



Vice Chancellor's Report

Sixth Convocation of

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune

(Friday, 26th June 2015)

The Chief Guest for today's Convocation ceremony, Hon'ble Shri. Pranab Mukherjee, the President of India; Hon'ble Shri. CH. Vidyasagar Rao, Governor of Maharashtra; Hon'ble Shri. Sharad Pawar, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha); Hon'ble Shri. Abhijit Mukherjee, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha); Hon'ble Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, National Research Professor; Hon'ble Dr. D. Y. Patil, Former Governor of Bihar; Hon'ble Dr. P. D. Patil, President of the Vidyapeeth; Hon'ble Members of the Board of Management and Academic Council; Deans of Faculties; the proud Graduands of the day; Students; Parents; Faculty Members; Staff of the Vidyapeeth; Distinguished Guests; Members of Press and Media; Ladies and Gentlemen: It is indeed my pleasure to welcome all of you on the occasion of the sixth convocation of Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.

It is my profound pleasure and proud privilege to welcome the Chief Guest of today's ceremony, Hon'ble. Shri. Pranab Mukherjee, the President of India. We are extremely grateful to you Sir, for sparing your precious time from your busiest schedule and agreeing to grace this auspicious occasion with your august presence to motivate our students and generously offer them your experienced counsel regarding life, education and social commitments.

This is a very special moment, since we are blessed with the presence of the iconic visionaries such as Hon'ble Shri. CH. Vidyasagar Rao, Governor of Maharashtra and Hon'ble Dr. D. Y. Patil, Former Governor of Bihar.

It is my privilege to congratulate all the graduands, their teachers and parents. Degrees are being awarded at this Convocation to a total of 424 undergraduate, 324 postgraduate students and 23 Ph.D. fellows who have completed their studies and passed the examinations during this period. University Gold Medals will be awarded to 19 candidates who have secured highest marks in different disciplines.

Today, we are conferring Honoris Causa degrees to three eminent personalities of India. It is not that we are honoring these three eminent personalities, but, in fact, they have honored us and the society at large, by accepting the Honoris Causa degrees from our university. DPU will be proud to have such distinguished personalities as our Alumni.

Kindly allow me to take this opportunity to share with you some of the recent achievements and persistent developments at Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune. There are many milestones that DPU has crossed during the passing year.

In March, 2015 Vidyapeeth has been **re-accredited** by **NAAC** with a **CGPA** of **3.62** on a four point scale at **A grade**, which is presently the highest CGPA awarded to Health Science University and fifth amongst all the universities in India by **NAAC**. I can possibly do justice to all the landmarks attained by DPU during last year only through the acknowledgment to all of the deserving graduates and academics



that DPU has produced.

The Health fraternity has been the biggest facet of DPU and we are proud that we have been able to be on the forefront of transformation of the societal and national spirit by being indisputable and persuasive for the cause which we believe in.

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune, strives to uphold international educational standards and develop a holistic world view among students. It provides unique learning solution that combines pedagogically sound and comprehensive courses for a variety of subjects with innovative learning and teaching resources focused on all-round student development. The curricula are designed to prepare students to skillfully meet challenges. They provide market-driven programmes and studies, developed, tested and continually improved upon by the faculty and other stakeholders through the regular assessment of outcomes and aimed at providing competency-based, patient-centered education in health sciences.

Research:

We, at Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth focus on evolving and advancing the talent that has strong foundation in scientific research and in turn is / would be able to cater & deliver the service towards the social and economic development of India. We provide our faculty the academic freedom, time, and resources to pursue their research at the highest levels of productivity. The Vidyapeeth can boast of the commendable performance of its faculty members, particularly for of their quality research output, which is demonstrated by nearly 500 publications since the last convocation in various peer-reviewed, national and international journals as well as conference proceedings, books and monographs. The Ph.D. programme in the University has also enhanced considerably during the recent years. Presently, there are 164 registered doctoral students. All thesis and research publications are checked for plagiarism through software available in the Vidyapeeth. Six Indian patents are filed from our Biotechnology Institute, of which one is on purification of water, one on DNA binding clues and four on probiotics. Furthermore, two patents by a PhD scholar under faculty of Medicine for his work on gut sonography imaging have been registered.

It is not possible to give a full list of publications in esteemed refereed journals and individual research funding received, however, an account of some achievements given below is an indication of the quality of research at DPU.

- Recently **36** ICMR-STs projects have been sanctioned by ICMR to our Medical College, which is probably the highest number of projects sanctioned by ICMR to a single Medical College during 2015. Similarly **11** ICMR-STs projects have been approved for our Dental College.
- 7 concept documents by staff members under faculty of medicine are approved by ICMR.
- Institute of Biotechnology, has received a grant of SEK 1,70,000 (Rs. 12.85 Lakh) from FORMAS, Swedish Research Council, Sweden for Joint Project of “The emergence and persistence of novel resistance to 3rd generation cephalosporin and carbapenem in bacteria in the environment” with University of Orebro and University of Skovde, Sweden.



- Department of Oral Pathology (Dental) has received a grant of USD 24,806 (Rs. 16.00 Lakh) from International Team of Implantology (ITI), Switzerland for project of “Comparative evaluation of the antibacterial effect, adhesion of gingival fibroblast and epithelial attachment to titanium, zirconium and titanium with silver nano coatings”.
- Institute of Biotechnology has received a grant of Rs. 22.63 Lakh from DST for project of “Exploitation of abnormal DNA repair in cancer as a strategy for cancer therapy”. Similarly three ongoing research projects sanctioned by DST for about Rs. 90 lakh to DPU have provided excellent opportunity to our faculty and students to work on applied aspects.
- Institute of Biotechnology has already submitted ten more research projects worth Rs. 10 crores to external funding agencies.

