

ACADEMIC MERITS OF FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Month : March 2025

Department of Respiratory Medicine

Dr. M. S. Barthwal, Prof. & HOD and Dr. Sachinkumar Dole, Professor, contributed a chapter "Uncommon Pleural Effusions" in the Textbook of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, 3rd Edition by Jaypee Brothers.

Dr. Sachinkumar Dole, Professor participated as a faculty in State Level Training of Medical College faculty on updated Guidelines for Management of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis : BPaLM held on 24th Feb. 2025 organized by National Center of Excellence for Tuberculosis, Grant Govt. Medical College & Sir J. J. Group of Hospital, Mumbai.

The following residents participated as delegates in EBUS workshop held at Bombay hospital, Mumbai on 2nd March 2025.

Dr. Vasu Agarwal, Dr. Brahmansh Singh, Dr. Sneha Deore, Dr. Lekshmi R S, Dr. Hiral Ramnani, Dr. Manosri M, Dr. Atulya Anand and Dr. Pratiksha Dutta.

Department of Paediatrics

Dr. Shailaja Mane, Prof. & HOD, is nominated as a Chairperson of Maharashtra Adolescent Health Academy (MAHA AHA) 2024, Subchapter of Indian Academy of Paediatrics. Installation function was conducted on an online platform on 18th March 2025. Chief Guest Dr. Vasant Khalatkar, President IAP, Guest of Honour Dr. Neelam Mohan Present Elect CIAP, Dr. Basavraja Immediate Past President CIAP graced the occasion.

Dr. Bhavisha Thakkar, MPT (Pediatrics), attended the conference. Key sessions included workshops on Basic Life Support and Trunk Stability in Neuro-diverse Children, discussions on Early Intervention in High-Risk Infants, and advancements in AI for Cerebral Palsy Rehabilitation and Tele-Physiotherapy in Cardiopulmonary Care. The conference concluded with a session on Pain Management and Cardiac Rehabilitation.]

The 62nd National Conference of the Indian Association of Physiotherapists (IAP) was held on February 15-16, 2025, in Maharashtra, India, with the theme "Fortifying Towards Emerging Healthcare Needs & Technology". The conference, hosted by IAP Maharashtra State, brought together physiotherapists, researchers, and healthcare professionals to discuss advancements in rehabilitation, clinical practice, and emerging healthcare technologies.

Dr. Bhavisha Thakkar, MPT (Pediatrics), attended the conference. The event highlighted key topics such as Rewiring the Brain: Advances in Stroke Rehabilitation, Breaking the Freeze: Changing Paradigms in Parkinson's Disease, and Aquatic Therapy for Emerging Healthcare Needs. Discussions also focused on AI and digital transformation in physiotherapy, prehabilitation in sports, manual therapy ethics, and innovative approaches in neuro and paediatric rehabilitation.

Participation in the Conference:

The Department of Pediatrics at B.J. Wadia Hospitals, Mumbai, hosted the 1st National Rare Disease Conference on March 1-2, 2025. The conference, titled "Cure and Care for Rare," brought together experts from various specialties to discuss the latest advancements in the diagnosis and management of rare diseases. Faculty from the Department of Pediatrics actively participated in the conference. Dr. Supriya Gupte, Dr. Shiji Chalipat, and Dr. Sudhir Malawade attended the workshop "Unboxing Rare Diseases: Kissa Genes Ka," which provided valuable insights into the genetic aspects of rare diseases. Additionally, Dr. Renuka Patil and Dr. Anjali Mujumdar, Fellows in Pediatric Endocrinology, presented posters at the conference and also attended the "Unboxing Rare Diseases: Kissa Genes Ka" workshop. Their participation showcased our department's commitment to advancing knowledge in rare diseases.

