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MGIMS PAYS TRIBUTE TO DR SUSHILA NAYAR ON HER 19th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

On 3 January 2020, Sevagram paid tribute to late Dr Sushila Nayar—the founder director of Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences—on her 19th death anniversary. The staff, students, teachers, nurses, paramedics and health professionals of the institute paid floral tributes and offered marigold petals at her memorial at Maatru-Sthal. A large number of admirers paid homage to her by bowing with folded hands at her memorial and performing a parikrama (circumambulation) around it. To mark the occasion, an all-religion prayer was organised. The audience recited the last 19 verses from the second chapter of Shrimad Bhagwad Gita and sang hymns from the Upanishad, Quran, Japji Sahib and Bible.

Whenever she was in Sevagram—between 1969 and 2000—Dr Sushila Nayar would make a point of participating in the Friday evening prayers. After the prayer, she would enthral the audience with her advice based on spirituality. Her talks were recorded for posterity. On her 19th death anniversary, on the lawns, the audience heard her majestic voice, recorded on tape summoning people to the path of self-realization. On this occasion, the Department of Pathology at MGIMS organized an annual blood donation camp in the Blood Bank where employees of Kasturba Health Society and MGIMS participate to commemorate Dr Sushila Nayar's memory. This year too, students, residents and faculty of the institute showed up in large numbers to donate their blood. Shri PL Tapdia (Trustee, Kasturba Health Society), Dr BS Garg (Secretary, Kasturba Health Society), Dr NM Gangane (Dean, MGIMS) and Dr SP Kalantri (Medical Superintendent, Kasturba Hospital) inaugurated the camp. A stream of students, faculty and staff members stepped forward to donate their blood to save someone's life.

PALLIATIVE CARE CENTRE OPENS AT KASTURBA HOSPITAL



Kasturba Hospital attached to Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram has recently started palliative care centre. The centre harbours palliative and radiotherapy OPDs and two 30 bed wards for cancer patients and those in need for palliative care. Patients diagnosed with illness like cancer and other chronic diseases can go at this centre. Funded by generous donation from Mumbai based philanthropist, this

centre shall focus primarily on anticipating, preventing, diagnosing and treating symptoms experienced by patients with serious or life threatening illnesses. "Healthcare provider at centre shall help patients, their loved ones and the doctors to make decisions that are often perceived as difficult and painful. They shall actively

promote sensitively and respectfully, that dying is a normal part of life and that death is not a medical failure," said Dr SP Kalantri, Medical Superintendent, Kasturba Hospital. "Kasturba Hospital strives to bring quality and affordable healthcare for our community", said Dr BS Garg, Secretary, Kasturba Health Society. "We aim to extend our helping hand a little further. Patient and their families fighting with end of life issues and struggling with pains can now look forward to a ray of hope", said Dr NM Gangane, Dean, MGIMS, Sevagram.

The 24 hour pharmacy store of the hospital shifted its facility from registration OPD area to a larger and more spacious area near the Sathya Saibaba accident and emergency building. The newly inaugurated medical store houses 8 counters including special arrangements for disabled patients, emergency patients and senior citizens.

MGIMS DEVELOPS A CHECKLIST TO HELP GRAM PANCHAYATS FIGHT COVID-19; 700,000 INDIAN VILLAGES TO IMPLEMENT.



Recently the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt of India accepted a tool developed by the Department of Community Medicine, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (MGIMS), Sevagram to assess community preparedness at village level to battle corona virus pandemic. The self-assessment cum action tool is in the form of checklist to be used by Gram Panchayat or another village level committee given mandate of organizing village level response to the pandemic. Department of Community Medicine has also developed a guide for filling up the checklist to make it user friendly as well as video for informing villagers regarding need for community

action. The tool identifies eight areas for action at village level and accordingly the checklist is divided into sections; viz. creating awareness regarding preventive measures, solidarity to address the associated stigma, support for home as well as community quarantine, help in surveillance activities identification, support to needy families, ensuring availability of routine health services, prompt response in case of positive cases and maintaining hygiene and sanitation at village level. The filled in information in this check list will help the Gram Panchayats to self-assess their preparedness and identify what more they may do. This will also help the health department to take appropriate and timely corrective measures.

