

The Official Newsletter of Government Dental College & Research Institute Alumni Association, Bengaluru

#### **EVENTS OF 2023 - 2025**

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#### Message from the Dean and Director

#### Dr Girish B Giraddi



It fills me with great joy to witness the vibrant and meaningful contributions of our alumni during my tenure as Dean and Director of GDCRI right from the year 2019.

The year-long celebration of B.K. Venkataraman's centenary, culminating in a grand valedictory event, was truly a tribute to the legendary figure. The dedication and coordination behind this initiative reflected the deep respect our alumni have for our institution's legacy.

Equally commendable is Prologue, conducted at RGUHS—an initiative that supports new postgraduates in understanding the PG curriculum and adjusting to academic life. Such mentoring plays a vital role in shaping confident, competent professionals. Our free denture camps at Haveri and Donnehalli are another shining example of community service. These camps have restored not just oral health but also dignity and

confidence to many in need.

The Vrutthi Parichaya series has been instrumental in exposing students to diverse career opportunities and professional insights. It has truly bridged the gap between academics

and real-world practice.

These initiatives reflect the strength, unity, and purpose of our alumni network.

My sincere appreciation to the entire team involved in compiling and releasing this edition.

Let this be a continued tradition of excellence, collaboration, and inspiration. Wishing our alumni continued success and meaningful engagement with their alma mater.

#### Message from President

#### Dr. C D Dwarakanath



My dear Friends,
Warm greetings. Whenever I write, speak or even think about our
Alma mater it brings about an avalanche of nostalgia, memories and feelings. In fact exactly 50 years ago, in 1975, I obtained my BDS degree. I never imagined then that I would be scripting this message as the President of the alumni association of this great

Even today whenever I step into the hallowed precincts of our college a sense of pride and belonging fills me up. Our institution has grown by leaps and bounds and has been regularly graded as one of the top ten dental colleges in the country.

Our Alumni association is one of the most active forums of all the dental institutions of India. While many associations exist only on paper or rendered defunct ours has been vibrant, energetic and productive. We commemorate the services and contributions of our founding professors, have a dedicated benevolent fund to help our poor students, facilitate our achievers, conduct denture camps in remote areas, arrange CDE programmes on a regular basis, provide career guidance to our young graduates ... the list of activities goes on. The most important point is that all the above said activities are done with dedication, pride and a smile. For us the senior old boys and girls meeting our colleagues and young students rekindles our youth in mind and hearts.

May our Alma mater attain still greater heights and glory. My respects to all my teachers because of whom I am what I am today. God bless us all.

#### Message from the Honorary Secretary



From the Hon. Secretary's Desk Dear Alumni,

Warm greetings to each one of you!

As we turn the pages of time and reconnect through AlmaMater, I'm filled with immense pride and nostalgia. Our alma mater has been a crucible of memories, learning, and lifelong friendships.

With every passing year, the ties that bind us grow stronger, proving that while we may leave the institution, the institution never leaves us.

This edition of AlmaMater is not just a newsletter—it is a testament to the enduring spirit of our alumni community. From success stories in professional arenas to heartwarming tales of giving back, your journeys continue to inspire. We celebrate your achievements and cherish your continued connection with our shared legacy.

Over the past year, we've taken strides to strengthen the alumni network through reunions, oration lectures, Centenary celebrations, mentorship programs, and outreach initiatives. Your active participation and generous support have been instrumental in bringing these to life. We hope to continue building on this momentum—with more opportunities to engage, collaborate, and contribute.

I invite each of you to stay connected, share your stories, and become active ambassadors of our alumni family. Together, we can bridge generations, inspire the present, and shape a meaningful future for those who follow in our footsteps.

With warm regards and in lifelong camaraderie, Dr. Namita Shanbhag Hon. Secretary,

#### Editor's Desk

It gives me immense joy to pen this message in the Silver Jubilee edition of our Alumni Newsletter.

This milestone year has been a celebration of our journey, growth, and our collective achievements.

