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## Prof. Dr.VT Beena nominated to the KUHS senate



It was surely a proud moment for all KDCians as our beloved Principal Dr. VT Beena, has been nominated by the government, to the Senate of the Kerala University of Health Sciences (KUHS).

## KUHS Accreditation; KDC ian's hope for the best

Govt Dental College, Kottayam, is currently preparing for KUHS accreditation. In a quest to elevate our college to international standards, our teachers, under the guidance of our beloved Principal, have been toiling for months. The initial hand holding inspection was held on the 4th of April. Every KDCian, may it be faculty or students, is looking forward to the KUHS accreditation.

## Remarkable feats for KDC!

E-OFFICE AND DIGITAL EVALUATION CENTRE; KDC ON POINT

Government Dental College, Kottayam is on a quest to strengthen its title as a frontrunner in Dental Education. Our two recent achievements have brought us great pride and joy, and have strengthened our hold. The office of Government Dental College Kottayam was declared as e-office and was inaugurated by our beloved Principal Dr. V T Beena, on 14th of March, in the presence of HODs of various departments in our college. With this, GDC Kottayam, becomes the first Govt. Dental College in the state, to implement it.

GDC, Kottayam has been declared as a BDS Digital evaluation centre. The digital valuations of BDS part 2 university exams, were successfully completed at our college. Moreover, a training program on Remote Digital Evaluation was attended by our faculty and staff on 19th February 2022. This marks our position as a pioneer in electronic evaluation.

## Celeste back on! It's festive here in KDC

The 33rd All Kerala Interdental Fest, Celeste '22 will be hosted by Govt. Dental College, Kottayam, on May 13,14, &15 of this year. The much anticipated gala event, postponed twice previously, due to unfortunate circumstances, will be something to look forward to, in the coming months. The official declaration and the logo launch of Celeste'22 was done by our Principal Dr. V T Beena, in a small ceremony hosted at the Periodontics lecture hall in Block A. Dr. Hysham Salam, Chairman of Aithihas Students Union (2018-19) addressed the gathering.



The glam and glitz of Celeste will be ardently awaited by every KDCian here about.

## Issue of Health Cards; KDC marks a milestone

Health cards were issued for all students and employees of Govt. Dental College, Kottayam, in March 2022. It contains details of their health issues, if any, medication and vaccination status. With this milestone, KDC becomes the first Government College in the state to have such an amenity.

## KDC scores another first with Green Audit Report

GDC Kottayam, achieved another milestone in the first quarter of the year 2022, by completing Green audit report for the institution. By adapting various environment friendly steps, KDC is the first Government Dental College to achieve this goal.

## Daksha' Descends

'Dental College Union 2021-22 or 'Daksha', as we know them, was a force to be reckoned with. Assigned with the hefty role of a college union, during a pandemic, they led by example and reignited the fiery KDCian spirit that got dampened at the onset of the contagion. As they descend the Iron Throne of Govt. Dental College Kottayam, they leave behind a legacy, so vivid, that still enrich our hearts.



Daksha 21'-22' at Thirasheela



Stills from Kallista

## KDCians exalted as Dr.Vivek joins the KUHS Senate



Dr.Vivek Narayanan, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health Dentistry, GDC Kottayam has been elected to the senate of the Kerala University Of .Health Sciences . Dr.Vivek's addition to the senate has surely elevated the KDCian pride .

## Celebrating the women of KDC!

The International Women's Day was celebrated by the Staff Welfare Forum, on the 8th of March. Incorporated with different inter-department competitions, the day was well celebrated with enthusiasm by women of KDC. Later, prizes were awarded to the winners.

## Wrapping it up with 'Thirasheela'

Our outgoing Students Union, 'Daksha' 21-22, on 31st March 2022, hosted their last programme, aptly titled 'Thirasheela', at the Medical College Auditorium, in our campus.

Fairy lights adorning the mustard walls offered a magical welcome to the arena where 'Daksha' once again mesmerised us; this time, with their finale.

