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Leadership is not about
being in charge. It is about
taking care of those in
your charge.

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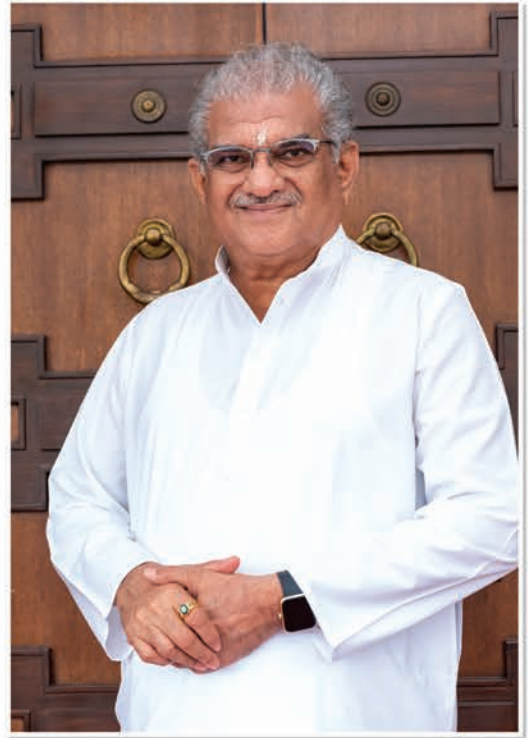
FROM THE DESK OF THE HON'BLE CHANCELLOR

I am glad to know that, Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University is releasing the Sixth Edition of the University Newsletter 2024. I take this opportunity to congratulate the entire team of the University on achieving the well-deserved distinction of being the "Top University" in the Country. I am sure, we will scale up to greater heights in the coming years by providing affordable education and healthcare with state-of-the-art facilities in the North Karnataka Region.

I congratulate all the personnel involved, led by the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Niranjana Kumar in contributing towards the growth of the University and its Constituent Institutions with their strength and determination. The same zeal and dedication should be continued in the years ahead. I wish you all success in your sincere efforts and dedicated service.

My best compliments to the Editorial Team for their sincere efforts in bringing up this comprehensive yet very specific information regarding the achievements of the University through this Newsletter.

I pray to Lord Manjunatha Swamy to bless you all with good health and happiness at all times to serve the Society.



Poojya Shri D. Veerendra Heggade
Hon'ble Chancellor

VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



Dr. Niranjana Kumar
Vice Chancellor

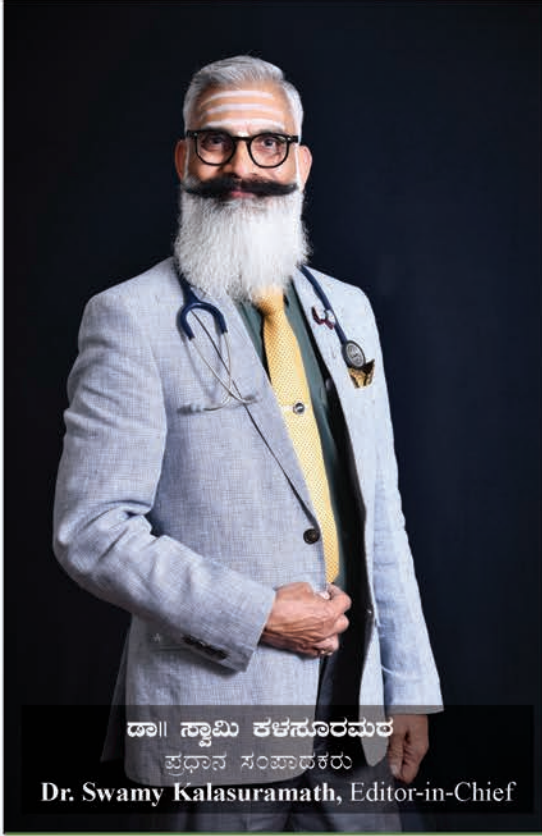
We are pleased to bring out the sixth edition of University Newsletter of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University to disseminate the activities of the University to all the stakeholders and also to share our deliberations towards achieving our University's Vision, Goal and Mission into reality through this Newsletter. It makes me overwhelmed to see the sixth edition coming out with the most appropriate and relevant cover page and contents. The Newsletter is the ambassador, binding healthy relation between the readers and University for the holistic growth.

I have a dream team which has taken up its responsibilities and is successfully discharging the duties of educating the students and treating all the patients.

I appreciate the active involvement and contributions of all Members of the Newsletter Editorial Committee.

I pray to Lord Manjunatha Swamy to bless us all

EDITORIAL



Ahimsa Paramo Dharma - “अहिंसा परमो धर्मः”

अहिंसा परमो धर्मः तथाहिंसा परो दमः ।
अहिंसा परमं दानम् अहिंसा परमस तपः ।
अहिंसा परमो यज्ञः तथाहिंसा परं बलम् ।
अहिंसा परमं मित्रम् अहिंसा परमं सुखम् ।
अहिंसा परमं सत्यम् अहिंसा परमं श्रुतम् ॥

The above passage from Mahabharata emphasises the cardinal importance of Ahimsa in Hinduism, and literally means:

Ahimsa is the highest Dharma, Ahimsa is the highest self-control,
Ahimsa is the greatest gift, Ahimsa is the best practice,
Ahimsa is the highest sacrifice, Ahimsa is the finest strength,
Ahimsa is the greatest friend, Ahimsa is the greatest happiness,
Ahimsa is the highest truth, and Ahimsa is the greatest teaching.

Ahimsa (Sanskrit: अहिंसा, lit. 'nonviolence') is the ancient Indian principle of nonviolence which applies to actions towards all living beings. It is a key virtue in Indian religions like Jainism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Sikhism.

In Hinduism, Ahimsa is a belief that symbolizes love, compassion, and genuine care for all living beings. It goes beyond avoiding physical harm and includes avoiding causing harm through speech and thought.

- Ancient Vedic Scripts and Bhagavad Gita

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ABOUT COVER PAGE

Violence against doctors is a worldwide phenomenon. World Health Organisation says that 8% to 38% of health workers suffer physical violence at some point in their careers.

Violence against health workers adversely affects their psychological and physical well-being and affects their job motivation. And this lessens the quality of care and lessens delivery of healthcare especially to the lower strata of society. Thus, a population's health and well-being is adversely affected. It also causes immense financial loss in the health sector.

Strategies need to be developed to better manage violent patients and high-risk visitors, and to provide security at the health-care facilities. More research is needed to evaluate the effectiveness of these strategies especially in public health facilities which are low on resources. Laws against such violence may help but are not the complete answer.

Violence against doctors



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THE UNIVERSITY

Founder's Day Celebration (2023)



Founder's Day in SDM University is celebrated with pomp and fervour every year to mark the birthday of The Hon'ble Chancellor, Poojya Shri D. Veerendra Heggade. 25th November 2023 was celebrated with festivities and a special oration by Dr. Ashok S. Shettar, The Vice Chancellor, KLE Technological University, Hubli.

'Prerana Shibira':



During the inauguration program of the regularly held "Prerana Shibira" the 'Personality Development' program for newly joined employees of the University the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Niranjan Kumar, expressed that the management of the SDM University strives hard to train and facilitate the talent of its employees who also put in tremendous hard work to bring accolades to the University.

Walk for Charity:

SDM University organized a "Walk for Charity" on Sunday, 26th November 2023 on the Theme "Mental Health for All" on the occasion of the 75th Birthday celebrations of Poojya Shri D. Veerendra Heggade, the Hon'ble Chancellor and Dharmadhikari of Shree Kshethra Dharmasthala.



The Charity Walk began at 6.30 am from Kalabhavan, Jubilee Circle, Dharwad and concluded at the SDM Medical College Campus. Considering the significant contributions of our Chancellor in the field of education, healthcare, religion, social service and in many more fields to the people of Karnataka, the Faculty, Staff and Students participated in large number and contributed to its successful conduct.

University Convocation (2024):

The second Convocation of SDM University was held on 27th March, 2024. Poojya Shri D. Veerendra Heggade, the Hon'ble Chancellor presided over the Convocation and blessed the graduates. Dr. Prema Dhanraj, Founder and Director of Agni Raksha, Bangalore was the Chief Guest and delivered the Convocation Address. The Vice Chancellor, Dr. Niranjan Kumar, University Officials, Heads of the Institutions, faculty, students and the proud parents of the graduates and other scholars witnessed the award of gold medals and degrees during the grand extravaganza.



Republic Day Celebration (2024):

The 75th Republic Day was celebrated in SDM University at Dental College Campus. Shri Saketh Shetty, Director Administration, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. S K Joshi, Registrar, Dr. Chidendra M. Shettar and Dr. Abhay Matkar, Professor and HOD, Dept. of Psychiatry unfurled the National Flag. Dr. Abhay Matkar delivered the Republic Day message during the celebration which was attended by senior executives of the University, Heads of the institutions, faculty and students in large numbers.



National Science Day (2024):

The National Science Day was celebrated at SDM University on 28th February 2024, with Poster and Model Presentation Competitions organized for the Faculty, Staff and Students of the SDM University and SDM Engineering College. Total of 94 Posters and 18 Models were presented this year. The Chief Guest Dr. S P Thyagarajan, Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras and Dr. Niranjan Kumar, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the poster exhibition and released the compendium of posters. Director Administration Shri Saketh Shetty and Dr. Naidila Shetty distributed the Cash Awards and Certificates to the winners. During the event the Judges and the Institution Coordinators were also felicitated for their contributions.



Registrar receives IIRF Award at Delhi:

Registrar, Dr. Chidendra M. Shettar represented SDM University to receive the prestigious "IIRF Top Rankers Award 2023 - Outstanding Private University in the area of Medical Science & Research" on 18th October, 2023 at New Delhi.



Joint Collaborative Meeting:

SDM University, KLE Technological University, Hubballi and AEQUS, Belagavi/Hubballi had a Joint Collaborative Meeting on 12th January, 2024. SDM University Officials, all HOIs, Dr. Shivayogi Turmari, Director, KLE Centre for Technology Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Dr. Ravi Guttal, Chief Technical Officer, AEQUS Consumer Products Pvt. Ltd., Hubballi and Dr. Praveenkumar C. Naik, Vice President-Medical (Group CMO), AEQUS SEZ Pvt. Ltd. participated in the deliberations.



KSHEC Inspection:

The Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) Inspection Committee visited SDM University under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. Chandrashekar Shetty on 8th April, 2024 for the approval of new courses for the academic year 2024-25. Dr. K G Chandrashekara, Executive Director, Prof. Vedamurthy, Dr. Manjula S R were the other members.



Patanga Sambhrama:

The Cultural Committee of SDM University organized "SDM PATANGA SAMBHRAMA"- The SDM Kite Festival on 3rd February 2024 in Medical College campus for faculty, staff and students which witnessed grand colourful kiting.

Training Program with IAE Hyderabad:

SDM University Senior Executives and Heads of the Institutions attended a 3-day Program of 'Strategies to Strengthen Institutional Capacities for Quality Rankings and Accreditation of HEI's and Universities' for IQAC Coordinators. Workshop was designed as per the National Education Policy and organised by Institute of Academic Excellence in April, 2024.

World Environment Day (2024):



5th June, 2024 was celebrated as the 'World Environment Day' at SDM University in association by the enthusiastic NSS Unit at SDM Medical College Campus with the Theme "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience". The Chief Guest Dr. Chidanand Ramangoudar, General Surgeon, Shri Ramangoudar Hospital, Dharwad planted saplings and delivered a motivating session on the theme.

Visit to IIT and IIIT Dharwad

The University Officials, HOIs visited IIT Dharwad on 9th May, 2024 to explore the possible collaboration between SDM University and IIT Dharwad. The delegation interacted with the Director of IIT, Prof. Venkappaya R Desai, Dean Research and others for future research collaborations. On 20th May, 2024, a delegation led by Registrar, Dr. Chidendra M. Shettar, Director Research, Dr. K Satyamoorthy, Chief PRO, Mr. Babanna Shettigar and others visited IIIT, Dharwad to explore the possible academic collaboration.