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt of India further instructed the Chief Secretaries of all Indian states to use the tool for assessing the community response to COVID-19 at village/Gram Panchayat level for timely action of COVID-19 and vector borne diseases. "The threat of COVID-19 spreading to rural areas cannot be ruled out. This checklist will serve as an effective tool for strengthening the community preparedness." mentioned Shri Sunil Kumar, Secretary, Govt of India, Ministry of Panchayati Raj in a letter addressed to Shri Ajoy Mehta, Chief Secretary, Govt of Maharashtra. He also acknowledged the contribution of MGIMS, Sevagram in preparing the efficient tool.

The tool was developed with a vision to enhance community participation for action against the current COVID-19 pandemic. Based on past experience of MGIMS in community-based activities, it was realized that to prevent the spread of this disease, it is imperative for the people to take charge of the situation. Dr Subodh S Gupta, Professor & Head, Department of Community Medicine expressed, "Transmission of COVID-19 is largely confined to urban areas till now. It is right time for the country to mobilize Panchayats for community action at village level, where 70% of our population resides." He further adds, if properly implemented, Gram Panchayats will be

instrumental in slowing down transmission of COVID-19 in India in the next phase. This approach will also mobilize help for vulnerable groups and other needy families in villages.

Before preparing the tool, the team from Sevagram interacted with members of Gram Panchayats in about 20 villages in Wardha. All of these villages had formed a Corona Committee as per a directive from the district administration. The team was pleasantly surprised in several villages on the maturity with which the Gram Panchayats and village level committees have acted during this pandemic. In other villages the checklist became a training tool, informing them of the roles Panchayats and village level committees may play to slow down the transmission of the disease and support the needy families. During development of the tool, the department also received feedback from district level authorities of Wardha and nearby neighbouring districts. Further, in an online training coordinated by Anandvan and Village Social Transformation Foundation (VSTF) on 24 May 2020, the Department of Community Medicine oriented more than 300 VSTF fellows regarding use of the tool. These volunteers will work in more than 1000 villages of Maharashtra to catalyse community response to COVID-19. VSTF also plans to use the information gathered through the network of fellows to help Government of Maharashtra fight the pandemic in a better way.

MGIMS, GOVT OF INDIA, GOVT OF MAHARASHTRA AND NHSRC CURBING PPH MATERNAL DEATHS



On 25–27th January 2020, the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of MGIMS conducted a three days' program on the Management of Post-partum Haemorrhage (PPH) Emergency Care. Representatives from Govt of India, Govt of Maharashtra, ICMR, NHRSC, Harvard University, Bangladesh University and Principal Investigators of 11 participating centres from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh attended the workshop. The aim of the workshop was to discuss the barriers and facilitators to optimal use of the ESM-UBT device after three years of implementation.

MGIMS has taken an active role in reducing maternal mortality due to excessive bleeding during childbirth or postpartum haemorrhage. Each year approximately 2.8 million women lose their lives or become injured from pregnancy related causes worldwide. Since commercially available uterine balloon tamponade devices are expensive and often not available in low resource settings, MGIMS collaborated with Massachusetts General

Hospital and Harvard University and introduced the award-winning innovation ESM-UBT in a project to curb maternal deaths. ESM-UBT - 'Every Second Matters for Mothers and Babies - Uterine Balloon Tamponade' device - is an ultra-low-cost, easy to use, safe and highly cost-effective package designed to address the number one killer of pregnant women in the world. Over the past 10 years, the ESM-UBT device has been implemented in collaboration with in-country partners across more than 20 countries, including 76 facilities in India over last three years.

“The project was extremely successful and shows 52% reduction in composite outcome from PPH after intervention”, said Dr Poonam Verma (Head of Obstetrics and Gynecology , MGIMS). Dr BS Garg lauded the exemplary contribution of Dr Thomas Burke (Chief, Division of Global Health and Human Rights, Emergency Department, Harvard University) who personally funded the project and equipped the centers with his patent ESM-UBT device. “We have received tremendous responses from peripheral healthcare systems of the entire Wardha district. 309 maternal deaths due to PPH could be averted during this time. The Government of India and the Government of Maharashtra have started implementing the model in the healthcare system”, informed Dr Garg. Dr NM Gangane (Dean, MGIMS) congratulated the MGIMS team and other maternal health champions for bringing about the significant reduction in the maternal mortality. “MGIMS is happy to contribute in the mission of making Wardha free of PPH deaths by the end of this year”, he added. “The project has been instrumental in building maternal emergency management system at our hospital”, equipped Dr SP Kalantri (Medical Superintendent, Kasturba Hospital).