International Research Collaborations:

International assignments for Teaching, Research & Consultancy and for exploring possible exchanges are a regular feature at DPU. In order to expand students' horizons and generate job opportunities, DPU has collaborated with many reputed institutions worldwide. The International linkages of DPU have helped it in drawing upon the wisdom built up at the partner institutions of repute.

- The Department of **Global Health Education, Johns Hopkins University** has sent their students in batches to the medical and nursing institutes of DPU to provide global health training to their students at DPU by fostering a collaborative learning environment under their Global Health leadership programme. Last year a group of engineering and medical students from John Hopkins University were with us to discuss the development of innovative and low cost patented medical devices for developing countries.
- DPU is starting an **inter-disciplinary collaborative research project with Johns Hopkins University** on “Bacterial and antimicrobial resistance pattern in Pune, India in febrile illness” which will involve the Departments of Microbiology along with the Department of Medicine & Department of Pediatric of our Medical College. Two more projects on TB are already approved and are expected to be launched after requisite permissions.
- Since March 2012, DPU is regularly participating in **India HIV Case discussion**, through video conference on every third Wednesday conducted by Department of Clinical Global Health Education, John Hopkins University, with number of participating centers & this program is witnessed live worldwide in many countries & recently our undergraduate students also had an opportunity to interact with John Hopkins medical students to discuss Integrated approach to Coronary Artery Disease. Students of medical college participated in online training on Global Health issues and 46 of them were awarded certificates for successful completion of course.
- A National Workshop on “**Public Health Preparedness, Response and Medical Management**” was hosted by Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune, in collaboration with **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, USA, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Govt. of India** and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, on 24th and 25th April 2015. 210 delegates from all over the country attended the event.



- DPU organized a CME on “**Psychiatric Neurosciences**” in Collaboration with **Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), Virginia, USA** on 10th & 11th June 2015.
- The research project entitled “**Comparative study of actinomycetes biodiversity in India and Tunisia: investigation of biotechnological enzymes and biological activities**” is jointly funded by Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India and Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Republic of Tunisia for the duration March 2013 to February 2016 for ongoing research collaboration between Enzyme Engineering Laboratory & Microbiology, Ecole Nationale D'Ingenieurs de Sfax, Tunisia and Dr. D. Y. Patil Biotechnology and Bioinformatics.
- The Department of Dermatology is developing a strategy for etiopathogenesis (genetic as well as environmental) and managing (prevention as well as treatment) Vitiligo in collaboration with **CSIR-IGIV**.
- Dr. D. Y. Patil Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Institute in **Collaboration with University of Skovde, Sweden** is in the process of developing COPD bio-markers for a designing of preventive and therapeutic strategies for COPD with special reference to Indian rural population.
- The DPU Unit of the **International Bioethics Network of the UNESCO Chair** in Bioethics was inaugurated on 30th May 2015 at the hands of Prof. Russell D'Souza, Head, and Asia Pacific Bioethics Program of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.
- Biotechnology institute successfully completed **student exchange programme with ENIS, Tunisia**, where a student of Biotechnology Institute of DPU visited ENIS for duration of one month & a student from ENIS visited DPU for duration of 3 weeks. This exchange under Indo-Tunisian collaboration was funded by the Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India & Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research, Tunisia.

Faculty / Students participating in International Conferences:

- **Dr. Tushar Sahasrabudhe** from the Department of TB & Chest, attended “American Thoracic Society (ATS) Conference” on 16th to 31st May 2014 in San Diego, USA.
- **Dr. Tushar Dighe** and **Dr. Charan Bale** from the Department of Nephrology, attended “ERA-EDTA” on 31st May to 3rd June 2014 in Madrid, Spain.
- **Dr. Aarti Sareen** from the Department of Physiotherapy, attended “International Conference FIMS XXXIII World Congress of Sport Medicine Presentation to Performances” on 18th to 21st June 2014 in Quebec, Canada.
- **Dr. Rahul Salunkhe** from the Department of Orthopaedics, attended “Continuing Medical Education on Management of Osteoporosis-Role of MK4 in relation to fracture risk reduction” on 9th July 2014 in Moscow.
- **Dr. S. P. Dubhashi** from the Department of General Surgery, Presented a Paper on “Integrated Teaching. Is it the treatment for curriculopathy?” at “Association for Medical Education in Europe (AMEE) Conference” on 30th August to 3rd September 2014 in Milan, Italy.



