College and Hospital conducted its April Monthly Research Club session, Research Lighthouse, on April 1, 2025. Dr. Ram Kumar Gummaluri, Associate Professor of Chemistry, MVGR College of Engineering (A), delivered a lecture on “Applications of Analytical Instrumental Techniques in Dentistry – An Insight.” He outlined the role of advanced analytical tools such as spectroscopy, chromatography and microscopy, in improving dental materials research and clinical diagnostics. An interactive discussion followed, exploring the future integration of these technologies into routine practice.

#4TH TALK

APR 2025



#5TH TALK

MAY 2025



## “Integrated & Collaborative Research”

GITAM Dental College and Hospital conducted its May Research Lighthouse session on May 6, 2025, featuring a lecture by Dr. K. Viswa Kalyan, Professor of Biochemistry, GIMSR, on “Integrated & Collaborative Research.”

He emphasized the value of interdisciplinary teamwork in strengthening medical and dental research, outlining practical ways to integrate methodologies across specialties. An interactive session further encouraged participants to apply collaborative approaches in their future projects. The session was well appreciated for promoting research synergy and innovation.





## “Exploring the Role of Machine Learning in Modern Dentistry”.

#6TH TALK

JUN 2025



GITAM Dental College and Hospital held its Monthly Research Club meeting, Research Lighthouse, on June 3, 2025, featuring a session on “Exploring the Role of Machine Learning in Modern Dentistry.”

The keynote lecture was delivered by Dr. Sireesha Rodda, PhD, Professor, Department of Computer Science Engineering, GITAM School of Technology. She explained the fundamentals of machine learning algorithms and highlighted their growing role in dentistry—particularly in early detection of cavities, periodontal diseases, and oral cancers with high accuracy. Dr. Sireesha also discussed how AI is reshaping diagnostic workflows, enhancing treatment planning, and improving patient care efficiency.



#7TH TALK

JUL 2025

## “Bioactive & Biodegradable Bone Scaffolds for Craniomaxillofacial Reconstruction”

GITAM Dental College and Hospital conducted its Monthly Research Lighthouse session on July 8, 2025, featuring an insightful lecture by Dr. Ramya Bojedla, renowned oral medicine specialist and MedTech innovator. Dr. Bojedla delivered an engaging presentation on bioactive and biodegradable bone scaffolds, emphasizing their growing impact on cranio-maxillofacial reconstruction and broader dental applications. She highlighted advances in scaffold materials, cellular interactions, and the translational potential of regenerative biomaterials. She also shared her entrepreneurial experience in founding OsteoForge MedTech Pvt. Ltd., underscoring the role of interdisciplinary collaboration in developing next-generation biomedical devices.





## “Ergonomics for Dentists: An Evidence-Informed Practice of Self-Care”

#8TH TALK

AUG 2025



GITAM Dental College and Hospital conducted its Monthly Research Lighthouse session on August 5, 2025, featuring a lecture titled “Ergonomics for Dentists: An Evidence-Informed Practice of Self-Care” by Dr. Ranganath Gangavelli, PhD, Principal, GITAM School of Physiotherapy, GIMSR.

Dr. Ranganath emphasized the growing importance of ergonomics in dentistry and discussed evidence-based strategies to prevent work-related musculoskeletal disorders. He explained how posture, repetitive movements, and static working positions impact clinicians' health and demonstrated practical solutions, including correct working postures, operatory adjustments, ergonomic instruments, and routine stretching exercises.



#9TH TALK

SEP 2025

## “Inherited smiles, hidden codes, and genetic signatures: Why the Dentist must think molecular”

GITAM Dental College and Hospital held its Research Lighthouse session on September 2, 2025, featuring a lecture titled “Inherited Smiles, Hidden Codes, and Genetic Signatures: Why the Dentist Must Think Molecular” by Dr. M. Samuel Frank Stephen, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Anatomy, GIMSR.

Dr. Stephen emphasized the relevance of genetics in dentistry, explaining how inherited traits and genetic variations shape craniofacial development, oral diseases, and treatment responses. He demonstrated the use of OMIM (Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man) for understanding gene mutations and hereditary conditions such as amelogenesis imperfecta, dentinogenesis imperfecta, and ectodermal dysplasia.





# RESEARCH LIGHTHOUSE

## “D.E.N.T.A.L Driving the future of Dentistry with Augmented and Virtual Reality

#10TH TALK  
OCT 2025

GITAM Dental College and Hospital conducted its October Research Lighthouse session on October 8th, 2025. Dr. M. Kranthi Kiran, PhD, from the Department of Computer Science Engineering, GITAM School of Technology, delivered a talk on “D.E.N.T.A.L: Driving the Future of Dentistry with Augmented and Virtual Reality.”

He discussed the growing role of AR/VR in digital simulation, patient education, surgical navigation, treatment visualization, and pediatric anxiety reduction. A key highlight was the hands-on AR/VR experience provided to faculty and students, allowing them to explore real-time applications and offer feedback for enhanced design. The session reinforced the Research Lighthouse initiative's commitment to promoting technological innovation in dental education.



#11TH TALK  
NOV 2025

## “C. elegans as model to study Aging and health”

GITAM Dental College and Hospital conducted a Research Lighthouse session on 4th November 2025, featuring a lecture titled “C. elegans as a Model to Study Aging and Health” by Dr. T. Manjunatha, PhD, Professor, GITAM School of Technology and Deputy Director, Research and Development Cell.

The lecture highlighted the role of Caenorhabditis elegans as a valuable model organism for studying aging, longevity, and healthspan, emphasizing its genetic similarity to humans and suitability for molecular research. The session effectively encouraged interdisciplinary thinking and inspired participants to explore research in molecular biology and aging studies.



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# STRENGTHENING RESEARCH GOVERNANCE: IRRB AND IEC ACTIVITIES AT GITAM DENTAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL – 2025

GITAM Dental College and Hospital, Gandhinagar Campus, Visakhapatnam, demonstrated a strong commitment to quality research governance during 2025 through the structured functioning of its Institutional Research Review Board (IRRB) and Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC).

The Institutional Research Review Board functioned under the chairmanship of Dr. Trinath Kishore D, Professor and Head, Department of Periodontics. The IRRB team comprised Dr. Manish Kumar, Professor and Head, Public Health Dentistry; Dr. Jayalakshmi, Professor, Department of Pedodontics; Dr. Ravichandra, Professor, Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics; Dr. D. Chandra Sekhar, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthodontics; Dr. B. Hyandavi, Assistant Professor, Department of Oral Pathology; and Dr. G. Shivashankar, Assistant Professor, Department of Periodontics. During 2025, the IRRB conducted two review meetings. The first review was held in February 2025, during which 77 research proposals were scrutinized. These included 29 faculty research projects and 48 student research proposals encompassing postgraduate dissertations and short studies. The second IRRB meeting took place in August 2025 and reviewed 25 proposals, comprising 13 faculty research projects and 12 postgraduate short studies. All proposals in both sessions were approved after incorporation of necessary scientific modifications suggested by the board.



Research proposals involving human participants, following IRRB approval, were forwarded to the Institutional Ethics Committee for ethical evaluation. The IEC was chaired by Dr. Ramana Reddy, Principal and Oral Pathologist, SIBAR Dental College and Hospital, Guntur. Dr. Trinath Kishore D served as the Member Secretary.

The IEC team included Dr. Tulasi Madhuri, Professor and Head, Department of Pharmacology, GITAM Institute of Medical Sciences, as the Basic Medical Scientist; Dr. Venkata Saraswathi Avula, Assistant Professor, Department of ENT, as the Clinician; Mr. Bhupathiraju Sanyasi Suryanarayana Raju, Advocate, as the Legal Expert; Dr. G. Ram Kumar, Associate Professor, Division Coordinator–Chemistry, MVGR College of Engineering, as the Social Scientist; and Mr. P. Suresh Kumar as the Lay Person. Internal members included Dr. Manish Kumar, Professor and Head, Public Health Dentistry, and Dr. Jayalakshmi, Professor, Department of Pedodontics.



The IEC conducted two meetings during the year. In March 2025, 47 research proposals were reviewed, including 15 faculty projects and 32 student research proposals. In November 2025, the IEC evaluated 26 proposals comprising faculty research projects, postgraduate short studies, NTR University Undergraduate Research Grant proposals, and an ICMR-STs project. All proposals reviewed during both IEC sessions were approved with essential ethical modifications. The coordinated efforts of the IRRB and IEC teams ensured rigorous scientific assessment, ethical compliance, and transparent documentation of all research activities carried out at GITAM Dental College and Hospital in 2025. These collective initiatives significantly strengthened the institution's research ecosystem and reinforced its commitment to ethical, responsible, and high-quality dental research aligned with national regulatory standards.