International Epilepsy Day

On 10th February 2025, the Department of Pediatrics, in collaboration with MahaAOPN and CNS Pune, observed International Epilepsy Day by organizing a seminar on "Status Epilepticus: Recent Protocols and Evidence-Based Management" for postgraduate residents. Under the guidance of Dr. Shailaja Mane, Professor and Head of the Department, the seminar featured a talk by Dr. Ruchi Pratihari, Pediatric Neurology fellow trainee, moderated by Dr. Shiji Chalipat, Professor and Pediatric Neurologist.

The session provided valuable insights into the latest advancements in managing status epilepticus. In addition, an informative session was conducted for parents of children with epilepsy, focusing on home management of acute seizure events. This session empowered parents with essential knowledge and practical guidance, enabling them to better care for their children. The event successfully raised awareness about epilepsy and promoted education in its management, aligning with the International Epilepsy Day's mission to improve the lives of people with epilepsy worldwide.

Celebration of International Women's Day:

International Women's Day Celebrations were celebrated at Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre Pimpri, Pune from 3rd to 8th March 2025. Dr. Shailaja Mane (Professor & Head) and the Paediatric Department at Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College enthusiastically participated in the International Women's Day celebrations. Dr. Shailaja Mane, Professor and Head, has been bestowed with the esteemed Superwomen Award, recognizing her remarkable contributions and tireless dedication to her field. This prestigious honor is a testament to her outstanding leadership and commitment to excellence.

Mr. Angad Veer, a talented young artist, secured the third prize in the painting competition, adding to the excitement of the celebrations. The event was a resounding success, fostering a spirit of empowerment and camaraderie among the participants.

Dr. Pramila Menon, Associate Professor, served as an expert faculty member for the Basic Course in Medical Education (BCME) at Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) in Nashik. The program took place from 3rd March to 5th March 2025.

Dr. Shiji Chalipat, Professor, was invited as faculty for the Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) Pune's online Postgraduate Clinic on March 12, 2025. She delivered an insightful talk on "Approach to Acute Flaccid Paralysis in Children," sharing her expertise with postgraduate students and Paediatric professionals.

Dr. Shailaja Mane, Prof. & HOD, served as the Chairperson for the panel discussion on "Prevention is better than cure" at the online symposium on Obesity organized by the non-communicable disease prevention and academy of the Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) on 12th March 2025.

Dr. Shailaja Mane, Professor & Head Department of Pediatrics attended the International Women's Conference held in Bangalore from February 14-16, 2025. The conference was marked by a prestigious award ceremony, where Hon'ble Pro Chancellor Dr. (Mrs) Bhagyashree P. Patil Madam was conferred with 'The Vishalakshi Award' by the President of India.

Other esteemed faculty members in attendance included:

- Dr. A. Rekha (Dean)
- Dr. P. Vatsalaswami (Director Academics)
- Dr. Chhaya Suryawanshi (Professor & Head Anaesthesiology)

This conference provided a valuable platform for exchanging ideas, networking, and celebrating women's achievements.

Dr. Shailaja Mane, Prof. & HOD was invited to participate in an online review meeting on 11th February, 2025. The meeting was conducted to review a research proposal focused on Hemophilia patients.

Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nation (FAO). FAO India is celebrating the International Year of Camelids 2024 which highlights the importance to protect and sustainably develop the camelid sector besides reaffirming the committed to uplift the socio-economic condition of camel bearers. Dr. Shailaja Mane was invited as an expert and clinical research faculty by FAO.

The Department of Pediatrics successfully organized a meaningful and impactful celebration of "World Obesity Day" on 10th March 2025. The event aimed to address the growing concerns surrounding obesity, particularly in children, through education, awareness, and interaction.

Dr. Supriya Gupte and Dr Sajili Mehta further enriched the academic aspect of the event by delivering an engaging lecture on pathophysiology, diagnosis, and clinical management of obesity in children. This lecture drew an audience comprising 3rd-year MBBS undergraduates, postgraduate students, and faculty members of the Paediatrics department.