- **Dr. Tushar Dighe, Dr. Ashwini Sharma and Dr. Charan Bale** from the Department of Nephrology, attended “ISDP” on 6th to 10th September 2014 in Madrid, Spain.
- **Dr. Tushar Sahasrabudhe and Dr. Vaibhav Pandharkar** from the Department of TB & Chest, attended “European Respiratory Society (ERS) Conference 2014” on 6th to 11th September 2014 in Munich, Germany.
- **Dr. S. R. Agharkhedkar** from the Department of Paediatrics, Presented a Poster Presentation at “7th Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Disease” on 12th to 15th October 2014 in Beijing, China.
- **Dr. Sangram Jadhav** from the Department of General Surgery, attended “Bariatric Surgery – International Perspective Conference” on 19th November 2014 in Indiana University, USA.
- **Dr. Amit Kharat** from the Department of Radiology, Presented a Paper at “Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)” on 30th November to 5th December 2014 in Chicago, IL, USA.
- **Dr. Ketki Patil and Dr. Kunal Shinde** from the Department of Radiology, attended “Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)” on 30th November to 5th December 2014 in Chicago, IL, USA.
- **Dr. Ashwini Sharma** from the Department of Nephrology, attended “ISN-CON” on 28th October to 14th December 2014 in Madrid, Spain.
- **Dr. Dhaval Thakkar, Dr. Kuldeep Chaudhary and Dr. Mansi Janre** from the Department of Radiology, Presented a Paper at “Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)” on 30th November to 5th December 2014 in Chicago, IL, USA.
- **Dr. Amitav Banerjee** from the Department of Community Medicine, was invited as Guest Faculty at “International Seminar on Public Health” on 15th to 20th January 2015 in Surindra Rajabhat University, Surin, Province, Thailand.
- **Dr. Rahul Salunkhe** from the Department of Orthopaedics, attended “The American Academy of Orthopaedics Surgeons Conference” from 24th to 28th March 2015 in Las Vegas, NV.
- **Dr. Charan Bale** from the Department of Nephrology, attended “WCN 2015 (World Congress of Nephrology)” from 13th to 17th March 2015 in Cape Town, South Africa.
- **Dr. Sushil Phansopkar** from the Department of Public Health Dentistry, presented a paper at “16th World Conference on Tobacco or Health Tobacco and Non-communicable Diseases” from 17th to 21st March 2015 in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- **Mr. Akshay Binayke** from the Biotechnology Institute presented paper on studies on diversity of actinomycetes from selected arid regions of India. 3rd International congress of Biotechnology and Bio resources valorization from 20th to 23rd March 2015, Tabarka, Tunisia.
- **Dr. D. Saldanha and Dr. Aneek Saha** from the Department of Psychiatry, attended “168th American Psychiatric Association (APA) Annual Meeting” on 16th to 20th May 2015 in Toronto, Canada.
- **Dr. Neelu Nawani** presented paper on “oil cakes the solid waste form production of value-added antimicrobial Compounds at International Conference on Solid wastes 2015 at Hongkong SAR, China during 19th to 23rd May 2015.



- **Dr. Tushar Dighe** and Dr. Atul Sajagure from the Department of Nephrology attended “52nd congress of ERA-EDTA Annual Meeting 2015” on 28th to 31st May 2015 in London, UK.

Conferences, Seminars, Workshops organized at DPU:

At DPU, we encourage and support students to come up with their own initiatives and implement them and work towards solving real issues related to their careers and social responsibilities with experienced mentors thus giving them life changing experiences. Accordingly, various institutes of DPU have been engaged in organizing seminars / conferences / workshops / invited lectures / refresher courses etc., with financial support from the university or in collaboration with other funding agencies/organization. We believe in combining technology and education as it is a great blend, in a right direction for the better tomorrow and to make students ready for future in this competitive world. By way of such events, our opinions are put forth and shared with others in the same field and weighed against criticism. Some of the events organized are as follows;

- The Department of Periodontology & Oral Implantology organized a scholastic **Skype Seminar via video conferencing with Dr. P. D. Miller** (Global father of Periodontal Plastic Surgery) on 24th July 2014.
- Nursing College organized a Workshop on “**Prevention of Suicide and Promoting Wellness**” on 12th September 2014. There were in all 135 delegates who attended the workshop.
- Nursing College organized a Conference on “**Excellence in Pediatric Care**” on 17th and 18th September 2014. Total 186 Delegates were being registered from all over Country.
- Physiotherapy College organized a CME on “**Cardio-respiratory Assessment**” on 25th to 26th September 2014.
- University Centre for Professional Education & Faculty Development (UCPE&FD) organised Basic Course Workshop on “**Professional Education & Faculty Development**” on 25th to 27th September 2014.
- University Centre for Professional Education & Faculty Development (UCPE&FD) organised Workshop on “**Educational Skills**” on 30th & 31st October 2014.
- Dr. Vinay Chandratre, eminent skilled professional, Industrial Trainer, Consultant, Personal Counselor and Motivational speaker was the Key Note Speaker for Workshop on “**Your Personality The Power in Real You**” on 5th November 2014 organized by Dr. D. Y. Patil Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Institute.
- Physiotherapy College organized a Workshop on “**Pilates Instructor Course**” on 10th to 13th November 2014.
- Physiotherapy College organized a Workshop on “**Mulligan Concept**” on 5th to 12th December 2014.
- The Department of Medicine organised CME on “**Communication Strategies to Strengthen Doctor-Patient Relationship**” on 5th December 2014. Dr. Swati Bhawe, Executive Director, Association of Adolescent and childcare in India & Consulting Pediatrician, Mumbai and Dr. Sanket Nevale from Knowledge Genie were the speakers for the programme.