Education Expo:

University Officials and faculty members participated at various Education Expos held in Hubli - Dharwad, Bengaluru and Hospet to promote various courses offered by the SDM University.



International Yoga Day (2024):

SDM University celebrated International Yoga Day at the SDM Dental College Campus on 21st June, 2024. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Niranjana Kumar, Vice Chancellor, which was graced by Smt. Padmalatha Niranjana, the Executive Director, Dr. Chidendra Shettar, the Registrar, Dr. Balaram Naik, the Principal (Dental College), Dr. Mallikarjuna Gouda, Head of SDM Naturopathy and Yogic Science Department



and Heads of all constituent institutions. More than 200 students and staff witnessed yogasanas and pyramids by the Yoga and Naturopathy experts.

Doctors' Day Celebration (2024):



On the ceremonious eve of Doctor's Day 1st July, 2024, three Senior Doctors of SDM Medical College and Hospital, Dr. Vidisha Athanikar, Professor and Head of Pathology, Dr. P B Vijayalakshmi, Professor and Head of Emergency Medicine and Dr. B. Srinivas Pai, Professor and Head of General Surgery were felicitated for their immense contributions in the field of medical education and patient care.

Felicitations to Dr. Basu Bevinagidada, Program Head, All India Radio, Dharwad:



The Vice Chancellor of SDM University, Dr. Niranjana Kumar, together with Smt. Padmalatha Niranjana, honored Dr. Basu Bevinagidada, the Assistant Director and Program Head at All India Radio, Dharwad upon his retirement.

This recognition was given in appreciation of his dedicated efforts and significant contributions to the SDM Arogya Samvada Program, which has been successfully broadcast for the past 18 years without a single episode being missed.

Events during the Chancellor's Visit (2023 and 2024):

The Hon'ble Chancellor, Poojya Shri D. Veerendra Heggade, during his 75th birthday celebration officially opened the newly established SDM Polyclinic located at VJ House, Jubilee Circle, Dharwad. Additionally, he toured the SDM Dental College, engaging in discussions with the Principal and various Heads of Departments. Furthermore, he presided over the 15th University Finance Committee Meeting and inaugurated the new facilities of the Chemical Manufacturing Unit at Boruka Building on 29th November 2023.



The Hon'ble Chancellor Presided over the SDM University Convocation and presented Gold Medal to the meritorious students. He also chaired the University BoG and HOIs meetings during his visit from 26th to 28th March 2024.

Hon'ble Chancellor launched SDM OPD Appointment Booking App and inaugurated The Thulium Laser 60-watt machine and Flexible Ureteroscope in the Urology Operation Theatre in SDM Hospital on 07th June, 2024.



During his visit from 13th to 15th August 2024, the Chancellor visited SDM University visited various departments of SDM Hospital and construction project sites.

Independence Day Celebration (2024):

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated with pomp and fervour at the SDM Medical College Campus on 15th August, 2024 this year. Hon'ble Chancellor Poojya Shri D. Veerendra Heggade, Dr. Niranjana Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Smt. Padmalatha Niranjana, Executive Director, hoisted the National Flag. Poojya Shri D. Veerendra Heggade, delivered the Independence Day message. Two meritorious students and UG Toppers from each institution were felicitated during the program.



Teachers' Day Celebrations (2024):

Three Senior Teachers, Dr. Raghavendra Kotabagi, Director and Professor of Forensic Medicine, Dr. Anil B. Halgeri, Emeritus Professor of Paediatric Surgery, SDM Medical College and Dr. Lekha K. Pillai, Vice Principal (Academics) and Professor of Prosthodontics, SDM Dental College were felicitated for their profound contribution to clinical education and medicine on 5th September 2024 by the Vice Chancellor, Executive Director and other dignitaries on the occasion of Teachers' Day.





Farewell to Dr. S K Joshi, the former Pro Vice Chancellor:



SDM University bid an adieu to Dr. S K Joshi, Emeritus Professor of Radiology, Former Principal, SDM Medical College and Pro Vice Chancellor (Academics), SDM University, Dharwad on completion of his academic and administrative tenure. The Vice Chancellor acknowledged and appreciated his meritorious service rendered towards the growth of the SDM Medical College for 21 years. Smt. Padmalatha Niranjana, Executive Director, Shri Saketh Shetty and other dignitaries felicitated Dr. S K Joshi to mark his outstanding service and contribution in transforming the medical college.

Farewell to Prof. David A. Kola:



SDM University bid farewell to Prof. David A. Kola, Principal, SDM Institute of Nursing Sciences, Dharwad on 16th April 2024. Dr. Niranjana Kumar acknowledged the contributions of Prof. David A. Kola who served more than 13 years as Principal and Nursing administrator. His contributions were recalled to be the stepping stones for the exponential growth of the SDM Institute of Nursing Sciences.

University Cultural Program:



Violin Concert: SDM University hosted a Violin Concert in association with SPICMACY on 5th March 2024 by renowned Violin Artist, Vidwan Mysore Manjunath along with his team at Ishaavaasyam Auditorium, SDM Medical College Campus.

National Sports Day (2024):

University celebrated National Sports Day on 29th August 2024 and various sports activities like Table Tennis, Carrom Doubles, Tug of war, Volleyball, Lagori and Mini Football were organized for the faculty and staff of the University from 26th to 31st August 2024.

Radio Talk and Chintana of SDM University:



SDM Doctor Aarogya Samvada has been a historically running successful radio program for the past 18 years every Tuesday on AIR. The Chintana program hosted every Friday also is a successfully run regular event attended by more than 200 staff and students.



Leadership Training Program:

A two-day Leadership Training Program was organised for the selected students of SDM University in association with M. R. Pai Foundation and Forum of Free Enterprises, Mumbai on 23rd and 24th September 2024 and was delivered by Mr. Sachin Kamath and Mrs Clarissa Jathanna of Mumbai.



New Appointments as Deputy Controllers of Examination of SDM University.



Dr. Sunil Kumar K S
Professor, Dept. of Gynaecology



Dr. Umesh Dixit
Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine

Dr. Anil Tumkur has been appointed as the Vice Principal of SDM College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dharwad.



Pattabhisheka Celebration

The 57th Pattabhisheka Celebration of Poojya Shri D. Veerendra Heggade, Dharmadhikari and Hon'ble Chancellor on 24th October 2024 held at Dharmasthala attended by SDM University Executives and Heads of the Institutions of SDM University, Dharwad.



SDME Society's Annual Hols Meeting:

Hon'ble Chancellor, Poojya Shri D. Veerendra Heggade addressed all the Heads of the Institutions of SDME Society, SDM University and Executives for the development of the larger SDM Group of institutions during a two-day Annual Hols Meeting - Convergence 2K24 - A Unified Leadership Summit of the SDM Educational Society on 15th and 16th October, 2024 at Kshemavana, Mahadevapura, Bangalore.





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Recent Rankings of University and Constituent Institutions - 2024

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Education Post - IIRF University Ranking Survey (April-May 2024)

Category	All India Rank	State Rank	Zone Rank
Top 100 State Private University (Overall)	5	1	1 (South)
Top Private University (Medicine & Health Sciences)	1	1	1 (South)
Top 10 Private University (Research)	5	1	-
Top 25 Private University (Based on Faculty)	8	-	-
Top 30 Private University (Employability & Alumni Network)	8	3	-

Career 360 University Ranking (July 2024)

Category	All India Rank
India's Best Young Private Universities	23
Best in STEM	43

Outlook I-Care University Ranking August 11, 2024

Category	All India Rank
Top 50 State Private University	13
Top 20 Private Medical Universities	6

The Week Magazine 26 May, 2024 Issue

Category	All India Rank
Medical Universities	16

The Week Magazine 30 June, 2024 Issue

Institute Name	Category	All India Rank
SDM College of Medical Sciences and Hospital:	Best Medical Colleges	37
	Private Medical Colleges	18
	Private Medical Colleges (South Zone)	11
SDM College of Dental Sciences and Hospital:	Dental Colleges	10
	Private Dental Colleges	04

India Today July 1, 2024

Institute Name	Category	All India Rank
SDM College of Medical Sciences and Hospital:	Top Medical Colleges in India - 2024	35
SDM College of Dental Sciences and Hospital:	Top Dental Colleges in India - 2024	14

Outlook I-Care July 11, 2024

Institute Name	Category	All India Rank
SDM College of Medical Sciences and Hospital:	Top 28 Private Institutes(Medical)	7
SDM College of Dental Sciences and Hospital:	Top 20 Private Institutes (Dental)	2

MEDICAL COLLEGE

Department of Anatomy

• The Department of Anatomy celebrated World Anatomy Day on October 12, 2023. The event featured a series of model-making competitions for students from various constituent colleges of SDM University, along with guest lectures and an exhibition of human body organs.



• A hands-on cadaveric workshop on the Surgical Anatomy of the Hand was organized on August 3, 2024. The workshop focused on topics of interest, including injuries to the flexor tendons of the hand, infections of the spaces within the hand, and the rehabilitation of flexor tendon injuries.

• To provide an innovative approach to understanding the human body, the department conducted virtual dissection table demonstrations for students from various faculties.



Department of Physiology

• The Department of Physiology organized Continuing Medical Education sessions on the topics of "Gut-Brain Axis" and "Memory and Dementia" in 2024. These events attracted around 150 to 180 delegates from across Karnataka, featuring various speakers, both in-house and from other colleges, as resource faculty. Students from various phases also participated in the CMEs and benefited from the discussions.



• The department organized student-related activities, including a model-making competition and an inter-college undergraduate quiz titled "Wisdom Quest". All students actively participated in these events, gaining essential knowledge and skills. Prizes in the form of books were distributed to the winners.

Department of Biochemistry

• Dr. Vidya S. Patil served as a guest speaker on the topic "Aquaporins in Health and Disease" at AMBICON 2023 in Mumbai. She also acted as resource faculty at the National CME on "Frontiers in Nutrition" at the Department of Biochemistry, JNMC, Belagavi. Additionally, Dr. Patil participated as a panelist in the discussion "From Lab to Literature: Unveiling the Essence of Publishing Medical Research" at AMBKCCON 2024, held at AIMS, B.G. Nagara.



• Dr. Vidya S. Patil has been nominated as a member of the Board of Studies (BoS) for Medical UG/PG at Krishna Vishwa Vidyapeeth University, Karad, for a term of two years and for Allied Health Sciences (UG & PG) at KAHER for a period of two years, effective July 2024.



• Dr. Shilpasree A. S. completed the NMC Advanced Course in Medical Education (ACME) at the NMC Nodal Centre for Faculty Development, JNMC, Belagavi.

MEDICAL COLLEGE

Department of Pathology

• The Department of Pathology successfully organized IACKCON 2023 in collaboration with KMCRI, Hubli, and ACPM, Hubli, where Dr. Hephzibah Rani, Dr. Parinitha S S, and Dr. Anita Javalgi conducted a slide seminar.

• Dr. Anita Javalgi was invited as a resource person at the CME held at ESIC, Bengaluru, in April, as well as at the National CME at KIMS, Karwar, in September 2024.

• Dr. Hephzibah Rani actively contributed as a resource person at the CME titled "Updates in Pathology 2024," organized by SIMS&RC, Tumkur in May 2024



• The KCIAPM Interactive Slide Seminar was conducted by faculty members, including Dr. Parinitha SS, Dr. Priyanka P, Dr. Aditya A, Dr. Malashree, Dr. Deepti D, Dr. Netra K, and Dr. Basavaraj Y in May 2024.

• On June 14, 2024, the department celebrated "World Blood Donor Day" by organizing a successful Blood Donation Camp, led by the Blood Centre team.



Department of Pharmacology

• The Department of Pharmacology organized an Interdisciplinary Course in Clinical Pharmacology for faculty, Ph.D. scholars, and postgraduate students of SDM College of Ayurveda, Udipi, from November 2023 to March 2024.

