

Vice Chancellor's Report
Seventh Convocation of
Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune
(Friday, 1st April, 2016)

The Chief Guest for today's Convocation ceremony, Hon'ble Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Govt. of India; Bharat Ratna Prof. C. N. R. Rao, National Research Professor & Linus Pauling Research Professor, Hon'ble Dr. D. Y. Patil, Former Governor of Bihar; Hon'ble Dr. P. D. Patil, Chancellor of the Vidyapeeth; Hon'ble Members of the Board of Management and Academic Council; Deans of Faculties, Distinguished Guests; the proud Graduands of the day; Staff of the Vidyapeeth; Students; Parents; Members of Press and Media; Ladies and Gentlemen; It is my great honor and privilege to welcome each one of you on behalf of the Vidyapeeth and on my own behalf to this auspicious and solemn occasion of the 7th Convocation of the Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.

It is my profound pleasure to welcome the Chief Guest of today's ceremony, Hon'ble Dr. Harsh Vardhan ji, Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Govt. of India. Fondly called "Doctor Saab" by supporters and opponents alike, Dr. Harsh Vardhan is known for simplicity in his personal life and transparency at the work place. Sir, joined politics with the laudable objective of using his considerable medical knowledge and experience for serving the common man. We are extremely grateful to you, Sir, for sparing your precious time from your busiest schedule and agreeing to grace this auspicious occasion and offer your experienced counsel to our Graduands who are mostly from Health Care disciplines. We look forward to having your advice, directions and blessings on this great occasion.

At the outset, I congratulate all the Graduands who have successfully completed their education at this temple of learning called Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth and have become eligible to receive the Degrees of the Vidyapeeth at this Convocation. Degrees are being awarded to a total of 399 undergraduate, 452 postgraduate students and 14

Ph.D. fellows, who have completed their studies and passed the examinations during this period. Gold Medals will be bestowed upon 17 candidates who have secured highest marks in different disciplines, which also include Gold Medal in memory of Late Prof. K. B. Powar.

Today we are conferring Honoris Causa degree upon Bharat Ratna Prof. C. N. R. Rao, world's foremost solid-state and material Chemist. His work on transition metal oxides has led to basic understanding of relationship between material properties and the structural chemistry of nanomaterials. Prof. Rao has not only been a great institution builder but also an institution by himself. Sir, your august presence has made this convocation ceremony very glittering and memorable not only for our Graduands but for every one of us in DPU. More than we honoring this eminent personality, it is Prof. Rao who has honored us and the society at large, by accepting the Honoris Causa degree from our Vidyapeeth. DPU will be proud to have such distinguished personality as our Alumnus.

Ours is a young but very vibrant university. We celebrated its 13th Foundation Day in the January. I am extremely happy to report that in such a short span of time, the University has got a very high visibility and has been recognized as an institution that has been delivering a very high quality education with emphasis on interactive teaching methods and focused research in diverse fields. DPU is known for Academic Heritage, World Class Faculty, Modern & State-of-the-Art Infrastructure, Library, Computer & Lab Facilities, International Teaching Pedagogies, Excellent Learning Environment, International Tie-ups & Industry Interface, Dynamic Research Culture and Emphasis on Overall Personality Development.

Our curriculum innovations, include enhancement of integrated modules, case based & rapid cycle learning methods, inclusion of patient safety & health care quality concepts at all levels, clinical effectiveness discourses & simulation based strategies, to name a few. We will continue to strive hard to provide quality education to the youth and live through the processes and systems that are of global standards.

All these initiatives require resources, for which we have got robust support from our Chancellor Dr. P. D. Patil.

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 since last convocation held on 26th June, 2015.

After re-accredited by NAAC with a CGPA of 3.62 on a four point scale at 'A' grade 2015, Vidyapeeth has also obtained ISO 9001:2008 Certificate during the year under report.

Our Point of Pride- 89th Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan

I feel proud to inform that 89th Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan was hosted by DPU from 15th to 18th January, 2016. About 5 lakhs people from India and abroad visited the Sammelan. There were about 400 bookstalls, which recorded sale of books worth Rs.5.50 crores. The eminent luminaries, such as Shri Devendra Fadanavis – Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Nitin Gadkari – Hon'ble Union Minister of Transport & Shipping, Shri Vinod Tawade – Hon'ble Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs, Government of Maharashtra, Shri Sharad Pawar – Former Union Minister, Shri Gulzar, Shri Chetan Bhagat, Shri Javed Akhtar, Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar attended the Sammelan. Gyanpeeth Award Winners Shri Satyavrat Shastri, Shri Rehman Rahi and Shri Sitakant Mahapatra also participated in the Sammelan. DPU has granted a sum of Rs.15.00 lakhs to three eminent personalities for promotion and propagation of Marathi language and literature in the field of education. The entire contribution collected towards the rent of book stalls and the delegate registration charges were donated to NAAM Foundation, for helping the families of farmers who have committed suicide.

Research:

A university can grow successfully only when research and teaching mesh together seamlessly - where one is incomplete without the other. We have ensured the development of a collaborative environment, conducive to learning, exposure to the best international practices and promotion of innovation and creativity.

We provide our faculty the academic freedom, time, and resources to pursue their research at the highest levels of productivity for which, DPU has sanctioned a sum of Rs.149 lakhs as Intramural Research Grants during the year. In addition, university has received a grant of Rs. 103 lakhs from various national and international funding agencies like Department of Science & Technology (DST), India, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), Sweden, and International Team for Implantology (ITI), Switzerland for new and ongoing projects. Moreover, a grant of Rs. 81 lakhs is received for various clinical trials in Medical College. The Vidyapeeth can boast of the commendable performance of its faculty members, particularly for their quality research output, which is demonstrated by nearly 400 publications since the last convocation, in various peer-reviewed, national and international journals, and large number of these publications are in the Scopus database. There has been a significant rise of h-Index, since the inspection of DPU. The impact factor of publications, during the year ranges from 0.5 to 45.12. One Indian patent each has been published from Dental College and Biotechnology institute of DPU and one national and one international patent have been filed from the Biotechnology institute.

It is not possible to give a complete list of publications published in esteemed referred journals and individual research funding received, however, an account of some achievements given below is an indication of our endeavor towards quality of research at DPU.