- University Centre for Professional Education & Faculty Development (UCPE&FD) organised Workshop on **“Assessment Methods”** on 8th December 2014.
- The Dr. D. Y. Patil Dental College and Hospital organized the **“Academy of Osseointegration Indian Outreach Meeting on Innovation & Practice in Modern Implant Therapy”**, for the first time in Asia during 22nd to 24th January, 2015. In addition, about over 250 Delegates from India and Abroad participated in the Meeting Recently.
- A CDE program on **“Updates in Adhesive & Restorative Dentistry”** on 5th March 2015 organised by Department of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics. Dr. Amy Gan from Malaysia was the Key Note Speaker for the programme.
- The Department of Public Health Dentistry organized a **“Skype Seminar on Introduction to Systematic Review”** with Dr. S. A. Rizwan (Velammal Medical College Hospital & Research Institute) on 13th March 2015.
- A Hands-on Course was conducted on **“Suturing Techniques and Handling of Instruments”** at Dr. D. Y. Patil Dental College & Hospital, in collaboration with “Pune Chapter of American Association of Implant Dentistry” on 5th April 2015. 24 delegates including Professor Stuart Jones and Matin Ibrahim from U.K. participated in the Course.
- **“First International Conference on Milk Banking in India (2015)”** was hosted by Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune, in collaboration with Network of Human Milk Banks on 10th & 11th April 2015. The conference was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Shri J. P. Nadda, Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. Dr. Ann Groselim, Milk Bank Coordinator, Oslo University Hospital, Norway delivered a Guest Lecture on “Human Milk Banking”.
- Two **CDE programmes to introduce CBCT machine**, which are new in the PCMC area, were conducted on 12th & 19th April 2015, respectively. Dr. Arun Subramaniam, Dr. Rajesh Shetty and Dr. Deepak Kulkarni were the speakers. About 50 Dental Surgeons from PCMC area participated in the programme.
- The Department of Community Medicine, along with the Departments of Pediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynecology conducted a CME on **“Women Health & Empowerment”** on 17th April 2015. Dr. Carol Vlassoff, Department of Epidemiology, University of Ottawa, Canada, Dr. Shobha Rao, Adviser NIH, USA, Dr. Mohite, Ex-District Health Officer, Satara and Dr. Swapnil Lale, Maharashtra Health Services, Satara were the speakers for the programme.
- The Department of Anesthesiology conducted a CME on **“How did I manage a unusual case?”** in collaboration with ISA Pimpri Chinchwad on 16th May 2015.

Faculty Achievements:

At DPU, we have initiated steps to use the latest technological initiatives for better teaching and learning experience, which are key to an innovative education system. The sustained efforts of our faculty members aiming to acquire updated techniques of teaching have been widely acknowledged at various fora. Our faculty members were invited to address and participate in various conferences/ workshops as key note speakers or to chair the technical sessions. Details of some of the achievements of our faculty are:



- **Mrs. Sadhana Adhyapak** has been awarded Best Nurse Educationist by Trained Nurses Association, Pune City Branch on 12th May 2014.
- **Dr Anandh. S** has been awarded for significant contribution to welfare & development of physiotherapy profession at Bangalore Physiotherapists Network, 4th Annual Physiotherapy Conference-2014 on 27th July 2014.
- **Dr. Neelu Nawani** has been awarded DPU Research Award by DPU on the occasion of Teachers Day on 5th September 2014.
- **Dr. Sachin Sarode** has been awarded DPU Research Award by DPU on the occasion of Teachers Day on 5th September 2014.
- **Dr. P. Vatsalaswamy** has been awarded Innovative Teaching Award by DPU on the occasion of Teachers Day on 5th September 2014.
- **Dr. S. P. Dubhashi** has been awarded Innovative Teaching Award by DPU on the occasion of Teachers Day on 5th September 2014.
- **Dr. Savita Jadhav** has been awarded Young Researcher Award by DPU on the occasion of Teachers Day on 5th September 2014.
- **Dr. Rahul Kathariya** has been awarded Young Researcher Award by DPU on the occasion of Teachers Day on 5th September 2014.
- **Mr. Veshal Madan** was invited as Chairperson and also as a Guest Speaker at 36th All India Optometry Conference held at Agra on 7th September 2014.
- **Dr. S. P. Dubhashi** delivered Arthur Desa Memorial CSEP Lecture on “Diabetic Foot” during ICSISCON 2014 at Bengaluru on 26th September 2014.
- **Dr. S. P. Dubhashi** was elected as National Secretary of International College of Surgeons in September 2014.
- **Dr. Rashmi Prashant R.** has been awarded for Best Temporal Bone Dissection at Temporal bone Dissection Workshop held at AFMC, Pune on September 2014.
- **Dr. (Mrs.) N. G. Borade** has been awarded Mahatma Gandhi Gold Medal Award by GEPR, New Delhi at 21st National Seminar on “Individual Achievements & National Development” in Chennai on 2nd October 2014.
- **Dr. Tushar Palekar** has been awarded Appreciation award (International Award) by Capri Institute of Manual Therapy, New Delhi on 10th October 2014.
- **Dr. Mary Samuel** chaired a session in Intensive care and was a Judge for free paper session at 24th National Conference of Research Society of Anaesthesiology Clinical Pharmacology held at HIMs, Dehradun on 14th to 16th November 2014.
- **Dr. P. Vatsalaswamy** has been awarded the Fellowship of Anatomical Society of India at 62nd National Conference of Anatomical Society of India in Imphal on 17th November 2014.