• Dr. Radhika Sherkhane, Professor and Head of Pharmacology, represented SDM University alongside Research Director Prof. Satyamoorthy and Dr. Ajaykumar Oli at the "Meeting of Experts to Develop a Multi-Institutional Project on Arecanut and Human Health," held on November 14, 2023, at ICAR-CPCRI, Kasaragod.

• Dr. Radhika Sherkhane was invited as a panelist and resource person at the Annual Conference on "Clinical Trials Designing and Implementation" on March 22 and 23, 2024, at KLECOPS, Hubballi.



• The department launched an innovative student initiative called the "Clinical Case Treasure Hunt," which was organized for MBBS students from May 13 to 15, 2024.



Department of Microbiology

• The Department of Microbiology organized International Micro-organisms Day on September 17, 2024. In the days leading up to this event, various competitions were held, including poster presentations, rangoli, and poetry, showcasing the importance of microorganisms in our health and daily lives. The event attracted a large gathering of SDM staff.



• The department conducted a three-day National Workshop on Laboratory Diagnosis of Brucellosis under the aegis of IAMM from September 26 to 28. This workshop focused on sharing laboratory skills for identifying Brucella from clinical samples. Reputed guest speakers were invited to share their experiences with Brucellosis, and the workshop was attended by participants from various states. This rare workshop received appreciation from all participants.



MEDICAL COLLEGE

Department of Forensic Medicine

- The Department of Forensic Medicine had the visit of an international delegate in the month of November 2023 Dr Shatani Mugoma, Director Forensic Pathology, Department of Police Division, Botswana (South Africa) as part of his training of Forensic Medicine in India.



Department of Community Medicine

- World Geriatric Day was observed on October 6, 2023, at RHTC Yadwad, with an attendance of 150 elderly individuals. The event was honored by Principal Dr. Rathnamala M. Desai, who awarded prizes for well-maintained blood glucose and blood pressure levels. On June 3, 2024,
- "No Tobacco Day" was marked at Yadwad High School, where interns performed a skit highlighting the harmful effects of tobacco.



- In celebration of World Environment Day in June 2024, undergraduate students distributed saplings to 150 households in an adopted village as part of the FAP initiative.



- Health camps were also conducted in the FAP villages of Nigadi and Yerikoppa, involving second-year undergraduate students. Additionally, a school health check-up took place at JSS School, Dharwad, in September 2024.

Department of ENT

- Dr. Raghunath D. Shanbag was honored as the "Chief Faculty" during the prestigious ENDO-CAD 2024 event held on August 24, 2024. He was also felicitated during the centenary celebrations of Mysore Medical College for his outstanding contributions and expertise in the field.



- Dr. Pranav Havle presented an e-poster titled "Primary Nasopharyngeal Synovial Sarcoma - A Rare Presentation," for which he received the "Dr. M V Venkateshmurthy Gold Medal for Best E-Poster."
- In November 2023, cochlear implant surgery was successfully introduced at our institution under the expert guidance of Dr. Ramesh Kaulgud and Dr. Santosh S. Garag. Since then, this initiative has provided a new lease on life to 15 deaf-mute children.



MEDICAL COLLEGE

Department of Ophthalmology

- Dr. Mridula Prabhu, Professor, won the 27th Dr. Somanna Memorial State Level Annual IMA-KSB Shuttle Badminton Tournament held at the M.G. Shuttle Badminton Indoor Stadium, Raichur, on August 10th and 11th, 2024.



- In November 2023, the department conducted a Diabetic Retinopathy Awareness program, which benefited many patients who received timely treatment.
- In March 2024, department organized World Glaucoma Week to create public awareness about glaucoma.

Department of General Medicine:

- The Department of General Medicine organized a Continuing Medical Education program on World Thyroid Day on May 25, 2024.
- A CME was held at SDM on “Lupus Crosstalk” conducted by the Departments of Rheumatology, Dermatology, and General Medicine on July 20, 2024.
- The department also conducted awareness programs in the outpatient department (OPD) for various health observances, including World Diabetes Day, Antibiotic Awareness Day, World Obesity Day, World Hypertension Day, World Thyroid Day, and World AIDS Day.
- Dr. Rajendrakumar P. completed a Certificate Course in 2D-TTE from Parul University, Vadodara



MEDICAL COLLEGE

Department of General Surgery

• The Department hosted the 42nd Annual Conference of the Karnataka State Chapter of the Association of Surgeons of India (KSCASICON 2024). This grand event took place from February 9 to 11, 2024, under the able leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Niranjana Kumar, along with organizing committee members Dr. B. Srinivas Pai (Organizing Secretary), Dr. Prashant Tubachi, Dr. Suresh Badiger, Dr. Sameer Ahmed, and Dr. Harsha K.



• In recognition of his achievements, Dr. B. Srinivas Pai, Head of the Department, was felicitated on Doctor's Day by SDM University on July 1st.

• The department also celebrated the success of its members at various conferences, with the following individuals winning the Best Poster awards at state-level conferences and CMEs:

Dr. Prathyusha at Clinifest Manipal 2023

Dr. Prathyusha at the Prof. B. Hanumaiah Memorial National CSEP 2023

Dr. Shashi Shekar at KSCASICON 2024

Dr. Harshitha at Clinifest Manipal 2024



Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

• Dr. Rathnamala Desai of Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology has been elected as a board trustee of the International Planned Parenthood Federation. She has been a pioneer in the introduction of Implanon at both national and international levels.

• Dr. Ramesh, Dr. Sahana, and Dr. Kiran have been elected as chairpersons of HDOS.



• The department has conducted various workshops and CMEs, as well as several awareness programs and camps. It has successfully trained four batches of fellows in Laparoscopy and Infertility, providing expertise in these fields along with university certificates.

Department of Paediatrics

• The Department of Paediatrics celebrated the 2nd anniversary of the "AMRUTHA" Human Milk Bank, with the event graced by Hon'ble DC Mrs. Divya Prabhu, DHO Dr. Shashi Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Niranjana Kumar and Smt. Padmalatha Niranjana.

• The ABC of Antibiotics module was conducted and inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and National Vice President of IAP, Dr. M. Singaravelu. Paediatric Endocrinology CME was also conducted, inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor and Dr. R B Joshi, Past President of IAP State (KSB).



• The department conducted the "SHINE" Short Course in Neonatology for postgraduate students, aimed at enhancing their knowledge about neonatal care.

• Dr. Vijay Kulkarni presented both paper and a poster at the SAPA conference held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

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Department of Orthopaedics

- The department conducted a CME on "Live Knee Replacement Surgery Workshop Using Robotic Unit" on December 21, 2023, followed by a "Robotic Knee Replacement Saw Bone Workshop" on December 22, 2023.
- The department organized a CME on "Robotic Spine Surgery Essentials" on June 8, 2024.
- On the occasion of World Physiotherapy Day, the Department of Orthopaedics, in association with SDM College of Physiotherapy, conducted a symposium on "Low Back Pain - A Comprehensive Care" on September 6, 2024.



- Dr. Arvind D. Patil, Assistant Professor, successfully completed an Arthroplasty Observational Fellowship at Lancaster General Hospital, USA, on May 13, 2024.
- Dr. A A Nachappa, an MS Orthopaedics postgraduate, presented a paper titled "Functional Outcome of Lateral Epicondylitis Treated by Local Injection of Autologous Platelet Rich Plasma" and Dr. Yashwanth Chowdary Kakollu, also an MS Orthopaedics postgraduate, presented a paper on "Functional and Radiological Outcome of Distal Tibia Fracture with MIPPO" at the Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association Congress in Dubai, held from February 28 to March 2, 2024.



- The department also conducted a bone density check-up, along with back, knee, and nerve pain assessments, at the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Hubballi Branch, on Chartered Accountants' Day, July 1, 2024.

- A health check-up camp was organized for HESCOM employees and their family members at the HESCOM office in Vidyagiri, Dharwad, on October 27, 2023.

Department of Anaesthesiology

- The Department of Anaesthesiology received the "Best City Branch" award for the ISA HD-City branch at the ISACON State Conference 2024, held in Bengaluru on August 10, 2024.
- In July 2024, the Pain Clinic in the Special OPD block was relaunched, offering treatment for chronic pain conditions under the care of Dr. Suraj.



- Dr. Ravi Bhat led the organization of a CME workshop on Thoracic Anaesthesia, sponsored by ISA at the national level, in collaboration with KIMS, Hubli, on 16th June, 2024.
- The department also conducted Basic Life Support (BLS) training sessions for security personnel at SDMCMS&H, as well as employees of Tata Motors in the Belur Industrial area. Furthermore, ten faculty members successfully completed an online fellowship in Chronic Pain Management at Daradia Pain Clinic, Kolkata.



Department of Psychiatry

- The Department of Psychiatry conducted multiple awareness programs on mental health issues as part of the World Mental Health Week and World Mental Health Day on 10th October, 2023. The programs were centered around the theme "Mental Health is a Universal Human Right."
- On 25th February, 2024, the department organized the 18th Annual Psychiatry CME, with a focus on Addiction Medicine.

MEDICAL COLLEGE



• Dr. Abhay Matkar, Professor and Head of the Department, delivered a symposium talk at the Annual National Conference of IPS (ANCIPS) 2024, held in Kochi.

• Dr. Vinuta C, Assistant Professor, was invited as a resource person for the Postgraduate CME organized by the Deccan Psychiatric Association (DPA) in Kolhapur on September 22, 2024, where she delivered a talk on "Assessment and Management of Medically Unexplained Symptoms."

Department of Respiratory Medicine

• The Department of Respiratory Medicine has actively engaged in various community educational initiatives, including publishing newspaper articles on the occasion of World Asthma Day. A free spirometry camp was also organized on World Lung Day, September 25, 2024.

• Dr. Sanjay S, Professor and Head of the Department, was awarded FCCP (Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians) and chaired a session on Pulmonary Hypertension at a CME held at KLE Hospital, Belagavi.



Medical Education Unit, SDMCM&H

The Medical Education Unit (MEU) of SDMCM&H, Dharwad, organized two NMC-approved Basic Course Workshops (BCME) at the institution from January 29th to 31st, 2024, and July 16th to 18th, 2024. These three-day workshops were attended by 60 doctors from various specialties and cadres of SDM Hospital. The workshops were inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Dr. Niranjan Kumar, Director of Administration Shri Saketh Shetty, Registrar Dr. C.M. Shettar, and Principal Dr. Rathnamala Desai.

MEU Coordinator Dr. Radhika Sherkhane served as the organizing secretary, with resource faculty comprising

members of the MEU and curriculum committee of SDMCM&H. The NMC - appointed coordinators, Dr. Nayana Hashilkar and Dr. Jyoti Nagamoti, were presiding observers for both workshops.



Department of Plastic Surgery

• The Department of Plastic Surgery celebrated World Plastic Surgery Day on July 15, 2024, at the Ishaavaasyam auditorium. A team of plastic surgeons from Hubli and Dharwad, led by Prof. Dr. Niranjan Kumar, addressed the media, highlighting the importance of plastic surgery and the work performed by plastic surgeons.



• Dr. Avinash Prabhu delivered a guest lecture on "Flexor Tendon Injuries of the Hand" at a CME and workshop organized by the Department of Anatomy, SDMCM&H, on August 3, 2024.



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• Dr. Anil R and Dr. Ranjita Hegde presented guest lectures on "Surgeons Beyond Boundaries" and "Diabetic Foot Management," respectively, at a CME conducted by the Department of Plastic Surgery at KIMS, Hubli, on June 29, 2024.



Department of Pediatric Surgery

• In celebration of National Pediatric Surgery Awareness Week, endorsed by the Indian Association of Pediatric Surgeons, the Department of Pediatric Surgery observed Pediatric Surgery Awareness Day on December 28, 2023. The theme for this year was "Childhood Constipation Matters!"



