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## Inauguration of 'Evolve' College Union 2023-2024



The College Union 2023-2024 "EVOLVE" was inaugurated by Principal Dr. V T Beena, on October 3, 2023 at R Ahmed Auditorium. Sumesh M was elected as the Chairperson. "Evolve" Union members took their official oath and pledged their allegiance. The union report and complete budget of "De Jure", Students Union 2022-23 was also presented. The newly elected Union is represented by: Sumesh M-Chairperson; Ashni Anil-General Secretary; Aliya Shaji-Vice Chairperson; Elbin Koshy- Joint Secretary; Kripa J S- Vice Chairpers-on; R S Aswin-Treasurer; Ashma Ashraf-Arts Secretary; Adithyan J P- Sports Secretary; Arya P B- Magazine Editor; Saranya S-

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## Graduation Ceremony of 2017 Batch



"Au Revoir", the graduation ceremony of the Class of 2017, the 59<sup>th</sup> batch of Government Dental College, Thiruvananthapuram was held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Travancore International Convention Centre, Karyavattom. The ceremony was flagged off with

an academic procession. It was inaugurated by Shri K. R. Jyothish IAS, Additional Chief Secretary General Administration, Power, Forest & Wildlife Department, Government Of Kerala. Dr. V. T. Beena, Principal, Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram delivered the presidential address. Dr. Sruthi Suresh, HSA Secretary gave the welcome address. Dr. Mohanan Kunnumal, Vice Chancellor of KUHS was the guest of honour. After the oath taking ceremony, Dr. Harsha Kumar, Vice Principal, Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram delivered the message to graduates. Felicitations were given by Dr. Sarath S. S., Staff Advisor, GDC Thiruvananthapuram and Dr. Vimal Jose, Convocation Convenor. Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Aravind S S, HSA President. The Hats off ceremony was followed by cultural programmes organised by the students and staff of TDC.

## Independence Day Celebration



As part of the Independence Day celebrations of GDC Thiruvananthapuram, the college entrance and hallways were decorated in a tricolour theme. The flag was hoisted by Dr. Anita Balan, Joint Director of

Medical Education, in front of the college courtyard at 9 am on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in the presence of the HODs, students and staff. Sweets were distributed among all.

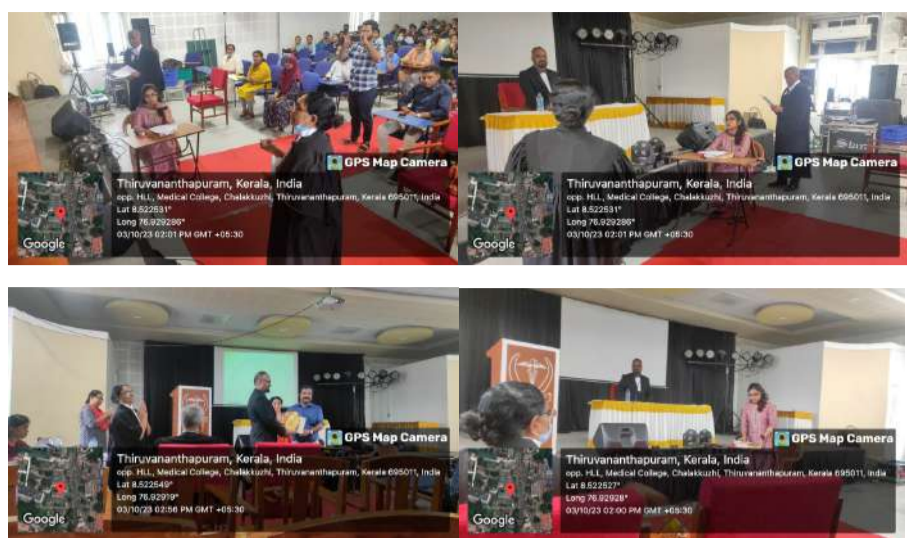
## TDC shines at the A-Zone Inter College Table Tennis Championship-



In the KUHS A-Zone inter college women's table tennis championship held on 21 and 22 September 2023 at PMS College of Dental Science & Research, Reeva Anna Michael of Govern-

ment Dental College Thiruvananthapuram became the champion. Reeva Anna and Dr. Bimal Boswel from TDC's men's team qualified for the table tennis singles inter zone championship. Dr. Ashni Anil V. P., Aswathy Jayakumar, Asbimol Ashraf and Anjali Krishna were the other players in the women's team. The men's team also qualified for Inter zone, whose members were Dr. Bimal Boswel, Dr. Aromal B, Midhun Babu, Vibin P. R. and Gokul Hemanth.