Dr. Renuka Patil and Dr Anjali Mujumdar conducted insightful patient education talks, emphasizing the importance of early diagnosis, identifying risk factors, and promoting prevention and effective management of obesity. These sessions were attended by enthusiastic interns and postgraduate students in Pediatrics, who appreciated the depth of knowledge imparted. Dr. Shailaja Mane addressed the undergraduates, sensitizing them to the obesity epidemic and its detrimental effects on children.

Dr. Bhavisha Thakkar, MPT Pediatrics, represented Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre, Pune, and achieved outstanding success at the Physio Badminton Tournament. Organized by the IAP Women Cell Maharashtra, PCMC Branch, in collaboration with Modern College of Physiotherapy, Pune, the event was held on March 7, 2025, at the PDMBA Ground, Pune, in commemoration of International Women's Day.

Dr. Bhavisha Thakkar secured impressive victories in both categories:

- ✓ Singles Champion
- ✓ Doubles Champion

The Department of Pediatrics at Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital, and Research Centre, Pimpri, Pune, successfully organized a VIHASA (Values in Healthcare: A Spiritual Approach) training program on February 8th and March 15th, 2025, at MEU Hall of Paediatrics, covered the module on VALUES. Dr. Manoj G. Matnani, a trained VIHASA facilitator, conducted the workshop. Participants found the experience uplifting, helping them raise their morale and boost self-esteem

A team of experts from Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre, Pimpri, Pune, including Dr. D.P. Jha (Occupational Therapist), Dr. Puja Padbidri (Consultant Neonatal Therapist), and Dr. Bhavisha Thakkar (MPT Pediatrics), attended a workshop on "Advancing Neonatal Assessment: Understanding and Implementing the Test of Infant Motor Performance (TIMP)" from 1 to 2nd March 2025 at Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Pune.

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Nutrition and Breastfeeding Committee SAFOG and ARTIST organized a webinar on breast health and breastfeeding on 21st March 2025. The event aimed to educate and empower mothers on overcoming breastfeeding challenges and optimizing lactation. Dr. Shailaja Mane, a renowned expert in lactation and breastfeeding, participated as a panelist in an event focused on empowering mothers and addressing breastfeeding challenges. The event aimed to provide a platform for mothers to share their experiences, receive guidance, and gain valuable insights from experts in the field.]

Dr. Pramila Menon, Associate Professor visited BJ Medical College in Pune as a National Medical Commission (NMC) observer on 11th March to 13th March 2025. During her visit, she assessed the college's compliance with the regulatory standards and norms set by the NMC. Her observation focused on various aspects of medical education, including infrastructure, faculty, curriculum, and student services.

Dr. Pramila Menon, Associate Professor attended a workshop on "Quality Improvement" conducted by NQOCN and BPNI Maharashtra on 21st & 22nd February 2025 at Nashik.

Department of Radio-diagnosis

Dr. Vikas Jadhav, Department of Radio-diagnosis

- Honored with the Appreciation Award for outstanding contribution by the Egyptian Society of Laparoscopic Surgery (ESLS) at the 21st International Congress & Workshop (ESLS 2025).
- Honored as a Speaker at the 21st International Congress & Workshop of the Egyptian Society of Laparoscopic Surgery (ESLS 2025) on 20/02/2025 to 21/02/2025.

Department of Ophthalmology

Dr. (Col) O. K. Radhakrishnan, Prof. & HOD, received the Ophthalmology Teaching Excellence Award for his outstanding contribution to the field of Ophthalmology, presented by the National Institute of Ophthalmology on 15th February 2025.

Dr. Radhika Paranjpe, Associate Professor, received Visionary Leader Award at Pune EYECON 2025, organized by the National Institute of Ophthalmology, on 15/02/2025.

Dr. Radhika Paranjpe, Associate Professor, received "Inspiring women in Academic world" for Excellence in Teaching, Leadership and Inspiring future Generations of women in ophthalmology on 7th and 8th March 2025 in BOA FOTI TEACHERS CONCLAVE.