The program was attended by a throng of KDCians, undergraduates and postgraduates alike along with some of our enthusiastic faculty members. The main attraction of the eve was 'Kallista; KDC on the ramp'; an inter-batch fashion show where we got to discover the esoteric creativity concealed within us. The judges, Dr Sandhya M Raghavan , Dr. Pradeesh K Sathyan and Dr. Maneesha R, had a hard time selecting the winners. The hosts ended up bagging the first prize while 2016 batch and 2019 batch shared the second prize. 2020 batch had to content with the third place. Late into the night, Astra-13, a prominent music band, came to boost our spirits with their aural excellence. Thirasheela wound up, offering us a chest full of memories, to cherish as long as we breathe.



Dr. Rekha Raj speaking at International womens day celebration

## Maxillofacial surgeons Day Celebration

On 14 Feb 2022, GDC Kottayam celebrated the maxillofacial surgeons day, organized by the department of maxillofacial surgery. The programme began with the welcome address, by the chief guest Dr. VT Beena, the Principal,GDC, Kottayam.

The function was arranged in a simple manner, with strict COVID protocol ,in the department premises itself.

## Veterans succumb as the Rookies triumph



*Tryst before the battle; The staff team before the match*

In a friendly cricket match between the staff and the students, organised by the Staff Welfare forum on March 1st, the students' team won by 9 wickets. In the match held at the Medical College Ground, Staff team captain, Dr. Aby Abraham, won the toss and elected to bat first. His team lead at the forefront by the captain himself (26 runs) took 76 runs at the

loss of 6 wickets, in the stipulated 10 overs. The students' team chased the targeted score of 77, at the loss of just a wicket, with 3 overs to spare. Mr. Ajin with his all-round performance (39 runs and 1 wicket) along with Dr. Akshay and Dr. Abhijith, were instrumental in paving their team's triumph.

## KDC Grooves to Gezellig!



*Swaying to Gezellig; PG's on stage*

It saw a fruitful coming together of varying strata of KDCians, as we all vibed to the infectious festive mood of the eve. We also had an opportunity to witness the spectacular vocal

skills of some of our faculty members as they too, joined the fun. The hosts upped their hospitality by providing a scrumptious dinner that delighted the attendees.

## Cons- Endo Day Celebration

The Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, on March 6th, celebrated the Cons-Endo day. As a part of the day's festivities, a poster designing competition was organized, in which

Miss Amrita of 2020 batch, emerged as the winner. Miss Aiswarya S of 2019 batch received second prize. The prizes were distributed by Dr. Shobha K, HOD of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics. Later on, sweets were distributed as part of the Celebration.



*Dr. Shobha K distributing prizes*

## Runner up in Badminton tournament



**Dr. Bindu V Bhaskar,**  
Assistant  
Professor,

Department of Public Health Dentistry has secured second position in the shuttle badminton doubles competition, conducted by KGOA at Thrissur.

## ISL prediction contest



An ISL prediction contest was hosted by

Dental College Union to predict the winners of the Indian Super League's final match, Kerala Blasters vs. Hyderabad FC. It was received enthusiastically by the football fans of our college. Mr. Jasir Ali of 2020 batch predicted the correct outcome and thus won himself a jersey of his favourite team.

## World Prosthodontics Day Celebration

The Department of Prosthodontics, GDC Kottayam celebrated this World Prosthodontics day on 22nd January by adding some greenery and beautifying the surroundings. Various competitions were conducted for the students, which were enthusiastically received by them. As part of the celebration, there was an exhibition of various types of prosthesis available in the department.

## Valentine's Day Celebration

The day was celebrated by staff welfare forum with an interesting "love letter" writing competition which saw active participation from both male and female employees.

## New face for Staff Welfare Forum

The new office bearers of the staff welfare forum have been elected for the year 2022-23. The office bearers are as follows.

President: Dr Sobha K, Professor & HOD, Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics.

Vice President: Mr Vijaya Kumar K B.

Secretary: Mr Abeesh M S.

joint secretaries : Mrs.

Manjusha P B&Mrs Simy Susan Abraham.

Sports Club Secretary: Dr Aby Abraham, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthodontics.

Arts club secretary: Dr Bindu V Bhasker, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health Dentistry.

Auditor: Dr Philips Mathew, Assistant Professor, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology.

## Welcoming new faces & bidding adieu to old ones

The first quarter of 2022 saw many transfers and one retirement. Mr. Shajimon PC (Dental hygienist) retired from service while Mr. Sunilkumar P (Senior Clerk), Mr. Jino V J Das (Dental Hygienist), Mr. Ajith A (Radiographer), Mrs. Shailmol S (CA to Principal), Mr. Madhu MN (Junior Superintendent), Mrs. Razeena H (Dental Hygienist), Mrs. Sreedevi J (Dental Hygienist), Mrs. Sukanya VL (Dental Hygienist) and Mr. Sreejith Vijayakumar (Dental Mechanic) were transferred from our college.