• To raise awareness among the general public, a free OPD camp was held at the special clinic on December 29, 2023.

• A CME was organized for both the medical and non-medical fraternity of SDM Hospital, focusing on the causes, impact, and remedies for constipation in children.

• The department successfully managed a thoracoscopic repair of a tracheo-esophageal fistula in a 2-day-old baby, marking a significant achievement.

Department of Endocrinology

• On the occasion of World Thyroid Day, the Department of Endocrinology, in association with the Department of General Medicine, organized a CME on May 25, 2024, at the DRH Auditorium.



Department of Neurosurgery

• Dr. Pranoy Hegde was invited as a faculty for a podium talk on "CNS Tumours" at KNAICON 2024, the Annual State Conference of Karnataka Neurosciences Academy in Tumkur, focusing on the Neuro-oncology session.

• Dr. Ashirwad Karigoudar served as a faculty for a guest lecture on spine infections at the ASSI Spine Outreach Programme in Hubli.



• Dr. Pradeep Jain was a finalist at the 1st All India Doctor's Badminton Championship held in Coimbatore.

• Notably, for the first time at SDM Medical College, neuromonitoring equipment was utilized, with Dr. Pranoy Hegde successfully operating on two cases (Tethered Cord Syndrome and a large Lumbosacral Myxopapillary Ependymoma) under MEP-SSEP neuromonitoring, achieving excellent results.

• Digital Subtraction Angiography (DSA) was performed for the first time at SDM Medical College by Dr. Nishchith.

Department of Rheumatology

• The department organised 'Lupus - crosstalk' - a multidisciplinary CME in association with KIMS, Hubli.

• Dr. Pramod Chebbi delivered a guest lecture on 'Approach to Rheumatoid arthritis' on world physiotherapy day 2023. He was also invited as guest faculty to IMA Dharwad and IMA Dandeli.

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- Patient awareness program on 'Overview on inflammatory arthritis' was conducted at Ferrous industries, Koppa in February 2024.
- Dr Rahul Bisaralli delivered guest lectures at CME on geriatric medicine; and at API- Gadag. At the National conference IRACON-2023 held at Hyderabad three posters were presented and Dr Rahul Bisaralli won the best poster in Rheumatoid arthritis category.



Department of Speech and Hearing

- The Department of Speech and Hearing was inaugurated by Poojya Shri D. Veerendra Heggade on August 31, 2023. It offers a Rehabilitation Council of India-accredited undergraduate course (B. ASLP) affiliated with SDM University and provides clinical services for various hearing, speech, language, and swallowing disorders.



- Dr. Wasim Ahmed, Professor and Head of the department, completed IMPACT 5.0 and SPARSH 4.0 CI certifications. He was a speaker at six national and two international conferences and received two international best paper awards. Additionally, he was awarded a Ph.D. by MAHE. A WHO-recognized free hearing screening drive was conducted for World Hearing Day 2024 at SDM Hospital, along with two camps in rural Dharwad.



- As part of the Shrivana Sanjeevani Scheme by the Karnataka Government, 15 cochlear implant (CI) surgeries with Auditory Verbal Therapies were provided free of charge.

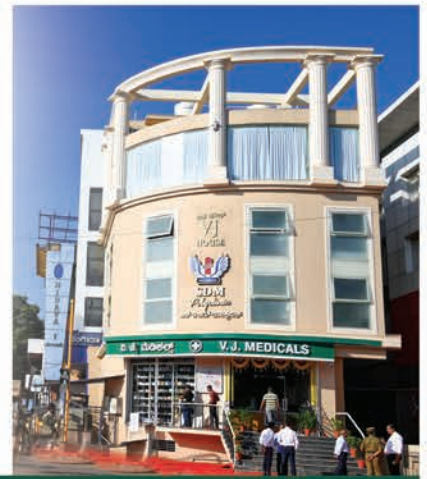
Department of Hospital Administration

- Department of Hospital Administration was actively involved in developing new website of the University, which was designed by in-house IT team. Over the past year, department held about 10 health camps in Dharwad, serving over 10,000 patients.
- Department was also involved in launch of an online appointment app to facilitate easier consultations.



- The Dharwad Polyclinic was inaugurated which has implemented a Remote Patient Monitoring system. SDMCMS&H achieved NABH Entry Level certification and received the Healthcare Excellence Award from Vijaya Karnataka.
- Our Renal Transplant License was renewed for five years, and the MBA in Hospital Administration program was approved with 10 seats.
- To improve patient convenience, 2D echo X-ray and USG services are now available on the third floor. Regular executive meetings are held to address departmental issues and plan for the future.

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DENTAL COLLEGE

The steady inflow of good number of patients continues at SDM College of Dental Sciences and Hospital and helped us to reach another landmark as the college witnessed the 12th Lakh patient, on 2nd September 2024.

The 33rd Graduation Day of SDM College of Dental Sciences and Hospital was held on 27th March 2024. The Presidential Gold medal for excellence in academics was conferred on Dr. Riya Ralli and Dr. Aasadur Rahaman Middy amongst UG and PG respectively. Dr. Vivek G V and Dr. Riya Ralli received accolades and recognition as the Best outgoing boy and girl of the year respectively.



As Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry completed 30 years of starting of post-graduation, the department organized SDM Pedo Alumni Meet on 13th April 2024. A CDE program was conducted by our alumnus Dr. Abdul Rahiman Rameez. More than 50 Alumni registered for the program from various parts of the country and abroad. The Department in association with Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry organized unique program with aim of Educating Teachers about the Comprehensive Oral Health Care required for a child. This program comprised of Oro-Dental Checkup, a lecture on Oral Health Awareness, pre and post-dental awareness survey and quiz.



The Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology conducted a Hands on workshop on 'Lase like a Pro - Elevate your Laser Dentistry to Next Level' by Dr. Chandrashekar Yavagal on 24th July 2024. Dr. Atul Sattur has authored a chapter in the book T-Scan Technology Applications in Dental Medicine.

The Department of Prosthodontics conducted a CAD CAM training program focused on implant designing on 12th and 13th February 2024. Dr. Datta Bhajibakre and Mrs. Rajalakshmi Bhajibakre from Aurangabad were the resource persons. Dr. Pallavi Madanshetty, Dr. Satyabodh Guttal and Dr. Harikesh Rao were granted a design patent (No. 411405-00) from the Patent Office, Government of India, on 23rd March 2024, for their innovation titled "Battery Operated Wax-up Tool."



The Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics successfully organized the 3rd ACE-Karnataka Conference 2024 from 8th to 10th August 2024 under the aegis of Association of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics Karnataka (ACE-K). The Scientific Extravaganza saw a footfall of over 150 delegates and consisted of three Pre Conference hands on workshops, with prominent speakers of national and international acclaim speaking in their areas of expertise, and over 100 scientific papers/posters presented by the delegates.



The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery organised Maxillofacial Day to raise public awareness about road traffic accidents and the dangers of tobacco chewing on 13th February 2024. A guest lecture was conducted by Dr. Abhijit Patil on "What after BDS/MDS? Fly to Canada with PR," to provide guidance to the students on career opportunities.

Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics organised the Orthodontic Premier League (OPL) - Season-7 with Indian Orthodontic Society and Hubli-Dharwad Orthodontic Study Group on 8th and 9th March 2024 which witnessed a participation of 19 teams.

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Dr. Ashith Acharya, Head of Forensic Dentistry Department served on the organising committee of two international forensic odontology training programmes (December 2023 and April 2024). He was an invited guest speaker at 11 programmes around India, including Telangana Police Academy, Hyderabad (July 2024), 74th Indian Dental Conference, Kolkata (February 2024), and 5th Conference of Andhra Pradesh Academy of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology (March 2024) and has provided opinion in forensic odontology cases referred from Gujarat, U.P., Odisha, Kerala and Karnataka.



Department of Periodontology organised a student exchange programme involving PGs of M.S. Ramaiah Dental College with 3 days of lectures, surgical demonstrations and case discussions from 27th to 29th February 2024.

The undergraduate students of the 38th Batch of the college were inducted to SDM College of Dental Sciences and Hospital on 16th October, 2023. The function was presided over by Dr. Vasundhara Shivanna, Director, College of Dental Sciences, Davangere.

As part of our outreach with new mobile dental van Department of Public Health Dentistry travelled 8000 kms, reaching out to 17 taluks, 80 towns providing oral screening to 8200 patients and treatments to 1600. Hon. Union minister Shri. Prahlad Joshi visited us and appreciated our rural service. Famous comedian Shree Gangavati Pranesh provided educational appeal video which was used in tobacco cessation and cancer screening in 20 villages of Kalaghatagi reaching 2000 tobacco chewers. The Department conducted Oral Health Training Program for 150 ASHA workers on 19th June 2024, which was presided by the District Health Officer Dr. Shashi Patil.



The Path-O-Fest and Triple "O" Symposium on Head and Neck Pathology 2024 was organized by the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Microbiology from 19th to 24th February 2024. Participants were benefited from keynote lectures and interactive case discussions by leading experts and professionals in the fields of Oral Pathology, Oral Medicine, and Oral Surgery.

The Cultural Week Tarang '24 organised by the house surgeons, batch of 2019 was a vibrant and successful event held from 14th to 18th May 2024. The event aimed to foster camaraderie, showcase diverse talents and provide a platform for creative expression for both the students and staff.



PHYSIOTHERAPY COLLEGE

We take pride in informing all the readers that SDM College of Physiotherapy has yet again secured 4th All India Rank and 1st Zonal South rank in the prestigious IIRF 2023-24 ranking.

This year too as every year, has been full of successful events and academic pursuits. The college hosted the 2 days physiotherapy conference, 1st Karnataka Physiocon, on 16th - 17th of February 2024. The conference covered a wide range of academic discourses and discussions in the field of Physiotherapy in Paediatric, Musculoskeletal and Sports, Neurophysiotherapy & Cardiorespiratory conditions by experts in the respective fields. The conference was attended by 2200 delegates from all over the country. The major participants being from around 56 Physiotherapy colleges who actively presented posters, papers and models with an extremely overwhelming response. The cultural event was judged by Sandeep Reddy Vanga.



The conference was a gateway to creating opportunities and friendships through networking. The event not only enriched the college community but also left a lasting impression of camaraderie and artistic expression, reaffirming as a cornerstone of our campus culture.



Dr. Parmar Sanjay Tejraj and team received Patent for an invention entitled "Systems and Methods for Enabling Rehabilitation of Physical Dexterity" and it is a greater pleasure to inform our readers that he has been nominated for "Physio Vibhushan Award".

Various academic activities were conducted in the college in the form of workshops which included "Aquatic Therapy" by Dr. Sanjay Parmar, Professor and Principal along with Dr. Suraj Shukla, alumni of SDMCPT; "Stroke Assessment and Treatment" by Dr. Abraham M Joshua, Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore; "International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF)" by Dr. Alakananda Banerjee, Dr. Snehal Dharmayat and Dr. Gayathri Poojary; "Implications of Cardiopulmonary monitoring for patients with complex comorbidities" by Dr. Aastha Purohit; "Using Neuro-Developmental Treatment to Improve Function in Pediatrics" by Dr. Jane Styer-acevedo, Coordinator Instructor for the Neuro-Developmental Treatment Association.

"Taping and Introduction to Dry Needling" by Dr. Piyush Jain, Director, Galena Global Academy, Head Scientific Research Team and Instructor for Physiotherapy Techniques and "Strength and Conditioning" by Dr. Tapan and Dr. Safa.

Alumni engagement programme continued with equal enthusiasm from students as well as internationally placed alumni through 4 physical and 4 online webinars for student guidance and knowledge acquisition.

This year, faculty from the college conducted 7 skill enhancement workshops for interns in the fields of musculoskeletal, paediatric, neurology, cardiorespiratory, sports, women's health and community based physiotherapy. With an intention to equip our students with essential life-saving skills and knowledge to respond effectively in emergencies, a comprehensive BLS training program, designed specifically for interns and post graduate students was conducted by the college with the support of the Department of Emergency Medicine, SDMCMS&H.