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| 1   | Dr. Mamidi Chitra Sai Durga       | Dr. Sandhya R            | Periodontics                           | Comparative Evaluation Of Biofunctionalized Collagen Matrix With Plain Collagen Matrix In The Treatment Of Rt-1 Gingival Recession- A Split Mouth Clinical Trial   | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/06-01 |
| 2   | Dr. Korrai Pavani                 | Dr. Naveen Vital Kumar   | Periodontics                           | Volumetric Analysis Of Peri Implant Hard And Soft Tissue Changes In Immediate Implant Placement With Titanium Prepared Platelet Rich Fibrin (T-Prf) Membrane And Customized Provisionalization: A Prospective Study. | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/06-02 |
| 3   | Dr. Poojitha Koppada              | Dr. P. Tanuja            | Periodontics                           | Evaluation Of Sclerostin Levels In Periodontitis Patients Treated With Chitosan Fiber As An Adjunct To Scaling And Root Planing: A Clinico Biochemical Study.  | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/06-03 |
| 4   | Dr. Gadi Kameswari Lakshmi Manasa | Dr V. Trinath Kishore D  | Periodontics                           | Comparative Evaluation Of Peri-Implant Proteome Biology, Soft Tissue And Crestal Bone Levels With And Without Biofunctionalized Collagen Matrix: A Randomized Controlled Trial.                                      | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/06-04 |
| 5   | Dr. Kammacheruvu Jayaraja Amulya  | Dr B Anusha              | Periodontics                           | Clinical Evaluation And Patient-Reported Outcomes Of Biofunctionalized Expanded Mesh Free Gingival Graft In Keratinized Tissue Augmentation: A 6 - Months Clinical Trial   | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/06-05 |
| 6   | Dr. Manasa Michael                | Dr. M Satish             | Oral And Maxillofacial Surgery         | A Comparative Assessment Of Leucocyte-Platelet Rich Fibrin (L-Prf) And Titanium-Platelet Rich Fibrin (T-Prf) With Bone Graft In Implant Placement With An Indirect Sinus Lift Procedure – A Randomised Control Trial | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/05-01 |
| 7   | Dr. Duvvi Yashwanth Srinivas      | Dr. Vivek Manohar        | Oral And Maxillofacial Surgery         | Comparative Evaluation Of Upper Blepharoplasty And Sub-Brow Approaches For Open Reduction And Fixation Of Zygomatico Maxillary Complex Fractures: A Randomised Controlled Study                                      | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/05-02 |
| 8   | Dr. Sai Madhuri Anna              | Dr. N Satya Bhushan      | Oral And Maxillofacial Surgery         | Comparision Of Dextrose Prolotherapy Alone And Arthrocentesis Followed By Dextrose Prolotherapy For The Management Of Internal Derangement Of Tmj- A Randomised Controlled Trial                                     | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/05-03 |
| 9   | Dr. Sravya Tadiparthi             | Dr. Ravichandra Ravi     | Conservative Dentistry And Endodontics | Clinical Evaluation Of A Nano-Ceramic Composite Resin And A Resin-Modified Glass Ionomer Restorative In Non-Carious Cervical Lesions: A Split-Mouth Randomised Controlled Trial.                                     | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/04-01 |
| 10  | Dr. Pendem Neehar Sai Kiran       | Dr. Ravichandra Ravi     | Conservative Dentistry And Endodontics | Effect Of Sodium-Hypochlorite And Chlorhexidine Irrigation On The Push Out Bond Strength Of Biodentine And Two Novel Perforation Repair Materials – An Invitro Study   | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/04-02 |
| 11  | Dr. Jessy Chandrika Chilakapati   | Dr Konagala Ravi Kumar   | Conservative Dentistry And Endodontics | Clinical Evaluation Of Four Desensitizing Agents Using Iontophoresis In Treatment Of Dentin Hypersensitivity: A Split Mouth Randomized Controlled Trial  | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/04-03 |
| 12  | Dr. N Sanhitha Reddy              | Dr. Lakshmi Lalitha      | Conservative Dentistry And Endodontics | Effect Of Citric Acid Conditioning On The Marginal Adaptation Of Retrograde Filling Materials- An In Vitro Study   | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/04-04 |
| 13  | Dr. Chitrata Sai Suprith          | Dr. Anupreeta Anwarullah | Conservative Dentistry And Endodontics | A Comparative Evaluation Of Bleaching Agents Enriched With 1%Cpp-Acp And 2% Nanohydroxyapatite On Dental Enamel-An Invitro Study   | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/04-05 |
| 14  | Dr. Mallela Mahitha               | Dr. Ch. Srinivas Kumar   | Paedodontics And Preventive Dentistry  | Comparative Evaluation Of The Effect Of Phosphoric Acid And Fumaric Acid Application After Cavity Preparation On Smear Layer Removal, Etching Quality And Bond Strength- An Invitro Study                            | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/03-01 |
| 15  | Dr. Kota Naga Venkata Aishwarya   | Dr. P Jayalakshmi        | Paedodontics And Preventive Dentistry  | Comparative Evaluation Of The Effect Of Glass Ionomer Cement Reinforced With Nano Pearl, Nano Seashell, Nano Egg Shell On Microhardness And Remineralization Of Tooth Surface- An In Vitro Study                     | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/03-02 |

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| 16  | Dr. Cherukuri Nikitha Saranya  | Dr. P Jayalakshmi      | Paedodontics And Preventive Dentistry     | Comparative Evaluation Of Ozonated Olive Oil And Edta As Lubricants And Their Impact On Instrumentation Time, Postoperative Pain And File Morphology During Pulpectomy: A Randomized Controlled Trial      | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/03-03 |
| 17  | Dr. Kamathavarapu Rohitha      | Dr. V V Narasimha Rao  | Paedodontics And Preventive Dentistry     | Comparative Evaluation Of Antimicrobial Efficacy Of Zinc Oxide Mixed With Different Herbal Extracts And Its Conduciveness As An Obturating Material - An In Vitro Study.                                   | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/03-05 |
| 18  | Dr. Ramayanapu Durga Bhavani   | Dr. Ch. Srinivas Kumar | Paedodontics And Preventive Dentistry     | Applicability Of Moyer's And Tanaka And Johnston's Mixed Dentition Analyses In Tribal Children Of Paderu Division, Andhra Pradesh: A Cross-Sectional Study   | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/03-06 |
| 19  | Dr. Venkata Sowjanya Nagireddy | Dr P Suresh Kumar      | Oral Medicine And Radiology               | Comparative Evaluation Of Ultrasound Therapy And Soft Tissue Mobilization With Exercises Adjunct To Antioxidants In Mangement Of Oral Submucous Fibrosis - A Randomized Controlled Trial                   | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/01-01 |
| 20  | Dr. Gandhi Ganesh Tharun Teja  | Dr P Shameen Kumar     | Prosthodontic s Crown And Bridge          | Comparative Evaluation Of Color Stability, Surface Roughness And Flexural Strength Of Different Thicknesses Of Gingival Feldspathic Porcelain On Subjecting Tomultiple Firing Cycles: An In Vitro Study    | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/07-01 |
| 21  | Dr. Yashmitha Rongala          | Dr. M Hari Krishna     | Prosthodontic s Crown And Bridge          | Comparative Evaluation Of Implant Stability And Crestal Bone Loss In Implant Treated With Concentrated Growth Factor (Cgf) And Platelet Rich Fibrin (Prf): A Randomized Controlled Trial.                  | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/07-02 |
| 22  | Dr. Gantyada Sravan Kumar      | Dr. Sunitha Ronanki    | Prosthodontic s Crown And Bridge          | Comparative Evaluation Of Bacterial Colonies Formation On Different Dental Implant Surfaces: An In Vitro Study   | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/07-03 |
| 23  | Dr. Siri Chandana Kesireddy    | Dr. T. Satyendra Kumar | Prosthodontic s Crown And Bridge          | Comparative Evaluation Of Hydrophilicity And Osteogenic Potential Of Titanium, Hydroxyapatitecoated Titaniumand Curcumincoated Titanium: An In Vitro Study   | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/07-04 |
| 24  | Dr. N. Tirumula                | Dr R Himabindu         | Prosthodontic s Crown And Bridge          | Compartive Analysis Of Open Tray And Snap-Fit Impression Techniques In Determining Implant Cast Accuracy Of Straight And Angulated Implants: An In Vitro Study   | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/07-05 |
| 25  | Dr. P S Rajamallesh            | Dr Y Sashidhar         | Orthodontics And Dentofacial Orthopaedics | Comparative Evaluation Of Cytotoxicity Between Direct Printed(Graphy) And Multi Layered Thermoformed Orthodontic Aligners - An Invitro Study   | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/09-01 |
| 26  | Dr. Gorajana Lasya             | Dr Y Sashidhar         | Orthodontics And Dentofacial Orthopaedics | Evaluation Of Antibacterial Effect Of Various Metal Oxide Nano-Coatings On Stainless Steel Orthodontic Brackets Against Streptococcus Mutans-An Invitro Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/09-02 |
| 27  | Dr. Y. Pavan Kalyan            | Dr Y Sashidhar         | Orthodontics And Dentofacial Orthopaedics | Assessment Of Frictional Resistace, Surface Roughness And Anti-Microbial Properties Of Stainless Steel Orthodontic Arch Wires Coated With Zirconia And Zincoxide-Tin oxide Nanoparticles: An Invitro Study | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/09-03 |
| 28  | Dr. Chilukuri Krishna Kirti    | Dr Y Sashidhar         | Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopaedics | Comparative Evaluation Of The Scratch Resistance And Antimicrobial Properties Of Gingerol, Chitin And Chitosan-Based Coatings On Thermoformed Orthodontic Aligners: An In Vitro Study                      | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/09-04 |
| 29  | Dr. Neelima Veeranki           | Dr Y Sashidhar         | Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopaedics | Comparative Evaluation Of Colourimetric Changes In Four Types Of Thermoformed Multilayer Aligners On Exposure To Commonly Used Beverages – An Invitro Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/MD/09-05 |

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| 2   | Dr N V V Satya Bhushan                                 | Oral And Maxillofacial Surgery | Membraneless Solution For Socket Preservation-A Randomised Comparative Blind Clinical Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR/0 5-02 |
| 3   | Dr Vivek Manohar/ Dr N V V Satya Bhushan/ Roopa Ganta  | Oral And Maxillofacial Surgery | Effect Of L Prf Vs T Prf On Bone Formation In Extraction Sockets: A Randomized Control Trial   | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR/0 5-03 |
| 4   | Dr.Madathanapalli Satish                               | Oral And Maxillofacial Surgery | Evaluation Of Efficacy Of Hydroxyapatite Bone Cement For Sinus Floor Augmentation With Simultaneous Implant Placement In Immediate Extraction Of Upper Molars” A Pilot Study   | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR/0 5-04 |
| 6   | Dr.D. R. Chandini                                      | Oral Medicine And Radiology    | Prevalence Of Metabolic Syndrome Among Oral Pre-Malignant Disorder Patients In A South Indian City   | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR/0 1-01 |
| 7   | Dr Y Pavan Kumar                                       | Oral Medicine And Radiology    | Desmoglein 1 Expression In Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma And It's Correlation With Distant Lymph Node Metastasis. An Ihc Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR/0 1-02 |
| 8   | Dr Y Pavan Kumar                                       | Oral Medicine And Radiology    | Expression Of Desmoglein 3 In Different Grades Of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma And It's Correlation With Lymph Node Metastasis   | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR/0 1-03 |
| 9   | Dr. P. Suresh Kumar                                    | Oral Medicine And Radiology    | Comparative Evaluation Of Ultrasound Therapy And Intralesional Corticosteroids Adjunct To Antioxidants In Management Of Oral Submucous Fibrosis - Randomized Controlled Trial. | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR/0 1-04 |
| 10  | Dr. P. Suresh Kumar                                    | Oral Medicine And Radiology    | Qualitative Assessment Of Bone Density Based On Grey Scale Value For Implant Placement Using Cbct: A Crosssectional Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR/0 1-05 |
| 11  | Dr. Trinath Kishore D                                  | Periodontics                   | Comparative Evaluation Of Proteome Based Profiling Of D2 And D3 Alveolar Bone During Dental Implant Osteotomy Procedure – A Pilot Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR/0 6-01 |
| 12  | Dr. Trinath Kishore D                                  | Periodontics                   | Assessment Of Growth Factors In Biofunctionalized Type I Collagen Membrane Using Titanium Platelet Rich Fibrin (T-Prf) – An Invitro Study                                      | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR/0 6-02 |
| 13  | Dr Tanuja P  | Periodontics                   | Assessing The Role Of Chitosan In Periodontal Therapy: A Split Mouth Clinical Approach   | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR/0 6-03 |
| 14  | Dr Tanuja P/ Dr Rajdeep Das                            | Periodontics                   | Comparative Proteomic Analysis Of Peri-Implant Crevicular Fluid In Healthy And Diseased Implant Sites: A Mass Spectrometry-Based Study   | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR/0 6-04 |