- **Dr. V. Bharambe** has been awarded Best Research Paper in the Journal of ASI at 62nd National Conference of Anatomical Society of India in Imphal on 17th November 2014.
- **Dr. Sushil Phansopkar** has been awarded Best Abstract award at XIX IAPHD National Conference, Kochi on 20th to 22nd November 2014.
- **Dr. S. R. Agarkhedkar** elected as Vice President of Maharashtra State Indian Medical Association on 22nd & 23rd November 2014.
- **Dr. L. Bhattacharya** has been awarded Pratibha Kumari Award at 15th Annual National Conference of Association of Industrial Psychiatry of India on 29th & 30th November 2014.
- **Dr. D. Saldanha** has been awarded Charu Shiva Award at 15th Annual National Conference of Association of Industrial Psychiatry of India on 29th & 30th November 2014.
- **Dr. D. Saldanha** was elected as President of Association of Industrial Psychiatry of India at 15th Annual National Conference of Association of Industrial Psychiatry of India on 29th & 30th November 2014.
- **Dr. Charan Bale** received scholarship from International Society of Peritoneal Dialysis, Brisbane, Australia on November 2014.
- **Dr. S. P. Dubhashi** was selected as Panelist for Panel Discussion on “Abdominal Trauma” at 31st Conference of Northern Chapter of ASI held at PGI, Chandigarh on November 2014.
- **Dr. R. N. Misra**, delivered a guest lecture on “Challenges in Leprosy- Microbiology and molecular aspects of M.leprae” during 63rd Annual National Conference of Indian Association of Pathologist and Microbiologist at AFMC, Pune on 4th to 7th December 2014.
- **Dr. Tushar Palekar** has been awarded Best Teacher Award for Outstanding Contribution and Excellence in the field of Physiotherapy Practice at National “Physio-Con 2014” on 11th December 2014.
- **Dr. Pramod Jog** was elected as President of Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) for 2015-16 in December 2014.
- **Dr. D. Saldanha** has been awarded Fellow of American Psychiatric Association (International), USA on December 2014.
- **Dr. Venus Pagare** received 1st Prize in paper presentation at International conference on musculoskeletal and manual Physical therapy held at Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai.
- **Dr. Jayesh Rahalkar** was elected as the Director of Indian Board of Orthodontics founded by Indian Orthodontic Society.
- **Dr. P. Vatsalaswamy** has been elected as member of Executive committee of Anatomical Society of India.
- **Dr. W. S. Thatte** was invited to give lecture Demonstration on vaporizers at Aditya Birla Hospital, Pune on 18th and 19th January 2015.
- **Dr. Sonal Khatavkar** and **Dr. Sarika Lonkar** were invited to give lecture Demonstration on Anaesthesia workstation at Aditya Birla Hospital, Pune on 18th and 19th January 2015.



- **Dr. S. P. Dubhashi** was elected for Second consecutions term as Executive Committee Member of Maharashtra Chapter of ASI on January 2015.
- **Dr. D. Saldanha** was selected as Panel consultant for MPSC Board, Mumbai for Selection of candidates for the post of Associate Professor on 23rd February 2015.
- **Dr. C. M. Suryawanshi** was appointed as an Editor on “The Journal of Medical Research” on 15th March 2015.
- **Dr. Tushar Sahasrabudhe** has been awarded “Radio-Mirchi Momento Award” on the occasion of World TB Day on 24th March 2015.
- **Dr. Rahul R Deshpande** and his team received “Robert Koch Research Award 2015” in Dentistry on March 2015.
- **Dr. S. L. Jadhav** has been awarded Best Poster Presentation at Advance Course in Medical Education in Mumbai on 10th to 13th April 2015.
- **Dr Khurshid Jamadar**, Principal, Nursing College was invited as guest speaker at National Conference at Rajkot on 18th and 19th April 2015 to deliver a lecture on “clinical evaluation of nursing students”.
- **Dr. W. S. Thatte** was elected as a President of ISA Pimpri-Chinchwad city branch on 19th April 2015.
- **Dr. Rajeshwari Vhora** was invited as Guest Speaker at Workshop on “CREAMMS” held at MVP Medical College & Research Center, Nashik on 27th & 28th April 2015.
- **Dr. Deepak Kulkarni** and **Dr. Ravindra Manerikar** were invited as Guest Speakers for CDE Programme at Hitkarini Dental College & Hospital, Jabalpur on 26th May 2015.
- **Dr. Rajeshwari Vhora** was invited as Guest Speaker at “AIIMS EMPACT 2015” held at AIIMS, Delhi on 27th to 31st May 2015.
- **Dr. S. P. Dubhashi** was selected as Head DPU Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifia) on May 2015.
- **Dr. Arun V. Subramaniam** was invited as Guest Speaker for CDE Program at Panineeeya Mahavidyalaya Institute of Dental Science and Research Centre, Hyderabad on 2015.
- **Dr. S. P. Dubhashi** was selected as Executive Editor for TEAMS (Trauma and Emergency Academic Medicine Sentional) on 2015.

Students' Achievements:

The innovative concept of making learning to be more fun-oriented and interactive boosts up the insight of students as they learn faster and open up to more ideas, making it easier for teachers to identify and distinguish the overall understanding of the subject by the student/s. I am happy to share with you the achievements of our students who have made the university proud on many occasions. I cannot exhaustively list all the laurels earned by you, my dear DPU students, but it is my hope and dream that these are but stepping stones, to bigger achievements that await you in your life.