Dr. Parikshit Gogate, Professor, awarded for his Contribution as Faculty on 7th and 8th March 2025 at BOA FOTI TEACHERS CONCLAVE 2025.

Department of Orthopaedics

Dr. Amit Kale, Professor, Department of Orthopaedics contributed Case Scenarios in the textbook of Clinical Anatomy Osteology Radiology and Surface marking ISBN No. 9788131268872, Year 2024.

Dr. Rishyendra Verma (SR) attended & Completed AO Trauma Course- Basic Principles of fracture management (Twin) held on 7th March to 9th March 2025, at Jodhpur, India.

Dr. Raj Kamble (JR III) attended & Completed AO Trauma Course- Basic Principles of fracture management (Twin) held on 7th March to 9th March 2025, at Jodhpur, India.

Department of General Medicine

Dr. Pradnya Diggikar, Professor, Department of General Medicine visited Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore and attended the Seminar on "Tuberculosis Research Advancement Centre (TRAC)" on 5th March 2025.

The Department of General Medicine organized a Research Methodology Symposium on February 22, 2025, Saturday, from 10:00 AM to 02:00 PM at the MEU Hall. The session was conducted for postgraduate students and faculty members. The speaker for the event was Dr. Raveendranath Perumal, MBBS, MD (Pharmacology), and a Medical Advisor at Abbott Healthcare Pvt Ltd.

Chellaram Diabetes institute organized a 9th International Diabetes Summit - 2025, Pune on 7th to 9th March 2025 at Pune. Maharashtra Medical Council has granted Two Credit points.

Following faculties are participated:

Dr. Vikram Vikhe, Dr. S.A Kanitkar, Dr. M.L Mahashabde, Dr. Bhumika Vaishnav, Dr. J.S Dhadwad, Dr. Kishor Khilare, Dr. Gaurav Choudhary, Dr. Prabhanjan Kulkarni, Dr. Ira Dhere.

Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Dr. Kshitij Pasricha, Intern, participated at Case Presentation Competition under Dr. Shilpa Kshirsagar, Associate Professor and Dr. Suresh Kathpalia, Professor in "Aavyanna 2025" at Symbiosis Medical College for Women, Pune and secured First Place, demonstrating exceptional clinical acumen and presentation skills on 6th March, 2025.

Department of Emergency Medicine

Dr. Sarbari Swaika (Prof & HOD) has participated as Faculty Speaker to the CRITICARE 2025 hosted by 31st Annual Conference of Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine dated 5th -8th February 2025, at Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty.

Dr. Sarbari Swaika (Prof & HOD) attended & participated as a Faculty during IAPA 2025 held at AFMC, Pune on 15th & 16th February 2025.

Dr. Sarbari Swaika (Prof & HOD) participated as Faculty and contributed immensely to the Airway Workshop of AEMECON 2025, hosted by Ramaiah Medical College and Association of Emergency Medicine Educators on 20/02/2025.

Dr. Sarbari Swaika (Prof & HOD) participated as Faculty Speaker and contributed immensely to the SCIENTIFIC SESSION of AEMECON 2025, hosted by Ramaiah Medical College and Association of Emergency Medicine Educators from 21/02/2025 to 23/02/2025.

Dr. Sarbari Swaika (Prof & HOD) contributed as a Judge in Paper Presentation in AEMECON 2025, hosted by Ramaiah Medical College and Association of Emergency Medicine Educators from 21/02/2025 to 22/02/2025.

Dr. Sarbari Swaika (Prof & HOD) participated as a Faculty in CRITICARE 2025, Kochi, held from 7th to 9th March 2025, at Grand Hyatt, Bolgatty, Kochi.

Dr. Varsha Shinde (Professor) participated as a Guest Speaker in Webinar on "EMPIRICAL ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY IN ED" organized by Dept of Emergency Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Belagavi, Karnataka on 10th March 2025.