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| 16  | Dr G Stella Spurthi/ Dr Jerusha P                                      | Periodontics                              | Comparison Of Antimicrobial Efficacy Of Fenugreek Seed Extract With Alovera Gel On Periodontal Pathogens - An Invitro Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /06-06 |
| 17  | Dr Boddeda Anusha/ Dr V Trinath Kishore D, Dr. Shiva Shankar Gummaluri | Periodontics                              | Clinical Evaluation Of Ascorbic Acid Augmented Injectable Platelet Rich Fibrin In Nonsurgical Pocket Therapy: A Split Mouth Randomized Controlled Trial  | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /06-07 |
| 18  | Dr Tejaswi Kodem/ Dr V Trinath Kishore D, Dr. B Anusha                 | Periodontics                              | Comparative Evaluation Of Vitamin C And Dextrose In Papilla Augmentation: A Randomised Controlled Trail  | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /06-08 |
| 19  | Dr S S Sai Karthikeyan   | Periodontics                              | A Comparative Evaluation Of Conventional And Microscope-Assisted Technique In The Treatment Of Bilateral Maxillary Gingival Recession Using The Wingspan Technique A Split-Mouth Randomized Trial.   | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /06-09 |
| 20  | Dr. M Hari Krishna/ Dr T Satyendra Kumar                               | Prosthodontics Crown And Bridge           | Effect Of Gastric Acid And Two Different Beverages Simulating Gerd On Commonly Used Implant Provisional Restorative Materials- An Invitro Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /07-01 |
| 21  | Dr D V N Chandra Sekhar/ Dr. N Namitha                                 | Orthodontics And Dentofacial Orthopaedics | Comparative Evaluation Of Shear Bond Strength Using Three Different Orthodontic Bracket Recycling Methods On Ceramic Crowns  | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /09-01 |
| 22  | Dr Shubhnita Verma/ Dr D V N Chandra Sekhar                            | Orthodontics And Dentofacial Orthopaedics | Comparative Evaluation Of Hypersensitivity Potential Among Two Types Of Directly Printed Aligner Resin (Graphy Tc 85 And Graphy Ta 28): An In-Vitro Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /09-02 |
| 23  | Dr N Namita. Dr Shubhnita Verma  | Orthodontics And Dentofacial Orthopaedics | Knowledge, Attitude, And Practices Towards Thermoformed, Direct Printed, And Third-Party Aligner Systems: A Comparative Analysis Among General Dentists, Orthodontists, And Other Dental Specialists | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /09-03 |
| 24  | Dr. Nallamilli Lalitha Sri Roja/ Dr P Jayalakshmi                      | Conservative Dentistry And Endodontics    | Influence Of Thermal Aging On The Fracture Resistance Of Pedo Crowns, Edelweiss Crowns And Stainless-Steel Crowns On Young Permanent Molars: An Invitro Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /04-01 |
| 25  | Dr. P. L. Lalitha  | Conservative Dentistry And Endodontics    | Assessment Of Pain Intensity Among Hypertensive And Diabetic Patients With Symptomatic Irreversible Pulpitis- An Observational Study   | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /04-02 |
| 26  | Dr. Konagala Ravi Kumar  | Conservative Dentistry And Endodontics    | Evaluation Of Efficacy Of Intracanal Heated Sodium Hypochlorite As Root Canal Irrigant Against Endodontic Biofilm Using Pcr Analysis: A Randomized Controlled Trial                                  | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /04-03 |
| 27  | Dr Raviteja Yinti  | Oral Pathology And Microbiology           | Mcm2 Expression In Lymph Nodes Of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma: Unveiling Field Cancerization And Tumour Seeding Potential. -A Retrospective Comparative Ihc Study                                   | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /02-01 |

| Sl No | Name Of Principal Investigator          | Department   | Faculty/UG/PG Original Research 2025 2nd Phase   | IEC NO                    |
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| 1     | Ms. A.Sahithi                           | Prosthodontics                                     | Evaluation of Antimicrobial Efficacy of Probiotics on Soft-Liners against Common Oral Pathogens. An Invitro Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/S/07-11     |
| 2     | Dr J Harshavardhan                      | Prosthodontics                                     | A Comparative Evaluation of Visual, Digital with Polarising Filter and Grey Card Method for Shade Selection among the Adult Vishakaatnam Population.                           | IEC/GDCH/2025/S/07-12     |
| 3     | Dr. Hima Bindu Ravella                  | Prosthodontics                                     | Bacteriostatic Efficacy of Probiotic-Based Implant Surface Coatings on Peri-Implant Pathogens - An In Vitro Study.   | IEC/GDCH/2025/F/07-11     |
| 4     | Dr Shameen Kumar P                      | Prosthodontics                                     | Comparative Evaluation of Antimicrobial Efficacy of Ozonated Water, U.V. Radiation And a Chemical Disinfectant on Commonly Used Dental Impression Materials- An Invitro Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/F/07-12     |
| 5     | Ms. Angani Naga Sai Ishwarya Malika     | Prosthodontics                                     | Influence of Educational Background and Residential Location on Dental Anxiety in First Time Dental Hospital Visiting Patients: A Cross-Sectional Analysis                     | IEC/GDCH/2025/UGSRS/07-1  |
| 6     | Dr T Satyendra Kumar                    | Prosthodontics                                     | Comparative Evaluation of Gingival Displacement Achieved by Mechanical and Chemical Retraction Systems using Digital and Conventional Impression Techniques : An In vivo Study | IEC/GDCH/2025/F/07-13     |
| 7     | Dr. Hyandavi Balla                      | Oral Pathology and Microbiology                    | A Bimodal Deep Learning Approach for Smartphone-Enabled Detection of Oral Potentially Malignant Disorders  | IEC/GDCH/2025/F/02-11     |
| 8     | Dr. Sitaram Harihar, Dr. Balla Hyandavi | Oral Pathology and Microbiology                    | Molecular Insights Into Metastasis-Regulatory Gene Expression In OSCC  | IEC/GDCH/2025/F/02-12     |
| 9     | Dr Sreekanth Kotina                     | Oral Pathology and Microbiology                    | Assessment and Comparative Study of Age Estimation using Dentin Translucency and Incremental Lines of Salter Using Stereomicroscope and Phase Contrast Microscope              | IEC/GDCH/2025/F/02-13     |
| 10    | Dr. J Vishnupriya                       | Oral Pathology And Microbiology<br>Dr Divya Uppala | Prevalence of Oral Mucous Lesions among Adolescence in a Semi Urban Population. A Screening Based Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/UGSRS/02-06 |

| Sl No | Name Of Principal Investigator                      | Department  | Faculty/UG/PG Original Research 2025 2nd Phase  | IEC NO                  |
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| 11    | Davurasmitha Rani                                   | Oral Pathology and Microbiology<br>Dr. Sreekanth Kotina | Assessment of Dental Age Estimation using Incremental Lines of Salter by Stereo Microscope  | IEC/GDCH/2025/ST S/01   |
| 12    | Dr. Ravi Teja Yinti                                 | Oral Pathology and Microbiology                         | MCM2 Expression in Lymph Nodes of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma: Unveiling Field Cancerization and Tumor Seeding Potential. A Retrospective IHC Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /02-14 |
| 13    | Dr.Sravya Tadiparthi,<br>Dr. P Neehar Sai Kiran     | Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics                  | Effect of Different Concentrations of Fumaric Acid and Tannic Acid on Smear Layer Removal and Resin Tag Formation on Coronal Dentin: An Invitro Study | IEC/GDCH/2025/SS /04-21 |
| 14    | Dr Sahithi Pamidimukkala                            | Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics                  | Effect of Different Concentrations of Maleic Acid on Adhesive Bond Strength Durability to Coronal Dentin: An Invitro Study                            | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /04-11 |
| 15    | Dr K Ravi Kumar                                     | Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics                  | A Comparative Evaluation of Chitosan Preconditioning versus Chitosan modified Adhesive on Dentin Bond Strength and Hybrid Layer Morphology            | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /04-12 |
| 16    | Dr Ravichandra Ravi                                 | Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics                  | Clinical Evaluation of Etidronic Acid as a Cavity Conditioner in Class I Occlusal Restorations: An In Vivo Study                                      | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /04-13 |
| 17    | Dr Sruthi Kapu                                      | Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics                  | Effectiveness of Various Irrigating Solutions in removing Residual Root Canal Sealer: A Confocal Microscopy Study                                     | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /04-14 |
| 18    | Dr.Sravya Tadiparthi,<br>Dr.Neehar Sai Kiran Pendem | Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics                  | Synergistic Effect of MMP Inhibition and Fiber Reinforcement on Compressive Strength of Composite Restorations: An In Vitro Analysis                  | IEC/GDCH/2025/SS /04-22 |
| 19    | Davurasmitha Rani                                   | Oral Pathology and Microbiology<br>Dr. Sreekanth Kotina | Assessment of Dental Age Estimation using Incremental Lines of Salter by Stereo Microscope  | IEC/GDCH/2025/ST S/01   |
| 20    | Dr. Ravi Teja Yinti                                 | Oral Pathology and Microbiology                         | MCM2 Expression in Lymph Nodes of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma: Unveiling Field Cancerization and Tumor Seeding Potential. A Retrospective IHC Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/FR /02-14 |