From the grand inauguration of BK Venkataraman centenary celebrations to the gala valedictory, every event echoed

the gala valedictory, every event echoed the legacy we have built together. The highlight was the final celebration at Bangalore Club—an evening of joy and nostalgia. The year saw enriching events that brought alumni, students, and faculty closer.

Our Prologue at RGUHS guided fresh postgraduates into the academic realm with clarity and confidence. Free denture camps at Haveri and Donnehalli extended our service to rural communities. The Vrutthi Parichaya series introduced career paths and inspired younger professionals. Cultural evenings, sports meet, and academic fests brought vibrancy and unity throughout the year. Distinguished alumni and faculty were felicitated, reminding us of our rich heritage. Behind every event were countless hours of planning, support, and enthusiasm from our alumni family.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to this special edition of the alumni newsletter. Special thanks to the dynamic secretary Dr Namita Shanbag. I am deeply grateful to our alumni for the opportunity given to me in bringing this issue to life. Sincere thanks to our Dean and Director Dr. Girish Giraddi for his constant encouragement, and to Dr. C.D. Dwarkanath for his inspiring support.

A special note of gratitude to all our senior alumni for their motivation and continued presence. Your support has truly made this journey memorable. This year was not just a celebration—it was a reaffirmation of our bond.

Here's to continuing this legacy with renewed pride and purpose!

Dr Nagaranjani **Editor** GDCRIB Alumni Association

### Office Bearers and Executive Committee



#### **EVENTS OF 2023-2025**

#### PROF BK VENKATARAMAN CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Launch of Prof BKV birth centenary celebrations and silver jubilee year celebration of GDCRI Alumni association on 3rd November, 2023. The year long celebrations of Professor BK Venkatraman's birth centenary and the silver jubilee year of Alumni association kick started with an inspiring lecture by Prof Dr K P Puthuraya, Former Director and consultant, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences. Dr Chandrashekhara, former Vice Chancellor of RGUHS, Prof Dr BV Murali Mohan, Academic director, Dept of Internal medicine and Pulmonology, Narayana health-Mazumdar Shaw Medical centre, Bangalore and Prof Dr KS Nagesh graced the occasion.









Capt Dr Suresh T was honored with the Best Teacher award as voted by the interns of the college. This award is instituted by Dr. Murali Mohan, son of Prof. B.K Venkataraman & is presented annually to one faculty member each from the medical and dental streams, selected through a voting system.





# MYSORE MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MYSORE LATE PROF. DR. B. K. VENKATARAMAN ORATION LECTURE 25th June 2024

Mysore Medical College & Research Institute, Mysore and its Alumni Association in collaboration with Government Dental College & Research Institute Alumni Association, Bengaluru, hosted Late Prof. Dr. B. K. Venkataraman Oration Lecture on 25th June 2024 at Platinum Jubilee Hall, J K Ground, Mysore. Dr. Girish B. Giraddi, Dean & Director, GDCRI, Bengaluru addressed the gathering and Dr. K. S. Nagesh briefly explained the life and career of Prof. Dr. B. K. Venkataraman at Mysore Medical College and his contributions to Dentistry. An Oration Lecture dedicated to Late Prof. Dr. B. K. Venkataraman Birth Centenary was delivered by Dr. Pratima Murthy, D.P.M, M.D (Psychiatry), FRCP (UK), Director, NIMHANS, Bengaluru, on the title "Minding our Minds - The Health of Health Care providers", followed by a Guest Lecture of Dr. Murali Mohan B. V., MD (General Medicine), MRCP (UK), SCE (Respiratory Medicine) (UK), FRCPS (Glasgow), Pulmonologist, Bengaluru, on "Human Microbiome". Dr. Pratima Murthy and Dr. Murali Mohan were felicitated for their achievements and Dr. Pratima Murthy was awarded with the Certificate of Citation.