- *Institute of Biotechnology has received a grant of Rs. 23.00 lakh from DST for project titled “Molecular modeling and docking studies of Deguelin and its derivatives with cell arrest, apoptosis and anti-angiogenesis pathway proteins in cancer cell signaling pathways”.*

- *Similarly four research projects sanctioned by DST, Government of India; Indo-Tunisian Collaborative project by DST; FORMAS, Swedish Research Council, Sweden; and International Team of Implantology (ITI), Switzerland, are in progress at DPU for which a sum of Rs. 80.00 lakhs have been received during the year. This has created excellent opportunities for our faculty and students to work on applied aspects.*

Besides basic and applied research, DPU has received funding for clinical trials from well known pharmaceutical companies.

- *Department of Paediatrics has received a research grant of Rs. 22.54 Lakh from Shanta Biotechnics Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, Telangana for Clinical Trial on “A Phase III Study of Evaluate Immune Non Inferiority and safety of the All In One Liquid formulation of a Live Attenuated Tetravalent (G1-G4) Bovine-Human Reassortant Rotavirus vaccine (BRV-TV) to a licensed vaccine Rotateq when administered concomitantly with other routinely recommended vaccines for the age”.*
- *Department of Paediatrics has received a research grant of Rs. 11.37 Lakh from Wyeth Limited (Subsidiary of Pfizer Inc.), for Clinical Trial on “A Phase 4/3, Open-Label, Single-Arm, Multicenter Study to Describe the Safety and Immunogenicity of 13-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine in Adults 50 to 65 Years of Age and in Children 6 to 17 Years of Age in India”.*
- *Department of Paediatrics has received a research grant of Rs. 16.77 Lakh from Shanta Biotechnics Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, Telangana for Clinical Trial on “A Phase III Bridging study to evaluate Immunogenicity and Safety of a Pentavalent vaccine (DTwP-HepB-Hib) Shan5 (with Shantha pertussis) as compared to the licensed vaccine, Shan5 (with imported pertussis) when administered as three dose primary series at 6-8, 10-12 and 14-16 Weeks of Age in Healthy Indian Infants”.*
- *Department of Paediatrics has received a research grant of Rs. 30.78 Lakh from Sanofi Pasteur SA for Clinical Trial on “QIV06 Study: Immunogenicity and Safety of a Single Dose or Two Doses Given 28 Days Apart of a Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine Administered via the Intramuscular Route in Subjects Aged 6 Months or Older in India”.*

International Research Collaborations:

In keeping with our motto of ‘Breaking Boundaries – Finding Frontiers’ and one of our missions, namely, partnerships with organizations with congruent ideals, we have signed MoUs and collaborative agreements with many 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 been sending their students in batches to our medical and nursing institutes, to provide them global health training at DPU, by fostering a collaborative learning environment under their Global Health leadership programme. During the period under report, four groups of 15 students and one faculty have undergone training at DPU campus.*
- *Four Students from Biotechnology Institute of DPU will be going to University of Skövde for the autumn / spring semester commencing 2016-17 to perform research projects under the bilateral agreement signed between DPU and University of Skövde, Sweden.*
- *Linnaeus-Palme teachers’ exchange program between DPU and University of Skövde, has been granted by the Swedish Council of Higher Education, under which two faculty members from DPU will be going to University of Skövde, for teaching for a period of one month and similarly two faculty members from University of Skövde, Sweden will be involved for teaching in DPU in the autumn semester commencing in August 2016.*
- *One student from Biotechnology Institute of DPU visited Örebro University for duration of one month in November 2015 to perform advanced research on the collaborative research project funded by FORMAS, Swedish Research Council, Sweden on “The emergence and persistence of novel resistance to 3rd generation cephalosporins and carbapenem in bacteria in the environment”.*
- *The Department of Physiology in collaboration with Diabetes & Islet Biology Group of University of Sydney, Australia are performing collaborative research under nutrition & Pancreatic regeneration.*
- *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.

- *The Department of Pulmonary Medicine is continuing an inter-disciplinary collaborative research project with European Respiratory Society (ERS) on “The European Bronchiectasis Registry”.*
- *Department of Pulmonary Medicine is conducting inter-disciplinary collaborative research project with MIT, USA on “Development of Automated Algorithms for Identification of Specific Lung Sounds using a Novel Mobile-attached Stethoscope (Smart Stetho)”.*
- *Under a MoU with Thammasat University, Thailand, for Collaborative Research in the areas of Dentistry, our faculty from Dental College is pursuing a joint collaborative research project titled “A Novel Prognostic Index for treatment of Periodontally Diseased Molars”.*
- *The Dental College of DPU has initiated number of an inter-disciplinary collaborative research projects with Biohorizon, USA on use Bioactive Glass & Freeze Dried Bone Allograft in different periodontal pathologies and surgeries.*
- *The Dental College of DPU under a MoU with University of Hong Kong, faculty of Dentistry, is pursuing a joint collaborative research project on “Microbial & Host Derived biomarkers in Peri Implant mucositis in relation to periodontal status”.*
- *Collaborative Research Project between Biotechnology Institute, DPU and Örebro University funded by FORMAS, Swedish Research Council, Sweden on “The emergence and persistence of novel resistance to 3rd generation cephalosporins and carbapenem in bacteria in the environment”.*

Faculty / Students participating in International Conferences:

- ***Dr. Abhijit Pawar*** from Department of Orthopaedics, presented a Paper at “22nd International Meeting for Advanced Spine Techniques” from 8th to 11th July, 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, **Malaysia**.
- ***Dr. S. Pote*** from Department of Ophthalmology, attended “28th APACRS Annual Meeting” from 5th to 6th August, 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, **Malaysia**.
- ***Dr. Sunita Bamnikar*** from Department of Pathology, attended “International Conference on Cytopathology” from 31st August to 2nd September, 2015 in Toronto, **Canada**.