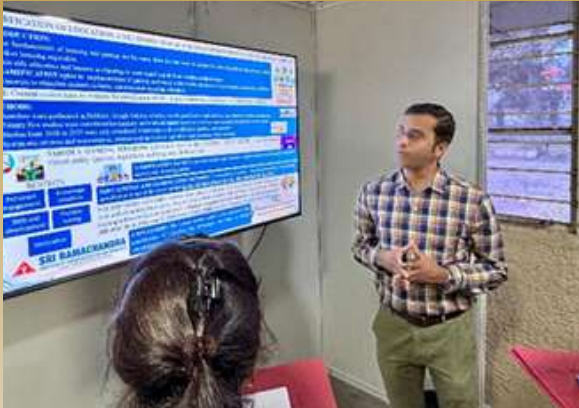
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| 21    | Dandumenubala Satya Sri        | Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry               | Innovative Use of Essex Retainer for Space Maintenance in Mixed Dentition: A Case Series   | IEC/GDCH/2025/S S/03-21    |
| 22    | Dr. Darahas Konidena           | Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry               | Evaluation of Patient's Acceptance and Caries Removal Efficacy of ZnCl <sub>2</sub> Gel in Combination with Ultrasonic Tips Compared to Traditional Technique in 5-9 Years Old Children: A Randomized Controlled Trial | IEC/GDCH/2025/S S/03-22    |
| 23    | Dr. Kollabathula Dorathi       | Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry               | Aquatic Turtle and Fish Assisted Therapy to reduce Dental Anxiety in Children: A Randomized Controlled Trial   | IEC/GDCH/2025/S S/03-23    |
| 24    | Dr. Kutta Swapna Sundari       | Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry               | Augmenting Virtual Reality with Binaural Beats in Reducing Dental Anxiety in Children: A Randomized Controlled Trail   | IEC/GDCH/2025/S S/03-24    |
| 25    | Dr. Lakshmi Mounica Yerubandi  | Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry               | Comparative Evaluation of the Effect of Modified V Pen and Vibracool Device on Pain Perception During Inferior Alveolar Nerve Block Procedure in Children: A Randomized Controlled Trial                               | IEC/GDCH/2025/S S/03-25    |
| 26    | Shaik Tehaseen                 | Periodontics<br>Dr B Anusha                      | Assessment of Patient-Reported outcomes and Oral Health Quality of Life after Routine Periodontal and Implant Surgical Procedures  | IEC/GDCH/2025/U GSRs/06-04 |
| 27    | Dr Shiva Shankar Gummaluri     | Periodontics                                     | Evaluation of Microscopic Alterations and Growth Factor Release in Titanium Platelet Rich Fibrin Treated with and without Low Level Laser Therapy: A Histological Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/F R/06-11    |
| 28    | Gadi Kameswari Lakshmi Manasa  | Periodontics                                     | Comparative Evaluation of Chlorhexidine Gel and Portulaca Oleracea Herbal Gel as an adjunct to Nonsurgical Periodontal Therapy (NSPT) In Periodontitis Patients - A Randomized Clinical Trial                          | IEC/GDCH/2025/S S/06-21    |
| 29    | Dr G Naveen Vital              | Periodontics                                     | Invitro Comparative Evaluation of Collagen alone and Collagen T - PRF Hybrid Membrane on Degradation Time, Antimicrobial Activity and Wound Healing Potential  | IEC/GDCH/2025/F R/06-12    |
| 30    | Ambati Geethika Reddy          | Oral And Maxillofacial Surgery<br>Dr Vivek       | Histopathological Evaluation of Dental Follicles in Impacted Mandibular Third Molars without Pericoronary Radiolucency   | IEC/GDCH/2025/U GSRs/05-01 |
| 31    | Bandaru Komali Venkata Amrutha | Oral And Maxillofacial Surgery<br>Dr Sharat      | Evaluation of Pain During Administration of Greater Palatine Nerve Block using Photobiomodulation Therapy- A Comparative Single Blind Split Mouth Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/U GSRs/05-02 |
| 32    | Dasari Jahnavi Surya Lekha     | Oral Medicine And Radiology<br>Dr. Ch. V. Ramani | Comparative Evaluation of Salivary pH and Salivary Flow Rate Among OSMF and Healthy Controls - A Case Control Study  | IEC/GDCH/2025/U GSRs/01-01 |

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 Institutional Ethical Committee (IEC)**  
**GITAM Dental College and Hospital, Visakhapatnam.**

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## Dr. SHIVA SHANKAR GUMMALURI

Dr. Shiva Shankar Gummaluri with exceptional expertise earned his recognition, and he was honoured 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize for oral presentation, at 1st International conference on accreditation, ranking and quality in higher education, Sri Ramchandra Institute of Higher education, Chennai, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2025.

## Dr. TRINATH KISHORE D

Dr. Trinath Kishore with exceptional expertise earned his recognition, and he was honored 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize for presenting scientific paper on the topic “A comparison of two forms of methodologies: Audio-visual teaching versus conventional teaching in clinical periodontology education: A Cross-sectional Survey”, at 1st International conference on accreditation, ranking and quality in higher education, Sri Ramchandra Institute of Higher education, Chennai, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2025.



## Dr. PADMAJA CHIMALA

Dr Padmaja Chimala, Assistant Professor in Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry received best paper presentation award on topic “Harness Nature Power for Pediatric Care” (where it emphasizes the importance of 3 different herbal agents reinforced Zinc oxide in pediatric endodontics) at 46 th ISPPD National Conference organised at Bhubaneswar, Odisha India, on 19 th to 22 nd November 2025.

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## Dr. M HARIKRISHNA

Dr. M. Harikrishna, Professor, Department of Prosthodontics, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, won the Best Paper Presentation Award at the 44th AP State Dental Conference, held at Vijayanagaram on 22-23 November 2025, for his paper titled “Mastering the Edentulous Jaws – Planning Protocols for Implant Placement.”

## Dr. YVBS SAI SHARATH

Dr. YVBS Sai Sharat, Assistant professor, oral and maxillofacial surgery has presented a scientific paper on topic “Definitive treatment approach for TMJ Reankylosis by TMJ Replacement-A report of two cases” and won 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize at the 49<sup>th</sup> AOMSI National conference held at Visakhapatnam from December 11th - 13th, 2025



## Dr. SHIVA SHANKAR GUMMALURI

Dr. Shiva Shankar Gummaluri, Assistant Professor, GITAM Dental College and Hospital, was awarded the Commendation Prize in Paper Presentation (Basic Research) for his research titled “Evaluation of Titanium-prepared Platelet-Rich Fibrin (T-PRF) incorporated with Amoxiclav, Metronidazole, and Neem gel on Bone Regeneration in Wistar Rats” at the 50th ISP Golden Jubilee National Conference, held in New Delhi on 17th December 2025.





# PATENTS



## 2025



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**The Patent Office, Government Of India**



### Dr. M HARIKRISHNA

Dr. M. Hari Krishna, Professor, Department of Prosthodontics, has been granted a Design Patent by the Government of India for an “Adjustable Dental Impression Tray”, registered under Design No. 450203-001 on 03 March 2025. The patent has been awarded and design in accordance with the provisions of the Designs Act, 2000 and Design Rules, 2001.

प्रमाणित किया जाता है कि संलग्न प्रति में वर्णित डिजाइन जो *ADJUSTABLE DENTAL IMPRESSION TRAY* से संबंधित है, का पंजीकरण, श्रेणी 24-01 में 1.Dr. Harikrishna Modalavalasa 2. Dr. Katta Bhargavi 3.Dr. Sai Krishna Athota 4.Dr. Manasa. B 5.Dr. Vikraman Rakshagan 6.Dr. Tondapu Tejaswi के नाम में उपर्युक्त संख्या और तारीख में कर लिया गया है।

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Dr. M. Hari Krishna, Professor, Department of Prosthodontics, has been recognized as the second-position designer for a Government of India–granted Design Patent titled “Mini Photo X-Ray Machine with Printer,” registered under Design No. 454692-001 on 08 April 2025. The design has been protected under the provisions of the Designs Act, 2000 and Design Rules, 2001, highlighting his significant contribution to innovation in dental diagnostic technology.

प्रमाणित किया जाता है कि संलग्न प्रति में वर्णित डिजाइन जो *MINI PHOTO X-RAY MACHINE WITH PRINTER* से संबंधित है, का पंजीकरण, श्रेणी 24-01 में 1.Dr. Katta Bhargavi 2. Dr. Harikrishna Modalavalasa 3.Dr. Maj Ayush Srivatsava 4.Dr. Balbir Singh 5.Dr. Pursenla Longkumer 6.Dr. Yamini Aparna Tirumalasetty के नाम में उपर्युक्त संख्या और तारीख में कर लिया गया है।

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Dr. M. Hari Krishna also has achieved notable recognition for his innovative contributions with the grant of a Design Patent by the Government of India for the “Smart Toothbrush Integrated with Reflective Arrangement for Visualizing Cavity Condition,” registered under Design No. 460242-001 on 27 May 2025.

प्रमाणित किया जाता है कि संलग्न प्रति में वर्णित डिजाइन जो *SMART TOOTHBRUSH INTEGRATED WITH REFLECTIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR VISUALIZING CAVITY CONDITION* से संबंधित है, का पंजीकरण, श्रेणी 04-02 में 1.Dr. Bhargavi Katta 2. Dr. Modalavalasa Harikrishna 3.Dr. Yamini Aparna Tirumalasetty 4.Dr. V. Jessie Ratan 5.Dr. Mir Monisa 6.Dr. Ankita के नाम में उपर्युक्त संख्या और तारीख में कर लिया गया है।

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### Dr. R RAVICHANDRA

Dr. Ravichandra Ravi also has achieved notable recognition for his innovative contributions with the grant of a Design Patent by the Government of India for the “Root canal Drill with Real-Time Depth-Sensor,” registered under Design No. 467362-001 on 25 July 2025.

प्रमाणित किया जाता है कि संलग्न प्रति में वर्णित डिजाइन जो *ROOT CANAL DRILL WITH REAL-TIME DEPTH-SENSOR* से संबंधित है, का पंजीकरण, श्रेणी 24-01 में 1.Dr. Rahul Tiwari 2. Dr. Abhilasha Bhawalkar 3.Dr. Heena Dixit 4.Dr. Nallamilli Lalitha Sri Roja 5.Dr. Ravichandra Ravi 6.Dr. Anil Managutti 7.Dr. Roopam Jain के नाम में उपर्युक्त संख्या और तारीख में कर लिया गया है।

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### Dr. Nallamilli Lalitha Sri Roja

Dr. Nallamilli Lalitha Sri Roja also has achieved recognition for the same innovative contribution with the grant of a Design Patent by the Government of India for the “Root canal Drill with Real-Time Depth-Sensor,” registered under Design No. 461362-001 on 25 July 2025.