Dr. Shweta Bhatbolan, Dr. Parmar Sanjay Tejraj, Dr. Sunil K M and Dr. Ravi Savadatti participated in a couple of workshops as resource persons on various topics.

Dr. Ravi Savadatti, Dr. Sudhir Bhatbolan and Dr. Sweta Kulkarni presented papers/e-posters at conferences on both physical and virtual platforms, while many other faculties attended conferences and workshops.

Postgraduate student Mr. Swapnil Kulkarni won "Best Poster Presentation Award" for the poster titled "Effect of Muscle Energy Technique on Kicking Speed in Football Players" at International Conference on Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine (ICPTSM) on a virtual platform.

Dr. Jyoti Jeevanavar completed certificate courses on NDT, Sensory Integration training, Decision Making in Orthotics; and Speech and Language Development Techniques Level 1 and 2 during the year.

The faculty including Dr. Jyoti Jeevanavar, Dr. Parmar Sanjay Tejraj, Dr. Sangeeta Appannavar and Dr. Sudhir Bhatbolan, published totally 10 papers in various journals. Dr. Jyoti Jeevanavar was deputed as a representative to the university delegation for visit to KLE Tech. start up centre for future collaboration and extension of consultancy services.

This year the department reached out to the community through 14 camps conducted in surrounding villages under the supervision of Dr. Salima Bijapuri and Dr. Shweta Bhatbolan. A special camp was conducted by the Paediatric physiotherapy department on the occasion of the 75th birthday of Poojya Shri D.Veerendra Heggadeji, where Dr. Parmar Sanjay Tejraj and Dr. Jyoti Jeevannavar along with 10 postgraduate students screened the children with disabilities for various other associated problems.

Dr. Parmar Sanjay Tejraj, Dr. Sweta Kulkarni, Dr. Shweta Bhatbolan and Dr. Tulasi H Kulkarni rendered talks on SDM Radio Doctor "Aarogya Samvada" on various occasions.

Undergraduate and postgraduate students from the college along with staff participated in the National Science Day competition held on 28th February 2024 by Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University, under the categories of poster and model presentation. Their innovative projects and presentations showcased exceptional creativity and scientific understanding, earning them top prizes in various categories.

This remarkable accomplishment not only highlights their hard work and dedication but also reflects the strong emphasis our institution places on fostering scientific inquiry and exploration. The students Ms. Anushka Botelho, Ms. Bhagyalakshmi, Ms. Ritvi Jain, Ms. Jessica Louis and Mr. Hardik Rane secured 3rd place in the model presentation on the topic "Visual Rehabilitation" while a team secured the 2nd runner up position in poster presentation.



22 students of BPT 2018-19 batch have secured total 55 subject-wise ranks and 1 student had secured 10th Rank in BPT I Year declared by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bangalore on 26th Convocation for the year 2024. The year has been extremely successful academically with a 100% undergraduate and postgraduate results. We are pleased to share that we have a total of 4 Ph.D. Scholars, 3 being part time and 1 full time.

We are thrilled to announce that Ms. Aisha has participated and secured 2nd prize; and Ms. Rashmi Bhat, Ms. Mahek Savanur, Ms. Aishwarya Nidagundi, Ms. Anna PrabhuTumkur, Ms. Ashwini V Bhandage and Ms. Saanchi S Kathare team of BPT III Year students has secured 3rd prize in Anatomy Model making competition held on World Anatomy Day, by the Dept. of Anatomy, SDMCMS&H.

Ms. Prathiksha M L and Ms. Shreya Shetty participated in Neon Flix State level Badminton tournament for physiotherapists in R V College of Physiotherapy, Bangalore on 29th and 30th of September 2023 and won 2nd Place in student category in the tournament.

Ms. Tanisha Bhat had participated in Women's Cricket Tournament in Hubli conducted by Hubli Women's Cricket Academy, Hubli. She has been selected for Senior Women T-20 Cricket Team for 2023-24 of BCCI. Sports PGs and students were deputed as physiotherapist to Women's League 2024-25, Inter Camp Invitation Cricket Tournament organised by Hubballi Women's Cricket Academy.

Mr. Hardik Rane participated and secured 1st place in all India Junior Category level in the I Speak Contest organised by JCI India Zone XI.

As every year the college celebrated the World Physiotherapy Day 2024 with a week full of events that included multiple camps, symposiums, poster competitions, essay competition for school children, debate and walkathon.



Senior physiotherapists Dr. Savita Ravindra, Principal and Dean Ramaiah, College of Physiotherapy and Dr. Ravi Savadatti, Professor, SDM College of Physiotherapy, were felicitated on the occasion.



Camps included blood donation camp in the hospital and community camps at SDM Poly-clinic, Hubli and Tata Motors Industry, in Belur, Dharwad on the theme of low back pain. The camp at Tata motors was a mega health check-up event in collaboration with the Department of Orthopaedics, SDM College of Medical Sciences and Hospital and Rotary Club of Dharwad Heritage which included screening for hypertension, diabetes, low back pain, bone density and polyneuropathy (using aesthesiometer).

More than 125 employees were advised by orthopaedic surgeons, physicians and physiotherapists regarding health and ergonomics. Dr. Salima Bijapuri's efficient and meticulous planning led to the successful completion of this event while optimising resources and time.



Academic lecture on "Cardiac Rehabilitation" was delivered by Dr. Savita Ravindra which was attended by 88 participants. The week long celebration concluded with the symposium "Low Back Pain - A Comprehensive Care", with experts like Dr. Sunil Nadkarni, Orthopaedic and Spine Surgeon, Pune; Dr. Narendrakumar Shah, Senior Professor SDMCMS&H and Director NMR Scan Centre, Hubli; Dr. Melkundi Sateesh, Professor and HOD, Dept. of Neurosurgery, KIMS, Hubli; Dr. Santosh Jeevanavar, Professor and HOD, Dept. of Orthopaedics, SDMCMS&H; Dr. Vishwanath Patil, Orthopaedic and Spine Surgeon, HOD, District Hospital, and Director, Chirayu Hospital, Dharwad; Dr. Hitesh Rohra, Member BOD at McKenzie Institute India; and Dr. Tushar Munnoli, Consultant Pain Specialist, Apollo Health City, Hyderabad, delivering talks in their field of specialties. This symposium was conducted both online and offline with 188 delegates including orthopaedicians, physicians and physiotherapists. Under the chairmanship of Dr. C.M. Shettar and Dr. Salima Bijapuri's exceptional organisation, the symposium resulted in a seamless and impactful event that exceeded expectations.



Extracurricular activities play a vital role in the holistic development of students, complementing their academic pursuits. While rigorous academics lay the foundation for knowledge and critical thinking, engaging in extracurricular activities fosters essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership and time management. We at SDM believe that embracing extracurricular activities alongside serious academics is essential for personal growth, alleviates stress, and promotes better mental well-being.

The annual cultural event "Kriva," themed "Spring," captivated attendees with its vibrant celebration of renewal and creativity. The festivities included an array of performances,

from lively folk dances to melodious musical acts, all inspired by the beauty of spring. Art installations featuring blooming flowers and nature-inspired motifs adorned the venue, creating a picturesque backdrop for the event. "Kriva" not only highlighted the talents of our students but also infused the campus with the spirit of spring, leaving everyone inspired and uplifted. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Niranjan Kumar Vice Chancellor of SDM University; Smt. Padmalatha Niranjan Executive Director and Member, BoG and Shri Saketh Shetty Director Administration of SDM University. Students enthusiastically participated in the indoor and outdoor games held for students and staff.



Garba night "Nritya Navratri 2024" was organised on 5th October 2024 at the physiotherapy college as part of Navratri celebration. The celebration started with Pooja offerings to Goddess Durga by Dr. Niranjan Kumar Vice Chancellor, SDM University and Smt. Padmalata Niranjan, Executive Director and Member BoG. The event showcased an impressive array of talent and creativity, bringing together students from diverse backgrounds to celebrate the culture. The evening, highlighted performances ranging from traditional dances and music to modern theatrical dances.



The department rendered physiotherapy services to 51876 patients with 65875 sessions, through out-patient, inpatient and outreach programmes.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Hon'ble Chancellor Poojya Shri D. Veerendra Heggade, our Vice Chancellor Dr. Niranjan Kumar, Smt. Padmalata Niranjan and the management for their unwavering support and guidance. Your leadership has not only inspired us but has also created an environment where we can thrive and excel. Thank you for believing in our potential and for providing the resources we need to succeed.

"We truly appreciate all that you do."



NURSING COLLEGE

About Institute:

The SDM Institute of Nursing Sciences, established in 2006 stands as a beacon of excellence in nursing education, healthcare and community outreach. Founded under the umbrella of the Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Education Society, the Institute reflects the vision and values of its revered President, Poojya Shri D. Veerendra Heggade. Over the years, it has evolved into one of the most prestigious nursing institutions in Karnataka, known for its commitment to foster academic excellence, innovation in healthcare and a deep sense of community service.

Located on a serene campus in Manjushree Nagar, Sattur, Dharwad, the Institute is a constituent unit of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University. The nursing programs are recognized by the Government of Karnataka and are approved by both the Karnataka State Nursing Council and the Indian Nursing Council (INC), New Delhi. Additionally, the Institute is affiliated with the Karnataka State Diploma Nursing Examination Board, Bangalore.

Academic Programs: Shaping the Future of Nursing

The SDM Institute of Nursing Sciences offers a diverse range of academic programs designed to meet the ever-changing needs of the healthcare industry. Each program is meticulously crafted to ensure that students receive a well-rounded education that prepares them for national and international healthcare environments.

• Master of Science in Nursing (M.Sc. Nursing):

The M.Sc. Nursing program offers specialization in five key areas:

- o Medical-Surgical Nursing
- o Community Health Nursing
- o Child Health (Pediatric) Nursing
- o Mental Health (Psychiatric) Nursing
- o Obstetric and Gynecological Nursing.

This postgraduate program emphasizes advanced clinical practice, leadership and research. Students are equipped to take on roles as educators, managers and consultants in both healthcare and academic settings.

• Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.Sc. Nursing):

The four-year B.Sc. Nursing program aims to develop professional nurses capable of working in various healthcare settings. The curriculum focuses on evidence-based practice, critical thinking and compassionate patient care.

• Diploma in General Nursing & Midwifery (DGNM):

This three-year diploma course is designed to prepare skilled nurses proficient in providing comprehensive care in both hospital and community settings. The program covers all aspects of nursing and midwifery, with a focus on preventive, curative and rehabilitative services.

• General Duty Healthcare Assistant (GDHA):

Launched in 2020, the GDHA program trains healthcare assistants to support professional nurses by reducing their non-nursing workload. This course is also economically

designed to offer students the best possible educational experience.

State-of-the-Art Academic Infrastructure:

The Institute takes pride in its world-class infrastructure, designed to offer students the best possible educational experience.

- **Simulation Laboratories:** The Institute boasts fully-equipped simulation labs that provide students with hands-on training in clinical skills and emergency care scenarios, preparing them for real-world healthcare challenges.
- **Library (Akshara):** The library is a treasure trove of knowledge, housing an extensive collection of books, journals, and digital resources that cater to both nursing and healthcare education.
- **Clinical Exposure:** Students gain invaluable real-world experience through their exposure to SDM's 1200-bed multi-specialty hospital and affiliated community health centers.
- **Research and Development:** The M.Sc. Nursing program fosters a robust research culture, encouraging students to undertake original research projects. These research initiatives contribute significantly to the advancement of nursing science and practice.

Recent Appointments:

In a move to further strengthen its leadership, the SDM Institute of Nursing Sciences made two notable appointments in 2024:



- Professor Dr. Prasanna Deshpande, HOD of Adult Health Nursing, has been appointed as Vice-Principal/In-charge Principal of the SDM Institute of Nursing Sciences from April 2024.