- **Dr. Pranav Patel, Dr. Yuvraj Sing Hira & Dr. Vishal Mandlewala** from Department of Orthopaedics presented papers at “SICOT Orthopaedic World Congress” from 17th to 19th September, 2015 in Guangzhou, **China**.
- **Dr. Tushar Sahasrabudhe, Dr. Vaibhav Pandharkar and Dr. Rohit Amale** from Department of Pulmonary Medicine, attended “European Respiratory Society Conference 2015” from 26th to 30th September, 2015 in Amsterdam, **Netherlands**.
- **Dr. Amit Kharat** from Department of Radiology, attended “International Skeletal Society Annual Meeting 2015” from 30th September to 2nd October, 2015 in Hawaii, **USA**.
- **Dr. Shubhi Bhatnagar** from Department of Surgery, presented a Paper at “Cardiomersion 2015” from 5th to 7th October, 2015 in **Dubai**.
- **Dr. Shailaja Mane** from Department of Paediatrics, presented a Poster at “3rd International Congress European Milk Association (EMBA)” from 8th to 9th October, 2015 in Lyon, **France**.
- **Dr. Kunal Bhattacharya** from Global Business School & Research Centre, attended “7th International Conference on Teaching, Education and Learning (ICTEL)” from 10th to 11th October, 2015 in **Mauritius**.
- **Dr. Deepak Kulkarni** from Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, attended Course on “Augmentation and Rehabilitation treated by fresh frozen human bone” from 14th to 16th October, 2015 in Castlefranco Veneto, **Italy**.
- **Dr. P. Vatsalaswamy, Dean, Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre,** delivered a talk on “**Medical Ethics in Pre-Clinical Subjects: Current Scenario**” at “11th World Conference of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics” from 18th to 22nd October, 2015 in Naples, **Italy**
- **Dr. Praveen Arora** from Department of FMT, attended “11th World Conference of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics” from 20th to 22nd October, 2015 in Naples, **Italy**.
- **Dr. Deepak Kulkarni** from Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, attended “American Academy of Implant Dentistry 64th Annual Conference” from 21st to 24th October, 2015 in Las Vegas, **USA**.
- **Dr. Neelu Nawani** from Biotechnology Institute was invited at Orebro University, Sweden from 3rd to 6th November, 2015 for presenting research at international meeting on “The emergence and persistence of novel resistance to 3rd generation cephalosporins and carbapenem in bacteria in the environment”.
- **Ms. Shambhavi Awate,** Biotechnology Student presented research paper at international meeting on “The emergence and persistence of novel resistance to 3rd generation

cephalosporins and carbapenem in bacteria in the environment” at Orebro University, Sweden on 6th November, 2015.

- **Dr. D. Gopalakrishnan** from Department of Periodontology, presented a paper at the “101st American Academy of Periodontology Annual Meeting” from 12th to 15th November, 2015 in Orlando, USA.
- **Dr. Pratiksha Yadav** from Department of Radiology, presented paper at “Radiological society of North America 2015” from 29th November to 4th December, 2015 in Chicago USA
- **Dr. Sushil Phansopkar** from Department of Public Health Dentistry, attended “3rd International Conference on Global Public Health 2015” from 10th to 12th December, 2015 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- **Dr. Amitav Banerjee** from Department of Community Medicine was invited as Guest Speaker at International Public Health Conference from 15th to 25th January, 2016 in Surin Thailand.
- **Dr P. Gogate** from Department of Ophthalmology was invited as Speaker at World Ophthalmology Congress of the International Council of Ophthalmology, Guadalajara, Mexico from 5th to 9th February, 2016.
- **Dr. Amit Kharat** from Department of Radiology, presented paper titled “Knowledge or Radiology Informatics amongst radiologists and residents in training” on 6th March, 2016 at the European Congress of Radiology as an oral floor presentation, Vienna, Austria.

Conferences, Seminars, Workshops organized at DPU:

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. 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;

- Colgate-Palmolive (India) Limited, organized Webinar in Dental College on “**Managing & Maintaining Esthetic Restorations**” by Dr. Ratnadeep Patil, Director, Smile Care Institution, Mumbai on 3rd July, 2015.
- Department of Ophthalmology, organized a CME on “**Research Methodology**” by Dr. Santosh Honavar (Former HoD, L. V. Prasad Eye Institute) from 4th to 5th July, 2015.

- Department of Ophthalmology, organized **“Research Methodology Workshop”** on 5th July, 2015.
- Department of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics, organized Webinar on **“Access Preparation – Key to successful cleaning & shaping”** by Dr. Anish Naware, Consulting Endodontist on 7th July, 2015.
- Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics organized CDE Program on **“Simplifying Endo with Single NITI files system preparation and single cone obturation with the new MTA Sealer”** by Dr. Chris Chen, Renowned Endodontist, Taiwan on 20th July, 2015.
- Global Business School & Research Centre organized seminar on **“Personality Development”** on 20th July, 2015.
- Global Business School & Research Centre organized seminar on **“Emotional Freedom Techniques”, “Logistics and Supply Chain”** and **“Advertising in Digital Marketing”** on 21st July, 2015.
- Global Business School & Research Centre organized seminar on **“Paradigm & Paradigm Shift”** and **“HR Practices”** on 24th July, 2015.
- Global Business School & Research Centre organized seminar on **“Entrepreneurial Development”** and **“Playing it the Tendulkar way”** on 25th July, 2015.
- Global Business School & Research Centre organized seminar on **“Advertising”** on 27th July, 2015.
- Global Business School & Research Centre organized seminar on **“Emotional Empowerment and Games”** and **“Grooming and Communication Skills** on 28th July, 2015.
- Global Business School & Research Centre organized seminar on **“Art of Presentation and Goal Setting”** and **“Self Esteem and Leadership Development”** on 29th July, 2015.
- The Department of Anaesthesiology with ISA Pimpri Chinchwad City Branch, jointly organized a CME on **“Newer Inhalational Anaesthetic Agents”** and **“Newer Muscle Relaxants in Anaesthesia Practice”** on 1st August, 2015.
- Four day **“3T Bioethics Training Program for Medical Teachers of Medical Education Programs”** was held at Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune from 3rd to 6th August 2015, for teachers of medical college of Maharashtra under the supervision of **Professor Dr. Russell D’Souza**, Head, Asia Pacific Bioethics Program under UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa.
- College of Nursing organized Seminar on **“Acupressure”** by Centre incharge of various centers in Pune on 13th August, 2015.