MGIMS SENDS A MEDICAL TEAM TO COVID-19 RAVAGED MUMBAI

On 11th May 2020, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (MGIMS), Sevagram sent a team of 45 doctors to lend a helping hand to the hospitals in Mumbai to provide care for the victims of COVID-19. A day earlier, Dr TP Lahane, Director DMER (Directorate of Medical Education and Research, Govt of Maharashtra) who had visited MGIMS during its Golden Jubilee celebration urged MGIMS to succour the COVID-19 ravaged Mumbai. The notification came under the Epidemic



Diseases Act, the Disaster Management Act, and the Maharashtra Essential Service Maintenance Act. This is the first incidence where Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has sought help from outside Mumbai.

“A total of 45 final year residents from 13 different specialities in two buses and a single motive (to contribute in the ongoing pandemic) left for Mumbai soon after the notification was received. Our residents shall be serving in Seven Hills Hospital, Andheri for a period of one month. Seven Hills is a 800 bedded and the largest dedicated Covid-19 care facility in Mumbai”, informed Dr NM Gangane, Dean MGIMS. “Covid cases are coming thick and fast and to tackle them, we need to strengthen our team with more doctors. The arrival of the first batch of doctors from MGIMS, Sevagram is a big reassurance”, said Dr Balkrishna Adsul, In-Charge, Seven Hills Hospital. “During this time when the entire world is staring at a war-like emergency and the fast growing COVID-19 cases are

exhausting our medical fraternities like in Mumbai, more and more medical institutions should step forward to help the current situation”, said Dr BS Garg, Secretary, Kasturba Health Society, Sevagram. “MGIMS is happy to play its part”, he added.

“Our hospital has already been managing a large spectrum of illnesses ever since the outbreak broke. We painstakingly designed and built a 200-bed dedicated Covid block in our hospital that houses 30 ICU beds and 170 oxygen beds. We also understand that non-Covid illnesses in the community are as important to prevent, treat and monitor as the Covid ones. Now it would be a challenging task with a third of our residents gone to serve a Mumbai hospital to offer high-quality medical services to the patients who tap the portals of our hospital. We, nonetheless, are determined to improvise and shall ensure that we continue to meet the voiced and unvoiced needs of our rural communities with the same zeal, passion and commitment”, said Dr SP Kalantri, Medical Superintendent, Kasturba Hospital.

FORMER MAHARASHTRA CM SHRI D FADNAVIS VISITS MGIMS



Former Chief Minister of Maharashtra and leader of the opposition Shri Devendra Fadnavis visited Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences(MGIMS), Sevagram on Wednesday 19 Aug 2020 to gather covid-19 related insights of the Kasturba Hospital-attached to MGIMS. Shri Ramdas Tadas (Member, Lok Sabha), Shri Suresh Bagale (Sub divisional Officer), Dr Dhawale (DHO, Wardha), Dr Shirish Gode (BPJ District President Wardha), Shri Atul Tarale (President, Wardha Municipal council), Shri Rajesh Bakane (Maharashtra State Secretary-BJP), Smt Vaishali Yerawar (Vice-President, Zilla Parishad) and Smt Mrunal Matte (Aarogya Sabhapati) accompanied Mr Fadnavis. Shri PL Tapdiya (Trustee, Kasturba Health Society) and Dr BS Garg (Secretary, Kasturba Health Society) welcomed the dignitaries with institute's traditional sutgundi. Dr SP Kalantri (Medical Superintendent, Kasturba Hospital) explained how the hospital has responded to the Covid-19 outbreak. He also emphasized on the difficulties faced by the healthcare workers working with PPE inside the corona wards. “Our hospital care is equally devoted towards patients suffering from heart diseases, kidney diseases, cancers, strokes, maternal and child health and TB. Identifying asymptomatic covid patients in the midst of patients presenting with fevers-malaria, dengue and scrub typhus - and preventing their mixing with general patients is the biggest challenge that

hospitals are facing today”, he added. He also mentioned the research the institute is conducting to measure the sero- prevalence of COVID19, facility to accept plasma from eligible donors and the Phase 3 vaccine trials researches being conducted in the institute. He acknowledged the support from district administration, health authorities and police department in efficient management of the disease.