- **Dr. Shital Chaudhari**, Medical College Student was awarded 1st Prize for Poster presentation at 4th MID TERM Conference & 5th Convocation organized by Department of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care held at Base Hospital, Delhi Cantt on 28th & 29th June 2014.
- **Dr. Akshay Dhamne**, Medical College Student was awarded 2nd Prize for oral presentation at RSSDI held at Nashik on June 2014.
- **Dr. Garima Lakhnpal**, Medical College Student was awarded 3rd Prize for Paper presentation at The Research Society on Study of Diabetes in India held at Nashik on June 2014.
- **Dr. Pranav Patel**, Medical College Student was awarded 1st Prize for Paper presentation at National Level Undergraduate & Postgraduate Medical Research Conference held at Pune on 22nd & 23rd August 2014.
- **Dr. Ajinkya Mhase**, Medical College Student was awarded 1st Prize for Poster presentation at MediACE 2014 held at Smt. Kashibai Navale Medical College & General Hospital, Narhe, Pune on 22nd and 23rd August 2014.
- **Dr. Ashutosh Mohapatra**, Medical College Student was awarded 2nd Prize for Case presentation at National Level Undergraduate & Postgraduate Medical Research Conference at held Pune on 22nd & 23rd August 2014.
- **Dr. Aparna Pingale**, Medical College Student won 2nd Prize in Usha Krishanan Quiz Competition at West Zone YUVA FOGSI, Nashik 2014 on 12th to 14th September 2014.
- **Dr. Shweta Jhanvi**, Medical College Student was awarded 3rd Prize for Poster Presentation at West Zone YUVA FOGSI, Nashik 2014 on 12th to 14th September 2014.
- **Dr. L. Behra**, Medical College Student was awarded 3rd Prize for Poster presentation at ABMH Pharmacon held at Pune on September 2014.
- **Dr. Abhinav Tewari & Dr. Sameer Guliani**, Medical College Students won intercollegiate Post graduate Quiz Contest at Annual National Conference of Military Psychiatry held at AFMC, Pune on October 2014.
- **Dr. Anurag Aggarwal**, Medical College Student was awarded 2nd Prize for oral presentation at GERICON held at Lonavala, Pune on October 2014.
- **Dr. Gursimran Singh**, Medical College Student was awarded 3rd Prize for oral presentation at GERICON held at Lonavala, Pune on October 2014.
- **Dr. Tejeswi Sai**, Medical College Student was awarded 2nd Prize for Paper presentation at 24th National Conference of Research Society of Anaesthesiology Clinical Pharmacology held at HIMC held at Dehradun on 14th to 16th November 2014.
- **Dr. Sameer Guliani**, Medical College Student won TYSA Young Scholar Award at National Round of TYSA Young Scholar Award held at Ahmadabad on November 2014.
- **Dr. Deepika Verma**, Medical College Student was awarded Pratibha Kumari Award at 15th Annual National Conference of Association of Industrial Psychiatry of India on November 2014.



- **Dr. Madhav Garg**, Medical College Student was awarded Charu Shiva Award at 15th Annual National Conference of Association of Industrial Psychiatry of India on November 2014.
- **Dr. Kritika Soni**, Medical College Student was awarded Best free paper presentation at 15th Annual National Conference of Association of Industrial Psychiatry of India on November 2014.
- **Dr. Jyotsna Vanka**, Medical College Student was awarded Best free poster presentation at 15th Annual National Conference of Association of Industrial Psychiatry of India on November 2014.
- **Nursing College Student** received 1st Prize in “Inter-collegiate Dance Competition” organized by Sadhu Vasvani College of Nursing on 5th December 2014.
- **Neeraj Sodhi**, won “Inter-collegiate LAN Games” organized by PUMBA (Pune University) on 21st & 22nd January 2015.
- **Mr. Atinder Pal Singh Khalsa**, won “Top Manager Award in Management Games” organized by PUMBA (Pune University) on 21st & 22nd January 2015.
- **Lt. Col. K. G. Mohanty and Mr. Atinder Pal Singh Khalsa**, were declared as 1st Runners up of “Inter-collegiate Case Study Competition” organized by PUMBA (Pune University) on 21st & 22nd January 2015.
- **Dr. Gurbani Kaur**, Dental College Student was awarded Best E-Poster (Case Series Section) at Academy of Osseointegration Indian Outreach Meeting held on 22nd to 24th January 2015.
- **Physiotherapy College Students** participated in 35th National Games Kerala 2015 under the aegis of Indian Olympic Association, New Delhi from 31st January 2015 to 14th February 2015.
- **Dr. Aayush G. Gupta**, Medical College Student was awarded Best Image in Clinical Practice 2014 Pediatric tuberous xanthomas held at Malgoan on 14th February 2015.
- **Mr. Akshay Binayke** from Biotechnology performed research work at ENIS, Tunisia under Indo-Tunisian project based student exchange between ENIS & DPU during 19 March to 18 April 2015.
- **Dr. Archana A. Gupta**, Dental College Student received EMBL Advanced Training Centre Corporate Partnership Programme Fellowship in June 2015.

Value addition by renowned visitors:

Faculty members from International Institutions regularly visit our campus. Such interactions with like-minded intellectuals from across the globe epitomize and optimize the spirit of scientific enquiry in our faculty and students and also facilitate subsequent uplifting of their capabilities. I would like to throw light on the value addition brought in by some visitors to Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune

- **Dr. Cecilia Eriksson** from the University of Skovde, Sweden visited to endorsement of the technical reporting of the SIDA funded research project entitled “Identifying novel biomarkers of COPD and design of innovative preventive and therapeutic strategies targeted for the benefit of Indian population” on 21st to 23rd May 2014.
- **Dr. Abul Mandal**, University of Skovde, Sweden visited to endorsement of the technical reporting of the SIDA funded research project entitled “Bioremediation of toxic metals and other pollutants for protecting human health and ecosystem” on 26th to 29th May 2014.