#### THE CELEBRATIONS AT OTHER COLLEGES.....

RAJA RAJESWARI DENTAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL
DEPARTMENT OF ORAL MEDICINE AND RADIOLOGY

MUCOCUTANEOUS DISORDERS - PERSPECTIVES OF ORAL PHYSICIANS & DERMATOLOGISTS













## M. R. AMBEDKAR DENTAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, BENGALURU TOPIC:

IMPACT OF AUTOIMMUNE DISORDERS ON ORAL HEALTH (THE ORAL & SYSTEMIC LOOP)















## SRI SIDDHARTHA DENTAL COLLEGE, TUMAKURU DEPARTMENT OF ORAL MEDICINE & RADIOLOGY ORAL & SYSTEMIC HEALTH LINK















## D. A. PANDU MEMORIAL R. V. DENTAL COLLEGE, BANGALORE DEPT OF ORAL MEDICINE AND RADIOLOGY

TOPIC: INTEGRATION OF GENERAL MEDICINE WITH ORAL MEDICINE













#### PACS inauguration at GDC





GDCRIB marked a significant milestone with the inauguration of the Prof. Dr. B. K. Venkataraman Memorial Oral and Maxillofacial Digital Image Communication Workstation at the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology on 25.10.2024 by Dr. N. T. Murali Mohan, Chairman, Governing Council, M.R. Ambedkar Dental College & Hospital, Bengaluru, and Dr. Pratima Murthy, Director, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bengaluru, in the presence of other dignitaries in honor of Prof. Dr. B. K. Venkataraman. This state-of-the-art workstation, made possible through the generous donation from Mr. V. S. Kuber, Chairman, Ananda Social & Educational Trust and GDCRIB Alumni Association, is poised to elevate the diagnostic precision and the inter-departmental image communication process, enhancing the workflow and patient care.

#### VALEDICTORY OF BKV CELEBRATIONS

The Valedictory ceremony of Prof. Dr. B. K. Venkataraman birth centenary celebration and Silver Jubilee celebration of GDCRIB Alumni Association was conducted on 26.10.2024 (Saturday) at Dr. S. Ramachandra Memorial Auditorium, GDCRI, Bengaluru. The event included the release of E-souvenir of the year-long celebration of Prof. Dr. B. K. Venkataraman Birth Centenary Celebration held in association with M. R. Ambedkar Dental College& Hospital, Bengaluru, Sri Siddhartha Dental College, Tumakuru, Raja Rajeswari Dental College & Hospital, Bengaluru and D.A. Pandu Memorial R.V. Dental College, Bengaluru and GDCRIB Alumni Association by Dr. Jayakara Shetty M., Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University in the presence of other dignitaries. Two oration lectures were organized by the Prof. Dr. B. K. Venkataraman Birth Centenary Celebration Organizing Committee in association with GDCRIBAA, Prof. Dr. B. K Venkataraman Oration Lecture: "Understanding the influence of Static and Dynamic Occlusal Forces on the Musculoskeletal System with Digital Occlusal Analysis" by, Dr. Prafulla Thumati, MDS Prosthodontics, PhD (USA), Professor & HOD, Orofacial Pain Clinic, RRDCH, Bengaluru and Dr. Shivarathna C. Savadi Oration Lecture: "Bugged - A Journey from Stoma to Soma" by, Dr. Aashish R. Shah, MBBS, MS (General Surgery), DNB, FRCS (Glassgow), Director – Minimal Access, GI, Bariatric and Robotic Surgery, Apollo Hospitals. It was followed by a cultural event showcasing the talents of Alumni members.



A grand Gala Dinner was hosted at the prestigious Bangalore Club for the registered delegates as part of the BKV celebrations. The evening was filled with vibrant entertainment, lively conversations, and a festive atmosphere. Over 100 attendees came together to enjoy a memorable night of fun and camaraderie.





## **BENEVOLENCE ACTIVITIES**

The alumni association of GDCRI Bangalore started this philanthropic initiative in 2017. This is to extend support to all the needy students including financial assistance. They have been provided with free textbooks every year. A special mention about Dr CV Mohan for his consistent efforts in bringing a smile to many of the needy and deserving students through this committee.