- *College of Physiotherapy organized hands-on workshop on “Basic Life Support” by American Heart Association on 25th August, 2015.*
- *The Department of Pulmonary Medicine, organized a “DPU Respiratory Update -2015” on 30th August, 2015.*
- *College of Nursing organized CNE on “Intravenous therapy” on 8th September, 2015.*
- *College of Physiotherapy organized workshop on “Clinical Certificate in Orthopaedic Manual Therapy (COMT)” from 8th to 15th September, 2015.*
- *Dr. D. Y. Patil Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Institute organized seminar on “Personality Refinement cum holistic development” by Mrs. Indo Gokhale of Divine India Youth Association on 10th September, 2015.*
- *College of Physiotherapy organized Workshop on “Philosophy of NDT & Handling Techniques” from 19th to 21st September, 2015.*
- *Department of Public Health Dentistry organized workshop on “Level I - Life First training on tobacco cessation” on 24th September, 2015.*
- *The Department of Prosthodontics organized 12th CDE program titled “Decoding the mysteries of Occlusion” by Dr. Stuart Orton Jones an eminent practitioner and academician from the United Kingdom from 6th to 8th October, 2015.*
- *College of Physiotherapy organized Orientation Workshop on “Wheelchair Training & Services” on 14th October, 2015.*
- *The Department of Urology, organized a “Live Operative Workshop on Prostate Surgery” on 18th October, 2015.*
- *College of Physiotherapy organized Workshop on “Experience Heart fullness Relaxation; Learn to meditate by Sahaj Marg Meditation” from 26th to 28th October, 2015.*
- *College of Physiotherapy organized workshop on “Aerobics Instructor Training Course” & “Antenatal & Post-natal Care Programme by Dr. Surajeet Chakrabarty, President of Indian Fitness Academy from 26th to 29th October, 2015.*
- *Institute of Optometry organized Workshop on “Ocular Proshetics” by Mr. Sachin Gupta, Director, Art Eyes, New Delhi, on 21st November, 2015.*
- *Institute of Optometry organized COE on “Myopia Control 2015” on 28th November, 2015.*
- *The Department of Anaesthesiology with ISA Pimpri Chinchwad Branch, jointly organized a CME on “Capnography & its interpretation” on 2nd December, 2015.*

- *The Department of Pulmonary Medicine, organized a Workshop on “Fibrotic Bronchoscopy Handling & Maintenance” by Technical Officer from Olympus, Bombay on 13th December, 2015.*
- *The Department of Anatomy organized a “2nd State Level Conference of Anatomical Society of India” and Regional Chapter of Anatomy (Maharashtra) from 29th to 30th January, 2016.*
- *The Department of Pediatrics organized a CME on “Infant Nutrition & Complementary Feeding” on 5th February, 2016.*
- *College of Nursing organized National conference on “Developing a Vision in Emergency Obstetric Nursing” on 6th February, 2016. 365 Delegates from all over India participated in the conference. Eminent Resource faculties also included Dr. Mrs. Sudha Raddi from KLE University, Dr. Usha Ukande from MP and (Mrs.) Nilima Bhore from Pune*
- *College of Physiotherapy organized one day course on “Foot Biomechanics-Assessment to effective Treatment” by Mr. Simon Dickinson, Clinical Director from Derby, Hospital & Health Care, UK on 24th February, 2016.*
- *Department of Public Health Dentistry organized workshop on “Level II - Life first training on tobacco cessation” from 25th to 26th February, 2016.*
- *Department of ENT organized “Academic Orientation Workshop in Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery” from 26th to 28th February, 2016.*
- *Global Business School & Research Centre organized National Seminar on “Current HR practices in Indian Industry: Challenges & Opportunities” on 27th February, 2016.*
- *Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth organized Women’s Health Conference on “Women’s Health: A Holistic Approach” from 8th to 13th March 2016, to mark the celebration of Women’s week.*
- *Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune (DPU) and International Society for Advancement of Cytometry (ISAC) jointly organized “Third Flow Cytometry Symposium and Workshop” on 11th March, 2016. In addition to International speakers like Prof. Awtar Krishan from the University of Miami, USA, & Prof. Zosia Maciorowski from France, five reputed national resource persons also trained our faculty about application of Flow Cytometry for health care.*

Faculty Achievements:

Our faculty is shaping their knowledge and skills to become a repository of creative genius and our students an infinite reservoir of potential talent and innovation. We take

pride in stepping into an enviable position of excellence and feel confident that within next few years the pool of diverse and inquisitive students, the devoted faculty, staff and the alumni would work collectively towards building this educational institution as a 'World Class University' The sustained efforts of our faculty members aiming to acquire updated techniques of teaching have been widely acknowledged at various forums. 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 achievement of faculty:

- **Dr. Jayesh Rahalkar**, invited as Guest Speaker at 8th IOS Symposium, Kerala from 5th to 6th July, 2015.
- **Dr. Jayesh Rahalkar**, invited as Guest Speaker at Workshop on Clinical Photography, Pune from 6th to 11th July, 2015.
- **Dr. V. S. Gokhale**, delivered guest lecture on “Women’s Health” at Technova Limited (A corporate house), Taloja MIDC, Kadamboli, Mumbai on 15th July, 2015.
- **Dr. Jayesh Rahalkar**, invited as Key Note Speaker at COGS, Chandigarh on 19th July, 2015.
- **Dr. A. L. Kakrani** was nominated as ‘President’ of the Research Society of B. J. Medical College & Sassoon General Hospital, Pune for 2015-16.
- **Dr. Venus Pagare**, invited as resource person at IETE Zonal Seminar on Wireless Sensors and Networks to talk on WSN in Healthcare in India from 1st to 2nd August, 2015.
- **Dr. Varsha Dabadghao**, invited as guest speaker at Rheumatology CME (Maharashtra Rheumatology Association) at Kashibai Navale Medical College, Pune on 8th August, 2015.
- **Dr. Mahavir Bagrecha & Dr. Kirti Yadav** were awarded 1st Prize for Poster Presentation at CME on DPU Respiratory Update-2015 on 30th August, 2015.
- **Dr. Hemant Deshpande** was nominated as ‘Member’ of Board of Studies of J. S. S. University, Mysore and R.G.U.H.S., Bangalore for the year 2015-16 and 2015-17, respectively.
- **Dr. Hemant Deshpande** was elected as ‘Chairperson’ of Medical Education Committee of FOGSI for the year 2016-18.
- **Dr. Rajendra Shitole and Dr. Vaibhav Dughav**, received Fellowship in Minimal Access Surgery from World Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons on September, 2015.
- **Dr. Neelu Nawani** has been awarded ‘DPU Research Award – 2014’ on the occasion of Teachers Day on 5th September, 2015.

