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About Us

Establishing a medical college is a significant and challenging endeavor, and SMVDIME has made remarkable progress in several critical areas. The institution is dedicated to build a world-class medical college, with a strong emphasis on excellence in education, healthcare, and research. Key achievements include the development of modern campus infrastructure, including teaching hospital for practical training and advanced laboratories and research centers. The academic programs are designed to meet global standards, with a focus on attracting exceptional faculty and a diverse student body.

Additionally, SMVDIME has formed strategic partnerships both nationally and internationally, collaborating with leading medical institutions, universities, and healthcare providers to enhance the educational experience. The incorporation of cutting-edge medical technologies and innovative healthcare solutions is central to the institution's mission. SMVDIME is also committed to community engagement, offering healthcare outreach and scholarships for students from various socio-economic backgrounds. Looking ahead, the institution plans to expand its academic offerings, introduce specialized programs, and further develop its global network to support research, exchange opportunities, and continued educational growth.



OPERATIONALIZED MAKESHIFT ACADEMIC BLOCK OF SMVDIME

PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHING SMVDIME: KEY MILESTONES ACHIEVED

1. Selection-cum-Recruitment Committee

SMVDIME has made significant progress in establishing its academic framework, particularly by developing leave rules and faculty recruitment bye-laws, known as the "Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence (Medical College & Associated Hospital), Kakryal (Recruitment & Other Conditions of Service) Bye-laws, 2024." This framework is designed to attract highly qualified faculty members. A Selection-cum-Recruitment Committee has been formed to ensure a fair, transparent, and merit-based recruitment process. So far, 48 faculty appointments have been completed, including 07 professors, 11 associate professors, 30 assistant professors, senior residents, and tutors, with additional recruitment efforts still underway.

At the helm of this selection process is Padma Bhushan Shri Dr. K.K. Talwar, a renowned cardiologist and former Chairman of the Medical Council of India, as nominated by the Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB. Dr. Talwar also served as the Head of the Department of Cardiology at AIIMS, New Delhi, and as the Director of the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh. His vast experience and

expertise in the medical field ensure that the recruitment process is of highest standard, aimed at attracting top faculty members from across the country. The other members of this committee include the Executive Director, SMVDIME, head of the concerned department not below the rank of a Professor, & an expert in the relevant discipline not connected with the institute.

The Selection Committee, in agreement with the Shrine Board (SMVDSB) and the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Super Specialty Hospital (SMVDNSH), has made provisions to temporarily fill any staffing gaps with internal academic arrangements until the completion of ongoing recruitment process. This proactive measure ensures that the academic and healthcare services at SMVDIME continue seamlessly while the recruitment process is finalized

These efforts represent just one step in our broader mission to create an institution that delivers the best in medical education and healthcare. With continued commitment and the right team in place, SMVDIME is poised to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of healthcare and education in the region.



Padma Bhushan Shri Dr. K.K. Talwar (centre) posing with the Executive Director, Dr. Yashpal Sharma & other esteemed members of Selection Committee of SMVDIME.

2. Establishing State-of-the-art Infrastructure

A major infrastructural achievement came with the development & approval of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of upcoming medical college by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, UT of J&K and Chairman, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence, Sh. Manoj Sinha Ji. With the unwavering support led by the Chief Executive Officer of the Shrine Board, Sh. Anshul Garg (IAS), the transition from the limited working space with few rooms at Sanjeevani Guest House Complex to the operational academic block of SMVDIME at SMVDU campus comprising of a five-storeyed building stretched over two lakhs square acres land came as a boon. The ground floor of this multistoreyed establishment has been made fully equipped with temporary but well-defined functional facilities, including two lecture theatres, administrative block, a conference hall, a college council room, departmental libraries, faculty rooms, laboratories including histology lab, biochemistry lab, amphibian lab, clinical physiology & clinical pharmacology labs, a computer assisted learning (CAL) lab, a skill lab, anatomy dissection hall, a museum & establishment of a Central Research Laboratory. Located on the first floor of the SMVD University's main library, the institution's Central Library has been established & fully furnished with advanced facilities, including CCTV security, computers in the e-library, and a wide range of books, journals, and e-books.