- Professor Dr. Rangappa S. Ashi, Department of Child Health Nursing, has been appointed as Vice-Principal of the SDM Institute of Nursing Sciences from September 2024.

Achievements and Accolades:

The SDM Institute of Nursing Sciences has consistently been recognized for its excellence in education and contribution to healthcare. In 2024, the Institute was ranked 6th in India, 3rd in the South Zone and 1st in Karnataka by the IIRF Rankings. These accolades underscore the Institute's commitment to academic excellence, innovative teaching methodologies, and exceptional student outcomes. With over 18 years of experience in producing skilled and compassionate healthcare professionals, the SDM Institute of Nursing Sciences continues to lead the way in nursing education.

Events and Celebrations: A Vibrant Campus Life

The Institute's calendar is filled with a variety of academic, cultural and community service events that foster professional development, teamwork and social responsibility.

Lamp Lighting and Oath Taking Ceremony :



The 19th batch of GNM students and the 16th batch of B.Sc (N) Programme was conducted on 3rd February 2024. Nursing students participated in the Lamp Lighting and Oath Taking Ceremony, marking their formal entry into the nursing profession. The event was graced by Dr. Srinivasmurthy S.T. Deputy Director of Medical Education and Ms. Irene Duarte Dias, Academician, who inspired the students to uphold the highest standards of nursing care. The event took place at the Shri D. Veerendra Heggade Kalakshetra and was attended by faculty, students and parents.



World Hypertension Day 2024:

On 17th May 2024, The Department of Adult Health Nursing marked this day with a rally, a pledge-taking ceremony and the distribution of Information, Education and Communication materials to raise awareness about hypertension management.

International Nurses Week :

This week-long celebration honored the contributions of nurses and midwives with seminars and cultural activities. The valedictory function was held on 20th May 2024, Dr. Kiran Hegde, Medical Superintendent was the Chief Guest and spoke on the evolving role of nurses in modern healthcare systems.



Germany Visit:

Dr. Prasanna Deshpande, Professor and Vice Principal, visited Lutheran University, Nuremberg, Germany, from 29th May to 6th June 2024, represented Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University. His visit was part of an international collaboration between the universities, participated in a faculty exchange program. During the International Day of Lutheran University, Jointly delivered a session with Professor Dr. Uwe Kasper on digitalization and human rights.



World Environment Day :

The Department of Community Health Nursing and the NSS Unit-04 organized environmental awareness programs and tree planting activities in Lakamapur village on 5th June 2024. These initiatives highlighted the importance of environmental health in community nursing.

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking:

The Department of Mental Health Nursing & NSS Unit-04 of the SDM Institute of Nursing Sciences in collaboration with Department of Psychiatry SDMCMS&H Dharwad observed "International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking" from 26th to 28th June 2024 in Pudakalakatti village.

World Population Day:

SDM Institute of Nursing Sciences in association with NSS Unit -04, Observed World Population Day with the theme "Leave No One Behind, Count Everyone". On 11th July 2024 Conducted Various activities, such as World Population Day Awareness Rally and essay competition at Govt. Primary School Shibargatti village, Dharwad district. On 16th July 2024 a quiz competition among constituent units of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University, Dharwad and Dr. Umesh R. Dixit, Professor Department of Community Medicine, SDMCMS&H delivered a guest lecture on "World Population Day".

Breastfeeding Week Celebration:

The Institute observed Breastfeeding Week from 1st to 7th August 2024, by department of Child Health Nursing and Obstetrics Gynecological Nursing SDM Institute of Nursing Sciences in association with Department of Paediatric and OBG SDM College of Medical Sciences and Hospital Dharwad. This event centered around promoting breastfeeding as a vital component of infant health.

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Nursing students performed educational skits and engaged mothers at SDM Hospital and in Yadawad village, fostering awareness on the benefits of breastfeeding.



Independence Day Celebration:

78th Independence Day was celebrated with three constituent units of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University at Nursing College campus. Chief Guest Dr. Satyamoorthy, Research Director along with student toppers from Physiotherapy, Nursing and RIBS performed the honours of hoisting the National flag.



World Suicide Prevention Day:

On 10th September 2024, The Mental Health Nursing Department organized an impactful session in collaboration with the Department of Psychiatry, SDMCMS&H. The theme for the year 2024 was "Changing the narrative on suicide". Based on this theme Dr. Naidila Jain, Senior Resident, Department of Psychiatry, SDMCMS&H delivered the guest lecture, had discussions with students and faculty. The initiative emphasized the critical role nurses play in identifying and intervening in mental health crises.



World PCOS Day:

On 1st September 2024 World Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Day was observed and jointly organised by the department of OBG, SDMCMS&H and SDMINS. The event included health talks were delivered by the department of OBG and the college of physiotherapy faculties. In addition to this, students of Nursing Institute presented skit on causes and prevention of PCOS among teenagers.



Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign:

As part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the Institute organized a cleanliness drive on 1st October 2024 in Sattur, Dharwad, to promote hygiene and sanitation in the local community.



World Mental Health Week:

World mental health day was observed from 6th to 10th October 2024. Organized by the Department of Mental Health Nursing in collaboration with the Department of Psychiatry, SDM Medical College and NSS Unit-4, SDMINS. All the activities were directed towards the theme for the year 2024. "It is time to prioritize mental health in the workplace". Dr. Niranjana kumar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University, Dharwad inaugurated World Mental Health Day programme on the 10th October. Dr. Sachin B S, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry delivered the key note address. Dr. Naidila Jain and Dr. Anuradha highlighted the importance of mental health in the workplace. This week-long event aimed at promoting mental health awareness among students and the community.



RIBS

The SDM Life Science Research Centre (SDMLSRC) was established in the year 2016, a vision of our Chancellor, Poojya Shri D. Veerendra Heggade to establish cutting-edge research facility at Dharwad. The intention is to carry out research in the field of human stem cells, particularly for the regeneration of damaged cartilage and bone to alleviate the chronic suffering due to degenerative and trauma-induced morbidities. In 2017, SDMLSRC was recognized as SDM Biomedical Research Centre (SDMBRC) and further renamed & transformed as SDM Research Institute for Biomedical Sciences (SDMRIBS) under the Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University, established on 19th December 2018.



The institute is equipped with experienced faculty, state-of-the-art infrastructure and research facilities for both basic and translational research. The institute has various thrust areas of research identified as follows; Gut-Liver, Gut-Brain Axis, Aging research, Cancer research, Translational glycobiology, Autoimmune and Inflammatory diseases, Regenerative medicine (Stem Cells and Cell based models and Therapeutics), Pharmacogenomics, Drug resistance, Traditional medicine and New drug development. The institute offers academic programs, postgraduate and Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences based on the Choice Based Credit System as per the UGC guidelines. The first batch of M. Sc and Ph.D., programs were started in the year 2020 and 2021, respectively.

The institute was ranked among Karnataka's best 20 educational Institutes in 2023 published by "THE ACADEMIC INSIGHT" Magazine, 2023.

Currently, the Institute is headed by Dr. K. Satyamoorthy, Director(Research) and Principal (I/C) Dr. Ajay Kumar Oli.

- Dr. K. Satyamoorthy, Director (Research), has been honored with the Dr. Raja Ramanna Prestigious Award 2022 for Science



Education and Research awarded by the Government of Karnataka. He received this prestigious award from the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Siddaramaiah in the presence of esteemed including Bharata Ratna Prof. C. N. R. Rao and Dr. Govindarajan Director, IISC, Bangalore on 26th September, 2024

- At National-level MedTech Hackathon 2024 Ms. Shruptha Padival, a Ph.D. scholar from SDM Centre for Cellular and Molecular Sciences (CCMS-Pragyan), Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara (SDMU) University, Dharwad, secured the 3rd place in the competition. Ms. Shruptha Padival presented "VIOPAR-DFU - Visualizing Infectious Organisms and Predicting Antibiotic Response in Diabetic Foot Ulcers" which aids in the rapid detection of microbiome and AMR genes for the betterment of Diabetic foot ulcer therapeutics.



- Ms. Apoorva Jain was awarded Best Oral Presentation at the National Conference on Current Progress in Biochemistry-2024 organized by Department of Biochemistry, Karnataka, University, Dharwad.
- Dr. Mallikarjun Goni was awarded Ph.D. Degree in Biotechnology, from Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi on 07.03.2024.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

SDMRIBS conducted "National Conference on Trends in Biomedical Science" on 23rd & 24th February 2024. Total 150+ participants from academics and industries were present for the event. Conference had 21 invited speakers from industry and academic institutions across India and one speaker from Cambridge University, United Kingdom. The Conference discussed recent developments in the frontier areas of Biomedical Research, bringing together scientists, scholars, students and experts from industry to deliberate on global developments in the fields of Biomedical Research including various aspects of Biotechnology.



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Workshop on Basic of Computational Biology & Basic Cell Culture Techniques

• SDMRIBS organized workshop on “Basic of Computational Biology” on 03.05.2024 and 04.05.2024 at Anatomy Museum, SDM College of Medical Sciences and Hospital. The Chief Guest was Dr. Rathnamala M Desai – Principal & Dean, SDM College of Medical Sciences and Hospital & Resource persons were Dr. K Satyamoorthy – Director (Research), Dr. Manoj Bhar -MAHE, Manipal, Mr. Manoj Mondal - Strand Life Sciences, Bangalore, Mr. Pradyumna Jayaram-CCMS, Dr. Jagadeesha Poyya-Assistant Professor, SDMRIBS. Total Participants were 25.

• SDMRIBS organized workshop on “Basic Cell culture Techniques on May 31 and June 1, 2024, at the SDMRIBS Lab and CRL Lab in SDMCMSH. Shri Saketh Shetty, Director Administration of SDM University was the Chief Guest of the inaugural event. Dr. Kiran Hegde S, Medical Superintendent of SDMCMSH was the Chief Guest of the valedictory function, and Resource persons were Dr. K. Satyamoorthy, Dr. Ajay S K, and Mr. Mallikarjun Goni, with a total of 25 participants.

Publication/Patent/Grants/Services

27 International and National Publications; 03 Book Chapter; 03 Research grants received; 03 Patents applied and Endotoxic test for dialysis water.

Students Ranks



Dr. Rajeshwari N. Bangera (Batch 2020-22) & Ms. Meghana Variyar (Batch 2021-23) received gold medal from Shri Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade at the University Convocation Ceremony on 27th March 2024, held at DVH Kalakshetra, Dharwad.

INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES AADYANTA -2023

• SDMRIBS Organized an event “AADYANTA -2023” Freshers’ Day for M.Sc. (Biomedical Science) Batch 2023 & Farewell Ceremony for the Batch 2021 students on 16th December 2023.

AAROHANA – 2024 Annual Cultural Meet & Sports Day



SDM Research Institute for Biomedical Sciences Organized Aarohana 2024 – Annual Cultural Meet for M.Sc. (Biomedical Science) Batch 2022-24 & 2023-25 students, on 23rd August 2024, Dr. Niranjana Kumar, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Smt. Padmalatha Niranjana, Executive Director, Shri V G Prabhu Finance Officer, Dr. Chidendra Shettar, Registrar, Dr. K Satyamoorthy, Director (Research), Dr. Ajay Kumar Oli-I/C Principal SDMRIBS graced the occasion.

NSS ACTIVITY



NSS Unit of SDM Research Institute for Biomedical Sciences and SDM Institute of Nursing Sciences organised “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” NSS Program on 16.09.2024 at Udayagiri Shivalaya Premises, IIIT Road, Dharwad

Central Research Laboratory Activities (Oct 2023 to Sep 2024)

- Dr. Vishwas Kaveeshwar delivered a virtual lecture on "Contextualizing Omics in Biological Sciences" at Goa College of Pharmacy, Panaji, Goa, on January 25, 2024.
- Dr. Vishwas Kaveeshwar delivered a lecture on "Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells in Disease Modelling and Drug Discovery" at the IC-NACMBM-2024, held at D. Y. Patil Education Society, Kolhapur, from February 12 to 14, 2024.
- Dr. Vishwas Kaveeshwar delivered a presentation on "Leapfrogging to Pole Vaulting in Cell Therapy: An iPSC Approach," organized by Biotech Stage, Texas, USA, at the Global Biologics India Conference, Sheraton, Navi Mumbai, held from April 24 to 25, 2024.
- Organized a workshop on Cell Culture and SDS-PAGE Western Blot techniques, conducted on May 30, 2024.

