



GMC Global Eye



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Editorial

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The Gandhi Medical College Global Alliance (GMCGA) was founded in 2005, with the goal of engaging GMC alumni in educational and charitable endeavors for their alma mater, and fostering kinship amongst them. GMCGA has collaborated with its sister organization back home, the GMC Alumni Association. Some of GMCGA's accomplishments include:

- Construction of the Alumni Education Center (AEC).
- Establishment of a Training Center accredited by American Heart Association to provide BLS, and ACLS courses.
- Electronic library services.
- USMLE study facilities for graduates, postgraduates, & others
- Provision of continuing medical education to medical students, residents and faculty.
- Student scholarships, Gold medals, and Teacher recognition awards.
- Donation of equipment.

- Youth volunteering
- Establishment of a free meal program "Bhojanamritha" for indigent attendants.
- Support of palliative care program "Roshni."

GMC and GH have steadfastly stood the test of time. About 10,000 medicos and 5,000 residents and post-doctoral fellows have graduated in the last six decades. These graduates have been highly successful in their personal lives and careers across the globe. Keeping pace with advancements in medical education and patient care, GMC and GH continue to shape the lives of many. More details about GMCGA activities and how you may contribute, are available at the GMCGA website.

We hope you and your family have a safe and wonderful holiday season. Please think of GMCGA as you make your year-end tax deductible contributions in USA.

About

GMC Global Eye is published on behalf of the Gandhi Medical College Global Alliance (GMCGA). The Newsletter will keep the readers informed about alumni activities, GMCGA accomplishments and news of common interest. It is published tri-annually in March, July, and November.

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President's Message

Ravinder Surakanti (GMC'65)

Over a decade ago when Gandhi Medical College Global Alliance (GMCGA) was incorporated as a non profit organization, the primary goal was to promote philanthropic and educational activities at our alma mater. Keeping in line with this idea, we constructed the Alumni Education Center (AEC) on the new GMC campus in Musheerabad, to commemorate the Golden Jubilee celebration. In the ensuing years there have been numerous educational activities that fulfilled that objective. This year the American Heart Association approved AEC as an International Training Center for BLS and ACLS certification. It is

a crowning achievement for GMCGA and our sister organization GMCAA in Hyderabad.

Over years GMCGA has participated in programs that had tangible, direct and immediate benefit to the patients and families. Palliative care program with Roshini, and the free meal program are two such examples. We are now exploring the possibility of assisting in upgrading the Emergency Department and ICU's so that a Residency program in that specialty can be offered. In future years we can take up other projects, one at a time, if there is enthusiasm to support such endeavors. Our mission is to

extend a helping hand to the impoverished, for whom the Government Hospital is the only option. From the inception the majority of the alumni who took active interest have been those that graduated in the early years of the founding of GMC. It is my earnest hope that the younger generation will come forward to participate and lead the organization. I am very pleased that Dr. Alok Agrawal will be taking over the reins in January 2018. Under his able leadership I know for certain that the mission and vision of GMCGA will be realized.

Projects

Srini Vasan Sundarum (GMC'81)

GMCGA has undertaken a lot of exciting projects as listed in the editorial. In future issues, we will discuss them more.

- In last one year GMCGA has developed *relationship with credible non-profit organizations* on ground such as YouSee (Mr. Gunaranjan) and Seva Bharati. The success of GMCGA's efforts in accomplishing its goals revolves around seamless collaboration with dedicated organizations and conscientious individuals on the ground.
- The establishment of American Heart Association approved *International Training Center for BLS and ACLS* in May of 2016.
- Spearheaded by a few motivated alumni of the 1981 batch, GMCGA has been proactive in implementing the *Emergency Department Improvement Project (EDIP)*. EDIP is currently a \$2 million venture conceived by Mr. Gunaranjan. It is a collaborative effort of several NPOs, GMCGA, Telangana Govt,

(allocating Rs. 5 crores), community members and GH administration. Since mid-2015, YouSee and its volunteers and partner NPOs, have actively engaged with the ED at Gandhi Hospital, which receives anywhere from 200 to 300 patients/day, the largest perhaps in Hyderabad. The plan is to show improved outcomes in the Emergency department and ICU's through active involvement of civil society members. YouSee has put in place a 70 member nursing team at the Emergency and Critical Care Units at Gandhi Hospital. In addition there is a 16 member team managed by Seva Bharathi, which is involved in patient transport and assistance, at the emergency and Critical Care Units. All this has been made possible with support from some of the donors mentioned above including GMCGA. A few members of the 1981 batch have committed at least \$75,000 and plan to be a catalyst in GMCGA's fund raising effort of \$500,000 eventually. GH

administration and the Telangana Govt. have been most appreciative of this support.

- GMCGA is actively discussing with Director of Medical Education to start six months *courses post MBBS* in Emergency Medicine, Critical care, Gyn-Obs, and Nephrology (mini-fellowships).
- GMCGA is working on getting *alumni degree verifications* done in a timely way.
- We have been strengthening the core of our organization by *getting more GMCians involved*. New committees have been formed to carry on the work. There are renewed efforts to reach out to all those who are not in the loop with the message of "getting involved".

Treasurer Report: This year, to date while approximately \$62,000 was collected, \$73,000 was spent on various projects. There is a pledged amount of almost \$150,000 to be received. More than 90% of the donations go towards implementation of projects directly.