These facilities are well-equipped with modern technology to enhance the teaching-learning process. In addition to these, a MOU has also been signed between the Vice-chancellor, SMVDU & Executive Director, SMVDIME for granting access to university's sports club, health club, hostel & mess facilities by the medical students. This transition has marked a significant step towards creating a state of the art, well-equipped & a healthy learning

environment for medical students.

Commencing with the procurement process for essential equipments, books, journals, CAL lab softwares, charts, and models was completed with items stationed at respective places, after thorough technical evaluation by the constituted standing purchase committee.

SMVDIME MEDICAL COLLEGE



LECTURE THEATRE



ANATOMY DISSECTION HALL



HISTOLOGY LAB



PHYSIOLOGY LAB



CONFERENCE HALL



MAITRIKA AUDITORIUM



COMPUTER ASSISTED LEARNING (C.A.L.) LAB



MAITRIKA AUDITORIUM



BIOCHEMISTRY LAB

ASSOCIATED HOSPITAL (SMVDNSH)



Skill Lab



HOSPITAL RECEPTION DESK



EXAMINATION HALL



HOSPITAL EMERGENCY WARD

24X7 FACILITIES OFFERED



CENTRAL DIAGNOSTIC LAB



CRYOSTAT



CATH LAB



CRITICARE CARE AMBULANCE



CRITICAL CARE UNIT



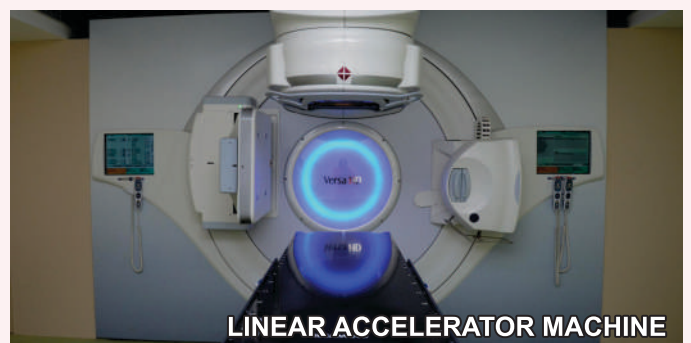
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LINEAR ACCELERATOR MACHINE

CENTRAL LIBRARY



3. Operationalization of the Academic Block: A Giant Leap Forward

The 9th of November, 2024, marked a momentous day in the history of SMVDIME as it celebrated the successful operationalization of its Academic Block. This pivotal event paves the way for a conducive learning environment, fostering academic excellence, and nurturing the next generation of healthcare professionals.

The grand ceremony began with the inaugural lamp-lighting by distinguished dignitaries from the Shrine Board, namely Sh. Anshul Garg (IAS), Chief Executive Officer along with Additional & Joint CEOs, esteemed officials from SMVDIME and Associated Hospital including Prof. Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Executive Director & other faculty members, scholarly associates such as Dean Academics & Registrar, SMVDU, & representatives from Project Management Team.

A special interactive session was held between the CEO of the Shrine Board, and the newly recruited faculty, doctors, and paramedical staff in the newly built lecture theatre of the Academic Block. While lauding the collective efforts, the CEO added that "The Shrine Board has gone above and beyond in ensuring that all aspects of the project, including logistical challenges, were met with thoughtful solutions and timely support." Continuing to develop and expand the facilities for the benefit of community, he also entrusted upon the sacred responsibility regarding the funds raised, not just being a financial resource but also symbolizing faith, devotion, and trust that millions of pilgrims place in Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji every year. "The facility at SMVDIME should thus stand as a shining example of how strategic planning and resource management can lead to success in educational infrastructure", he added.



DIGNITARIES PAYING OBEISANCE & LIGHTING UP LAMP DURING CEREMONIAL PROCEEDINGS ON THE OCCASION OF OPERATIONALIZATION OF ACADEMIC BLOCK OF SMVDIME.