- **Dr. Supriya Kheur** has been awarded 'Young Research Award – 2014' on the occasion of Teachers Day on 5th September, 2015.
- **Dr. Archana Buch** has been awarded 'Innovative Teaching Award – 2014' on the occasion of Teachers Day on 5th September, 2015.
- **Dr. Ashwini Sharma**, received Fellowship in Transplant Nephrology from Clinical Research Fellow, Delhi on September, 2015.
- **Dr. A. L. Kakrani** was nominated as 'Member' of Ethics Committee of National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune on 7th September, 2015.
- **Dr. Shahnawaz SD** has been awarded 'Young Achievement Award' at Rehabilitation Society of Physical Therapists –India Conference held at Lucknow from 7th to 8th September, 2016.
- **Dr. Harsh Kumar** and **Dr. A. C. Buch** were selected as Judges for the Oral Paper Presentation at "MAPCON - 2015" at Kashibai Navale Medical College, Pune from 11th to 12th September, 2015.
- **Dr. A. C. Buch** was assigned with responsibility to moderate Histopathology MAPCON Slide Seminar for the Year 2016-2018 at "MAPCON - 2015" at Kashibai Navale Medical College, Pune from 11th to 12th September, 2015.
- **Dr. Supriya Kheur**, received Bursary Travel grant on 24th to 26th September, 2015 to attend 24th EAO (European Association for Osseointegration) Congress, Stockholm, Sweden.
- **Dr. R. S. Vhora** has been awarded 1st Prize as Mentor at INDO-US CPC Conference, held at AIIMS, New Delhi on 2nd October, 2015.
- **Dr. Mary Samuel**, Chaired Video session on "Regional Anaesthesia, Airway Alternatives and Transoesophageal Echo Cardio-graphy at 25th National conference of Research Society of Anaesthesiology clinical Pharmacology, Amritsar from 2nd to 4th October, 2015.
- **Dr. Supriya Kheur**, invited as Guest Speaker at Yerla Dental College, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai on 8th October, 2015.
- **Dr. Jayesh Rahalkar**, invited as Guest Speaker at IOS Zonal PG Convention, Sangli from 9th to 11th October, 2015.
- **Dr. Varsha Dabadghao** completed EULAR (European League Against Rheumatism) online course on Rheumatic Diseases on 15th October, 2015.
- **Dr. P. Vatsalaswamy** has been awarded 'Best Teacher Award 2015' by Grab Educational and Charitable Trust on 1st November, 2015.
- **Dr. P. Vatsalaswamy** was selected as Member of Executive Committee of Anatomical Society of India for the year 2015-16.

- **Dr. P. Vatsalaswamy** was nominated as Member of International Forum of Teacher, UNESCO Chair of Bioethics, Haifa.
- **Dr. Bhushan Chaudhari and Dr. Preethi Menon** have been awarded 'Shantiniketan Mental Health Award' by Industrial Psychiatry of India on November, 2015.
- **Dr. Sahana Hedge-Shetiya** has been Nominated as 'EC member' of Indian Association Public Health Dentistry at 20th Conference of Indian Association of Public Health Dentistry, Manipal from 20th to 22nd November, 2015
- **Dr. S. R. Agarkhedkar** has been awarded 'Presidential Innovation Award' at Mastacon-2015 held at Mumbai on 22nd November, 2015.
- **Dr. Geeta Karambelkar**, invited as MMC Observer and Chairperson at "National Conference on Pediatric", held at Pune from 22nd to 23rd November, 2015.
- **Dr. Neelu Nawani**, invited as guest speaker at International Conference on "New Horizons in Biotechnology 2015" CSIR-NIIST, Trivandrum, from 22nd to 25th November, 2015.
- **Dr. Ravindra Manerikar**, invited as Guest Speaker at 50th Indian orthodontic Conference, Hyderabad from 11th to 13th December, 2015.
- **Dr. Rashi Goel** has been awarded '1st Prize' in Essay competition on "Practice of Hand Therapy-Indian vs Global Scenario" at 4th Annual National Conference of Society of Hand Therapy, India from 12th to 13th December, 2015.
- **Dr. Nitin Gupta** has been awarded 'Bitein Awards-2015' as Best PG Student on 13th December, 2015.
- **Dr. Somnath Goptu** has been awarded 3rd Prize for Poster Presentation at "Gaint Inguinal Hernia-A case Report held at Gurgaon" from 16th to 20th December, 2015.
- **Dr. Supriya Kheur**, invited as Guest Speaker at Bharati Vidyapeeth Dental College & Hospital, Pune on 18th December, 2015.
- **Dr. Sachin Sarode**, invited as Guest Speaker at Nair Dental College & Hospital, Mumbai on 30th December, 2015.
- **Dr. Aparna Bagle**, invited as Judge for Paper Presentation at ISACON Conference, Jaipur from 26th to 31st December, 2015.
- **Dr. Shahnawaz SD** has been awarded 'Best Paper Award' in Medicine Track for Oral Presentation in International Conference on Research & Entrepreneurship 2016 at RK University from 5th to 6th January, 2016.
- **Dr. K. V. Swamy**, completed training on Development of signaling pathways network at Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Thiruvanthapuram, Kerala from 11th to 13th January, 2016.