# SCIENTIFIC DELIBERATION

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## Dr. K VASUDHA

Dr Vasudha K, Assistant Professor in department of Prosthodontics, has presented a scientific paper on topic "Maxillofacial Prosthetics: Transforming Cancer Rehabilitation - Present Innovations & Future Frontiers", at the International Oral Cancer Conference 2025 held at SGT University from February 6th - 9th, 2025

## Dr. R HIMA BINDU

Dr Hima Bindu R, Professor in department of Prosthodontics, has presented a scientific paper on topic "Impact of Ozonated water Disinfection method on the Physical Properties of Elastomeric Impression Materials: A Comparative Study", at 75<sup>th</sup> Indian Dental Conference, Chennai held on 7,8 & 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025



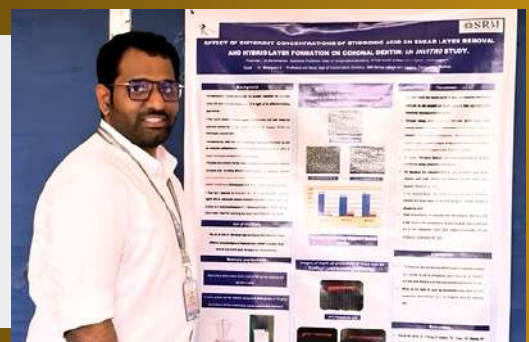
## Dr. SURESH KUMAR PAKKI

Dr. P. Suresh Kumar Professor and HOD, Department of oral Medicine and Radiology presented a scientific paper on the topic "Comparative Evaluation Of Intralesional Corticosteroids and Ultrasound therapy in management of Oral submucous fibrosis- A Randomised Controlled Trial" at 22<sup>nd</sup> national triple 'O' symposium, Vijayawada held on on March 21<sup>st</sup>& 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025.



## Dr. RAVICHANDRA RAAVI

Dr. R Ravichandra, Professor, Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics presented a scientific poster on the topic "Effect of different concentrations of etidronic acid on the smear layer removal and hybrid layer formation:Aninvitro study," at Dr. Paarivendhar Research Colloquium (DPRC) for PHD scholars organized by SRM university, Chennai on 21<sup>st</sup> April to 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 .



## Dr. K VASUDHA

Dr Vasudha K, Assistant Professor in department of Prosthodontics, has presented a scientific paper on topic "AI's Precision Revolution: Transforming Dental Imaging and Patient Care", at the International Digital Dentistry Conference 2025 held at Al Ameen Dental College from August 2nd - 3rd, 2025.

# SCIENTIFIC DELIBERATION

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## Dr. PAVAN KUMAR Y

Dr. Y. Pavan Kumar, Professor in the Department of oral medicine and radiology presented a scientific paper on the topic “Expression of desmoglein 1 & desmoglein 3 in different grades of OSCC and their correlation with lymph node metastasis” at 36<sup>th</sup> National IAOMR conference, held at DY Patil Dental Collegem Navi Mumbai from 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.

## Dr. JAYALAKSHMI PANDRANKI

Dr. Jayalakshmi Pandranksi Professor in Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry presented a scientific paper titled “The Hidden is not always the treasure” which emphasizes on the hidden lesions lesions in children and their management with novel technique at 46 th ISPPD National Conference organised at Bhubaneswar, Odisha India, on 19 th to 22 nd November 2025.



## Dr. SHUBNITHA VARMA

Dr. Shubhnita Verma, Associate Professor, Department of Orthodontics, presented a scientific poster on the topic “Accuracy and Reliability of Virtual Orthodontic Setups in Clear Aligner Therapy: A Critical Appraisal” at the National Indian Orthodontic Conference organised at Visakhapatnam on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

## Dr. SUPRIYA RAJPUTRANI

Dr Supriya Rajputrani, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthodontics, presented a scientific poster on the topic “Multiple Orthodontic Approaches to Fixed Prosthesis: From Grasshopper Appliance to Modern Protocol” at the National Indian Orthodontic Conference organised at Visakhapatnam on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025.



## Dr. ANIL KUMAR MARNA

Dr. Anil Kumar Marna, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthodontics, presented a scientific paper on the topic “Optimising accuracy of 3d printed dental models: the role of shell thickness and print orientation” at the National Indian Orthodontic Conference organised at Visakhapatnam on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

# SCIENTIFIC DELIBERATION 2025

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## Dr. SUNITHA RONANKI

Dr Sunitha Ronanki, Associate Professor, Department of Prosthodontics, presented a scientific paper on the topic "Comparison of accuracy of fixture level implant impressions using different methods for splinting: An invitro study" at the 53<sup>rd</sup> IPS National Conference organised at Mumbai on 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

## Dr. NIRUPAMA V

Dr. Nirupama V, Associate professor, department of Prosthodontics, has presented a scientific paper on topic "Evaluating the antimicrobial efficacy of poly methyl methacrylate incorporated with biofunctionalized nano particles: An invitro study", at the 53<sup>rd</sup> IPS National Conference organised at Mumbai on 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> December 2025.



## Dr. RAJASEKHARA A

Dr. Rajasekhara A, Assistant professor, Department of Prosthodontics, has presented a scientific poster on topic "Evaluation of surface roughness and surface hardness of modified Die stone when mixed with normal saline, chlorinated water and distilled water: An invitro study", at the 53<sup>rd</sup> IPS National Conference organised at Mumbai on 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> December 2025.



## Dr. N.V.V. SATYA BHUSHAN

Dr. N.V.V. Satya Bhusan, Professor, department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, has presented a scientific paper on topic "Turning Waste into Bone: Eggshell-Derived Graft for Socket Preservation", at the 49<sup>th</sup> AOMSI National conference held at Visakhapatnam from December 11th - 13th, 2025



## Dr. POORNIMA SOUJANYA

Dr. Poornima Sowjanya, Associate Professor, department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, has presented a scientific paper on topic "Zygomatic and pterygoid implants: a strategic solution for atrophic maxilla rehabilitation", at the 49<sup>th</sup> AOMSI National conference held at Visakhapatnam from December 11th - 13th, 2025

## Dr. ROOPA GANTA

Dr Roopa Ganta, Assistant Professor, department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, has presented a scientific paper on topic "Evidence Of a Metabolic Switch in Patients With Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Oral Cavity", at the 49<sup>th</sup> AOMSI National conference held at Visakhapatnam from December 11th - 13th, 2025



# SCIENTIFIC DELIBERATION

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## Dr. VIVEK MANOHAR

Dr. Vivek Manohar, Assistant Professor, department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, has presented a scientific paper on topic “The Giant within: An unusually Large silent sialolith-A case report”, at the 49<sup>th</sup> AOMSI National conference held at Visakhapatnam from December 11th - 13th, 2025



## Dr. R SAI BHAVANA

Dr. Sai Bhavana. R, Assistant Professor, department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, has presented a scientific paper on topic “Patient specific implants in mandibular reconstructive surgery: A series of Clinical cases”, at the 49<sup>th</sup> AOMSI National conference held at Visakhapatnam from December 11th - 13th, 2025

## Dr. NAVEEN VITTAL KUMAR GIDIJALA

Dr. Naveen Vittal G, Professor, Department of Periodontics, presented a scientific paper titled “Osteogenic potential of herbal enhanced T-PRF : An Invitro Study” at 50<sup>th</sup> ISP Golden Jubilee National Conference, New Delhi on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2025



## Dr. ANUSHA BODDEDA

Dr. Anusha Boddeda, Associate Professor, Department of Periodontics, presented a scientific paper titled “Comparative Evaluation of Amnion Membrane and Platelet Rich Fibrin in the Treatment of Cairo’s Type-I Gingival Recession: A Clinical Trial” at the ISP Golden Jubilee National Conference, held at New Delhi on 17th December 2025.

## Dr. SHIVA SHANKAR GUMMALURI

Dr. Shiva Shankar Gummaluri presented a scientific paper titled “Evaluation of Titanium-Prepared Platelet-Rich Fibrin (T-PRF) Incorporated with Amoxiclav, Metronidazole, and Neem Gel on Bone Regeneration in Wistar Rats” at the ISP Golden Jubilee National Conference, held at New Delhi on 17th December 2025.



# SCIENTIFIC DELIBERATION and RECOGNITION

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at” POPCON National Conference on Oct 4-5<sup>th</sup> 2025”



## Dr. V SINDHUJA

Dr. V Sindhuja, Post graduate, Department of Oral Pathology **won best scientific poster** on the topic “Unmasking the Hidden Proliferative Potential: MCM2 Expression in Ameloblastoma and Odontogenic Keratocyst- A Pilot Study.”

## Dr. B Harika Varshita

Dr. B Harika Varshita, Post graduate, Department of Oral Pathology **won best scientific poster** on the topic “Epidermoid Cyst in Unusual Oral Sites – A Dual Case Report of Intraosseous Mandibular and Uvular Presentations.”

## Dr. Suresh Kumar Pakki



Dr. P. Suresh Kumar Professor and HOD, Department of oral Medicine and Radiology presented a scientific poster on the topic “Emerging digital trends in oral medicine and radiology”.

## Dr. Divya Uppala



Dr. Divya Uppala, Professor and HOD, Department of oral Pathology received academic recognition as a POPMA Gold Medal Evaluator (2025) and was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by POPMA for her contribution as a member of the Gold Medal Selection Committee.

## Dr. Ravi Teja Y



Dr. RaviTeja Y, Associate Professor, Department of oral Pathology presented a scientific poster on the topic “AMELOGLYPHICS – Unique Occult Identifier In Life & Death.”

## Dr. Hyandavi Balla



Dr. Hyandavi Balla, Assistant Professor, Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology, presented a scientific poster titled “Germinal Centre Predominance in Smokeless Tobacco Users: A Predictor of Metastatic Propensity in OSCC” and **secured the Second Best Poster award.**

## Dr. D Rupa Chandini



Dr. D Rupa Chandini, Associate Professor in the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology presented a scientific poster on the topic “Occult Radiological Findings in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology: Bridging the Gap Between Imaging and Histology.”

## Dr. Ch. Venkata Ramani



Dr.Ch V Ramani, Assistant Professor in the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology presented a scientific poster on the topic “Salivary biomarkers in oral squamous cell carcinoma.”

# STUDENT RECOGNITIONS



**Dr Mahith Varma and Dr Tirumalaraju Amulya**  
PG in Orthodontics

**Received 2nd prize** in the Table Clinic at the 28th IOS PG Convention, held at Manav Rachana Dental College, Faridabad, in February 2025.

