



GMC Global Eye



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Gandhi Medical College
Global Alliance

Editorial

Dr. M. Ramani (Director of Medical Education, Telangana)

In 1976, with a heart full of joy and expectations, I set foot onto the hallowed grounds of Gandhi Medical College (GMC). By 1982, when I stepped out of GMC, I had made a lot of friends, become a confident doctor, and was immediately absorbed into rural service.

Today, as I enter GMC as the Director of Medical Education (DME), I feel elated and proud of being alumnus of this great institution. The College now stands as the first choice for under graduates during their MBBS counselling. The capacity has swelled to 200 seats.

As in any government institution, even though a lot is being done for GMC and Gandhi Hospital (GH) by the state and central governments, the needs are much more. The alumni of GMC Global Alliance (GMCGA) have been supporting BLS/ACLS courses, free meals program, the Alumni Education Centre, essential medical equipment donation, and a newly installed water purification plant. The emergency room project is proceeding well.

As DME I have helped in allotment of Trauma Care skill center by Central Government in Gandhi Hospital. In April I have applied for MD in new subjects like Hospital Administration, Emergency Medicine and Transfusion Medicine. We are also planning for DM Rheumatology and Geriatrics programs. Thirty two PG seats have been newly sanctioned, 16 clinical units added and 26 super specialty units are under process. State Government has started a unique Rupees 12 crores research program; the MERIT program. Smart Studios for integrated teaching of theory in GMC, and Mobile Studios for clinical demonstration are being created. Summer programs in research for UG Students in CCMB to inculcate research interests right from first year, are being introduced. GMC has been recognized as a regional center for medical education. I am proud to acknowledge the efforts of Gandhians settled in India and the world over, who have been contributing continuously towards the development of their *alma mater*.

Finally, I would like to end with a quote:

“Wherever you go and whatever ends you pursue, you must always fulfil the trust reposed in you by your nation, your parents and your alma mater” - Samar Mubarakmand

President's Message

Ravinder Surakanti (GMC'65)

Dear GMCians,

In the previous News Letter, Global Eye 2017 Vol.2 Issue 1, I had highlighted the accomplishments of our organization. The Inauguration of the Gandhi Alumni AHA International Training Center at the Alumni Education Center in December 2016 was a seminal event. Quite often, after such an achievement, organizations have a tendency to pat themselves on their back and then allow the program slide by into a mere sign post. We are conscious that apathy and loss of focus can lead to dysfunction in course of time. With that in mind we have been actively conducting AHA certified courses on a regular basis under the able leadership of the Director, Dr. Maheshwar Parvat Reddy.

The efforts to improve the infrastructure and functioning of the Casualty Room (EDIP) is being actively pursued by the Class of '81 with able support from Mr. Gunaranjan representing You See Foundation.

The free meals program, Bhojanamrita, is functioning well thanks to additional contributions from several alumni. Notable among them is a pledge by an anonymous donor who has promised to match donations by other alumni up to \$50,000.00.

In the past four months our efforts have been to consolidate our past accomplishments. We welcome any new suggestions to enhance the educational and patient care activities at the AEC and GMC/GH.

The members of the executive committee look forward to meeting you at the annual meeting in September in Dallas.

Regards



**2017 OGKMA CONVENTION
&
GMC GLOBAL ALUMNI
MEETING**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
ATTEND THE ANNUAL CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 15th - 16th 2017

VENUE
The Westin Galleria Dallas Hotel,
13340 Dallas Pkwy Dallas,
TX 75240

Please Register At
www.ogkma.com

Invitation for GMCGA Annual Meeting

GMCGA is pleased to announce the dates for our annual meeting in conjunction with OGKMA. We had great time last year in Chicago. Let's have more fun this year in warm & sunny Dallas. So, please save the date, mark the calendar, & spread the word to all our alumni.