Simulation Lab (Skills Lab) & Department of Emergency Medicine organized and successfully conducted 2 days mandatory workshop on BCLS and ACLS from 27/02/2025 to 28/02/2025 at the Skills Lab under the leadership of Dr. Varsha Shinde, Professor Department of Emergency Medicine who was the Course Director. The instructors consisted of In-house faculty. A total of 29 participants successfully completed the course, which consisted of Residents and Interns.

Department of Anaesthesiology

1. Dr. Sonal Khatavkar, Professor was invited as speaker for Topic of “Foreign Body Bronchus in Pediatric : Anaesthesia challenges” at monthly clinical meet and E Bulletin ‘pulse’ Release, organised by SAPC (Society of Anaesthesiologist Pimpri, Chinchwad) on 22nd February 2025 at blue water, Banquet Hall, Punawale.
2. Dr. Sonal Khatavkar, Professor attended and participated as a Faculty and invited as judge for online poster presentation in 16th Annual National Conference of Indian Association of Paediatric Anaesthesiologists – IAPA 2025 at AFMC, Pune on 15th and 16th February 2025.
3. Dr. Bhavini Shah, Professor was invited as Chairperson for the monthly clinical meet organised by SAPC on 22nd February 2025 at Blue water, Banquet Hall, Punawale.
4. Dr. Aparna Bagle, Professor and Dr. Sharan M, JR - III attended monthly clinical meet organized by SAPC on 22nd February 2025 at Blue water, Banquet Hall, Punawale.
5. Dr. Srashti Sikarwar, Senior Resident has participated and presented a poster in 16th Annual National Conference of Indian Association of Paediatric Anaesthesiologists – IAPA 2025 at AFMC, Pune on 15th and 16th February 2025.
Poster Title:- From Herniation to Healing : A successful omphalocele repair in neonate.

Department of Interventional Radiology

Dr. Aniketh Hiremath, Senior Resident participated as Delegate in ISNR 2025 held on 20th -23rd February 2025 at NIMHANS Convention Center, Bengaluru Karnataka.

Dr. Aniketh Hiremath, Senior Resident participated in the 25th Annual Conference organized by the Indian Society of Vascular and Interventional Radiology, held at Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty, Kerala dated February 06th -09th 2025.

He presented the E-poster Presentation in the Miscellaneous titled

1. PARTO- Plug-assisted retrograde transvenous obliteration in managing gastro-variceal bleed in left-sided portal hypertension
2. Taming the Torrent’ - A Race Against Ruptured Pseudoaneurysms in Bleeding Orofacial Tumors.

Dr. Ritesh Kumar Sahu, Senior Resident, participated as Delegate in ISNR 2025 held on 20th -23rd February 2025 at NIMHANS Convention Center, Bengaluru Karnataka.

Department of Anatomy

Following staff members from department of Anatomy attended “7th State Conference of Regional Chapter of Anatomy (MAHACON 7)” organized by Department of Anatomy, Seth G.S. Medical College & K.E.M Hospital, Mumbai on 21st & 22nd February 2025.

1. Dr. Preeti Sonje – Professor & Head : Chaired a Scientific session of Oral presentations.
2. Dr. Neelesh Kanasker –Professor : Chaired a Scientific session of Poster presentations.
3. Dr. P. R. Manvikar – Professor : Speaker for Student – Teacher Debate on the topic “Continuous Internal Assessment in Anatomy- Boon or Bane”
4. Dr. Smita Nomulwar – Asso. Professor. Presented a Poster titled “ Unilateral Complete duplication of Ureter and Duplex Kidney – A case Report
5. Dr. Vanashri Shinde – Asst. Professor. Presented a Poster titled ‘ Bovine Arch and Additional Vertebral Artery – A case report

Dr. Pallavi Bajpayee, Associate Professor, attended, National Genetics Counseling Symposium as Delegate, held at The Center for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD), Hyderabad on 7th & 8th March 2025.