Shri Fadnavis appreciated the efforts taken by the institute and its healthcare workers in tackling the pandemic. He lauded the participation of institute at community level healthcare. While addressing the media later at Collector Office Shri Fadnavis acknowledged the contribution of Kasturba Hospital and mentioned, "MGIMS is doing an excellent job in managing the pandemic and I am happy to see the low infection rate in the district". Dr NM Gangane (Dean, MGIMS) shared the institute's support for Seven Hills Covid hospital at Mumbai by sending a team of 45 doctors and also told how the institute responded to the prime minister's appeal by donating the employees' one-day salary to PM-CARES fund.

MGIMS CONFERRED WITH THE HIC CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD

Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram was recently awarded with the Hospital Infection Control (HIC) Championship 2020 Award. This championship was conducted the by Department of Microbiology & Hospital Infection Control Committee, JIPMER, Puducherry. Total 24 institutes, both from government and private sector participated in the HIC Championship. AIIMS Raipur secured the numero uno position followed by MGIMS and AIIMS Patna.

All the participating institutes had to submit the presentation with supported documents about the detail of their HIC activities under various areas of assessment such as establishing HIC team, educational activity, hand hygiene, HAI surveillance, needle stick injury management, hepatitis B vaccination among HCWs, environmental surveillance, HICC meetings, and research in HIC. The award ceremony was held on 1st February 2020 during the 4th National Workshop on Hospital Infection Control held at JIPMER. HIC Championship 2020 consisted of the award, cash prize and certificate.

DIAGNOSTIC CUM THERAPEUTIC MULTISPECIALITY HEALTH CAMP HELD AT MELGHAT

Diagnostic cum Therapeutic Multispeciality Health camp was organized at Dr SushilaNayar Multispeciality Hospital Utawali, Dharni, Amravati on 28th February 2020. Chief guest Smt. Sulochana Jambe (Chairperson, Panchayat Samiti, Dharni) Shri. Dhirubhaiji Mehta (President, KHS, Sevagram), Guest of Honour Shri. Sanjay Kale (Dy.S.P. Melghat), Shri. Nanasaheb Bhise (Social Worker and Educationist, Melghat), Shri. Jagdish Hekade (Upsabhapati, Panchayat Samiti, Dharni), and others paid their respect to Late Dr.Sushila Nayar by garlanding her bust. The Program started with traditional bhajan followed by welcome of chief guest and all other dignitaries.

Shri. Dhirubhaiji Mehta, welcomed everyone and spoke about how dispensary was started initially for needy people with support from Mahatma Gandhi Institute Medical Sciences, Sewagram, Wardha. He also described how Dr Chhabra is efficiently running this hospital. Shri Sanjay Kale, thanked everyone for inviting him and also assured that the police department will always be supporting the hospital. “Earlier there was no health facility in Melghat. As Sushila Nayar Hospital came in, the tribal of Meghat are getting better access to good and affordable healthcare”, informed Shri Nanasaheb Bhise to the new generation. He also requested everyone to take benefits of the wonderful services provided through the health camp. Shri Jagdish Hekade praised how the poor people of tribal areas like Melghat are getting served by S.N. Hospital. He appreciated the efforts of the hospital in reaching out to the poorest of the poor and meeting the needs of the community. “This hospital is an excellent example of sacrifices and proves that all educated people do not work for money; some work for mankind too”, Shri Hekade added. He also assured that they would work hard for getting Ayushman Bharat scheme started at S.N. Hospital.