- **Dr. Tushar Palekar and Dr. Rashi Goel** have been awarded “Yuvak Yuvati Puraskar” from Maitri Parivar, Pune on 14th January, 2016.
- **Dr. Praveen Arora** was invited as Judge for “Bioethics Update for Medical Students” held at Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore on 17th January 2016.
- **Dr. Amit Kharat**, received Fellowship of the Indian College of Radiology and Imaging (FICR) at National Indian Radiology and Imaging Association Conference, Bhubaneswar from 21st to 24th January, 2016.
- **Dr. V. Bharambe** has been awarded Dr. Indurkar Trophy for Best Paper in Gross Anatomy at MAHACON II - 2016 from 29th to 30th January, 2016.
- **Dr. Siddharth Swaroop**, completed Certification Course of American Academy of Implant Dentistry on 31st January, 2016.
- **Dr. Ajay Malshikare** was selected as Judge for Physio- Inspira 2016- “Stand-up Comedy” Competition at Sancheti Institute College of Physiotherapy, Pune on 1st February, 2016.
- **Dr. Vishnu Vardhan**, invited to deliver a Seminar on “Doctors Panel Discussion during International Seminar on “Medi Engineering” organized by Dr. D. Y. Patil Institute Engineering and Technology on 1st February, 2016.
- **Dr. Nilesh Bulbule**, completed Professional Advanced Soft & Hard Tissue Management Training Course from 6th to 8th February, 2016.
- **Dr. Meenal Patvekar** completed Fellowship and Hands on Training in Advanced Laparoscopic & Robotic Surgical Oncology from Galaxy Care Laparoscopy Institute from 8th to 11th February, 2016.
- **Dr. Neelu Nawani**, invited as Keynote speaker and Session chair at International Conference on Innovative trends in chemical, physical and biological sciences 2016 at AM college, University of Pune from 9th to 10th February, 2016.
- **Dr. Harsh Kumar**, delivered guest lecture on “Stem Cell Therapy” at Armed Forces Medical College, Pune on 21st February, 2016.
- **Dr P. Gogate**, participated as Course Instructor in Community Ophthalmology & Medical Education at 74th Annual conference AFOS, Kolkata from 25th to 28th February, 2016.
- **Dr. N. G. Borade** was selected as Judge for the Oral Paper Presentation at “42nd Annual Conference of Research Society” at B. J. Govt. Medical College, Pune from 24th to 26th February, 2016.
- **Dr. Praveen Arora**, was selected as Head, World Bioethics Day Committee formulated by Hon’ble Chair **Prof. Amnon Carmi**, Head, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa to plan,

disseminate and coordinate the celebration of First World Bioethics Day on 19th October 2016 all across the Globe.

- *Dr. A. L. Kakrani, Dr. Praveen Arora, Dr. N. R. Gandham, Dr. Varsha Dabadghao, Dr. Tushar Palekar, Dr. Khurshid Jamadar, Dr. Supriya Kheur, Dr. Ashima Bhan are nominated as Members of International Forum of Teacher, UNESCO Chair of Bioethics, Haifa.*
- *Dr. Neelu Nawani was felicitated for 'Carving gender balanced Leadership' by Sandvik Company, Pune on the occasion of Women's Day Celebrations on 18th March, 2016.*
- *Dr. Praveen Arora, Dr. N. R. Gandham, Dr. Ashima Bhan and Dr. Amitav Banerjee were invited to conduct one day workshop on Bioethics at Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University Medical College and Hospital, Sangli on 19th March 2016.*

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.

- *Ms. Shambhavi Awate, Biotechnology Student was deputed to the laboratory of Dr. Jana Jass, Orebrö University, Sweden from 3rd November, 2015 to 1st December, 2015 for performing collaborative research project at Sweden*
- *Trail Walk was organized by Oxfam India from Garudmachi, Mulshi to Cloud 9-Lonavala, Pune from 20th to 22nd November 2015 & DPU was medical partner for the event. **Our PG students from Medical, Physiotherapy and Nursing College** were a part of medical team, assessing and treating the participants.*
- *Ms. Puja Vaid, Mr. Shailesh Keskar and Ms. Neha Trishal, Biotechnology Institute Students qualified CSIR JRF - 2015 Examination.*

- **Ms. Paramita Batabyal and Mr. Praveen Giri**, Biotechnology Institute Students qualified GATE - 2015 Examination.
- **Ms. Vaidehi Kelkar**, Biotechnology Institute Student was awarded 2nd Prize for Poster Presentation at National Seminar on “Application of Radioisotopes and Radiation Technology in Industries, Agriculture, Healthcare and its Impact on Environment 2015” held at AISECT University, Bhopal from 3rd to 4th July, 2015.
- **Dr. Kavya Patel**, Medical College Student was awarded 1st Prize at “West Zone YUVA FOGSI Quiz on High Risk Pregnancy” held at Jodhpur on 31st July, 2015.
- **Dr. Indranil Dey**, Medical College Student was awarded 1st Prize for Poster Presentation at “MAPCON” held at Kashibai Navale Medical College, Pune from 11th to 12th September, 2015.
- **Dr Yuvraj Sing Hira**, Medical College Student was awarded Best paper award for Oral Presentation at “SICOT” held at Guangzhou, China from 17th to 19th September, 2015.
- **Dr. Aditi Bhatnagar**, Medical College Student was awarded 1st Prize for paper presentation titled “Rare case of ovarian haemangioma” at “Gynacon Conference” held at AFMC, Pune on 26th September, 2015.
- **Dr. Nikita Gonnade**, Medical College Student was awarded 3rd Prize for Poster Presentation on “Evaluation of a case of RPL at “RPL Conference” held at Pune on 26th September, 2015 under the aegis of FDGSI.
- **Dr. Jayesh Ajwani**, Medical College Student was awarded Gold Medal for Best Poster Presentation at “IFUMB USCON” held at Mumbai from 2nd to 4th October, 2015.
- **Dr. Ishan Lamba**, Medical College Student was awarded Best Poster Presentation at “CPC Conference at INDUSEM 2015” held at AIIMS, New Delhi on 2nd October, 2015.
- **Dr. Shantanu Deshpande**, Dental College Student was awarded 1st Prize for Scientific Poster Presentation at “37th National Conference of Indian Society of Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry” held at Raipur from 8th to 10th October, 2015.
- **Mr. Abhishek Shinde**, Nursing College Student was awarded 3rd Prize in 100 Meters running at “XXVI Biennial SNA Conference, Panchgani” from 29th to 31st October, 2015.
- **Dr. Prajakta Chaudhari**, Medical College Student was awarded Best Paper Presentation Award at “4th Annual Research Society Conference” held at MIMER Medical College, Talegaon Dabhade from 23rd to 24th November, 2015.