#### **DENTURE CAMPS**

#### HAVERI DENTURE CAMP

A free denture camp was conducted by the Dept of Prosthodontics in association with GDCRI Alumni association at Haveri on the 16th and 17th of December 2023. A total of 107 complete dentures were delivered to the needy patients free of cost. The camp was a huge success under the able guidance of Dr Prema, HOD, Dept of Prosthodontics and Shri Jagadish Hallikere, President of Alumni Association. Senior alumni Dr AV Ramesh, Dr CN Shastry, Dr Prafulla Thumati, Dr Kuberappa and few of the young alumni members Dr Gagan and Dr Avinash, interns and the PGs, the staff of Dept of Prosthodontics Dr SK Vishwanath, Dr Anoop Nair, Dr Reshma Kulkarni, Dr Nagaranjani and Dr Kalavathi, the honorary secretary of Alumni association Dr Namitha Shanbhag, treasurer Dr Capt Suresh, Dr Satish, Dr Raghunandan and the entire dental mechanic team of the department, technicians from all over Karnataka actively participated in the camp



#### DENTURE CAMP AT DONNEHALLI: 22/3/25 and 23/3/25

A successful Denture Camp was organized at Donne Halli, under the able leadership of our Dean and Director Dr Girish Giraddi, Professor and Head, Dr SK Vishwanath, President of Alumni association, Dr Dwarkanath, secretary Dr Namitha Shanbag, Treasurer Capt Dr Suresh, senior alumnus Dr Prafulla Thumati, Sri Jagadish, senior technician in GDCRI, faculty of Dept of Prosthodontics and other alumni members. The camp showed active participation from many senior alumni members- Dr S Ramananda Shetty, Dr AV Ramesh, Dr CN Shastry, Dr Ramachandraprasad, Dr Kuberappa, Dr Tippeswamy, Shri Jagadish Hallikere and many other technicians from various parts of Karnataka. This denture camp aimed at bringing much-needed dental care to the local community. The camp spanned two days and saw active participation from faculty, postgraduates, interns, and undergraduate students. Comprehensive services including screening, impression making, and denture delivery were carried out efficiently. The dedication of the Department of Prosthodontics alumni members ensured high-quality prosthetic care for the beneficiaries. Local organizers extended warm hospitality and support, making the camp smooth and impactful. It was a fulfilling outreach initiative that combined service, learning, and community engagement.





















## THE BACKGROUND OF PROLOGUE BY DR CD DWARKANATH

When our Alumnus Dr Ramanand Shetty was vice chancellor of RGUHS he expressed his desire to start an orientation program for newly admitted MDS students which would highlight what the PG course is all about. He requested me and Dr Faizuddin to design a 2 day program which would guide the students in their 3 years course. Accordingly myself and Dr Faizuddin designed this program and called it 'Prologue' which means a curtain riser. Topics such as how to present a seminar, journal club and how to choose a project for dissertation etc. were included. Other important aspects such as literature search, basics of clinical photography, time management during post graduation etc. were also included. This program was an instant hit. It became so popular that all over India dental colleges simply lifted our model and started in their places. Dr. Ramanand Shetty also gave this program to our GDC alumni association and we have been conducting this every year even doing it virtually during Covid-19 times. I am proud to write that my lecture- the first in the schedule- titled "MDS coursean orientation" was given in all these editions. However I decided that I have to make way for younger teachers and stepped aside this time. But this program brought me close to scores of students all over Karnataka. We also published topics discussed in the program and distributed to all the participants. All these could be achieved only because of our GDC alumni association.

## PROLOGUE 2024: 14th EDITION - 17TH TO 20TH JANUARY 2024









#### PROLOGUE 2025: 15th EDITION - 4TH TO 7TH FEB 2025









#### DR S RAMACHANDRA ENDOWMENT LECTURE SERIES

An innovative idea conceptualized during centenary celebrations in February 2021.

#### **Lecture II: 9/2/24**

An insightful lecture was delivered by a very renowned writer and columnist Dr Gururaj Karajagi.







## Lecture III on 19/11/24

A thought provoking and enlightening lecture on "Are doctors happy and healthy?" was rendered by Dr CR Chandrashekhar, former professor of Psychiatry and deputy Medical superintendent, NIMHANS, Bangalore. Major General Dr. Jayan released his book "Covid Times" authored by him and based on his experiences during the pandemic.







