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Our Constitution was never meant to be a static document preserved in a glass case. It was designed as a living, breathing framework. In 2026, the values of Justice, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity take on new dimensions. Justice now includes "Climate Justice" as we face environmental shifts. Liberty includes "Digital Liberty" in an age of AI. Equality must bridge the gap between our booming metropolises and our rural heartlands.



Dean's desk: Republic Day

Being a student in 2026 means navigating a world of unprecedented complexity. However, the essence of being a Republican citizen remains simple: it is the refusal to be a bystander. Whether it is through ethical research, community volunteering, or engaging in respectful political discourse, we are the architects of the next two decades.

As we celebrate today, let us look beyond the festivities. Let us commit to a patriotism that is constructive—one that questions, learns, and builds. The "India at 100" milestone is no longer a distant dream; it is a reality that our generation will lead.

Today, we don't just salute the flag; we salute the spirit of inquiry and the bond of brotherhood that keeps this diverse nation together.

Happy Republic Day!



**DR. SRIVALLI NATARAJAN,
DEAN MGMDCH,
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Subeditor's Say: Republic Day

As we put together this edition of the newsletter, the echoes of the Republic Day celebrations still linger in our hallways. But as student editors, we found ourselves asking: what does it truly mean to "belong" to a Republic in 2026?

For us, the Republic is found in the small, everyday acts of accountability. It's in the late-night study sessions, the precision of a clinical procedure, and the willingness to stand up for a peer. Our Constitution gives us rights, but our community gives us responsibilities.

This issue is a tribute to that balance. From the reports on our latest dental camps to the creative expressions of our classmates, every page reflects a student body that is active, aware, and unapologetically ambitious. We aren't just waiting to inherit the future; through our work at MGMDCH, we are actively drafting it. We hope these stories inspire you to look at the tricolor not just as a flag above us, but as a standard we carry within us every day.

Happy Reading!



DR. SARIKA SHETTY
PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF
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Faculty's Say: Republic Day

As the tricolor unfurls this morning, it carries the weight of 77 years of democratic resilience and the soaring ambitions of a nation rapidly transforming. For us at MGM Dental College and Hospital, Republic Day is more than a ceremony of anthems and parades; it is a moment to interrogate our role in the India of 2026—a nation standing on the precipice of its centenary. The India we inhabit today is a study in contrasts. We are the world's most populous democracy, a global hub for digital innovation, and a voice of the "Global South." Yet, the true "Republic"—the Res publica or "public matter"—resides in the classrooms and corridors of institutions like ours.



**Dr. Manjari Chaudhary , Lecturer ,
Department of Oral Medicine and
Radiology**

78th Punyatithi of Mahatma Gandhi Ji



The MGM community came together to pay heartfelt tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, reflecting on his inspiring journey from Mohanya to Mahatma. The observance brought students, faculty, and dignitaries together in a moment of shared remembrance and reflection.

The programme began with garlanding and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, followed by soulful musical tributes and a student-led skit portraying key moments from Gandhi's life and values. Prayers from different faiths created a serene atmosphere of unity and peace.

A special highlight was the release of the inaugural publication of the MGM Gandhi Centre. The observance concluded with symbolic charkha spinning and the resonating hymn "Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram," leaving the gathering inspired by Gandhi's timeless ideals of truth, simplicity, and non-violence. ✨

The Weaver's Club :Charkha as a Grounding Practice



The Weavers' Club: Charkha as a Grounding Practice

A contemplative Charkha session was organized at the MGM Gandhi Centre, Navi Mumbai, as part of The Weavers' Club initiative for institute heads and faculty. Facilitated by Christophe Grigri and Nanou Lebrun from Gandhi International, France, the session introduced spinning as a reflective practice connecting hand, mind, and conscience.

The presence of Dr. Sudhir Kadam and Dr. Shashank Dalvi further emphasized the relevance of Gandhian values in contemporary education. The session offered participants a meaningful experience of mindfulness, self-reliance, and collective practice.

Value added course on Introduction to Damon Ultima



The course Introduction to Damon Ultima was highly positive, with the majority rating the program as excellent or very good. Participants reported a strong understanding of the fundamental principles, biomechanics, and torque control concepts associated with the Damon Ultima system. The case-based discussions and clinical demonstrations were particularly appreciated for effectively linking theory to practical application, enhancing learners' confidence in bracket positioning and wire sequencing. Many learners felt better prepared to incorporate the system into their clinical practice. Suggestions for improvement included increasing hands-on training opportunities, adding more live case demonstrations, and providing extended discussions on complex case management and long-term outcomes. Overall, the course was perceived as informative, clinically relevant, and beneficial for professional development.