- **Dr. Nitin Hariyani**, Dental College Student was awarded 1st Prize for Paper Presentation at “30th IACDE & 23rd IES National Conference 2015” held at Amritsar from 26th to 29th November, 2015.
- **Dr. Jyotsna Vanka**, Medical College Student was awarded Shantiniketan Mental Health Award at 16th Annual National Conference of Association of Industrial Psychiatry of India, Mumbai from 28th to 29th November, 2015.
- **Ms. Shweta Rajesh Hambir**, Physiotherapy College Student was awarded 3rd Prize in Essay Competition organized by Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Mumbai on 18th December, 2015.
- **14 PG Students from Dental College**, received prizes for Paper and Poster Presentation for different Scientific Sessions at “I Dent 2015” IDA Pimpri Chinchwad Branch Pimpri Pune from 5th to 6th December, 2015.
- **Team of Medical College Students**, participated and won First Prize (Certificates and Rs. 10000/- cash) in First National Level Inter-Medical Collegiate Bioethics Skit Competition organized by South India Unit of International Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics in association with Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore and held at Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore on 17th January 2016.
- **Dr. Amit Kothari**, Medical College Student was awarded 1st Prize for Poster/Oral Presentation at “17th National Conference of Association of Physicians of India APICON 2016” held at Hyderabad from 28th to 31st January, 2016.
- **Dr. Mugdha Thakur**, Medical College Student was awarded 2nd Prize for Poster Presentation at “17th National Conference of Association of Physicians of India APICON 2016” held at Hyderabad from 28th to 31st January, 2016.
- **Anantika Bhimsariya**, Medical College Student was awarded 2nd Prize for Oral Presentation at “VAMSCON 2016” held at Vardhaman Mahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi from 29th to 31st January, 2016.
- **Mr. Ashish Joseph and Mr. Jeet Shah**, Physiotherapy College Students were awarded 1st Prize in “Stand up comedy” at Physio-Inspira 2016 held at Sancheti Institute College of Physiotherapy, Pune on 1st February, 2016.
- **Dr. Ishita Gulati**, Medical College Student was awarded 2nd Prize for Paper Presentation at “International CME in Pathology, Histopathology & Cytology” held at Govt. Medical College, Goa from 4th to 6th February, 2016.
- **Ms. Neeta Wagle**, Biotechnology Institute research staff was awarded Gold Medal for poster presentation at International Conference on “Innovative trends in chemical, physical and

biological sciences organized by AM College, University of Pune from 9th to 10th February, 2016.

- ***Ms. Tanusha Sanjay**, Biotechnology Institute Student was awarded Silver Medal for poster presentation at International Conference on “Innovative trends in chemical, physical and biological sciences organized by AM college, University of Pune from 9th to 10th February, 2016.*
- ***Dr. Tanvi Batra**, Medical College Student was awarded 2nd Prize for Oral Poster Presentation at “RSSDI 2016” held at Solapur on 12th to 14th February, 2016.*
- ***Dr. Monika Maan**, Medical College Student was awarded 1st Prize at “POGS Quiz” held at DPU, Pune on 20th February, 2016.*
- ***Dr. Gandhali Limaye, Dr. Pranav Sathe and Dr. Pratik Suthar**, Dental College Students were awarded 3rd Prize for e-Poster Competition at “Workshop on Orthognathic Surgery 2016” held at Solapur on 22nd to 24th February, 2016.*
- ***Dr. Gurunath Birajdar**, Medical College Student was awarded 2nd Prize for Best Poster Presentation at 42nd Annual Conference of Research Society held at B. J. Govt. Medical College, Pune on 24th to 26th February, 2016.*
- ***Dr. Pranav Shinde**, Dental College Student was awarded 3rd Prize for Paper Presentation at “III National PG Talent Search” held at Tirupati on 26th February, 2016.*
- ***Dr. Deepti Patil & Dr. Snehal Shep**, Dental College Students were awarded 2nd Prize for Short Film Competition at “13th National Conference of Indian Society of Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry” held at Hyderabad on 26th & 27th February, 2016.*
- ***Col. Mohanty & Atinder Singh Khalsa** were awarded 1st Prize in the ‘Case Study Competition’ organized by Sinhgad B-School as its inter-collegiate competition on February, 2016.*
- *Global Business School & Research Centre organized its **first international study tour to Dubai** for the MBA students(Batch of 2015-17) from 9th to 12th March 2016 . The students were given guided tour and presentation by the concerned Senior Executives of various Companies.*
- *Dental College Student **Dr. Vini Mehta**, received research grant of Rs. 15,500/- from Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation, Mumbai for project of “Assessment of Tobacco Monitor app in reporting violations on tobacco and seeking support services amongst the students of health science colleges of a University in Pune.”*

Value addition by renowned Visitors:

During this year a galaxy of top dignitaries, scientists, academicians from India and abroad visited the University and made us richer by their gracious presence and sharing of their experiences. Such interactions with like-minded intellectuals from across the globe epitomize the spirit of scientific enquiry in our faculty and students and also facilitate subsequent uplifting of their capabilities.