In concluding remarks Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Executive Director of SMVDIME expressed immense pride in the institution's achievements. He stated, "Today, as a united and dedicated team at SMVDIME and Associated Hospital, we celebrate this defining moment. Also, under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, UT of J&K and Chairman of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence, Sh. Manoj Sinha Ji, we are

honored to have made this dream a reality. Together, we will continue to shape a future of excellence in medical education and healthcare, contributing to the betterment of our region and beyond."

This transformative step marks the beginning of a new chapter in medical education, and SMVDIME is excited to continue making strides toward excellence in healthcare and academia.



CEO OF SMVDSB KATRA, SH. ANSHUL GARG (IAS) ADDRESSING THE NEWLY APPOINTED FACULTY & OTHER STAFF MEMBERS OF SMVDIME DURING AN INTERACTIVE SESSION.



4. Filing of Application for Letter of Permission (L.O.P.)

In parallel with the recruitment process, a significant milestone was achieved with the filing of the application for the Letter of Permission (L.O.P.) to the National Medical Commission (NMC). This step was crucial for formalizing the admission of students to the newly operationalized medical college.

All essential documents were meticulously prepared and submitted online, marking a seamless and efficient application process. The application specifically sought approval for admitting 50 MBBS students in the inaugural batch. In addition, the necessary fee was paid to ensure the timely processing of the application.

This successful submission is a critical step toward the official recognition of SMVDIME's MBBS program and reflects the institution's commitment to adhering to national standards in medical education. We look forward to the approval from the NMC, which will further solidify our foundation and contribute to the growth of medical education in the region.

For effective planning & execution of diverse activities within medical college & as mandated by NMC, various committees have been framed namely as College Council Committee, Curriculum Committee, Academic Committee, Medical Education Unit (MEU), Internal Complaint Committee, Grievance Redressal Committee, Pharmacovigilance Committee, Hospital Infection Control (HIC) Committee, Institutional Ethics Committee, Anti-Ragging Committee, Student Welfare Committee, Cultural Committee & Sports

Committee.

As an extended scope of faculty involvement that not only serves the purpose of providing a dedicated medical education but much beyond that. Catering to the present need & commitment, our faculty is also actively involved in teaching nursing students at SMVDCoN as per the defined & designated syllabi & teaching hours laid by the Indian Nursing Council (INC).

These steps collectively represent significant progress in the establishment of a state-of-the-art medical college, setting the stage for the first batch of students to begin their education soon.

5. “Empowering Healthcare Professionals: Know & Grow with Continuing Medical Education Programs”

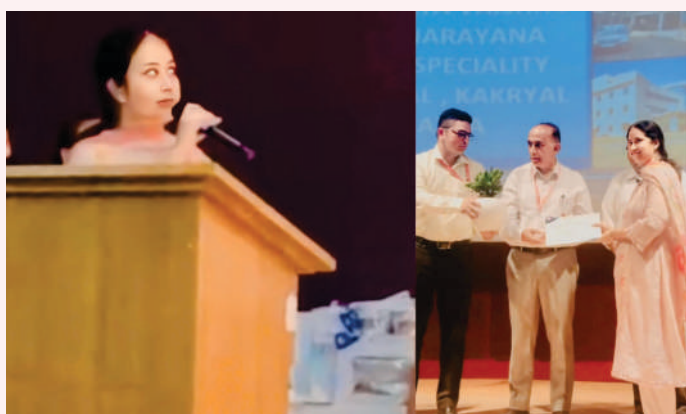
Celebration of “4th National Pharmacovigilance Week”

The Department of Pharmacology celebrated their first ever academic event on account of 4th National Pharmacovigilance Week on 24th September, 2024 with the aim of raising awareness-cum-sensitization about building of ADR reporting culture for patient safety among the healthcare providers and consumers in general. The event included lectures from faculty experts in Pharmacology, Dr. Shallini Gupta, Associate Professor and Dr. Bhanu Priya Singh, Assistant Professor. The event was coordinated by Academic Committee, SMVDIME in unison with SMVDNSH (Associated Hospital) comprising of expert deliberations, role plays, skits and theme dances. It was attended by the Executive Director, SMVDIME, Prof. Dr. Yashpal Sharma, along with other dignitaries, faculty and medical staff from the SMVDIME and SMVDNSH fraternity. The concluding remarks as made by the Executive Director incorporated the need of encouraging community as a whole for working conjointly towards the goals of PvPI to make it a real time success that would boost a positive work culture paradigm in patient safety and rational prescribing.