## Lecture and Interactive Moot Court on Medical Negligence



The Academic Forum of Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram held a captivating lecture and interactive Moot Court session on Medical Negligence on October 3, 2023. Dr. Babukuttan Pillai, Additional Professor, Department of Orthodontics, Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram delivered a lecture on 'Doctor-Patient Relationship'. Dr. George Skariah P, Professor and Head of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, PMS College of Dental Sciences and Research, Thiruvananthapuram elaborated on what constitutes negligence in medical practice. The moot court was staged by Dr. Heera R, Professor and Head, Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology, Government Dental College Alappuzha, Dr. George Skariah P and Dr. Babukuttan Pillai. They presented actual case scenarios from various parts of India to help understand how real courts work and their proper code of conduct. The event was wholeheartedly participated in by the students and faculty members.

## A Zone Inter-College Women's Basketball Championship



The women's basketball team of Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram emerged as first runner up in the A Zone inter college women's basketball championship held at Kerala University basketball court on October 20, 21 which was hosted by Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram.

## Transfers

Shri. Suresh Kumar R who worked as the Clerical attender in Government Dental College, Thiruvananthapuram has been transferred to the Revenue Department as Clerk.

## Wildlife photography exhibition and lecture



The Alumni Association of Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram, conducted a Wildlife Photography Exhibition and Lecture, on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023, at R Ahmed Auditorium, Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram. Dr. Santhosh Kumar P, an alumni of 1981 Batch of our college, who was also a recipient of Danta Sreshta Award from Kerala Dental Council and Dr. Joseph Varghese, an alumni of 1979 Batch of our college, who was the Chairman of Indian Board of Orthodontics (2005) had addressed the gathering. There was a talk on "Introduction to Digital and Wildlife Photography" by Dr Santhosh Kumar P after which the exhibition was held.

## Oral Medicine and Radiology Additional skill training program organised by Career Guidance and Placement Cell



Oral Medicine and Radiology Additional skill training program organised by Career Guidance and Placement Cell was a great venture to provide highly informative sessions and hands on experience for House Surgeons and PGs. The Program was conducted in the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology on August 4, 2023.

Dr. Ashish gave an interesting lecture on "Early Clinical Diagnosis of Precancerous lesions and their Initial Management". Lecture was packed with clinical pictures of various lesions, early diagnostic methods and pharmacological management of them. Dr. Tinky Bose, Head of the Department, took an interactive session on the basics of Viewing and analysing CBCT radiographs (Panmecca). The class also dealt with diagnosing pathologies from a CBCT. Dr. Mini elaborated more on the clinical aspects of CBCT especially taught us how to use CBCT radiographs in Implant surgery and application of them in Endodontics. Dr. Ramesh gave training in Digital Radiography (RVG).

## Rank holders in MDS Degree Part II Regular Examination



DR. B Kiruthika



Dr. Lakshmi Mohan

The result of MDS Part 2 Regular Examination was declared on October 11, 2023. Dr. B Kiruthika secured first rank in MDS Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dr. Lakshmi Mohan secured second rank in MDS Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics.

## Strike On



The students of Government Dental College, Thiruvananthapuram went on strike on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023. They demanded immediate commencement

of construction of a ladies hostel for dental college. The strike was held in association with the SFI unit. Kazhakootam MLA, Kadakampally Surendran spoke in support of the strike. The strike was called off after the Principal of Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram agreed to the terms of strike.

## Evidence based debate on Amalgam vs Composite



An Evidence based debate on amalgam versus composite as a posterior restoration - present status and future perspective was organized by TDC Research committee in association

with Academic Forum and Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at R Ahmed Auditorium, Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram. Dr. Aleena Jose from team Amalgam was selected as the Best Presenter and Dr. Sankar Mahadevan from team Composite was specially mentioned.

## Dental screening camp conducted on Smile Day



On the occasion of World Smile Day, Department of Public health Dentistry and SFI Unit of Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram arranged a free dental screening camp at Pierre Paul Public School, Vembayam on October 6, 2023.