Activities

Aruna Vallabhaneni (GMC'81)

Reunion GMC 1981 batch

July 16-17, 2016: At the 1st Reunion of the Class of 1981, the excitement was overflowing as we came to Aalankritha. Seeing our friends after three decades was pure joy!! At the Release of our Class Souvenir – *Mashaal ' 81* , we lighted the lamp. In the lawns with *chai* in our hands we caught up with friends. In the evening the ladies in sarees and guys in suits, we assembled for the group photo. The entertainment program showcased hidden talents, the high point being the fashion show. We then danced past midnight . Back to the lawns we were up till 3 am discussing many topics. The next day at the felicitation of our teachers, we were transported to our medical college days. We felt close kinship being together and reconnecting. Finally - our hearts filled with joy and beautiful cherished memories.. We bid Sayonara.

– V. Aruna (GMC'81)

Reunion GMC 1983 batch

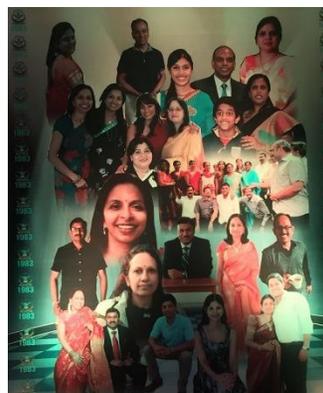
July 22-24, 2016: We met at the Alumni Centre in the morning and then made our way to Aalankritha resort. The Chief Guests Dr. V R K Shastry, Dr. Ramesh, and Dr. Balamba enlightened the audience with interesting anecdotes. Following the felicitation of the teachers we had a brief round of introductions from the classmates. Saturday morning, following group photos, interactive games brought us together. Just before the start of the evening extravaganza, the work done by 1983 batch in Gandhi Hospital was presented. The evening was fun filled with a fancy dress competition, an entertaining dance medley and a catwalk which was the highlight of the reunion. On Sunday all were handed hand crafted Bidri souvenirs to adorn the mantel piece and remind us of the fun time we had.

– Vijay Kamath (GMC'83)

GMC Foundation Day

September 14, 2016: The 62nd Foundation Day of the College was celebrated in the Alumni Education Center. The function presided by Chief Guest Dr. M. Ramani (Director of Medical Education, Telangana) and Dr. Raja Reddy (Former Director, NIMS) was attended by over 150 invited guests, and 250 staff members and students of the College. A BLS Training Program was conducted in the morning session. In the afternoon, the GMCAA President's Report and the General Secretary's Annual Report were delivered. The Guests of Honor addressed the audience. Thirty six gold medals and 21 scholarships were presented to deserving students in UG/PG courses. HoD's and Teachers were felicitated and the Best Teacher Award was presented.

– Pratap Reddy (GMC' 65; President GMCAA).



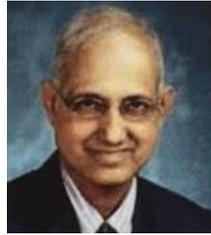
Obituaries



Dr. Jaipal Israel (GMC'61)
(Jan 2, 1945 – Jan 15, 2015)
GP, Bromley, London, UK.

Dr. Jaipal excelled at sports including swimming, cricket and athletics and won several trophies for his college. He played a key role in developing his medical practice from a small unit with a handful of staff into a very large teaching medical practice with several doctors. He was well loved and respected by not only his patients but also local colleagues.

- R. D. Kumar (GMC'64)



Dr. S. Sridhar (GMC'63)
(May 27, 1947 – Dec 21, 2015)
Sr. Cardiologist, Good Samaritan Hospital, Phoenix Az, USA.

Dr. Sridhar was an outstanding student and excelled as a debater in English. He represented GMC at the state and national level debating competitions and won in some of the contests. He was the first EP cardiologist in the state of Arizona. He was a simpleton and a humble soul with a great sense of humor. He was respected and loved by his patients and all who knew him.

- R.D. Kumar (GMC'64)



Dr. Vishwanath Magapu (GMC'65)
(Dec 12, 1947 – July 1, 2016)
Consultant Psychiatrist, Leighton Hospital, Sandbach, UK.

Dr. Vishwanath had a long and distinguished career in psychiatry in UK, after practicing medicine in Libya and Kannamalai Tea Estates in South India. He enjoyed art as a hobby and entertained all our friends by singing Bollywood classical songs. He is survived by wife Indira, son Dr. Pradeep, a cardiologist in Liverpool and daughter, Dr. Jyotsna a GP in London.

- R. Surikanti (GMC'65)

Connect!

Join the GMCGA

- Become a member
- Network with ex-classmates
- Share ideas, tools, resources
- Become a donor
- Help raise funds – philanthropic activities to benefit our alma mater
- Help future generations of medicos

Together Everyone Achieves More!

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Calendar of Events

1. Dec 14, 2016
Inauguration,
International Training Center
Alumni Education Center,
Gandhi Hospital, Hyderabad
2. Feb 10-12, 2017
Reunion 1972 batch
Aalankrita Resorts, Hyderabad.
3. July 28-30, 2017
25th anniversary Reunion 1992 batch
Venue to be decided
4. Sept 15-17, 2017
GMCGA Meeting
Dallas, Texas