Community outreach campaign held on “Contraception: A Choice for All, Freedom to Plan, Power to Choose”

A community outreach awareness campaign on the occasion of World Contraception Day was held at PHC Mihari on 26th September, 2024 by Dr. Sana Rafiq Khuroo, Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine, stressing upon the need of universal access to contraception among individuals of reproductive age group in terms of quality, affordability and safety. It also highlighted the importance of family planning, promoting gender equality and supporting sustainable development at the national and global forefronts. Besides the general public of the area, BMO Katra, ASHAs & medical officers also attended the same

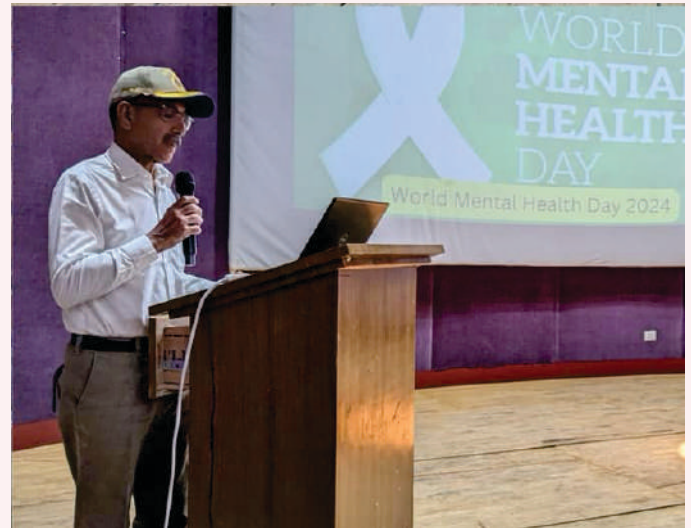


Drug De-addiction awareness program held at SMVDCoN

On the occasion of National Anti-Drug Addiction Day on 7th October, 2024 a Drug De-addiction awareness program was conducted at SMVDCoN as deliberated by Dr. Beena Jad, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology in presence of Medical Superintendent, Dean Academics, Principal SMVDCoN & all the respective faculty members.



combating them through effective empathetic counselling. To this Executive Director added about the need of abstaining from stigmatising any of the psychiatric illnesses and promoting such widespread mental health awareness campaigns in future also.



“World Mental Health Day 2024” celebrated

A guest lecture was organized on “World Mental Health Day 2024” by Dr. Rajinder Bassan, Consultant Psychiatrist on 10th October, 2024 in presence of Executive Director, faculty, medical staff and nursing students from SMVDIME, SMVDNSH and SMVDCoN respectively wherein the guest speaker highlighted the emerging concern over escalating cases of mental health related illnesses, depression being the most prevalent yet unvoiced one and the effective measures of

World Anaesthesia Day highlighting “Workforce Well-being” celebrated

World Anaesthesia Day was celebrated on 16th October, 2024 bearing the theme “Workforce Well-being”, thus, emphasising the need of appreciating the expertise & prioritising well-being of anaesthesia providers globally. The event included guest lectures from Dr. Anjali Mehta, Professor, Department of Anaesthesia, Government Medical College & Hospital, Jammu and Dr. Vanilla Chopra, Associate Professor, Department of Anaesthesia, SMVDIME.



“World Osteoporosis Day : Saying no to fragile bones”

An awareness talk on World Osteoporosis Day featuring the theme “Say no to fragile bones” was held on 22nd October, 2024 including lectures from faculty experts Dr. Manish Kumar Varshney, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedics and Dr. Suksham Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Awareness about the importance of prevention, early detection and management of osteoporosis was disseminated among all present.