Chief guest Smt. Sulochana Jambe inaugurated the camp by lighting the lamp. In her address, chief guest stressed the need of understanding the problems of the communities of the region and the need to provide to their needs. Chief guest, Shri. Dhirubhaiji Mehta, and others declared the camp open by lighting the lamp and wished the camp a grand success, assuring all the help in every possible way. The Chief Guest also inaugurated the Bike Ambulance and the newly procured Ultra Sonography (USG) machine. Dr S Chhabra (Officer on Special Duty) shared the hurdles in establishment of the multispecialty hospital in the tribal area of Melghat. She acknowledged the support of health and administration department of Amravati, Divisional commissioner and Collector, then and present DHO, CS. She also mentioned the support of Shri Dhirubhaiji and everyone from KHS and MGIMS, Sevagram. "The hospital administration is also facilitating the running of libraries and outdoor sports in five villages. Five young boys and girls have taken the responsibility of helping children grow healthy and learn beyond schoolbooks. Mission Project by Jan Kalyan Trust, Mumbai has supported the cause. Program ended with National Anthem. Dr.Mihir compered and conducted the program. Total 1916 patients took benefit of the camp, with multispecialty services totalling 3012,

CANCER SCREENING AND DETECTION CAMP FOR FEMALE POLICE PERSONNEL CONDUCTED

On 7th march 2020, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram conducted a free cancer screening and comprehensive health camp for female police officers and for families of the police force of Wardha city. The PAN-India health drive was conducted on the occasion of International Women's day by FOGSI (Federation of Obstetric & Gynaecological Societies of India) and was held at Kasturba Hospital in association with SWOGS (Sevagram-Wardha Obstetrics & Gynaecology Society)

Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Kasturba Hospital examined and screened the police officers and families for cancer. Physical examination along with pap smear sampling were freely provided by the hospital. 41 female police officers from and around Wardha city were examined and screened for carcinoma breast and carcinoma cervix. The officers were counselled for cancer awareness. Lectures and interactive activities on cervical cancer screening were conducted. In addition, a skit demonstrating the importance of cancer screening, awareness and early detection of the disease was presented by nursing students. Camp was coordinated by Dr Neha Gangane, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Secretary of SWOGS.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATED

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (MGIMS) launched a tree plantation drive where faculty, nurses, and staff of the institute planted saplings and made a sincere effort in making earth a better place for the future generation. Dr. NM Gangane (Dean, MGIMS) marked the occasion by planting an Amaltas(Cassia fistula or Indian Laburnum tree) commonly known as Golden Shower. Last year we participated in the Maharashtra Forest Department's target of 50 crore tree plantation drive", informed Mrs AN Gangane, Chief Administrative Officer and In-charge Gardening section of the institute. "We are not only focusing on planting the trees, but would also ensure their survival", she added. "This year has been generous and kind to the Mother Nature. The environment seems to be rejuvenating itself. Like other things, it needs a downtime too. Environment Day reminds us not to take nature for granted", said Dr Gangane, urging people to act responsibly towards the environment

ACADEMIC UPDATES

NATIONAL CME AND WORKSHOP ON SPORTS PHYSIOLOGY HELD

National CME and Workshop on Sports Physiology was organised at Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences under the aegis of the Department of Physiology on 10th of January, 2020. Eminent guest speakers – Dr Ramji Singh (Professor and Head, AIIMS, Patna), Dr KK Deepak (Professor and Head, AIIMS, Delhi), Dr SenthilKumar Subramanian (Exercise Physiology Expert, AIIMS, Manglagiri, Andhra Pradesh), Dr Jean Fredrick's (Assistant Professor of Physiology, MGMCRI, Puducherry) and Dr Devashis Barick (Professor of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, NKPSIMS, Nagpur) enlightened the participants with their expertise. 95 delegates attended the workshop. Post-lunch Hands-on session was conducted by Dr.Ruchi Kothari (Associate Professor of Physiology and the Organizing Secretary of the event) and her sports physiology team.

MGIMS SECURES FIRST POSITION IN NATIONAL ORTHOPEDICS QUIZ

Mr Sujay Srivastava and Mr Prakhar Jyoti (2016 batch undergraduates) of Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram secured the first position in a National Level Undergraduate Orthopaedics Quiz held at Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital, Mumbai on 12th March 2020. Ten teams from across the country participated in the quiz competition. Venkata Sainath and Cheryl Mankar (Batch 2016) emerged as winners among the audience. Dr CM Badole (Head of Orthopaedics, MGIMS) congratulated the winners. Dr Girish Mote (Assistant Professor of Orthopaedics, MGIMS) helped the team prepare for the quiz and accompanied them.