September 15-17, 2017

Westin Galleria hotel

Dallas, Texas

More details will be posted on the website below: <http://www.gandhimedicalglobalalumni.org/>

We look forward to seeing you and your classmates with families in Dallas

Projects

Srini Vasan Sundarum (GMC'81)

Activities

Aruna Vallabhaneni (GMC'81)

Clean Drinking Water Plant and Distilled Water Unit

Having received a timely opportunity, I felt it was my duty to pay back in a small way to my institution as mark of respect and thanks. What else could be the best way to give back? A nanofiltration drinking water plant of 1000 L/hr capacity, and another distilled water unit for microbiology department are in the process of being installed at the GMC campus free of cost, donated by Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT) Hyderabad. Drs. Deepti Naseer and Alok Agrawal (GMC'81) were responsible for seeing the idea. Dr. Khaja Naseer, Dr. Sreedhar (IICT), Dr. Seshadri (RMO, GH) and Superintendent GH took up the idea of installation further. The intent is primarily to provide clean drinking water to the underprivileged patients at GH. GMCGA has whole heartedly extended their support by agreeing to install a water cooling unit. Seva Bharati will take care of dispensing water to patients eventually. We are looking forward to completing installation in the upcoming weeks. Having been a part of the prestigious GMC, it gives us immense pride and honor to extend our gratitude to our *alma mater* in the shape of this project. A more detailed report will follow in next newsletter.

- *Dr. Deepti Naseer (GMC'81)*



IICT drinking water treatment plant prototype



Solar Panels Project

Alumni Education Center (AEC) spends about Rs. 40,000/month in electricity bills. In 2014 it was decided that a 10 Kw solar plant be installed. The quote for the project, in 2014, was \$14,000. It was estimated that this would reduce the electricity bill by at least 25%. The project that started in early 2014 was recently completed. The solar panels are guaranteed to last 25-30 years. We are closely monitoring the electricity being generated by this plant, and will report its savings at the end of the year.

- *Dr. Murali Rao (GMC'63)*



Other GMCGA Projects

BLS & ACLS Courses: BLS courses to house surgeons of medical colleges in Telangana and any other adjacent states. The ACLS courses are available to house surgeons and post graduates.

CME Programs: Medical educational programmes in the latest developments of the Medicine in India and abroad by the faculty from USA/ India for the benefit of the students and faculty of the Gandhi Medical Colleges and Gandhi Hospital.

Roshini Palliative Care: Dedicated to serve the impoverished terminally ill who cannot afford such care in association with Roshini, a non-profit organization.

Free Meals Program: Daily free lunch program for attendants (of Gandhi Hospital inpatients) staying in Sivananda Shelter Home, in association with Seva Bharati. More than 50,000 meals provided to date.

Alumni Education Center: BLS courses to house surgeons of all medical colleges in Telangana State and interested physicians of other states.

Emergency Room Project: The emergency room project started with the motive to improve the Emergency and Critical care units at Gandhi Hospital thus increasing nursing support by hiring the contract nurses with added support from Ekam Foundation.

Equipment Donation: In the past, we donated equipment to GMC (Wheel chairs, stretchers, EKG machines, glucometers, nebulizers, defibrillators, endoscopes etc.). This is an ongoing project as per the need.

International Training Center (ITC): The International training Center is approved to teach the American Heart Association ECC courses - BLS, ACLS and PALS.

Join the GMCGA: Become a member; Network with ex-classmates; Share ideas, resources.

Become a donor; Help raise funds; Help future generations of medicos; Website: <http://www.gandhimedicalglobalalumni.org/>

Academic Activity in AEC

At the outset, let me share with you all that I am proud to be a GMC alumnus. I want to appreciate all the efforts put in by our alumni from various parts of the world to promote and share their knowledge with our fellow doctors. As a part of these activities we recently conducted “Airway and Ventilation Workshop” at our Alumni Education Center on Jan 17, 2017. We are regularly providing BLS and ACLS courses for the healthcare providers.

In February 2017, I conducted a mini lecture series covering various practical topics, which I thought was beneficial to upcoming physicians; the feedback I received was very good and encouraging.

Our alumni are also thinking of providing an orientation course for new house surgeons which will be very useful. Any other suggestions are welcome. I kindly request all our fellow alumni to contribute their knowledge and expertise.

-Rajsheker Kollipara (GMC '65)



Dr. Maheswar Reddy introducing Dr. Venkateswar Reddy (Superintendent GH), and Dr. Manjula (Principa, GMC)



Dr. D Sudhakar Rao, Prof Medicine, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, USA



Dr. Rajshekhar – ABG Lecture