- **Dr. R. Gokhale**, Director, Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, New Delhi delivered a Guest Lecture on “Connecting science to medicine thru genomics” on 30th July, 2014.
- **Ms. Carol, Ms. Lauri and team** from the Lancashire University, UK visited for collaboration with Nursing, Dental and Management Institutions on 10th September 2014.
- **Col (Dr.) Ravi Rautji**, Professor & Head, Dept. of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, Armed Forces Medical College, Pune delivered Guest Lecture on “Consent in Medical Practice” on 10th September 2014.
- **Col. Tathagat Chatterjee**, Prof. and HOD, Dept. of Transfusion Medicine, Armed Forces Medical College, Pune delivered a Guest Lecture on “Flowcytometry and its role in the diagnosis of Acute and Chronic Leukaemias; a case based approach” on 23rd September 2014.
- **Dr. R. S. Bangal**, an Eminent Medicolegal Consultant & Professor & Head, Dept. of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, Pravara Rural Medical College, Loni, delivered a Guest Lecture on “Medical Documentation & Negligence Cases” on 30th September 2014.
- **Dr. Ali Irani**, President, Indian Association of Physiotherapists delivered a Guest Lecture on “Scope of Physiotherapy in India” on 1st October 2014.
- **Dr. Gayathri Pananghat**, INSPIRE Faculty, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune delivered a Guest Lecture on “Optical Rotatory Dispersion (ORD) and Circular dichroism spectrometry (CDS)” on 8th November 2014.
- **Dr. Sai Krishnan Kayarat**, Department of Biology, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune delivered a Guest Lecture on “X-ray crystallography” on 8th November 2014.
- **Dr. Surajeet Chakrabarty**, Founder & Director of Indian Academy of Fitness Training delivered a Guest Lecture on “Vibrapole Exerciser” on 13th November 2014.
- **Dr. Jeetender Chugh**, Department of Biology, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune delivered a Guest Lecture on “Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR)” on 19th November 2014.
- **Dr. Kashmira Sabnis**, renowned Sports Physiotherapist delivered a Guest Lecture on “Functional Movement and Movement Patterns” on 29th November 2014.
- **Dr. Apar K Ganti**, Department of Internal Medicine in Oncology-Haematology Division, University of Nebraska Medical Centre, Omaha, NE, USA delivered a Guest Lecture on “Targeted Therapy in Oncology” on 23rd December 2014.
- **Dr. Joseph E. Gian Grasso**, President of the Academy of Osseointegration, visited for the Academy of Osseointegration Outreach Meeting on 22nd to 24th January 2015.
- **Dr. Shirish Hiremath**, Director of Cardiac Cathlab, Ruby Hall, Pune delivered a Guest Lecture on “How do I manage Acute Myocardial Infarction today” on 28th January 2015.
- **Dr. N. R. Ichaporia**, Renowned Neurologist & Stroke specialist delivered a Guest Lecture on “Epilepsy in Women” on 26th February 2015.



- **Dr. Jana Jass** from the University of Rebro, Sweden visited Biotechnology Institute during 24th February to 3rd March 2015 for planning the execution and implementation of the collaborative research project.
- **Dr. Amy Gan** from Malaysia was the Key Note Speaker for a CDE program on “Updates in Adhesive & Restorative Dentistry” on 5th March 2015 organised by Department of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics.
- **Dr. Sofiane Ghorbel** and **Dr. Noomen Hmidet** from the Enzyme Engineering and Microbiology Laboratory, National School of Engineering of Sfax, Tunisia visited the Biotechnology Institute during 10th to 18th March 2015 for planning the execution and implementation of the collaborative research project.
- The Department of Periodontology & Oral Implantology organized a scholastic Guest Lecture by **Dr. George Pelekos** (Clinical Assistant Professor – Department of Periodontology, Faculty of Dentistry, Hongkong University) on 16th March 2015.
- **Dr. Ann Groselim**, Milk Bank Coordinator, Oslo University Hospital, Norway delivered a Guest Lecture on “Human Milk Banking” on 10th & 11th April 2015.
- **Dr. Michael R. Norton** (BDS FDS RCS (Ed)). UK, delivered a Guest Lecture on “Decontamination of Ailing Implant and Reparative Therapies”.
- **Dr. Georgios Romanos** (DDS, PhD, Prof. Dr. med. dent) New York, delivered a Guest Lecture on “What we know and we should know for long term success of immediately loaded implants?”
- **Dr Sanju Thomas, Derek, Smeall, Clareflynn, Jennifer Lowe** and **Pat Bradley** from New College Lanarkshire (NCL) and University of Stirling visited Nursing College for collaboration of dental nursing program.

Social Outreach:

Our focus has been to build an education system with the highest educational and ethical standards that encourages young generation, of the nation to be productive and socially responsible citizens within a caring & collaborative learning community. We believe that excellence in Higher Education is not only about achieving outstanding results with outstanding faculty and students, but is also about appraising and apprising within a caring collaborative learning community. It also needs to be reckoned in terms of the value addition, by the institution, to the different stakeholders with different needs and expectations. Vidyapeeth has also developed a very effective interface with the society, through sustainable health care for unprivileged population, with special attention given to women and children in different villages through trainings, workshops, resource mobilization and technical support to improve the maternal and child health status in the community at large.

- All indoor patients in our hospital are **provided free treatment** along with highly hygienic diet. All types of sophisticated investigations such as MRI, CT Scan, Mammography, Colour Doppler, Ultrasonography, 2D Echo, are carried out free of cost for the patients.
- The Vidyapeeth has actively participated in the relief work for natural calamities like the **floods in Kashmir** and the **landslide at Malin Village** in the Pune district. A multi-disciplinary health camp was organised by the Department of Community Medicine in association with the health Department of



Maharashtra State and Zilla Parishad, Pune, at PHC Adivare near Malin. Fee waiver has also been given to our students, whose family has suffered due to the recent floods in Kashmir.