‘Together, Let’s #End Polio’ this World Polio Day 2024: Community outreach programme strengthened at CHC Katra

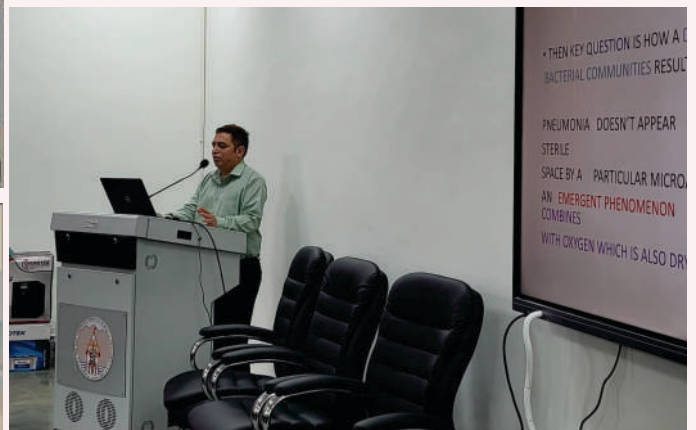
SMVDIME standing by its commitment of further strengthening its community awareness campaigns organized yet another outreach programme at CHC Katra on 24th October, 2024 celebrating this year’s World Polio Day themed ‘Let’s #End Polio’. Dr. Kanishtha Sharma, Associate

Professor, Department of Microbiology and Dr. Nikhil Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Paediatrics did the needful deliberations regarding the importance of polio prevention, early detection and strategies for eradication & emphasis on polio vaccination among those present including BMO, doctors, healthcare workers & general public.



“World Iodine Deficiency Day” observed

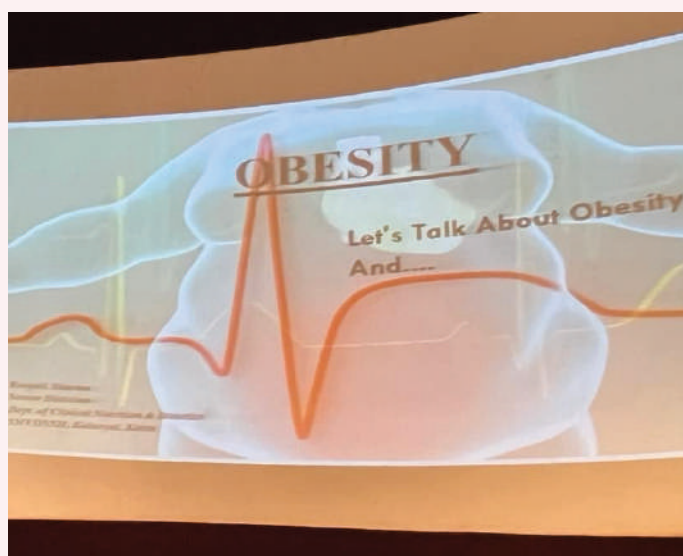
The Academic Committee along with the Department of General Medicine conducted an awareness talk on the occasion of “World Iodine Deficiency Day” on 21st October, 2024. The faculty speaker was Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of General Medicine.



“No one should face the plight of breast cancer alone”: Let's pledge to stand by Breast Cancer Awareness Day theme

Breast Cancer Awareness Day pledging to live upto the theme above was held on 25th October, 2024 wherein awareness about the prevention, early detection and management of breast cancer was spread by Dr. Gurbir Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of General Surgery and Dr. Rajpal Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology. A bite about the early diagnostic methods was given by Prof. Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Chairman, Academics Committee.

obesity together. The event included lecture from Dr. Roopali Sharma, Senior Dietitian, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, SMVDNSH.



This World Obesity Day "Let's Talk About Obesity And..."