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• Organized a workshop on SPSS and Biostatistics for Ph.D. scholars as well as faculty, staff and students of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University, held on June 4 and 5, 2024.

• Dr. Vishwas Kaveeshwar was appointed as a jury member for Stage-3 of ELEVATE 2023 Call 2 and ELEVATE Unnati 2023 (Multi-city Pitching) for the fiscal year 2023-24, under the Idea2PoC Grant-in-Aid scheme for startups, organized by the Government of Karnataka.

• Received a grant of ₹1.58 crore from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) under the New Extramural Research (Intermediate Grant) program for the project titled "Development of clinical grade off-the shelf human induced pluripotent stem cell (hiPSC) derived granulocytes for multidrug resistant microbial sepsis".



**Workshop Attendees and Invited Guests
on SPSS and Biostatistics**

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OF SDM CENTRE FOR CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR SCIENCES, DHARWAD (OCTOBER 2023-2024) :

• Dr. Kapaettu Satyamoorthy has received the prestigious Dr. Raja Ramanna Award for the year 2022-2023 on 26th September 2024 from Government of Karnataka in Bangalore.



• Dr. K. Satyamoorthy has been appointed as Chief NEP Coordinator, responsible for coordination with the University Grants Commission (UGC) on National Education Policy (NEP) matters.

• Dr. K. Satyamoorthy guided the Team VISTA-MOBs, from SDM CCMS, which secured 1st prize in the Science Day Poster competition at SDM University on February 20, 2024.

• Ms. Shruptha Padival won 3rd prize in the National MedTech Hackathon at KAHER, Belgaum, for her presentation on VIOPAR-DFU.

• Ms. Shruptha Padival presented and won 1st prize at Bengaluru Technology Summit (BTS) in November 2023 for her research on cervical microbiome dysbiosis and AMR genes.

• Ms. Shruptha Padival won 2nd prize in the Indo-Japan AIST-INDIA DAILAB CAFÉ competition (January 2024), with presentations to scientific, academic, and industrial communities.

Eminent Personalities Visited SDM CCMS:



• Dr. Surendra Chauhan, President and CEO of Rubhu Biologic Inc., USA - Visited on November 3, 2023.

• Dr. Maneesh Thomas, Director, Govt. Karnataka-Manipal Bio Incubator - Visited on December 16, 2023, for collaborative projects.

• Prof. Balakrishna Shetty, Pro-Chancellor of Mallareddy University, Hyderabad; Prof. P. Kondaiah, Professor (Emeritus), IISc Bangalore; and Prof. V. Nagaraj, Dept. of Molecular & Cell Biology, IISc Bangalore visited as part of the Research and Innovation Council meeting on December 20, 2023.

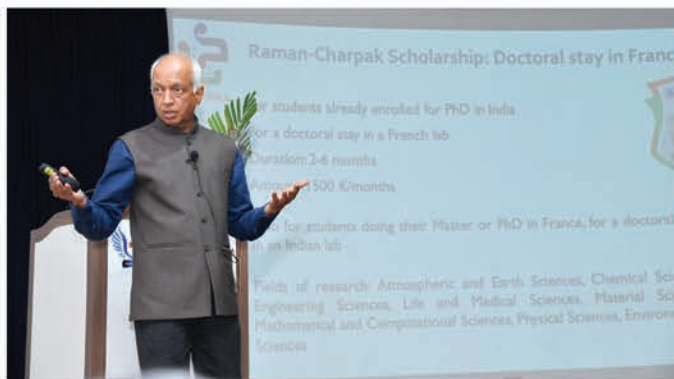
• Ms. Shanti Mohan, Advisor-Education USA (USIEF), Chennai visited on January 12, 2024.

• Dr. K. Thangaraj, CCMB, Hyderabad - Visited as a Resource Person on February 23-24, 2024.

• Prof. S. P. Thyagarajan, Former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras visited on February 28, 2024.

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- Prof. Shyam Kumar V, Professor, Dept. of Biotechnology, Karnataka University, Dharwad - DBT Nominee, visited on March 1, 2024.
- Dr. Ramesh Bhat, Professor of Biotechnology, College of Agriculture, UAS, Dharwad visited on March 1, 2024.
- Members of the Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) - Conducted an inspection on April 8, 2024, highlighting the institute's standards in education and research.
- Mr. Suhuruth, IKP Hyderabad participated in a research promotional event and visited on May 13, 2024.
- Dr. Srini Kaveri, Director, CRNS, Embassy of France, New Delhi visited on August 19, 2024.
- Dr. K. B Hebbar, Director, CPCRI Kasargod visited on August 5, 2024.
- Dr. Deepak Kumar Suke, Designated Officer, FSSA visited on August 20, 2024.



Noteworthy Programs conducted:

Dr. Srini Kaveri, Director CRNS, Embassy of France, New Delhi delivered a special talk on Immunotherapy: A fascinating journey of antibodies at Ishaavasyam on 19th August 2024.



A seminar on "Celebrating Excellence in Science Discoveries-Nobel Prizes 2024" was held at Ishaavaasyam on 22nd October 2024.

Dr. Satyamoorthy received grants as investigator and collaborator for Rs. 1.2 Crores to facilitate research activities on human health.



Research Updates of Central Research Laboratory

From October 2023 – October 2024

- Dr. Vishwas Kaveeshwar, Associate Professor, Incharge, CRL has received a Extramural Investigator Initiated, (intermediate) grant of ₹1,58,60,447 by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for the 'Development of Clinical Grade Off-the-shelf Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell (hiPSC) Derived Granulocytes for Multidrug Resistant Microbial Sepsis'



- Co organised workshop on "Basics of data analysis using SPSS" at SDM University on 4th to 5th June 2024 with Directorate of Research
- Co-organised hands-on workshop on "Basic Cell Culture Techniques" on 31st May 2024 and 1st June 2024, with SDM RIBS, SDMCMS



B.SC. ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

• Ms. Shwetha P Nayak, III year B.Sc. student in Medical Laboratory Technology participated in AIU South West Zone Inter University Taekwondo (Kyorugi) (Women) and Inter University (Poomsae) (Women) championship 2023-24 organized by JJT Univeristy, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan from 6th to 9th November 2023 and secured 4th Prize and Qualified for National Level Championship.



• Mr. Toti Sunil Mallikarjun, Ms. Mallika Abbigeri and Ms. Sana M Dutia, III year B.Sc. students Medical Laboratory Technology secured First Prize in the World Population Day Quiz Competition organized by SDM Institute of Nursing Sciences and NSS unit on 16th July 2024.

• Mr. Aftab Ahmed Hulgur, III year B.Sc. Renal Dialysis Technology student secured 3rd Prize in Poster Making Competition organized by NSS Unit 1. The theme was "Awareness on Drug Abuse".

• Ms. Soumya Chulaki, III year B.Sc. student in Anaesthesia Technology secured First Prize in Yoga (women) competition organized by Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University, Dharwad on 28th and 29th September 2024



• On the occasion of National Science Day 2024 Mr. Aftabahmed Hulgur, Ms. Heena D Mulla, Mr. Omkesh Malik, and Ms. Simran I Shaikh, participated in Poster Presentation Competition.

• The Annual Sports Day was conducted on 26th and 27th April 2024. All the I, II & III year B.Sc. Allied Health Sciences students and Interns participated in various Indoor and Outdoor games.

• The Annual Cultural Fest 'PARVA 2024' was celebrated on 24th and 25th May 2024. The theme of cultural fest was 'Save water- Save Marine life'. All the B.Sc. Allied Health Sciences students participated in various competitions and cultural activities and made the fest successful.



STUDENTS' CORNER – MEDICAL

Academic Achievements :

- Dr. Aishwarya (final year PG, Pathology) won 3rd prize for poster presentation at the 8th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Cytologists - Karnataka Chapter (IAC-KCCON). Her presentation was titled "Metastatic Squamous Cell Carcinoma Presenting as a Cystic Mass of the Thigh: A Rare Case Report."
- Dr. Shilpa Anna Koshy, a final year postgraduate student, secured the second prize at the Postgraduate Lecture Competition, while Dr. Spoorthi Kelgar, also a final year postgraduate student, won the third prize at the Postgraduate Grand Rounds during the iFocus National Postgraduate Education Program in Ophthalmology held in Hyderabad in 2024.
- Darshan N. Shivanagoudar (MBBS, PY-III) won 2nd prize for paper presentation at the National Pathology Conference, APCON 2023, guided by Dr. Aditya Agnihotri. His study was titled "Utility of Direct Immunofluorescence in Cutaneous Autoimmune Bullous Disorders."



- Ms. Ashritha Udupa (PY-III) received a consolation prize for paper presentation at APCON 2023 under the guidance of Dr. Deepti Dixit. Her study was titled "Utility of FNAC with the Milan System of Reporting Salivary Gland Cytopathology in a Tertiary Care Hospital."

Individual Achievements

- Vaishnavi Matti (PY-II, 2022-23 batch) and Navya Patil secured 3rd place in the Hepatitis Quiz conducted by JNMC Belgaum on July 26th, 2024.



- Arpit Ajit Sharma won 3 gold medals in the SDM Intercollegiate Sports Competition (Intra-University Swimming) in Men's 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, and 50m Backstroke, held on September 28th-29th, 2023

- Shashank Rao (MBBS, PY-II) won 3rd place for poster presentation in the "Medicine and Allied Subjects" category at Vedam, KMC Manipal, under the guidance of Dr. Archana Dambal.

NITTE Accolades

The SDM Men's Badminton team won 1st place at the 12th NITTE Accolades, hosted by KSHEMA, Bangalore, on March 29th-30th. Represented by Dr. Navneet, Dr. Tarun, Dr. Shravan (interns), Mr. Abhiman Rajendra (4th year), Mr. Nischith Gouli, and Mr. Abhinav Karnam (3rd year), the team not only secured the gold but also saw Mr. Abhiman Rajendra awarded Best Player of the tournament.

CROSSOVER '24

The SDM Intercollege Basketball Tournament 2024, "Crossover" was held from May 9th-12th for boys and May 10th-12th for girls. SDM proudly secured silver medals in both the boys' and girls' categories.



KNIGHTS OF HONOUR

SDMCMS&H Team A, claimed the prestigious first prize at the second edition of the "Knights of Honour" Intercollege Chess Tournament which was conducted with great enthusiasm on May 12th, 2024.

- Dr. Tricia Gadagkar, a final-year postgraduate in the Department of Psychiatry, has won the FIRST prize in the Oral Presentation category at KANCIPS 2024, held from 23rd to 25th August 2024 in Kalaburgi.

- Dr. Yashaswini S, Emergency Medicine PG, has earned top accolades including:

- Best Poster Award at AEME for a rare Wernicke's encephalopathy case.
- 2nd place in research presentation at EM Karnataka 2023.
- 3rd prize in a national quiz at EM-India, Pune.
- Best Poster and 1st prize in quiz at Critical Care CME, Dharwad.

- Dr. Kiran Bhadrashetty (Final Year PG Pulmonology) and Dr. Siddeshwara (final year PG, Anesthesiology) secured second place in the quiz organized by Department of Emergency Medicine in CME on ABCs of Arterial Blood Gas Analysis.