**Dr. Albia baby**

PG in Oral Medicine and Radiology

**Received 1st prize** for the paper presentation on the topic “Trans magnetic stimulation therapy in the management of orofacial pain” at 22<sup>nd</sup> national triple ‘O’ symposium, held on March 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2025 at Vijayawada.



**Dr. D. Aravind**

PG in Oral Medicine and Radiology

**Received 1st prize** for the paper presentation on the topic “Digital transformation in oral medicine and radiology: a paradigm shift in diagnostics and treatment” at 22<sup>nd</sup> national triple ‘O’ symposium, held on March 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2025 at Vijayawada.

**Dr.N. Sowjanya**

PG in Oral Medicine and Radiology

**Received 1st prize** for the paper presentation on the topic “Personalised precision medicine in the treatment of oral case” at 22<sup>nd</sup> national triple ‘O’ symposium, on March 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2025 at Vijayawada



**Dr. Yashmitha and Dr. Sravan Kumar**  
Postgraduates in Prosthodontics

**Received 2nd Prize** for the poster presentation on the topic “Static navigation versus dynamic navigation” at 11<sup>th</sup> Indian Prosthodontic Society State held on March 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2025 at Vishnu Dental College, Bhimavaram

**Dr Gadi Kameswari Lakshmi Manasa**

PG in Periodontics

**Received commendation Prize** in Paper Presentation titled “Estimation of Subgingival Microbiota using 16s rRNA Gene Sequencing and Antibiotic Susceptibility in Periodontitis Patients - A Pilot Study” at 23<sup>rd</sup> ISP PG Convention, Kolkata on 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2025



# STUDENT RECOGNITIONS



## Dr. Swapna Sundari

Postgraduate in Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry

**Received 1st prize** for the paper presentation on the topic “Isekai - a journey beyond fear”, an original research at 46<sup>th</sup> ISPPD National Conference organised at Bhubaneswar, Odisha India, on 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025. She emphasized on the efficacy of the Binaural beats in Virtual Reality and Sensory Adapted Dental Environment in reducing the anxiety in children.

## Dr. Rohitha Kamathavarapu

Postgraduate in Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry

**Received 1st prize** for the scientific poster presentation on the topic “Bioseal for Better Heal” that highlights the importance of Root perforation materials at 46<sup>th</sup> ISPPD National Conference organised at Bhubaneswar, Odisha India, on 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025.



## Ms. Priyanka

4<sup>th</sup> Year, Bachelor of Dental Surgery

**Won best e-poster prize** in student category for the case presentation on “Direct sinus lift using PRF alone as a grafting material with simultaneous implant placement,” at 44<sup>th</sup> AP State Dental Conference, held at Vijayanagaram on 22–23 November 2025

## Dr. Jessy Chandrika and Dr. Sanhitha Reddy

Postgraduates in Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics

**Received 1st prize** for the paper presentation on the topic “Effect of dentin bonding agent and desensitizing agents in treatment of dentin hypersensitivity using iontophoresis: a split mouth randomized controlled trial” at 25<sup>th</sup> IACDE National PG Convention, Agra on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025



## Dr. Preethi Bindiya and Dr. Razia Noorani

Postgraduates in Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics

**Received 1st prize** for the paper presentation on the topic “Comparison of immediate vs delayed dentin sealing on fracture strength of teeth exposed to endodontic irrigants at 40<sup>th</sup> IACDE National Conference held in Chandigarh on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.

## Dr. G Raghu Vamsh Prasad

Postgraduates in Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgery

**Received 1st prize** for the paper presentation on the topic “Aesthetic and Functional Rehabilitation through Rhinoplasty” at 49<sup>th</sup> AOMSI National Conference, held at Raddison Blue, Visakhapatnam, Agra, 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> December 2025



# Bridging Academia

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## Dr. M SATISH

Dr. M. Satish, Professor and HOD, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, has been invited as Guest Speaker for CME on Snoring & OSA Clinical insights & Diagnostic advances conducted by Susrutha ENT & Laser Center on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at AMCOSA Hall, Visakhapatnam and presented Lecture on “Oral and Maxillofacial management of OSA”.



## Dr. M SATISH

Dr. M. Satish, Professor and HOD, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, conducted Basic implantology course Organised by Osstem Implant company at Rajamundry from 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025



## Dr. TRINATH KISHORE D

Dr. D Trinath Kishore, Professor Periodontics was an invited guest speaker to present a guest Lecture on “The Impact of Probiotics on Dental Health: New Insights” A continuing dental education program conducted by JB Pharmaceutical company on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.



## Dr. TRINATH KISHORE D

Dr. Trinath Kishore, Professor, Department of Periodontics, delivered a guest lecture titled “Decision Making for Management of Multiple Adjacent Gingival Recession” at the 17<sup>th</sup> Rapid Review Revision Course, held at Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai, from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025.



## Dr. TRINATH KISHORE D

Dr. Trinath Kishore, Professor, Department of Periodontics, conducted one day workshop on “Re-Jig the Osteal A Know & Do Approach for Postgraduates” at Mallareddy Dental College and Hospital, Hyderabad on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.

# Bridging Academia

2025

Faculty Guest Lectures Beyond Our Campus



## Dr. M SATISH

Dr. M. Satish, Professor and HOD, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, has been Invited as keynote speaker for AOMSI Master class programme and presented three lectures organized by AOMSI Odisha at KIIT Dental college from 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August 2025.



## Dr. TRINATH KISHORE D

Dr. Trinath Kishore, Professor, Department of Periodontics, delivered a guest lecture on “Role of Periodontal Disease Preventive Strategies in Holistic Health” at Perioavalokan, held at Vishnu Dental College, Bhimavaram, from 21st to 23rd August 2025.



## Dr. TRINATH KISHORE D

Dr. Trinath Kishore, Professor, Department of Periodontics, delivered a guest lecture on “Save the Socket and 3 B’s – Biomaterials” at the Professional Enrichment Program conducted by the ISP Visakhapatnam Study Group, in association with the Indian Dental Association, at Visakhapatnam on 28th September 2025.



## Dr. MANISH KUMAR

Dr. Manish Kumar presented an interactive session on “What Next after BDS?” for interns and house surgeons on 23 October 2025 at Sudha Nageshwar Institute of Dental Sciences, Vijayawada.

The session provided guidance on career pathways, higher education, and professional opportunities after BDS.



## Dr. MANISH KUMAR

Dr. Manish Kumar presented a session on “Critical Evaluation of Journal Club Article” for post-graduate students on 23 October 2025 at Sudha Nageshwar Institute of Dental Sciences, Vijayawada.

The program focused on strengthening critical appraisal and evidence-based analysis skills among post-graduates.

# Bridging Academia

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Faculty Guest Lectures Beyond Our Campus



## Dr. SHIVA SHANKAR GUMMALURI

Dr. Shiva Shankar Gummaluri, Assistant Professor, Department of Periodontics delivered a guest lecture titled “Bone & Cementum and Calculus” at KIMS Dental College and Hospital, Amalapuram, on 28th November 2025.



## Dr. TRINATH KISHORE D

Dr. Trinath Kishore, Professor, Department of Periodontics, conducted a one-day workshop titled “Clinical Excellence in Hard Tissue Augmentation and Reconstruction” at SIBAR Dental College and Hospital, Guntur, on 31st October 2025.



## Dr. RAVI KUMAR K

As part of advancing clinical and academic excellence, a guest lecture was delivered by Dr. Ravi Kumar K, Professor, Department of Conservative Dentistry at Drs.Sudha & Nageswara Rao Siddhartha Institute of Dental Sciences, Gannavaram (Vijayawada) on 5th November, 2025 on “Direct Posterior Composites & Biomimetic Concepts–Techniques & Challenges.”

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## Dr. TRINATH KISHORE D

Dr. Trinath Kishore, Professor, Department of Periodontics, delivered a guest lecture titled “Implant Practice through the Eyes of a Periodontist: The 5 P’s” at the Global Perio Nexus held at MAHSA University, Malaysia, on 14th November 2025.

## Dr. M SATISH

Dr. M. Satish, Professor and HOD, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, conducted a Pre-Conference Course titled “Digital intelligence in implantology and ridge expansion: the new frontiers in modern dentistry” at the 49<sup>th</sup> AOMSI National conference held at Visakhapatnam from December 11th - 13th, 2025



### RESOURCE FACULTY



**DR. Mahanteha. S**  
MOS, FICOR, FRCR, AALIT  
Associate Professor  
Dept. of Periodontology  
Faculty of Dental Sciences,  
Ramiah University of Applied Sciences,  
Bangalore, India



**DR. Trinath Kishore D**  
MOS  
Professor  
Dept. of Periodontology  
GITAM Dental College and Hospital  
Visakhapatnam, India

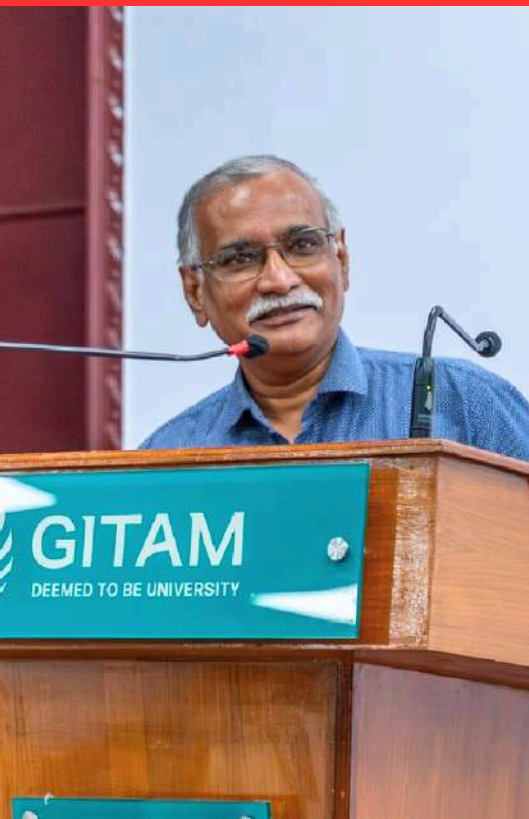
## Dr. TRINATH KISHORE D

Dr. Trinath Kishore, Professor, Department of Periodontics, conducted a Pre-Conference Course titled “Bone Builders: Unlocking Implant Success with Hard Tissue Grafting” at the ISP Golden Jubilee National Conference, held at New Delhi on 17th December 2025.