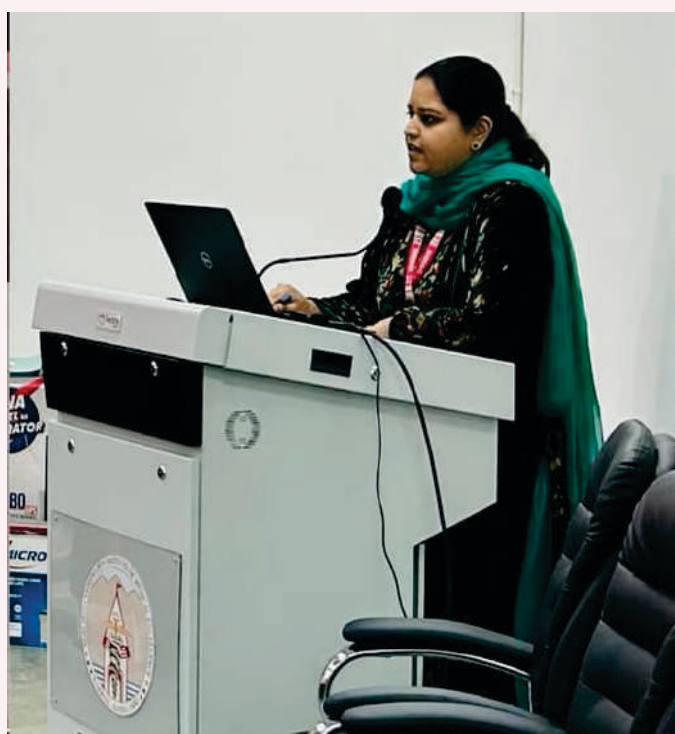
SMVDIME conducted lecture on World Obesity Day on 28th October, 2024 emphasizing on the dire need of encouraging people to start conversations that address obesity from a cross-cutting perspective with the idea of looking at health, youth, and the world as a whole in order to find ways to combat

First CME with Credited hours held on "Cancer Awareness"

The first J&K State Medical Council credited hours CME programme on "Cancer Awareness" was organised on 7th November, 2024 including lectures from faculty experts Dr. Sonakshi Jamwal, Assistant Professor, Department of General Surgery and Dr. Rajpal Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology highlighting the importance of enhancing knowledge about prevention, early detection, management, survivorship & supportive care of those afflicted with malignancies.



immunisation programs, vaccination schedules, & upcoming vaccine trials in vulnerable adult population was shared among all.



CME regarding "Immunization & Community Acquired Pneumonia"

Another CME with credited hours was conducted on "Immunization & Community Acquired Pneumonia" on 14th November, 2024 sharing lectures from faculty experts Dr. Sana Rafiq Khuroo, Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine and Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Assistant Professor Department of General Medicine. A detailed & engaging deliberation about various ongoing

CME on “Importance of newborn care & Obstetrical aspect of newborn care” held

In view of National Newborn Week (15th November to 21st November, 2024), yet another credited hours CME was organized on 21st November, 2024 regarding “Importance of newborn care & Obstetrical aspect of newborn care” wherein lectures from faculty experts Dr. Nikhil Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Paediatrics and Dr. Shruti Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology were discussed. A detailed and engaging deliberation about the importance of newborn care and the health challenges that infants face in their early days of life was shared among all.



CME on “Effective Leadership of Healthcare Professionals” & “Motivation: A Challenge for Healthcare Leaders”: Executive Director's forefront take for all

A pivotal CME programme on the topics “Effective Leadership of Healthcare Professionals” & “Motivation: A Challenge for Healthcare Leaders” was organised on 25th November, 2024 including lectures from esteemed faculty experts Prof. (Dr.) Yashpal Sharma, Executive Director and Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar Ranyal, Medical Superintendent. An insightful & engaging deliberation about various types & aspects of leadership in healthcare sector fostering a positive goal-oriented work culture based on compassion, empathy, quality & safety

was shared among all. The event was attended by all the faculty members, doctors, residents & nursing students from SMVDIME & Associated Hospital as well as SMVDCoN.



CME on “AIDS awareness”

A CME programme on “AIDS awareness” was held on 5th December, 2024 wherein faculty experts Dr. Richa Mahajan, Associate Professor, Department of Community Medicine and Dr. Kanishtha Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology were the speakers. A detailed, informative, practical & engaging deliberation about combating with the social taboo of HIV-AIDS en-masse, various modern testing & treating modalities aiming at achieving significant reduction in HIV viral load among patients, & preventive strategies to check the spread of deadly virus was shared among all.



