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TDCians shine at Interzone Volleyball Tournament



TDC's very own Women's Volleyball Team bagged their second consecutive win in the Inter-Zone Volleyball Tournament held at Government Medical College, Kozhikode on February 2nd, 2024. Under the captaincy of Ashni Anil (2018 Batch), the team has raised the banner of TDC.

Honoring the District Collector:

The Thiruvananthapuram District Collector, Mr. Geromic George IAS, has received the Best Collector Award from the Revenue Survey Department for the year 2024. A successful felicitation gathering was held on 29 February 2024 in which teaching and non teaching staff, UG students, PG students, Paramedical students, House Surgeons and Senior Residents had participated.

Commemoration of the 65th Foundation Day:

Government Dental College, Thiruvananthapuram was the first Dental College to be established in Kerala in 1959. On the occasion of its 65th anniversary, the staff, students, alumni and PTA joined hands to celebrate its Foundation Day on 10th February, 2024 at Alumni Auditorium, Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram. During this monumental event, the welcome address was delivered by Dr. Beena V.T., Principal of GDC, Thiruvananthapuram; the inauguration was conducted by the Chief Guest Shri Kadakampally Surendran, an address was delivered by the Guest of Honour Dr. Divya S. Iyer IAS; event was felicitated by Councillor Dr. Anil, Dr. Thomas Matthew, Principal Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram; President of Staff Welfare Forum as well the Alumni Association President of Government Dental College, Thiruvananthapuram; and the Vote of Thanks was delivered by the PTA Secretary, Government Dental College, Thiruvananthapuram. The event ended on a high note with a series of energetic cultural programmes.

Dr. Prasanth awarded with Fellowship



Royal College of Surgeons (England) has granted fellowship FDS RCS (England) to Dr Prasanth Vishwambaran, Professor (CAP), Department of Prosthodontics Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram.

Golden sweep by TDCians at Kurukshetra:



After a gap of 4 years, TDC hosted 'Kurukshetra' - All Kerala Inter-Dental Sports Fest on March 7,8 and 9 2024. Various events like football, futsal, cricket, badminton, throwball, volleyball, county cricket, table tennis, carroms, chess, etc. were conducted in both men's and women's categories. It was inaugurated at the Sportive Arena Turf, Murinjapalam, Thiruvananthapuram and was enthusiastically participated in by GDCs Alappuzha, Kozhikode, Kannur, Kottayam, Thrissur, Mar Baselios and Azeezia Dental Colleges. TDC bagged the 'Overall Champions' title.

Achievements of Postgraduates:

In 26th Indian Prosthodontic Society PG Convention conducted at Saveetha Dental College Chennai , Dr.Nissy Chacko and Dr.Pavithra B ,Postgraduates Department of Prosthodontics Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram has been awarded Dr.EGR Solomon Award for 1st Best Paper Presentation. Dr.Gourish Singh Navagur , Dr.Gopika S and Dr.Uthara Balachandran, Postgraduates, Department of Prosthodontics Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram are awarded for the Session Best in Student Poster.

NEET PG Results out!!



Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram rejoices as its students secure top ranks in the NEET MDS results. The result was published on April 4th, 2024 and the exam was conducted back in the month of March. Dr. Vivek S and Dr. Fathima Marjanath of 2017 Batch secured All India Ranks 15 and 17 respectively. Dr. Sharon Sara Thomas of 2016 Batch secured rank 53. Dr. Chaithanya M, Dr. Anjana Gopan, Dr. Sharika C.S , Dr. Sudheesh M, Dr. Pooja R, Dr. Seljraj, Dr. Aravind S S and Dr. Sankar Mahadev secured ranks 127, 156, 270, 349, 355, 374 and 394 respectively.

A step towards gender equality:



A Gender Awareness Campaign was held for students and staff on 28th February at R. Ahmed Auditorium. The campaign talk focused on gender rations, sex education and self defense.

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CDE on artificial intelligence and patent rights in dentistry

Department of oral medicine and Radiology of Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram presented CDE on Artificial intelligence and Patent rights in Dentistry on April 20th 2024 at R Ahmed Auditorium , GDC Thiruvananthapuram. Dr.Pournami P N (Associate Professor, Dept. Of Computer science and Engineering, NIT kozhikod) ,Dr.Parvin Abraham (Associate IPR,Technology Transfer Officer TIMed)and Indu Govind (Program Manager,Technology atransfer Officer TIMed) were the Speakers. Discussion on topics like Senisitization on Intellectual property rights, Futuristic Frontiers- Research Evolution of AI in Oral Health and Research to meet the Market Needs was done.

Welcoming new faces and bidding adieu to some:

Dr. Noxy George Manjooran, Assistant Professor, Department of Prosthodontics was transferred to Government Dental College, Kozhikode on 12th March, 2024. Dr. Geethu R.M. , Assistant Professor Department of Prosthodontics got transferred to Government Dental College, Thiruvananthapuram from Government Dental College, Kozhikode.

General Body Meeting and Election of Alumni Association, GDC Trivandrum

The general body meeting was conducted on 10th Feb 2024 at R. Ahmed Auditorium at Government Dental College Trivandrum. It was presided by Dr.HarshaKumar.K, President of the Alumni Association, Dr.Beena.V.T,Patron. The new office bearers of the Alumni Association took charge of the responsibilities entrusted to them by the members of the association. The new members include

- President: Dr Rejula F
- Vice President:Dr.P.J. Pradeep Kumar
- Gen Secretary:Capt Dr.Pramod P.S
- Join Secretary: Dr.Sreekala.K.V, Dr.Rabi.A
- Treasurer: Dr. Smitha Ravindran
- Executive members:
 - Dr.Sreeja. J
 - Dr.T.Sreelal
 - Dr. George Skharia

World Oral Health Day Celebration:

World Oral Health Day, commemorated annually on March 20th, was celebrated at Government Dental College, Thiruvananthapuram by organising a Special Care Dentistry Program to sensitize the public regarding the importance of Oral Hygiene under the motto ' A happy mouth is a happy body'. The Program, organised by the Department of Public Health Dentistry, was held on March 22th, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rotary Institute for Children in need of Special Care, Thiruvananthapuram.

Registration for Young Innovator’s Programme(YIP):

The Young Innovators' Programme is a flagship program of Kerala Development Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC), an initiative by the Kerala Government which encourages and aids new inventions. An Orientation Programme to introduce TDCians to YIP as well as registration of all UG and PG students was conducted on 12th March, 2024 at R Ahmed Auditorium. Rejula F., Assistant Professor, Department of Conservative Dentistry has been nominated as Nodal Officer for the K-DISC program.

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