## Dr. M SATISH

Dr. M. Satish, Professor and HOD, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, presented a key note lecture on the topic titled “Tips and Tricks in Direct Sinus lift” at the 49<sup>th</sup> AOMSI National conference held at Visakhapatnam from December 11th - 13th, 2025





## NEW LEADERSHIP, RENEWED VISION:

### DR. V V NARSIMHA RAO

– A Journey of Commitment, Integrity, and Academic Excellence

Dr. Narsimha Rao completed his BDS from J.S.S. Dental College and Hospital, Mysore, under the University of Mysore, followed by his Compulsory Rotatory Internship (1995–1996). He earned his MDS in Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry from Bapuji Dental College, Davangere, affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, in March 2000. His academic career spans reputed institutions across Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, where he has served in various academic positions and guided, mentored, and enriched the professional growth of numerous undergraduate and postgraduate students. Since December 12, 2010, he has been serving as Professor in Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry at GITAM Dental College and Hospital, Visakhapatnam, and also as head of the department making significant contributions to student training, academic mentorship, administration, and overall institutional development. Dr. Narsimha Rao has held key institutional responsibilities, including Budgetary Committee, Central Purchase Committee as chairperson and Institutional Ethics Committee Member earlier, reflecting his commitment to ethical governance and accountability.

*The elevation of Dr. Vanga V. Narsimha Rao as Permanent Principal marks a significant milestone in the growth of GITAM Dental College and Hospital. His permanent appointment on **December 5, 2025**, following his role as In-charge Principal from September 2024, reflects decades of dedication, academic integrity, and steady leadership in dental education.*

**In the role of Principal, his leadership has brought notable academic advancements:** He initiated the “Research Lighthouse”, a monthly journal club with eleven successful sessions, enhancing research orientation and academic networking. Interdisciplinary seminars, student research grants, and mentorship for young faculty were actively encouraged. Salary uniformity aligned with academic positions was ensured, strengthening faculty morale. Under his guidance, the institution successfully hosted National Pre-Conference Courses in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Orthodontics, earning formal appreciation from AOMSI. As his initiative, regular Parent–Teacher Meetings were institutionalized to strengthen communication between faculty and parents, enabling timely academic guidance, early identification of student concerns, and holistic professional development of students.



Administratively, strong emphasis was placed on timely bill clearance, accountability, and transparent communication, enabling him to effectively bridge faculty and administration. Patient welfare remained a priority through improved clinical facilities, enhanced oral health awareness activities, and systematic monitoring of patient flow. He strengthened alumni engagement by revitalizing the GITAM Dental College Alumni Association (GDCAA) and establishing a dedicated alumni office.

Key infrastructural initiatives included the establishment of a Central Store, creation of a Central File Storage System, and major functional upgrades to the Dental Hospital Management System (HMS), resulting in improved efficiency, clinical documentation, and hospital operations. He also developed a strong, digitally trained office team with streamlined workflows and a single-point coordination system. Several other administrative reforms and process improvements introduced during his tenure continue to strengthen institutional governance and operational efficiency.

**Dr. V. V. Narsimha Rao's journey reflects quiet perseverance, balanced leadership, and sustained institutional progress. As he continues his tenure as Permanent Principal, we look forward to the institution's further advancement to the next level under his visionary leadership.**

# FACULTY RECOGNITIONS

## 2025

### DR SRINIVAS KUMAR CHANDRABHATLA

Professor  
Head of the Department  
Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry

Received "Associate Fellowship in Laser Dentistry, conducted by LASER India Academy in association with Academy of Laser and Aesthetic Dentistry and International Academy of Dentistry in New Delhi on 3rd March 2025.



### DR DIVYA UPPALA

Professor  
Head of the Department  
Oral Pathology and Microbiology

Invited to serve as a Guest Editor for the Research Topic "Global Perspectives in Oral Cancer Prevention and Education" in April 2025 for the international journal Frontiers in Oral Health, marking a notable editorial contribution at the global level.

### DR TRINATH KISHORE D

Professor  
Department of Periodontics

Received "Associate Fellowship in Laser Dentistry, USA" Program was conducted in New Delhi and Organize by REGENERAS and World Clinical Laser Institute (WCLI), USA on April 20, 2025



### DR SHIVA SHANKAR GUMMALURI

Assistant Professor  
Department of Periodontics

Received "Associate Fellowship in Laser Dentistry, USA" Program was conducted in New Delhi and Organize by REGENERAS and World Clinical Laser Institute (WCLI), USA on April 20, 2025



### DR NVV SATYA BHUSHAN

Professor  
Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgery

served as chairperson for CME on Snoring & OSA Clinical insights & Diagnostic advances conducted by Susrutha ENT & Laser Center on 11<sup>th</sup> may 2025 at AMCOSA Hall, Visakhapatnam .

### DR DIVYA UPPALA

Professor and HOD  
Head of the Department  
Oral Pathology and Microbiology

Successfully completed a One-Year Fellowship in Forensic Odontology (May 2024–May 2025) from SDM College of Dental Sciences & Hospital, Dharwad, marking a significant milestone in her professional advancement.



# FACULTY RECOGNITIONS

## 2025

### DR KARUNAKAR SHETTY

Professor  
Head of the Department  
Department of Prosthodontics

Served as moderator for the Keynote Lecture at 11<sup>th</sup> Andhra Pradesh State Conference, held at Vishnu Dental College, Bhimavaram, August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025.



### DR HIMA BINDU

Professor  
Department of Prosthodontics

### DR TRINATH KISHORE D

Professor  
Department of Periodontics

Served as moderators for the Symposium on practice management in implantology with 'Holistic Approaches to patient management and communication' by Ms Sonja Pfeiffer in 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference organised by Indian Association of Oral Implantology on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 in Chennai.



### DR M SATISH

Professor and Head of the Department  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr Satish M, exceptional expertise earned "Promising Educator Recognition" as part of Osstem Excellence Awards 2025, from Mr. Heewon Park, Managing Director, Osstem Implant India Pvt Ltd on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025.



### DR POORNIMA SOUJANYA N

Associate Professor  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr. Poornima Soujanya N has cleared fellowship exam and Received Fellowship certificate from Osseointegration Society of India during 2<sup>nd</sup> National Conference of OSICON 2025 conducted in Jaipur from 31st October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025.



### DR KARUNAKAR SHETTY

Professor and Head of the Department  
Department of Prosthodontics

Served as the chairperson for Scientific session at 53<sup>rd</sup> Indian Prosthodontic Society (IPS) National Conference, held at Mumbai from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025.



### DR SUNITHA RONANKI

Associate Professor  
Department of Prosthodontics

Served as the chairperson for Scientific session at 53<sup>rd</sup> Indian Prosthodontic Society (IPS) National Conference, held at Mumbai from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025.



# FACULTY RECOGNITIONS

## 2025

### DR JAYALAKSHMI PANDRANKI

Professor  
Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry

Served as the chairperson for an original research scientific session, at the 46th Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry (ISPPD) National Conference, held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India, from 19th to 22nd November 2025.



### DR RAVINDRA VANGALA

Professor  
Head of the Department  
Department of Orthodontics

Dr Ravindra Vangala served as the Convener for the Pre-conference Courses of the 59th Indian Orthodontic Conference, organised at GITAM Dental College and Hospital on November 27, 2025.



### DR M SATISH

Professor  
Head of the Department  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr Satish M has been elected as local chairperson in preconference conducted by AOCMF on the topic VSP and patient specific implants in craniomaxillofacial region held on 10-11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 49<sup>th</sup> AOMSI National conference held at Visakhapatnam

### DR NAVEEN VITTAL KUMAR G

Professor  
Department of Periodontics

Served as Chairperson for a scientific session on original research in 50<sup>th</sup>ISP Golden Jubilee National Conference, New Delhi on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2025



### DR ANUSHA BODDEDA

Assistant Professor  
Department of Periodontics

Served as Chairperson for a scientific session on original research in 50<sup>th</sup>ISP Golden Jubilee National Conference, New Delhi on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2025



### DR SHIVA SHANKAR GUMMALURI

Assistant Professor  
Department of Periodontics

Served as Chairperson for a scientific session on original research in 50<sup>th</sup>ISP Golden Jubilee National Conference, New Delhi on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2025



# FACULTY RECOGNITIONS

2025

## DR M SATISH

Professor  
Head of the Department  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr Satish M cleared Fellowship exam conducted by Indian Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons conducted at 49<sup>th</sup> National Conference and was awarded Fellowship in Indian Board of Oral & Maxillofacial surgery (FIBOMS)



## DR. N.V.V. SATYA BHUSHAN

Professor  
Head of the Department  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

served as Chairman for Preconference Courses at the 49<sup>th</sup> AOMSI National conference held at GITAM Dental College and Hospital, Visakhapatnam from December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# RESEARCH GRANTS 2025



**Dr. N.V.V. Satya Bhushan**  
Professor  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery



**Dr. M Satish**  
HOD & Professor  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery



**Dr. N Sowjanya**  
Associate Professor  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

They received a research grant of Rs. 2,00,000/- by the Dr.N.T.R.University of Health Sciences as Faculty Research Grant for the project titled "Membrane less solution for socket preservation-A randomized comparative blind clinical study." The study, set to be conducted over a duration of two year, aims to explore innovative preservative technique for socket.



## Dr. Manish Kumar

Professor and Head  
Public Health Dentistry

Under his guidance, Sunil Nelluri (BDS) received a grant of Rs. 30,000/- from ICMR -STS (3<sup>rd</sup> BDS Project) for the study titled " Assessment of Tobacco Smoking Cessation using Health Action Process Approach (HAPA) Model in South Indian City: A Cross-sectional study."



## Dr. Roopa Ganta

Associate Professor  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Received a AOMSI Faculty Research Grant of Rs. 15,000/- by for the project titled "Evaluation of Neutrophil Lymphocyte Ratio as prognostic marker in early stage oral squamous cell carcinoma." The study, set to be conducted over a duration of one year. co-investigators include Dr. N. V. V. Satya Bhushan, Professor, Dr. Satish M, Professor and HOD and Dr. Sowjanya N, Associate professor.

# STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS



**Ms. Dasari Jahnavi Surya Lekha**

Second year BDS student (2024-2025) of GITAM Dental College and Hospital has been selected for Undergraduate Student research project by Dr. NTRUHS with a grant of Rs. 10000/- for the study on "Comparative evaluation of salivary pH and salivary flow rate among OSMF and healthy controls – a case control study" under the guidance of **Dr. Ch. Venkata Ramani**, Assistant Professor, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology.



**Ms. Vishnu Priya Jayaprakash**

Second year BDS student (2024-2025) of GITAM Dental College and Hospital has been selected for Undergraduate Student research project by Dr. NTRUHS with a grant of Rs. 10000/- for the study on "Prevalence of oral mucous lesions among adolescents in a semi urban population: a screening based study" was successfully conducted and completed under the guidance of **Dr. Divya Uppala**, Professor and Head, Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology.



**Ms. A Naga Sai Ishwarya Malika**

Second year BDS student (2024-2025) of GITAM Dental College and Hospital has been selected for Undergraduate Student research project by Dr. NTRUHS with a grant of Rs. 10000/- for the study on "Influence of educational background and residential location on dental anxiety in first time dental hospital visiting patients: a cross-sectional analysis" under the guidance of **Dr P Shameen Kumar**, Professor, Department of Prosthodontics.



**Ms. Shaik Tehaseen**

Second year BDS student (2024-2025) of GITAM Dental College and Hospital has been selected for Undergraduate Student research project by Dr. NTRUHS with a grant of Rs. 10000/- for the study on "Assessment of Patient reported Outcomes and Oral Health Quality of Life after routine Periodontal and implant Surgical Procedures," under the guidance of **Dr. Anusha Boddeda**, Associate Professor, Dept of Periodontics.



**Ms. Ambati Geethika Reddy**

Third year BDS student (2024-2025) of GITAM Dental College and Hospital has been selected for Undergraduate Student research project by Dr. NTRUHS with a grant of Rs. 10000/- for the study on "Histopathological Evaluation of Dental Follicles in impacted mandibular third molars without periapical radiolucency" under the guidance of **Dr. Vivek Manohar**, Assistant Professor, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.



**Ms. Bandaru Komali Venkata Amrutha**

Third year BDS student (2024-2025) of GITAM Dental College and Hospital has been selected for Undergraduate Student research project by Dr. NTRUHS with a grant of Rs. 10000/- for the study on "Evaluation of pain during administration of greater palatine nerve block using photobiomodulation therapy-A comparative single blind split mouth study" under the guidance of **Dr. Y V B S Sai Sarath**, Assistant Professor, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.



**Dr Gadi Kameswari Lakshmi Manasa**

PG in Periodontics

Received **ISP Research Grant** worth of 1.5 Lakhs from Dr. Kohli, Chief guest, Dr. H S Grover-President and Dr. Ashish Jain - Secretary, Indian Society of Periodontology.

# ICMR GRANTS



**Ms. Davu Sree Rasmitha Rani**

**Ms. Davu Sree Rasmitha Rani**, II BDS, secured an ICMR–STS Fellowship (2025) with a sanctioned grant of ₹60,000 for the project titled “Assessment of Dental Age Estimation Using Incremental Lines of Salter by Stereomicroscope” (ID: STS-2025-13859), under the guidance of **Dr. Sreekanth Kotina**, Professor, Oral Pathology and Microbiology.



**Ms. Harsha vardhini Motla**

**Ms. Harsha vardhini Motla**, II BDS, secured an ICMR–STS Fellowship (2025) with a sanctioned grant of ₹60,000 for the project titled Oral health status and Utilization of dental services among tribal population of Alluri Sitharama Raju (ASR) district: Cross – sectional study (ID: STS-2025-12655), under the guidance of **Dr. Manish Kumar**, Professor, Public Health Dentistry.



**Mr. Ramavath Maheeth Naik**

**Mr. Ramavath Maheeth Naik**, II BDS, secured an ICMR–STS Fellowship (2025) with a sanctioned grant of ₹60,000 for the project titled “Association Between Night-Time Blue Light Exposure, laptop posture, Sleep quality and Bruxism Severity in Young Adults of Northern Districts in Andhra Pradesh”(ID: STS 2025-23035), under the guidance of **Dr. T Satyendra Kumar**, Professor, Prosthodontics



**Ms. Sreeja Mangalpelly**

**Ms. Sreeja Mangalpelly**, II BDS, secured an ICMR–STS Fellowship (2025) with a sanctioned grant of ₹60,000 for the project titled “Comparative evaluation of the correlation between screen time and oral habits in children aged 3-6 years – a cross-sectional study” (ID: STS 2025-18814), under the guidance of **Dr. R Anusha**, Assistant Professor, Department of Prosthodontics.



**Ms. Thanmai Sai Appikonda**

**Ms. Thanmai Sai Appikonda**, II BDS, secured an ICMR–STS Fellowship (2025) with a sanctioned grant of ₹60,000 for the project titled Prevalence and Implications of Teeth without a Detectable Muco-gingival Junction in Predicting Early Periodontal Problems” (ID: STS 2025-17580), under the guidance of **Dr. Tejaswi Kodem**, Assistant Professor, Dept of Periodontics



**Ms. Tharapureddi Chandani**

**Ms. Tharapureddi Chandani**, II BDS, secured an ICMR–STS Fellowship (2025) with a sanctioned grant of ₹60,000 for the project titled “Association Between Extended Digital Screen Use and Balance Dysfunction in Adults: A Cross-sectional study in India” (ID: STS 2025-13837), under the guidance of **Dr. Shubhnita Verma**, Assistant Professor, Orthodontics.



**Ms. K Asmitha**

**Ms. K Asmitha**, II BDS, secured an ICMR–STS Fellowship (2025) with a sanctioned grant of ₹60,000 for the project titled “Oral Cancer risk stratification using the OracCLE tool at a tertiary dental care center in Visakhapatnam: A cross-sectional prevalence study ” (ID: STS 2025-13824), under the guidance of **Dr. Vivek Manohar**, Associate Professor, Dept of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery



# FAREWELL

## DR. UJWALA TALASILA

Professor,  
Department of Orthodontics



Dr. T. Ujwala joined GITAM Dental College and Hospital as Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthodontics on 3rd February 2005 and served the institution until 29th April 2025 in various academic and administrative positions. Throughout her tenure, she made meaningful contributions to undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, clinical services, and departmental development. Her academic insight and clinical acumen played a key role in strengthening the department. As she transitions to the next chapter of her career, GITAM Dental College and Hospital conveys its warm wishes for continued professional growth and personal fulfillment.

## DR. U SIVA KALYAN

Professor,  
Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery



Dr. U. Siva Kalyan joined GITAM Dental College and Hospital as Associate Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery on 1st July 2015 and served the institution with dedication until 22nd February 2025. During his tenure, he was actively involved in academics, clinical practice, and postgraduate training. As he moves on to the next phase of his professional journey, GITAM Dental College and Hospital wishes him continued success, good health, and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

## DR. ANUPREETA ANWARULLAH

Professor,  
Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics



Dr. Anupreeta Anwarullah served GITAM Dental College and Hospital from 2012 to 2025, contributing significantly to academics, research, and institutional development. She held several academic responsibilities, including Head of the Department, and was known for her commitment to education and academic excellence. The institution sincerely acknowledges her valuable service and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors.

## DR. JOHN REGINALD

Assistant Professor,  
Department of Oral and Maxillofacial  
Surgery



Dr. John Reginald Sikha joined GITAM Dental College and Hospital as Assistant Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery on 13th January 2020 and served the institution until 19th April 2025. During his tenure, he was actively involved in teaching, clinical responsibilities, and departmental activities. As he moves on to the next phase of his career, GITAM Dental College and Hospital extends its warm wishes for continued professional progress and personal fulfillment.

## DR. NADUKURU NAMITA

Assistant Professor,  
Department of Orthodontics



Dr. Nadukuru Namita joined the Department of Orthodontics, GITAM Dental College & Hospital, Visakhapatnam, as a Lecturer/Assistant Professor on 17th August 2023, and served until 26th May 2025. Her tenure was marked by active participation in departmental academic programmes, contributing significantly to the learning environment and overall departmental functioning. We extend our best wishes for continued growth, success, and fulfillment in all her future endeavors. Dr. Namita will always be remembered fondly as part of the GITAM Orthodontics family.

# FAREWELL



## DR. SANDHYA PAVAN KUMAR

Professor,  
Department of Periodontics

Prof. Sandhya served in various levels beginning her career as senior lecturer in Dept of Public Health Dentistry and subsequently was transferred to the Dept of Periodontology. A consummate academician, she has been a disciplined yet approachable teacher to all the students. She has always been very involved in the department on her legion of fans in the UG and PG program are testimony to it. She has also contributed immensely in her role as Asst Principal (Administration) as also as chairperson and/or member in various committees. Best wishes to Dr. Prof. Sandhya in all her future endeavours.



## DR. TANUJA PENMETSAS

Professor,  
Department of Periodontics

Dr. Tanuja Penmetsa joined the Department of Periodontics, GITAM Dental College & Hospital, Visakhapatnam on 24th June 2009, and served in various academic positions until 9th December 2025. we acknowledge her dedicated services to the department. As Anti-ragging Chairman and Hostel in-charge, she played a key role in ensuring student safety and well-being. The Department and GITAM Dental College administration wishes her success in her future endeavours.



## DR. MOUNA GOVARDINI

Assistant Professor,  
Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics

Dr. Mouna Govardini served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics from 2023 to 2025. During her tenure, she contributed sincerely to academics and clinical training. The institution gratefully acknowledges her service and sincerely wishes her success and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.



## DR. S S SAI KARTHIKEYAN

Assistant Professor,  
Department of Periodontics

Dr. S S Sai Karthikeyan joined the Department of Periodontics, GITAM Dental College & Hospital, Visakhapatnam on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024, and served until 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025. As he embarks on a new professional journey the department remembers with gratitude the services he has rendered for convenient functioning and his academic contributions. We wish Dr Karthikeyan the best for all his future endeavours.

**We extend our heartfelt farewell wishes to the non-teaching staff who have left the college. We sincerely thank you for your dedicated service, commitment, and valuable contributions to the institution. We wish you good health, happiness, and success in all your future endeavors.**



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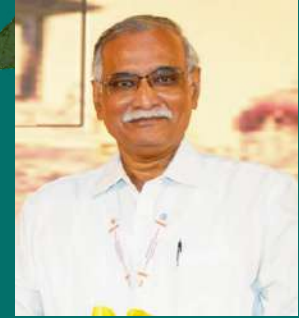
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