6. SMVDIME & Associated Hospital organizes Free Medical Camps across Jammu Province under patronage of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board

The Shrine Board, in collaboration with SMVDIME and Associated Hospital, has been organizing a series of free medical camps across District Jammu, aimed at providing essential healthcare services to the community. These camps are being held across diverse locations – from schools and training centers to Gurdwaras and nursing colleges – all coming together to provide crucial health check-ups and medical assistance to those who might otherwise struggle to access such services.

On 5th and 24th September 2024, free health camps were organized at G.D. Goenka School in Gajansoo Marh and Gurdwara Singh Sabha in Gole Gujral Talab Tillo, with the goal of raising awareness about health and available healthcare services. Organized by the Department of Medicine, SMVDIME, the one-day camps provided essential health check-ups to 250 beneficiaries, including assessments of height, weight, body mass index (BMI), blood pressure, sugar levels, urine routine examination, and eye vision measurements. These camps played a crucial role in promoting health

awareness, encouraging preventive care, and offering basic healthcare services to local communities, greatly contributing to their overall well-being.

In addition to the health camps, the Department of Anaesthesia organized Basic Life Support (BLS) workshops at three locations viz. SBI Training Centre in Bantalab on 12th September 2024, BEE Enn Nursing College in Chak Bhalwal on 19th October 2024, and Rajiv Gandhi Nursing College on 27th November 2024. These workshops aimed to teach participants the lifesaving skills for responding to cardiac arrest, respiratory distress, or an obstructed airway. A total of 510 individuals were trained in BLS, with participants appreciating the practical and easy-to-understand approach of the sessions. The workshops were designed to enhance community health and safety by equipping individuals with vital emergency response skills.

On 18th and 23rd November 2024, additional free health camps were held at PHC Tikri and the SMVD Spiritual Growth Centre in Katra, organized by SMVDIME. These one-day camps, which attracted

500 beneficiaries, included a comprehensive range of health check-ups and specialized consultations in fields such as Medicine, Surgery, Gynaecology, Dermatology, and Ophthalmology. Services included assessments of height, weight, BMI, blood pressure, sugar levels, urine routine examination, and eye vision measurements. Specialized consultations were provided for dermatological conditions like urticaria, fungal infections, and melasma, as well as ophthalmic issues such as refractive errors, presbyopia, cataracts, and eye irritation. The camps proved invaluable in promoting health awareness, encouraging preventive care, and offering essential healthcare services, making a significant contribution to the health and well-being of local communities. On 31st January 2025, a large-scale health mela was held in Jourian, Akhnoor, Jammu, where over 2,000 patients received health checkups.



Dr. Yashpal Sharma briefing various media platforms about widespread coverage & success of health camps.



Distribution of essential medical aids during a free health camp at Akhnoor, Jammu.



Additional CEO, Sh. Alok Kumar Maurya (IFS) joined by the Executive Director, SMVDIME & other dignitaries during inauguration of a free medical camp at Jammu.



Participants attending BLS training course conducted by Dept. of Anaesthesia, SMVDIME at Jammu.



Cervical cancer screening camp held at Airforce Station, Satwari, Jammu



Executive Director, SMVDIME briefing the political leaders about free medical camps in the interest of general public.



The Executive Director, SMVDIME posing with other members of SMVDSB at Jan Aushadhi Kendra.

Diwali Celebrations Corner

Diwali, the festival of lights, is a celebration of the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. It is a time of joy, festivity, and renewal, filling the atmosphere with energy and happiness. In November, the spirit of Diwali illuminated the lives of many, including the faculty of SMVDIME. On 27th October 2021, the faculty gathered to celebrate Diwali at the office of the Executive Director, SMVDIME. The office was beautifully adorned with a dazzling array of lights, creating a festive and mesmerizing ambiance. Traditional diyas added a warm glow to the space, complementing the vibrant display of art and decorations. The celebration was not only an occasion to honor the festival but also a moment for the faculty and staff to unite, share in the joy, and embrace Diwali's core values of harmony, light, and positivity.



Executive Director with other faculty members of SMVDIME on account of Diwali celebrations held at the institute.



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