INDUSTRY ACADEMIA COLLABORATION

Dr. Chung , Founder - Dentium



Department of Periodontology MGM Dental College and Hospital organized a Dentium Academic Seminar at MGM Dental College & Hospital, Navi Mumbai, as part of the Dentium India Seminar Tour 2026. The seminar focused on simplifying complex implant concepts through evidence-based learning and long-term clinical experience. The academic program was led by **Dr. S. M. Chung, Founder of Dentium**, who shared insights from more than 25 years of long-term implant cases.



DENTCON 2026

Panvel Dental Welfare Association (PDWA) organized their 6th annual dental conference, DENTCON at Imperial banquets, Vashi. Students of MGMDCH participated in the scientific events at Dentcon'26 and also volunteered for smooth functioning of the conference. Volunteers got an exposure regarding the working and management of a dental conference. Students also got an opportunity to expand their knowledge by the eminent guest lectures and constructive feedback on scientific sessions.



Professional Development Program- Genetics Simplified - From Basics to Clinical Applications

Speaker: Dr Maya Ramesh

• Highlights of the lecture:

A basic understanding of Genetics is essential for insights into the biological mechanisms that govern traits, disease development, and inheritance, and are pivotal in fields like Medicine, Biotechnology, and Forensic medicine.

Students enjoyed the lecture conducted on the topic of genetics.



Prosthodontics Day Celebration

FREE DENTURE CAMP AT MANASHAKTI RESEARCH CENTRE LONAVALA

The free denture camp was conducted on 19th and 20th of January at Manashakti Research centre Lonavala. A team of 7 faculty members, 6 post graduates and 3 technicians reached the location and the camp began at 9.30 am. Adults and elderly patients with partially or fully edentulous arches were the camp's target demographic. A detailed history was taken and oral examination was performed at the start of the program. A total of 24 new dentures were fabricated, 3 Relinings and one polishing of old dentures was done. Each patient was given a denture box with the denture. The event came to an end by providing patients with necessary dental care services and encouraging long-term oral health, the camp effectively achieved its goals.



Prosthodontics Day Celebration

Pierre Fauchard Academy Inaugural Program

The first academic program of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, 2026 was organized in collaboration with the Department of Prosthodontics & Crown and Bridge, MGM Dental College and Hospital, Navi Mumbai to celebrate – ‘Prosthodontist Day’ on 21-01-2026

This program marked the beginning of a meaningful academic collaboration founded on excellence, ethics, and service.

The Program was attended by Dr. Sudhir Kadam Sir, Medical director MGM IHS, Dr. Srivalli Natrajan, Dean MGM Dental College and Hospital, Dr. Sabita M Ram, Chairperson, Pierre Fauchard academy, India Section, Dr. Maya Ramesh, Secretary Pierre Fauchard Academy and distinguished faculty members from Nair Dental college, Terna Dental College, YMT Dental College and Bharati Vidyapeeth Dental College. The program started lamp lighting ceremony followed by address by Dr. Sabita M Ram, Chairperson, Pierre Fauchard academy, India Section, Dr. Maya Ramesh, Secretary Pierre Fauchard Academy, Dean Srivalli Natrajan, Medical Director Dr. Sudhir Kadam. This was followed by Felicitation of the dignitaries and speakers.

The program included two expert lectures by:

Dr. Aqeel Reshamvala.

Dr. Shalini Mukherji.



Prosthodontics Day Celebration

FLASHMOB AND REEL COMPETITION



The theme for the competition was Role of Prosthodontist/Dentist and Life in Department of Prosthodontics Evaluation was done based on Creativity, Cinematography and effective storytelling.



Fresher's Party 2026

The Cultural Committee of MGMDCH, Navi Mumbai conducted a Fresher's Party for the 1st year students.

Freshers' Party successfully provided an upbeat and welcoming experience for new students to integrate into the MGM community. The event reflected thoughtful organization, vibrant performances, and positive reopening motivation—laying a strong cultural foundation for the new batch.



Professional Development Program- Guided Endodontics



Resource person-

Dr Sumanthini MV

Dr Anuradha Patil,

Dr Shreshtha Mukherjee,

Dr Mansi Surwade

Speaker- Dr Akshayraj Lagaliya , Dr Vijay Asrun.

Department of conservative dentistry and endodontics of MGMDCH Navi Mumbai conducted a professional development program on Guided endodontics for faculty and postgraduate students, attendees were educated about the basics of guided endodontics, digital planning, workflow, and 3-D guide fabrication. The attendees were demonstrated about various clinical cases where in guided endodontics was used to plan out the dental procedure outcomes and limitations were discussed as well.

The workshop was conducted, attendees were demonstrated about how to plan the procedure in 3-D printed models using the dental software in the skills lab. MGMDCH.