Mrs. Neethu Mohanan (Dental Mechanic), Mr. Anil Kumar ES (Junior Superintendent), Mrs. Asha S (CA to principal), Mr. Sivakumar R (Radiographer), Mrs. Rekha R (Dental Hygienist), Mrs. Saumya R (Dental Hygienist), Mrs. Nisha J (Dental Hygienist), Mrs. Lekha Sasidharan (Dental Hygienist), Mr. Kishore S (Dental Hygienist) and Mrs. Sujatha (Staff Nurse) were transferred to GDC Kottayam.

## Amenities to elevate infrastructural harmony

The recreation room, closed on the wake of the pandemic, was reopened recently. Staff and Students can now utilise it till 6.30 pm. Also, the car parking space near block B has now been extended to meet the demands of the students and faculty members.

## Republic Day Celebration

This year's Republic day function was held at 08:30 AM in front of Academic Block A. Principal in Charge, Dr. Shibu Aman hoisted the National flag on the occasion. He further addressed the gathering which was followed by sweet distribution.

## A marathon to celebrate Dentist's Day!

On 6th March, as part of this year's Dentist's day celebrations, The Public Health Dentistry Department of Govt. Dental College, Kottayam in association with NHM, organised a marathon run from our college premises to our sister institution, ie Govt. Medical College, Kottayam. This event saw active participation from both the students as well as the faculty members. Students wearing identical t-shirts cheerfully took part in the run. The celebration was aimed at enlightening the public about the importance of dentists. Snacks were made available for the participants.



## Splashed by colours, KDC enjoys Gerua!



The Dental College Union 22-23 hosted this year's Holi Celebration, 'Gerua: The colour of love' on Friday, the 18th of March, in the campus. Inclusive of a bunch of fun games, Gerua saw active participation from all the batches. After the initial games session, everyone took great joy in painting each other with the different colour powders arranged for the purpose. Later on, sweets were distributed among the

attendees. The celebrations ended with an unexpected fireworks show that amazed the gathering.

## In the eyes of a dentist; Dr. Baiju wows readers!

Dr. Baiju RM, Associate Professor, Department of Periodontics, GDC Kottayam, authored a book titled 'Oru Chikisthakante Diary', which was published by Sahithya Pravarthaka Co-operative Society Ltd. Mr. Muralee Thummarukudy released the book on January 16th 2022. The book was well appreciated by the readers for its impeccable yet captivating narration.



## KDC welcomes freshers

An orientation program for the newly joined 2021 BDS Batch was organised by the Parent Teacher Association of Government Dental College, Kottayam, on the 21st of March. Conducted in the Hall of Academic block A of our college, the program was attended by a total of 27 students and their parents, along with faculty in-charges and union members. The presidential address and welcome speech was delivered by our beloved Principal Dr. V T Beena.

## Kudos to the Rotary Scholarship Winners!

Govt. Dental College Kottayam, once again proved its academic strength as Keerthana NA, Mohammed Ajmal, Nihala Shirin PK, Divya Merin Benny and Drishya of 2019 BDS Batch won the merit based scholarship offered by the Rotary Club, Kottayam.



Drishya of 2019 batch receiving the rotary scholarship

## KDC receives Fire and Safety Certificate

KDC strives to ensure the safety of students, patients and employees, meticulously. By completing all the safety criteria required for the institution, we have received fire and safety certificate from the Government of Kerala.

## Youtube releases

Our staff and faculty members have released informative YouTube videos, the links of which are provided below.

1. Dentists day 2022 <https://youtu.be/EFWZevkeyuM>
2. Oral lesions associated with tobacco use by Dr. Philips Mathew, Assistant Professor, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology. <https://youtu.be/U9pxrj9K62s>
3. Painless Dental treatment by Dr. Vivek Narayanan, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health Dentistry. <https://youtu.be/sXAgvO1IBfo>
4. To access ovidDS <http://dmekerala.ovidDS.com/>
5. To access ProQuest Online database <http://www.proquest.com/210979>

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