STUDENTS' CORNER

GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR 2014 BATCH HELD



On 29th February 2020, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram hosted the Graduation Ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of 65 graduating students from the Batch of 2014. Chief Guests Shri Dhirubhai Mehta (President, Kasturba Health Society) and Shri PL Tapadia (Trustee, Kasturba Health Society), Dr BS Garg (Secretary, Kasturba Health Society), Dr NM Gangane (Dean, MGIMS), Dr SP Kalantri (Medical Superintendent, Kasturba

Hospital), faculty, staff, residents, under graduate students and proud parents gathered at the newly built auditorium to witness the powerful moment.

The ceremony started with the traditional invocation song, garlanding of Bapu, Ba and Badi Behenji's portraits, lightning of the ceremonial lamp and honoring dignitaries with soot-gundi. In his Welcome Speech, Dr Gangane acknowledged the effort of students as well as their parents for achieving the big feat. "You have lived the best 5 years of your life. Medicine requires lifelong learning and the learning curve is only going to get steeper", he suggested. He also praised the class's effort for indulging themselves in many social activities. "We are proud of having you as the ambassadors of MGIMS", he added. Dr Garg congratulated the class and said, "Wherever you go,

do remember the tradition and values that MGIMS has inculcated in you. Work hard as you unfold the next chapter of your life and raise the name of your alma mater higher". Shri PL Tapadia delivered the Presidential Speech and addressed the gathering. "MGIMS - the launching point in your career- has equipped you with abundant knowledge and skills. Live upto the values MGIMS strove to teach you in these five and a half years and make us prouder", he added. "As you leave the campus, expect the challenges. I am sure with the skills you have been imparted, you shall gracefully steer through the hurdles and reach the pinnacle", said Dr Satish Kumar (In-Charge of Students' Council and the face behind the event) while proceeding the distribution of certificates. Shri Dhirubhai Mehta awarded the degrees to the graduating class. The atmosphere was charged with emotions and excitement as the students donning graduation regalia stepped up the podium to collect their degrees. The class of 2014 also swore to the Hippocratic Oath before their peers, family, friends, and mentors. "The oath is not the rite of passage, nor an obligation but a strong reminder of humanity, compassion, and empathy at point of care", reminded Dr Kalantri beckoning the class to become doctors that the society would be proud of.

Shri Dhirubhai Mehta congratulated the class on their momentous day. "Let us not be satisfied by what we have but strive for better", he guided. "May Gandhiji's dream for health be fulfilled by each one of you. Wherever you go, your home shall always remain in Sevagram", he added. He also proudly shared the many accomplishments that MGIMS has earned in last few years. Dr Vinod Shende (Associate Professor of Physiology and Co In-Charge, Cultural Programme) proposed the vote of thanks. 2017 Batch coordinated the event.

MGIMS BIOETHICS UNIT CELEBRATED THE WORLD LEPROSY DAY



On 30th January 2020 - the World Leprosy Day - MGIMS Bioethics Unit organized a donation drive to donate grains for the Maharogi Seva Samiti (MSS) Ashram in Wardha - an indigenous leprosy care centre located at Dattapur, Wardha. The theme of this year is ending discrimination, stigma and prejudice associated with leprosy. The Unit raised money from students and various departments of the college and donated 100kg wheat flour, 50kg tur dal, 100 kg rice and 30L oil.

The students went to the MSS Ashram on 8th February by the college bus. Students interacted with the people about their experiences with leprosy. They talked about their daily routine, their work, and how the ashram has been their home and its people, their family. Few of them spoke about how their families have abandoned them and the society has refused to accept them.

2019 batch- Nitika Kapoor, Shubhangi Arohee, Rhea Aggarwal, Namira Dosani, Aakriti Kumari Gupta, Sejal Jangid, Kanishka kabra, Sakshi Shukla, Bhargavi Bhagat, Divya Shreya Somani, Aditya Tripathi, Melissa Jamgade, Niraj Kumar Agrawal, Aishwarya Kawle, Himani Gothwal, 2018 Batch - Deepanshi Gupta, Pranjal Jain, Shayon Mukherji, Soham Parulkar, Girik Rohira, Hariom Bihade, Shashvithaa Sivakanthan, Shambhavi Jha, Dhruv Mistry, 2016 batch - Shreya Namjoshi, Sneha Vaidya, Atharva Kokaje, Mehul Dhabaliya, Mimansa Dixit, Gayatri Lele, Simran Raka, Ajay Kedar, Sujay Srivastava participated in the drive. Dr. NM Gangane, Dean MGIMS, Dr. Samir Yelwatkar, Dr. Jwalant Waghmare, Dr. Leena Chimurkar, Dr. Nishant Bansod and Dr. Shiv Joshi supported the event.