- **Dr. Shankar Iyer**, *Leading Implantologist from U.S.A., delivered a lecture on “Contemporary Implantology”, which was arranged in collaboration with American Academy of Implant Dentistry and Indian Society of Oral Implantologists on 27th June, 2015.*
- **Mr. Prem Xaviers**, *Physiotherapist, delivered a guest lecture on “Medical taping and its course” organized by College of Physiotherapy on 17th July, 2015.*
- **Mrs. Pallavi Pawar**, *Center Head, Eternity Acupressure Center, Pune, delivered a guest lecture on “Scope of Acupressure” organized by College of Physiotherapy on 13th August, 2015.*
- **Mr. Andrew Hague from UK** *organized Enrichment Programme at College of Physiotherapy on “Shock Wave Therapy” by on 14th August, 2015.*
- **Dr. Shivakumar Iyer**, *President of Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine, delivered a guest lecture on “Practical approach to mechanical ventilation- a case based learning” organized by Department of Medicine on 19th August, 2015.*
- **Dr. Ali Irani**, *HOD, Dept of Physiotherapy and Sports Medicine, Nanavati Hospital, Mumbai, delivered a guest lecture on “Fitness and Health” organized by College of Physiotherapy on 19th September, 2015.*
- **Dr. Rajeev Saxena**, *Professor & Head, Dept. of General Pathology & Microbiology, Sinhgad Dental College, Pune, delivered a guest lecture on “Session on Gibbresh Meditation” organized by Department of Public Health Dentistry on 23rd September, 2015.*
- **Dr. Varron Jaiswal**, *MAEERS College of Physiotherapy, Talegaon delivered a guest lecture on “Cardionomix” organized by College of Physiotherapy on 29th September, 2015.*
- **Dr S. A. Rizwan**, *Madurai Medical College, Tamil Nadu delivered a guest lecture on “Online Lecture on Systematic Review using Skype technology” organized by Department of Public Health Dentistry from 19th to 21st October, 2015.*

- **Dr. Radha Giridharan**, Pediatric Neurologist from Brooklyn University, New York delivered a guest lecture on “Pediatric Neurology 1970 – through 2015, a Retrospective” organized by Department of Paediatrics on 27th October, 2015.
- **Dr. Pradeep Choubey**, renowned surgeon from Delhi, delivered a guest lecture on “Management of Mesh infection in Hernia repair” organized by Department of Surgery on 23rd December, 2015.
- **Prof. P. Reddana**, Dean, School of Life Sciences, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, delivered a guest lecture on “Inflammation and cancer” organized by Biotechnology Institute on 29th January, 2016.
- **Dr. Rajkumar Mantravadi**, Consultant Cardiac Electrophysiology, from Sahyadri Hospital, Pune, delivered a guest lecture on “Current perspectives in Cardiac Electrophysiology” organized by Department of Medicine on 13th January, 2016.
- **Dr. Yogita Ubhe**, Psychologist, delivered a guest lecture on “Child Psychology” organized by Department of Pedodontics from 29th January to 5th February, 2016.
- **Dr. Catherine Mohr**, Vice President, Strategy, Intuitive Surgical, delivered a guest lecture on “Robotic Surgery” organized by Department of Surgery on 1st February, 2016.
- **Dr. Rohan Machhar**, Technology co-ordinator, iBioAnalysis Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad, delivered a guest lecture on “Genomics and its application” organized by Biotechnology Institute on 4th February, 2016.
- Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Department of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopaedics, organized workshop on “**Orthognathic Surgery 2016**” from 22nd to 24th February, 2016. Six Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons from United States of America, Dr. G.E. Ghali, Dr. Melvyn Yeoh, Dr. Larry Cunningham, Dr. James Bertz, Dr. Andrew Meram and Dr. Stevan Patel contributed to the success of this Workshop.
- **Dr. Dwarkanathan Ranganathan**, Senior Consultant Nephrologist from Royal Brisbane & Women’s Hospital, Brisbane, Australia delivered a guest lecture on “Approach to Vasculitis” organized by Department of Nephrology, Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical Collge, Hospital and Research Centre, Pune on 19th March 2016.

Social Outreach:

In order to upgrade the skill amongst technical staff in health services, DPU has started Certificate courses in Karyotyping, X-ray, CT Scan and MRI. Similarly fellowship courses in Neonatology, Musculoskeletal Imaging and Clinical Orientation and Counseling in Psychology have been started to enhance the capabilities amongst medical professionals. We are also strengthening the distance education programmes which are approved by regulatory authorities in the university. We want to reach out to students living in remote areas of the country by giving them an opportunity to benefit from the academic programmes of the university.

Our focus has been to build an education system with the highest pedagogic and ethical standards that encourages young coteries of the nation to be productive and socially responsible citizens within a caring collaborative learning community. DPU Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics has been very actively involved in promoting and supporting development of Bioethics Curriculum not only for our constituent Institutes but also for other Institutes of the country. DPU National Coordination Centre for Students' Wings of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, will be inaugurated on 4th April, 2016.

We have organized more than 50 outreach diagnostic Camps during the period under report & examined 1, 31,670 patients from rural area. Patients are brought from far flung & tribal areas for treatment at our hospital. We at Rural Health Training Centre, Alandi & Urban Health Training Centre, Ajmera, Pimpri, Pune provide out patients services for routine illnesses, conduct minor surgeries & provide reproductive & child health services for needy women & children. About 60,000 individuals are benefited yearly through these activities.

Infrastructure:

Paying attention to our workplace, workforce & campus living, a “Clean DPU, Green DPU and Strong DPU” campaign was launched during the year under report.

The campaign goals are to create a culture of civic responsibility for campus cleanliness, renewable energy, water conservation, reducing carbon emission and employee & student wellness, so as to develop sustainable environmentally sound campus.

With the vision of providing the tertiary health care facilities, on an average 7000 laboratory diagnostics, 1000 imaging procedures and 1000 other diagnostic procedures are done every day. New spacious Haemodialysis unit with 16 machines and separate machines for Hepatitis B, C and HIV positive cases are functioning in three shifts. Multidisciplinary Tumour clinic with emphasis on breast cancer cases is now functional. Clinical Haematology along with Paediatric Haematology services are in place. OPD services for Paediatric Neurology, Cardiology, Nephrology, Gastroenterology are also available.

Before I close, I would like my faculty and staff to join me in congratulating all our students who will be graduating today from DPU. To all those graduating today, I hope you were able to get the most of what DPU had to offer, and that you will use your knowledge and experience fruitfully to serve the people of this country and those elsewhere. Your competitors can copy your work, your style, your procedure, but no one can copy your passion. ‘Always be passionate in anything you do’. 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. I wish you all the very best in your lives, both professional and personal. And, as you move forward in your life, do reflect upon the many contributions that your family, your teachers, and your communities have made to your lives. Do remain connected with your alma mater and visit us whenever you yearn to revive some of your fine moments. 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