

Oral hygiene day celebrations – 1st August 2015

“All for a healthier Mouth and Body”

Oral hygiene day is celebrated annually to mark the birth anniversary of **Dr. G B Shankwalkar**, a doyen of Dentistry in India. On this occasion, programs are organized with the aim to spread awareness of the importance of oral health among the general public. Many programs were organized by **KLE Society's Institute of Dental Sciences (KIDS)** in association with **Bangalore academy of Periodontology (BAP)** for this year with the theme “All for a healthier mouth and body”.

An “Oral Hygiene Day Rally” was organized from Malleshwaram playground to KLE Society's S.Nijalingappa Campus ,Rajajinagar ,Bengaluru on 1st August at 10:30 AM. The rally was flagged off by **Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, M.L.A.**(Malleshwaram). More than 400 dental students and professionals participated in the rally shouting slogans, distributing pamphlets. and flashing placards, all emphasising on the need for oral hygiene and health awareness. The rally converged in at the KLE campus wherein all the participants were served with light refreshments. This was followed by an Intercollegiate Scientific Post Graduate Debate Program- **Periocharcha**, where the fraternity of Periodontology numbering close to 200 enthusiastically deliberated on the issue of the role of mechanical plaque control in the management of periodontal diseases.

An inter-school painting competition based on the theme "Healthy Mouth Healthy Body ", sponsored by Bangalore Academy of Periodontology (BAP) and conducted in association with KLE International School, Rajajinagar. About 20 schools in Bangalore participated in the competition with more than 200 entries in all 3 levels. Certificates and Cash prizes (book gift vouchers) worth of Rs. 1000, 700, 500 and jury awards of 200 each were distributed in each level to the first , second and third prize winners respectively. The enthusiastic participation And the innovative ways of applying their minds, talents for the cause of oral health was truly laudable.

All the entries for the competition were judged by Mr.Satish (artist & designer),Dr.Ravi Hebbali (accomplished artist & wildlife photographer) and Dr.Sandhya Patil (dental professional expert & contest co-ordinator) BAP also organized a placard and videoclip contest among dental college staff and students of KIDS to promote the cause of creating awareness among the masses .

All the Prizes were sponsored by BAP and were awarded to the winners at the Oral hygiene day inaugural program by BAP conveners, **Dr. Mohammed Faizuddin and Dr. A.V .Ramesh** ,in the presence of Mrs. Geetika Kharola, Principal of KLE international school , who was very keenly associated with all the school oral health education initiatives

A teachers training program in oral health was conducted by KIDS team lead by Dr. Sandhya Patil from 9 Am on 4th Aug 2015. The emphasis was on motivating and educating children in oral health and hygiene at a young age. *"Catch and teach the young"* for lifelong good oral health as well as overall health.

Further a two-day screening camp (4th-5th Aug 2015)for school children was organized by BAP in association with KIDS, KMYF -Karnataka Marwari youth foundation (courtesy Dr. Uttamchand Khincha) Rajiv Gandhi dental college & MR Ambedkar Dental College, who collaborated by providing mobile dental clinic vans and doctors for this venture . A total of 1498 children and staff of KLE school, rajajinagar were screened ,imparted with oral health education and provided oral hygiene kit (courtesy , IDA Karnataka branch & Colgate) . Prior to this , a camp was also organised for the workers / visitors at the famous Lalbagh Botanical Garden (courtesy Mr. Ravikumar and authorities of the Mysore Horticulture Society ,Lalbagh ,Bengaluru), on 3rd Aug .2015 in collaboration with KIDS & KMYF.

All these activities were organized by BAP in association with KLE Society's Institute Of Dental Sciences, Bengaluru ,who hosted the Oral Hygiene Day Celebrations as part of its part of centenary celebrations of KLE society. Dr. Srivastva, Principal KIDS, Dr. Sudhir R Patil (Chief Co-ordinator) and the team of staff and students lead by department of Periodontics and other dental faculty of KIDS were at the forefront of organizing all the activities of oral hygiene day celebrations.

Bangalore academy of Periodontology (**BAP**) and KLE Society's Institute of Dental Sciences (KIDS) sincerely acknowledges the support and co-operation extended by all the participating dental college managements, Principals, Heads of departments of Periodontics and other specialities, faculty & students of all the colleges, Police dept., BBMP , print and digital media and all those who contributed to make the event a grand success.

