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Dr K. Mishra, Prof and Head, Dept of Psychiatry has been elected Hon Treasurer Indian Psychiatry society in the month of Jan 2020

Dr Dhiraj Bhandari, Professor, Dept of Anaesthesia, has been part of an expert committee member of 2 National guidelines being drafted at NHSRC , MOH&FW, Govt of India namely Training curriculum development for Emergency and Trauma Services and Life saving Anesthesia skills under the Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal care programme. The meeting and workshop was on 26th and 27th February 2020.

The guidelines are aimed to develop training curriculum for doctors and paramedics / nurses at District and Subdistrict hospital for treating common emergencies.

The Institute of Scholars, Bangalore awarded their best Teacher award 2020 to **Dr Abhay Deshmukh**, Assistant professor in Pathology in recognition of his valuable contribution to the academic community and the students.

Dr Rohit Bhangdiya, postgraduate student from Department of Medicine bagged 2nd Prize in Free Oral Paper Presentation at Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin , an international conference held on 3rd January 2020 at Nagpur .

Dr Subhashree Page, JR II, Dept of Surgery bags 2nd Prize in Poster Competition at the 42nd Annual conference of Maharashtra chapter of Association of Surgeons of India, held at Amravati from 23rd to 26th Jan 2020

Dr Asha Purohit, final year PG student from Dept of Obstetrics and Gynecology got 3rd prize in AICOG Lucknow in paper presentations.

Ms Rhea Aggarwal (2019 batch) got second prize for poster presentation at '13th annual conference of Indian society for clinical research' organized at Mumbai on 24-25 Jan 2020. Her research paper was based on data collected during social service camp under a group project by Rhea along with her friends, Aakriti Gupta, Sheetal Gaur, Satya Sriram, Sonal Hande, Abhishek throat, Divya Pande, Kalpit Khandelwal, Anurag, Pranav Ajwani, Namrata Kanchanwar, Sahil Wawre, Swapnil Karad, Vaishnavi Kali. Dr Arjun Kumar guided the students.

India's first ever national virtual medical conference "WebMedQuest-2020" was held on 15-18 May 2020. Total 30 unique abstracts for case presentation from all over India were selected for Poster Presentation, out of which 4 were from MGIMS. These were **Mr Shabbir Gheewala, Mr Ritwiz Mishra, Miss Pranjal Jain and Miss Shambhavi Jha** (all from UG 2018 batch). Out of 4 posters from MGIMS, 3 got selected for oral paper (Ritwiz, Shabbir and Shambhavi). The top 5 final winners were selected. One of them was Mr Ritwiz Mishra, topic of his presentation was, "An incidental finding of Rapunzel Syndrome in a case of perforated appendix in a young girl: A Case Report".

Sneha Yadav and Shreyak Garg (batch 2016) participated in MIT (INDIA: Turning the Tide) COVID-19 Challenge, a 48-hour virtual event (28th-30th august, 2020). The event hosted 1600+ Participants and 300+ teams. Team "MedPulse" led by Team leader Sneha Yadav and comprising members- Shreyak Garg and 2 UG from NIT were selected as Winning team among its Track. They proposed an idea to "Ensure safety and Well-being of frontline Healthcare Practitioners" and presented the proposed solution in 5 minutes pitch to an expert panel of Judges.

Mrs Bharti Kamble, Staff Nurse at Kasturba Hospital and Ward In-charge for Corona Block Sevagram was bestowed with MS Signature award for her phenomenal leadership in establishing an excellent nursing care in the Corona Block of MGIMS, Sevagram and for her cleanliness drive too. The award function was organized by Ask and Get Business sol organization on 31st oct 20 at hotel Centre Point in Nagpur city. The academic function was graced by Dr Vikas Mahatme, MP, Dr Rajiv Tandon, Director RTI Roy and Dr Ashok Mehre, a known Gandhian. The award was given by Mrs Kanchan Gadkari, a known social activist and Mr Sandip Joshi, Mayor, Nagpur.

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