Dr. Pallavi Bajpayee, Associate Professor, attended, Training Program on “ New Clinical Trial Rules 2019, ICH GCP,R3 AND ICMR Guidelines” organized by Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Nursing, Pune on 17th February 2025.

- **Department of Community Medicine**

Dr. Chaitali Borgaonkar, Associate Professor has participated in “State Level training of Medical College faculty on updated Guidelines for Management of drug-resistant tuberculosis: BPALM Regimen.” on 24th February 2025 at The National centre of Excellence for Tuberculosis, Grant Government Medical College & Sir J.J. Group of Hospitals, Mumbai.

- Dr. Kavita Vishwakarma, Assistant Professor has participated in the online workshop conducted by MedPro on Mathematical Modelling, RED cap with ODK collect on 15th and 19th February 2025.
- Dr. Kavita Vishwakarma, Assistant Prof. has participated in the online Hands-on workshop “MEDICAL ILLUSTRATIONS & SCIENTIFIC POSTERS USING AI” organized by Kronotome, on 15th February 2025.
- Dr. Nidhi Shree (SR Community Medicine, was convoked on 25th February 2025 for her PGDHM course at NIHFWS, New Delhi, and was honored with a Merit Certificate by Prof. (Dr.) Mahesh Verma, Vice Chancellor of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi. The prestigious occasion was further distinguished by the presence of Dr. Atul Goyal, Director General of Health Services (DGHS), India.

- Dr. Johnson S., Assistant Prof. has successfully completed the PIMS Non-Communicable Diseases ECHO Training 2024-2025 organized by PIMS (Puducherry) & ECHO India.
- Dr. Swati Ghonge, Professor Medicine has participated in the 9th International Diabetes Summit 2025 from 7th to 9th March 2025 at Pune.
- Dr. Purna Verma, Assistant Prof. has successfully completed the PIMS Non-Communicable Diseases ECHO Training 2024-2025 organized by PIMS (Puducherry) & ECHO India.
- Ms. Shreya Patil & Ms. Arju Shaikh 3rd year MBBS (Part I) students, have secured 3rd position in Intercollegiate UG Quiz organized by department of Community Medicine, MIMER Medical College, Talegaon, Pune on 24th March 2025 on occasion of World TB Day, 2025.

Department of Microbiology

Dr. Sahjid Mukhida (Assistant Professor) has attended “State Level Training of Medical College Faculty, on Updated Guidelines for Management of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis: BPALM Regimen” held on 24th February 2025, organized by the National Center of Excellence for Tuberculosis, Grant Government Medical College & Sir J. J. Group of Hospitals, Mumbai. His contribution was appreciated for getting an improved score (100%) during post-test evaluation.

Dr. Sameena Khan (Associate Professor), has participated in a series of 5 webinar-course IPC Master class 6.0 on topic: Addressing Surgical Site Infections Beyond the incision Comprehensive Prevention and control of surgical site infections conducted between February 4 to March 4, 2025.

Department of Nephrology

Dr. Charan Bale, Prof. & HOD, was a faculty in workshop “Leading Endovascular Advancement in Dialysis” – First Interventional Nephrology on 2nd March 2025 conducted at Medanta – The Medcity, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Dr. Tushar Dighe and Dr. Charan Bale were invited as examiners at KEM Hospital, Pune, Mock Exam conducted on 1st March 2025.

Department of Biochemistry

Dr. Astha Yadav attended Inter- Command CME “Pediatrics to Oncology: The Era of Genomic Medicine” on 7th & 8th March 2025 at Armed Forces Medical College, Pune.

Department of Medical Gastroenterology

Dr. Debabrata Banerjee, Prof. & HOD, Dr. Amol S. Dahale, Professor, Dr. Abhijeet Karad, Assistant Professor and Dr. Yogesh Bade, Assistant Professor participated as the Faculty at the MahaISGCON – An annual conference of Maharashtra chapter of Indian Society of Gastroenterology held at Shirdi on 01st & 02nd March 2025.