- The **Departments of Community Medicine, Public Health Dentistry** and extension wings / cells of other institutions as well as NSS unit undertook extension and outreach activities throughout the year as per systematic plan and strategies. The rural and urban primary health centres at Alandi and Ajmera, as well as satellite centres, help in developing linkage between community, government, NGOs and DPU.
- As contribution to **maternal and new born safety programs** we have adopted six primary health centers where expectant mothers are examined and treated. We promote institutional deliveries and to facilitate this, we have deployed an ambulance in the area (24X7) to transport women in labor from village to the hospital free of cost.
- The '**Yashoda' Human Milk Bank** run by the Department of Paediatrics has proved its value as a highly relevant social outreach activity to help in reducing neonatal morbidity and mortality in the area. This is the first of its kind to be started in a private medical college in Pune. The services are provided free of cost and are used mostly by people from lower socio-economic strata.
- DPU has implemented government schemes like Rajiv Gandhi Arogyadayee Yojana (2013). Sharda Gram Arogya Sanjivani Yojana (2012) and Mission Uday Kishore for adolescent care.
- Apart from these services for the patients from unreached areas, we conduct minimum **3 multi diagnostic camps every month** mostly in remote rural and tribal areas that are popularly attended by more than 2000 beneficiaries.
- **The Dental College** has organized more than 160 outreach programmes in collaboration of various NGO's around Pune District. The department also functions as the tobacco cessation centre, wherein, assistance is given to patients who would like to quit tobacco habit.
- **Biotechnology & Bioinformatics Institute** participated in "Swacha Bharat Abhiyan" as an extension activity camp in Malavali, Tal. Maval, on 22nd November 2014.
- **Nursing students** participated in the **Pulse Polio Programme** from 22nd February 2015 to 26th February 2015 in PCMC & Alandi area, wherein 3,877 Polio Doses were administered during their visit to 39,793 Houses in the area.
- Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was celebrated by conducting "Run for Unity" event by NSS UNIT on 31st October 2014.
- DPU has adopted a main road of 3km. in PCMC area for maintenance, median garden and greenery.
- Blood Donation Camp was arranged by **Management Institute** with the help of Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Pune in August 2014.
- The Medical College had organized an Awareness training program on **Swine Flu H1N1** on 4th March 2015.
- On the occasion of World Elderly Abuse Awareness Day, College of Physiotherapy organized an awareness lecture on "**Protect Seniors and take stand against elder abuse**" at Pimpri on 15th June 2014.
- On the occasion of World breastfeeding week, College of Physiotherapy organized an awareness lecture on the "**Importance of breastfeeding and proper breastfeeding positions and techniques**" in Alandi on 11th August 2014.



- On the occasion of Menopause Awareness Month, College of Physiotherapy organized an awareness lecture on **“Menopause”** at Pimpri on 19th September 2014.
- The College of Physiotherapy organized an awareness lecture on **“Balanced Diet and Health Hygiene”** at Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Girls School, Pimpri and Karmaveer Bhaurao Hire High School Pune on 15th November 2014.
- The College of Physiotherapy organized a lecture on **“AIDs Awareness and Prevention”** at Pragati Vidya Mandir, Induri, Tal. Maval on 1st December 2014.

Infrastructure:

DPU has always endeavored to deliver quality education in a globally benchmarked learning environment through modern amphitheater-styled air-conditioned classrooms, hi-tech labs and libraries which require tremendous encouragement and resources, for which we have got active support from our President Dr. P. D. Patil.

Not only has the physical infrastructure been extensively modernized, the facilities and equipment have improved at a faster pace. Various equipments like High-end 128 slice CT scan, 1.5 Tesla MRI are available in the hospital. With the vision of providing the quintessential health care facilities, on an average, 5000 laboratory diagnostics, 800 imaging procedures and 1000 other diagnostics procedures are done every day. Out of 18 modular OT to be commissioned, construction of 8 imported OT has been completed. 9 intensive care units, with 140 beds catering to all disciplines, to name a few, transplant, burns, airborne infection isolation, trauma care are in the process of final commissioning. Expansion of hemodialysis services with 25 machines with an objective to serve 100 dialysis per day has been completed. Cardiac Cath labs with one physiology electro equipment are ready to serve the needy patients. It is proposed that in near future the IVF center, Epilepsy surgery center, Bone marrow transplantation services and multi disciplinary tumor clinic with special attention to breast disease will be started.

DPU has established a state-of-art Implant Centre at the Dental College for excellence in Implant care for teaching, research & collaborative exchange across the globe. I am happy to announce that DPU has granted Rs.5 Cr. towards the Central Research Facility which has been established during this year which is an interdisciplinary research initiative integrating various disciplines of Life Science. This new facility, I am sure will provide a further fillip to our research activities.

We have a demonstrated commitment to quality. We also carry the legacy of a strong foundation for academic excellence. Being young citizens, all of you- the children of DPU- have the responsibility to work for Universal harmony by ironing out all the causes of conflicts in your zone of activities and also beyond.

Before I conclude, I would like to say to the young graduates that, dear fellows of DPU, the road ahead is long. However, the odyssey promises to be much more exciting. Please do have a constructive and positive attitude and do think in terms of solutions, and not problems. Take each challenge with "how you can" and not "why you can't" and kindly remember that great opportunities come to those who make the most of the small ones. Set your goals higher and the glory will belong to you. It is said that when you shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you will land among the stars. Continue to perform well and remember your teachers & parents all through your life and I, urge you to remain worthy ambassadors and great Alumni of this distinguished Vidyapeeth by upholding the virtues of honor and excellence in service to the society around you and beyond.

Thank you