#### VRUTTHI PARICHAYA SERIES...

#### Vrutthi parichaya - IV: 21/12/2023

The talk was on "Dental insights- Experiences and practices in the US" by Dr Kavita Kulkarni, an experienced clinician practicing in Arizona.





### Vrutthi parichaya - V: 17/2/2024

The topic was "Path to Practice: a brief overview of licencing process for dentists in Canada" by Dr Sneha Priyadarshini, Clinical demonstrator and Team leader, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto.





#### Vrutthi parichaya -VI: 8/5/2024

A talk was organized on "Exploring Modern Orthodontics: From Education to Innovation" by Dr Divakar Karanth, Program Director of Graduate Orthodontics, and clinical associate professor in Dept of Orthodontics, University of Kentucky.





### Vrutthi parichaya -VII: 21/12/2024

An enlightening lecture was delivered on "Dentistry and oral health research in Australia- An academic perspective" by Dr Prof Dileep Sharma, Head of Discipline, Oral health, University of Newcastle.



#### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SUPPORT TO CULTURAL EVENTS AND SPORTS

Our association believes in the overall development of students and hence always in support of extracurricular activities of students, be it in culturals or sports!

The cultural fest Aura was organised by the cultural committee headed by Dr Hemamythily in the last week of May 2024. Dr Girish Giraddi, Dean and Director of GDCRI presided over the event. The cultural extravaganza showcased the talent of students and staff of the college.

Dean and Director Dr. Ramesh Krishna inaugurated the event and also rendered a soulful performance with two melodious songs.













#### **SPORTS 2024**

Utkarsh 24, the outdoor sports meet at GDCRI, was a lively event held at Kittur Rani Chennamma stadium on May 9th 2024, where active participation was seen by all staff and students. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Girish Giraddi, Dean and Director of GDCRI, setting an energetic tone for the day. The sports meet featured a variety of competitions, including track and field events, team sports, and fun games, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and teamwork. Participants displayed impressive skills and sportsmanship, making the event both competitive and enjoyable. The event was well organised by the sports committee of GDCRI.



















#### **LUNCH OUTINGS AND GALA GATHERINGS**

A Presidential gala dinner was hosted by the President Shri Jagadish Hallikere at City Institute 1st September 2023. It was an evening well spent with an enthusiastic gathering of alumni members, rendition of melodious songs and reminiscence of old GDC days!









## Lunch meet with Dr Champakalakshmi







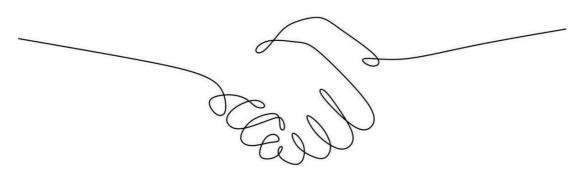
## Reunion of Batch of 1999 at GDCRI





## Golden reunion – Batch of 1971





#### GUEST LECTURE AND FELICITATION TO DR MAHESH GOWDA AND DR HEMALATHA AHUJA

#### On 20th April 2024

Major General Mahesh Gowda and Surgeon Commander Dr. Hemalatha Ahuja were felicitated for their dedicated and selfless service in the Armed Forces. Major General Gowda also delivered an insightful address on "Prosthodontics in the Armed Forces."









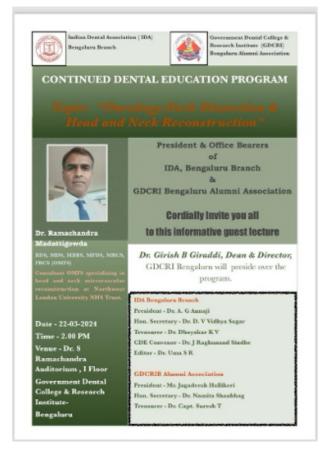


## **CDE PROGRAMS**

CDE PROGRAM: On 25th August 2023
A CDE program was organized by the
Alumni association in collaboration with
Department of Oral and Maxillofacial
Surgery, GDCRI Bangalore.
The esteemed speaker Dr Arjun Sarof,
Senior Clinical Business Development
Manager in Envista Holdings
Corporation, USA. spoke on "Advances
in Digital Dentistry"