Faculty Development Program- Use of Artificial Intelligence Tools for the Teachers

Resource Person

(Including Public health Dentistry Department Faculty):

Dr. Graciela Jaschek, Dr. Vaibhav Thakkar,
Dr. Swati Singh

The Faculty Development Program aimed to sensitize faculty members to the emerging role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education and healthcare. The program focused on familiarizing teachers with practical AI tools that can enhance teaching-learning processes, improve academic productivity, promote innovative pedagogy, and support research activities



Add-on Course - Routine Staining in Histopathology

Hematoxylin and eosin stain (H&E) is one of the principal stains in histology. This stain has been unchanged for many years because it works well with a variety of fixatives and displays a broad range of cytoplasmic, nuclear, and extracellular matrix features. It provides the pathologist/researcher a very detailed view of the tissue and is often sufficient to allow a disease diagnosis based on the organization (or disorganization) of the cells and also shows any abnormalities or particular indicators in the actual cells (such as nuclear changes typically seen in cancer). Even when advanced staining methods are used, the H&E stain still forms a critical part of the diagnostic picture as it displays the underlying tissue morphology which allows the pathologist/researcher to correctly interpret the advanced stain. As part of curriculum the I BDS students are taught about the routine staining however practical application of same is not performed. Hence this course is undertaken to make student understand the basic of routine staining through practical point of view.



Field Visit with team from Temple University

yeSewaconnect Updates

When academia meets grassroots, impact begins. The NGO Interaction Program at MGM Dental College emerged as one of the key highlights of the Temple University team's India visit this year. Facilitated by Sewaconnect, the session brought together MGM leadership, interns, visiting faculty & students from the USA, and grassroots NGOs - enabling meaningful dialogue around action-driven collaboration.

NGOs who participated:

- Aai Day Care Foundation
- Create Together Foundation
- Pagariya Welfare Foundation
- Sampurna Shiksha

Key discussion areas included

- +7 Sustainable menstruation products
- Remote learning & spoken English support + AI in education
- # Global exposure, marketing & fundraising for NGOS

The Temple University team showed strong interest in the Sewaconnect collaboration model and expressed the need for deeper, long-term partnerships with measurable social impact.



Extension Activities

SR NO	DATE	CAMP SITE	No. of Beneficiaries
1.	01-01-2026	Shri Narayan Baba Charitable Trust, Panvel	20
2.	02-01-2026	ANC camp MGM Medical college & Hospital Kamothe	28
3.	03-01-2026	Turmale	38
4.	04-01-2026	Shreee Ballaleshwar Temple Centre Pali	16
5.	05-01-2026	ANC camp MGM Medical college & Hospital Kamothe	15
6.	07-01-2026	ANC camp MGM Medical college & Hospital Kamothe	23
7.	08-01-2026	ZP School Kalhe	52
8.	09-01-2026	ANC camp MGM Medical college & Hospital Kamothe	22
9.	10-01-2026	Shivaji vidyalaya, kalachowki, Cotton Green	97
10.	11-01-2026	Shivaji vidyalaya, kalachowki, Cotton Green	93
11.	11-01-2026	Shreee Ballaleshwar Temple Centre Pali	32
12.	12-01-2026	ANC camp MGM Medical college & Hospital Kamothe	14
13.	13-01-2026	Jyoti Care centre , Kamothe	39
14.	14-01-2026	ANC camp MGM Medical college & Hospital Kamothe	19
15.	15-01-2026	Shreee Ballaleshwar Temple Centre Pali	7
16.	16-01-2026	ANC camp MGM Medical college & Hospital Kamothe	27
17.	19-01-2026	ANC camp MGM Medical college & Hospital Kamothe	16
18.	21-01-2026	ANC camp MGM Medical college & Hospital Kamothe	26
19.	22-01-2026	Karanjatep- Kasu Pen	40
20.	23-01-2026	ANC camp MGM Medical college & Hospital Kamothe	34
21.	26-01-2026	Lil Climbers preschool Pen	92
22.	27-01-2026	Ashram School Dahegaon Shahapur	297
23.	27-01-2026	Ashram school Ambivali Shahapur (Gokul Gaon)	305
24.	28-01-2026	ANC camp MGM Medical college & Hospital Kamothe	19
25.	29-01-2026	Shri Narayan Baba Charitable Trust, Panvel	23
26.	30-01-2026	ANC camp MGM Medical college & Hospital Kamothe	14
27.	30-01-2026	Queen Mary's High School & Jr. College Mumbra	429
		Total	1838

Awards and Achievements



Niral Rakesh Ostwal from 2nd BDS, secured 1st place in Inter College basketball tournament at Vanqish , KJ Somaiya Medical College and Hospital

Quotes of the Month

"Swaraj is my birthright and I shall have it"
-Bal Gangadhar Tilak's

"Every man who repeats the dogma of Mill that one country is not fit to rule another country must admit that one class is not fit to rule another class"
-Bhimrao Ambedkar

"Constitution is not a mere lawyers document, it is a vehicle of Life, and its spirit is always the spirit of Age."
-Bhimrao Ambedkar