## Campaign against substance abuse



An awareness talk for students of Government Dental College, Thiruvananthapuram, against substance abuse was initiated by IDA Trivandrum WDC and Student Support and Guidance Cell of our college on October 19, 2023 at R. Ahmed Auditorium. Mr. Vignesh S.A., District Coordinator, Vimukthi Mission, Excise Department, Thiruvananthapuram was the Speaker. Dr. Sangeet K. Cherian, IDA President, Kerala State; Dr. Sangeetha G Kurup, IDA Secretary, Trivandrum Branch; Dr. Sarah Christopher, WDC Secretary, Kerala State; Dr. Sreeja J, WDC Representative, IDA Trivandrum and Associate Professor, Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, Government Dental College, Thiruvananthapuram also addressed the gathering. Substance abuse can be overcome by the proper guidance and counselling which is only a phone call away with these initiatives: Nervazhi - 9656178000 14405 - counselling and toll free number [ 24 hours ]

## Orientation on Shift in BDS Curriculum (CBDE)



The Curriculum Monitoring Committee and Academic Forum of Government Dental College, Thiruvananthapuram collaborated to give all faculty members of the college a brief insight into the new Dental Curriculum on September 20, 2023. It was an interactive session led by Dr. A Devadathan, Dean, Faculty of Dental Sciences, KUHS.

## KUHS South Zone Arts Fest



Thanseeha



Fathima Sahala



Fathima Nahdha

Government Dental College, Thiruvananthapuram bagged 3 prizes in the KUHS South Zone Arts Fest. Fathima Sahala got first prize for English extempore, Thanseeha, third prize for Malayalam versification and Fathima Nahdha, third prize for pencil drawing competitions.

## Dr. BRR Varma passes away



Dr. BRR Varma, former Professor and Head (1978-1981), Department of Periodontics, Government Dental College, Thiruvananthapuram sadly departed for his heavenly abode on August 3, 2023. He was promoted as Joint Director of Medical Education of Kerala state in 1985 and later retired in 1990. An obituary meeting was held in our college on August 5.

## Orientation Programme on Quality Assurance

On October 4, 2023, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell and Academic Forum of Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram conducted an orientation program on "Quality Assurance" for the staff members. The guest speaker Dr. Vivek Narayan, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health Dentistry, Government Dental College Kottayam provided valuable insight and guidance on the topic.

## Oral Hygiene Day Program



On "National Oral Hygiene Day", a dental screening camp and awareness campaign was organized in association with Southern Railway, Thiruvananthapuram Division, SPIK (Society of Periodontists and Implantologists of Kerala) & Department of Public Health Dentistry, Government Dental college, Thiruvananthapuram at Kochuveli Railway Station on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023. The National Oral Hygiene Day is commemorated to honour the birth anniversary of the founder of Indian Society of Periodontology (ISP), Dr G B Shankwalkar, who was born on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

A total of seventy employees were screened in the dental check-up camp. The program was inaugurated by Dr. Sony Thomas, ACMS/TVC and awareness talk on "Oral Hygiene" was given by Dr. Manikandan G.R Periodontal Healthcare Convener, SPIK. Almost seventy-five passengers and railway employees participated in the awareness campaign.

## Pre-Conclave Seminar on Generative AI

The IHRD Production and Maintenance Division, Thiruvananthapuram in association with Government Dental College Thiruvananthapuram conducted a pre-conclave seminar on Generative AI - "From Searching Engines to Answering Engines" on September 23, 2023. Dr. Deepa P Gopinath Consultant of K-Desk was the resource person. It was organised ahead of the International Conclave on Generative AI and the Future of Education.

### Editorial Board

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## AOMSI State Conference



Winners receiving certificate. From 1, 2. Dr. Sruthy Rajendran, 2. Dr. Aneesa P A, 3. Dr. Sudheer Babu.

The AOMSI State conference 2023 was held at Kannur from October 13 to 15. 1<sup>st</sup> prize for poster making was bagged by Dr. Sruthy Rajendran and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize by Dr. P I Sudheer Babu. For surgical skill competition the 1<sup>st</sup> prize was bagged by Dr. Sruthy Rajendran and Dr. Aneesa P A. Dr. Sruthy presented a case report on Frontoorbital advancement with distraction osteogenesis in Pfeiffer syndrome and Dr Sudheer presented Odontogenic myxoma a case report on a rare entity.

## Onam celebrations at TDC



Onam, the traditional festival of Malayalees, was celebrated with pomp and fervour. Events were organised by DCU, Staff welfare forum, as well as individual departments. Staff welfare forum organised a colourful Onam on August 25, 2023 with 'Pookkalam', group song, 'Bhagyavaan & Bhagyavathi' lucky dip contest, fun games etc. The 2023 Onam celebrations were extravagantly conducted by De Jure College Union on August 20 and 21, 2023. The first day consisted of a hearty Sadhya and Onam fashion show followed by a whole host of games and events like "Vadam Vali", "Uriyadi", Pookalam contest, art contests and flash mob on 21 August.