CDE PROGRAM: On 22nd March 2024
A CDE program was organized by Alumni association in collaboration with IDA
Bangalore branch. The esteemed speaker
Dr Ramchandra Madattigowda spoke on
"Oncology-Neck dissection and Head and
Neck Reconstruction"



#### CDE PROGRAM & WHITE COAT CEREMONY: On 23rd May 2025

A CDE program on "From Diagnosis to Design" was organized that witnessed three insightful lectures:

1) Healthcare careers beyond the clinic by Dr Isha Maharana

2) AI applications in dentistry by Dr Akash Gajanan

3) Clinical postings-a new beginning by Dr Rohit S

The White Coat Ceremony for Third BDS students was a moment of pride and transition into clinical dentistry. Graced by esteemed faculty and dignitaries, the event marked the symbolic donning of the white coat. It was generously sponsored by our proud alumni and IDA Bangalore branch under the able leadership of Capt Dr Suresh, President of IDA Bangalore Branch. The ceremony emphasized professional responsibility and ethical practice. Students took the oath with great enthusiasm, ready to serve with skill and compassion.

















## ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING AND FELICITATION 06 July 2024

New office bearers were elected, and Dr CD Dwarakanath took over as the President of the association. Two of the alumni Dr Tippeswamy and Dr Kalpana, Dental health officers, were felicitated as they were honoured by the Dept of Health and family welfare, Govt of Karnataka during the Doctors Day celebrations for their service to the rural population. The new edition of the E-Newsletter Alma Mater was released by the editor of GDCRIAA Dr.Nagaranjani











## A FEW ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES....

Capt Dr Suresh, treasurer of Alumni association taking over as President of IDA Bangalore Branch



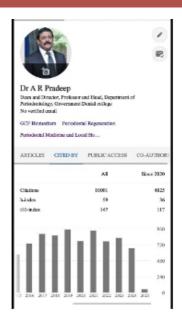
Major Gen E Mahesh Gowda receiving the Vishisht Seva medal



Dr AR Pradeep reaching the milestone of 10000 citations in research field

Dr. Hemanth receiving state best doctor award.

Dr Sudhindra honored as the senior orthodontist at the 58Th National conference







### Dr KS Nagesh felicitated by alumni association of RVDC



Dr Anil Chengappa honored for completing 54 years in dentistry

Dr Prafulla Thumati being honoured at the 52nd IPS conference held at Vijayawada in November 2024.





Felicitation to Dr T Samraj

Dr Girish Rao for being conferred the prestigious Doctor of Science award at the 27th Annual convocation of RGUHS. Dr Anoop Nair has been nominated as one of the Senate members of the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi University of health sciences







## REMEMBERING THE DEAR DEPARTED



- 1) Mrs Girija Dental hygienist on 20th August 2023
- 2) Dr Balakrishna Alva on 3rd March 2024
- 3) Sri Nanjappa former Group D in Dept of Periodontics on 15th March 2024
- 4) **Dr Vinod Sachdev** on 25th March 2024
- 5) **Dr Siddaraju** Former faculty member, Dept of Oral and maxillofacial surgery, GDCRI on 3rd May 2024
- 6) Dr Iftikhar Ali Khan- on 28th May 2024
- 7) Dr TR Manjunath Prasad on 18th June 2024
- 8) Dr Ravikumar on 26th June 2024
- 9) Dr Kishore Nayak on 8th July 2024
- **10) Dr BJ Fleming** on 23rd July 2024
- 11) Dr Mujibur Rehman 31st July 2024
- 12) Dr Veena Kumari on 29th August 2024
- 13) Dr Prakash Chandra Alva on 20th February 2025
- 14) Dr Srinath Thakur on 11th March 2025
- **15) Sri Jayaram –** on 10th May 2025
- 16) Dr Ramachandra Bhat on 13th May 2025

"Cherishing memories that last a lifetime!
And forever connected through our Alma Mater!!"