STUDENTS' CORNER - DENTAL

Postgraduates:

- Dr. Tejaswini Manjunath and Dr. T Sai Meera from Oral Surgery won The Overall Best Paper and The Best Paper in the session respectively, at the 16th Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery that was held in Chennai from 25th to 27th July 2024.
- Dr. Niharika KG from Periodontics bagged the First position in scientific paper session and was the Overall Winner in PG scientific paper presentation at 14th ISPRP National Conference - 2024, Ghaziabad
- Dr. Chinmay D Surlakar and Dr. Priya M Pattanashetti from Public Health Dentistry won Second and Third Place respectively in paper presentation at the 15th IAPHD PG convention, Pune.
- Dr. Noureen Nahar, Dr. Maitra V Patil and Dr. Rachel Ann Joseph, from Oral Medicine and Radiology won the Best Paper Presentation Award at the National IAOMR PG Convention 2024 at Lucknow, from 22nd to 24th August 2024.



Undergraduates:

- Mr. Aditya Sanjeev and Helen Rose Baby, House Surgeons secured First Place in paper presentation at 49th Karnataka State Dental Conference at MCODS, Mangaluru, titled "From numbness to comfort: pioneering pediatric anesthesia reversal through photobiomodulation" on 15th to 17th Dec 2023.



- Grishma Kamat and Harsh Salgude 3rd BDS students won First Prize in poster presentation for 'Dantarogya - Your vigilant ally for better oral health' in the IAOMR UG Conference at KLE VK Institute of Dental Sciences, Belagavi

- Shreyanka H.G a 4th BDS student, and her guide, Dr. Monika Goswamy secured the ICMR - STS 2023 Studentship with an approved grant of ₹50,000/- for their research proposal titled: "Evaluation of Efficacy of Dentifrices Containing Nano-Hydroxyapatite - A Scanning Electron Microscopy Study (SEM).

Extra-curricular Activities:

- On the occasion of National Sports Day was celebrated at Dharwad Men's and Women's Badminton Competitions were held on 17th August 2024 during which

- a. Dr. Uday Juturu (Assistant Professor, Dept of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery), Dr. Vivek Jain (Intern) and Mr. Nandan Hedda (3rd BDS Student) bagged the 1st prize as SDM University Men's Team.

- b. Dr. Vinita Shetty (Postgraduate, Dept of Periodontics), Ms. Devi Muralikrishna (Intern), Ms. Kirthika K N (Third Year BDS Student) secured 3rd place as Women's Team.



- Dr. Siddharth Maitra, Postgraduate won Best Paper presentation for paper titled "Sexual dimorphism in enamel and dentin thickness of 6-9 year old children in Hubli-Dharwad Population" and Dr. Priyanka Patel, Postgraduate won Best Paper for her paper titled "Dental Avulsion - Save a Knocked Out Tooth" at the 45th Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry National Conference "NAMMA PEDO" held at Bengaluru from 26th to 28th September 2024.



CLUB ACTIVITIES



Celebrating Culture and Community:

The Cultural Club of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University recently hosted two memorable events, bringing together students and staff from all university units.

Kite Festival: A Day of Fun and Friendship

On February 3, 2024, the Cultural Club organized a lively kite festival, inaugurated by Shri Saketh Shetty, Director of Administration. Held at the SDM College of Medical Sciences grounds, the event featured vibrant kites and a spirit of togetherness. Food stalls run by students and staff added to the festive atmosphere with a variety of traditional and modern treats.



On March 5, 2024, the Cultural Club, in collaboration with Spicmacay, Dharwad, presented a captivating musical evening featuring violin maestro Vidwan Mysore Manjunath and his ensemble: Mr. Sumanth M (violin), Mr. B. Ravishankar (mridangam), Mr. Shamith Gowda (ghatam), and Mr. Vyasavittala (khanjira). Vice Chancellor Dr. Niranjana Kumar and Smt. Padmalatha Niranjana, Executive Director and BoG Member, inaugurated the event, which highlighted the richness of India's classical music and inspired attendees.



Literary Club Blog Name – Connecting the dots...

Blog Link - sdmuniversityliteraryclub.wordpress.com

The Literary Club of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University, led by Vice Chancellor Prof. Niranjana Kumar and coordinated by Dr. Sunil Mannu, engaged members through diverse and enriching events throughout 2024. The club, with 189 active participants, fosters cultural and intellectual growth.

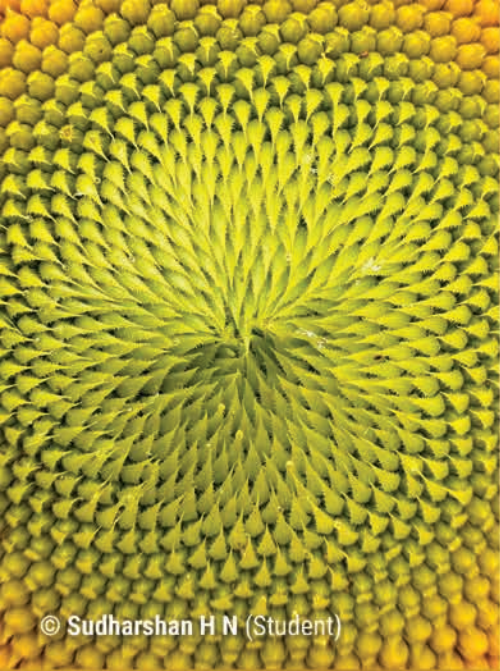
Highlights of 2024 Events

- Diversity Day (April 2): Celebrated various cultures, promoting inclusivity.
- Book Club - Little Women (April 12): Interactive discussion on Alcott's classic.
- Debate on Political Leaders' Qualifications (April 17): Enhanced critical thinking and public speaking.
- Turncoat/Devil's Advocate (April 24): Fostered quick thinking and adaptability.
- General Knowledge Quiz (April 30): Led by Prof. Srinivas Pai, tested wide-ranging knowledge.
- Model United Nations (May 16): Simulated diplomatic negotiations.
- Essay Competition on Anti-Ragging (August 13): Promoted a safe educational environment.
- Lost in Translation (August 14): Explored literary translation challenges.
- House of Trivia (August 21): Peer-led quiz promoting teamwork.
- Word Games (August 28): Enhanced language skills.
- JAM with Prof. Srinivas Pai (September 4): Improved speaking fluency.
- The Potpourri (September 11): A multi-challenge event showcasing versatility.
- Poetry Writing – Battles Off the Battlefield (September 15): Focused on unsung life battles.
- Essay Writing – The Butterfly Effect (September 15): Explored impactful small actions.
- Debate on Holistic Medical Care Coverage (September 19)
- Key contributor to UTSAV 2024 literary events (June 6-11), including debates and creative activities.

For more details, contact: literaryclub@sdmuniversity.edu.in or call: 9448393621.

Art Club

The Art Club, coordinated by Dr. Pavithra Jain with MBBS Batch 2021, led year-long themed art activities in 2024. Highlights included "Zentangle," charcoal portraits, and decoration for "UTSAVA 2024," where top entries earned medals.



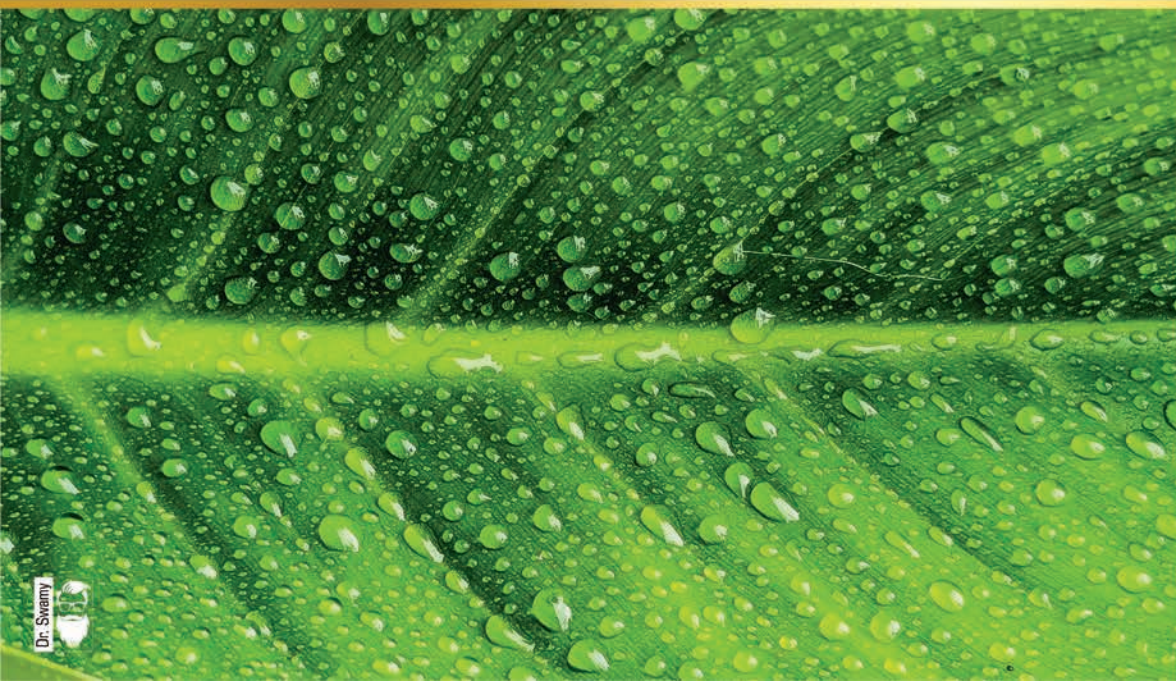
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CLUB ACTIVITIES



The SDM University Photography Club is headed by Dr. Swamy Kalasuramath. SDMSpective, the student wing, is led by three photography enthusiast students: Shrinivas Kotagi, Saiprasad M, and Srushti Manjunath. Currently, 203 students are part of SDMSpective, the student wing of the Photography Club, along with 66 registered staff members.

Our professional wildlife photographer, Dr. Srinivas Pai, who is also the Head of the Department of Surgery, has visited Jim Corbett National Park to photograph tigers and elephants.

SDMSpective - Student Wing Activities:

- Conducts monthly theme-based competitions such as "Story Through Your Lens," "Lens Clash," "POV (Point of View)," "Reflection Photography," "On-the-Spot Photography," "Mighty Monsoon," "Dusks and Dawns," "The Pretty Blossoms," and "The Festival of Lights."
- Displays the names and photos of theme-based competition winners on the board in the college campus.
- Organized a photography competition during SDM's youth festival, UTSAV.
- Winners received prizes and were recognized on stage.



UNSUNG HERO

Every hospital has its silent champions - individuals who, though they may not seek the spotlight, play an indispensable role in its smooth operation. One such hero in our hospital is Shri K. Yuvaraj Jain, who hails from a small village nestled amid the lush hills of Kudremukh. Since joining the hospital at its inception in 2003, he has become a cornerstone of its operations, embodying commitment, resilience, and growth.

With initial training from the Industrial Training Institute (ITI), he brought a strong foundation in technical skills and an unwavering work ethic. Recognizing his potential, our Vice Chancellor Dr. Niranjana Kumar and Smt. Padmalatha Niranjana, Member of the Board of Governors, encouraged him to pursue further training and guided him to enroll in an Operating Theatre (OT) Technician course. This pivotal step not only broadened his skill set but also allowed him to make meaningful contributions to patient care and hospital operations.

Over the years, his dedication and hard work have propelled him through various roles, steadily increasing in responsibility and impact. Now, as Senior Manager, under the guidance of Dr. S V Torgal, he oversees critical operations and team management, bringing hands-on expertise and a compassionate approach to leadership. His journey has inspired countless others, illustrating that with the right guidance and a deep sense of purpose, one can achieve remarkable milestones and make a lasting impact.



Shri K. Yuvaraj Jain
Senior Manager, Operation Theatre

He embodies Jeevanada Nade... Sadhane Kade, a life mantra that has guided his path.

With heartfelt gratitude, we celebrate his achievements and honor his steadfast commitment to the hospital's mission. His story inspires us all, reminding us of the incredible journeys that can unfold when dedication and guidance come together.



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