



NATIONAL ORAL PATHOLOGIST DAY 2026



- **Title of the Activity-:** National Oral Pathologist Day
- **Venue of the activity-:** Dental Auditorium
- **Date of the activity-:** 25th February 2026
- **Duration of the activity-:** 11am- 1 pm.
- **Collaborating Agency-:** NA
- **Number of Students Participated-:** 28
- **Number of Teachers Participated-:** 23
- **No. of Beneficiaries-** 51

Details of the Activity-:

National Oral Pathologist Day was celebrated by the Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology at Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) Dental College and Hospital, Sangli, on 25th February 2026. This day is observed in remembrance of H. M. Dholakia, who is regarded as the father of Oral Pathology in India. The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Sharad Kamat (Principal, Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) Dental College and Hospital, Sangli) and the Chief Guest, Dr. R. P. Limaye (Deputy Dean) BV(DU) Medical College and Hospital, Sangli).



The 7th National Oral Pathologist Day was celebrated across the country to commemorate the birth anniversary of H. M. Dholakia, India's first Oral Pathologist and the pioneer who established the specialty of Oral Pathology in the nation. Revered as the "Bhishmapitamah" of Oral Pathology, Dr. Dholakia's contributions laid a strong foundation for the development of this field in India. Dr. Uma Datar-Chougule (Assistant Professor, Department of Oral Pathology) highlighted the significance and role of Oral Pathology in healthcare. The Chief Guest addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of research and providing valuable guidance to the students.





To motivate students and recognize academic excellence in the subjects of Dental Anatomy, Dental Histology, and Oral Pathology, top-performing students were felicitated with a Certificate of Appreciation and a mug bearing the subject rank logo. Participants of the Quiz and Rangoli competitions were awarded certificates of participation, while the winners received certificates of appreciation for their outstanding performance.





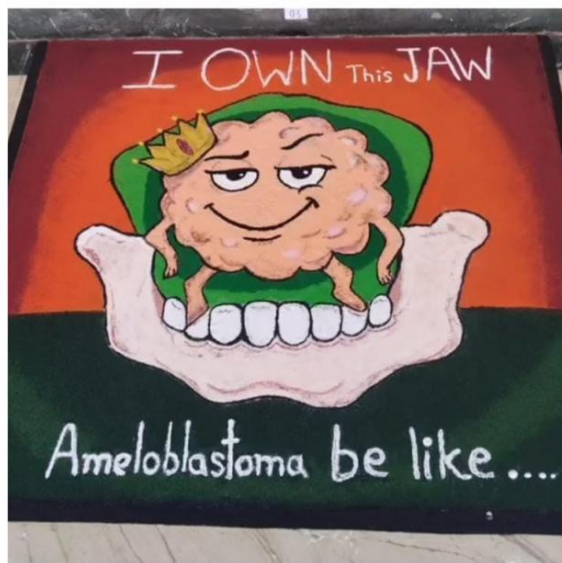
Dr. Madhuri Sale delivered the vote of thanks, and Miss Sanika Wankhede (III BDS) served as the master of ceremonies. The event was attended by all Heads of Departments, faculty members, and students.

As part of the National Oral Pathologist Day celebrations, the Department of Oral Pathology & Microbiology organized innovative activities to engage students and enhance their understanding of the significance of oral pathology in healthcare. The event featured a series of impactful activities, including:

1) Rangoli Competition

A Rangoli competition on the theme “Ameloblastoma” was organized on 23rd February 2026 to promote creativity and awareness about this odontogenic tumor through art. Students illustrated various aspects of ameloblastoma through artistic designs. The event provided a unique blend of art and science, enhancing student engagement with oral pathology.

Dr. Shridevi Adaki (Associate Professor, Department of Oral Medicine & Radiology) and Dr. Amruta Shinde (Associate Professor, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) served as judges for the competition. The activity added an innovative and creative dimension to learning oral pathology.



2) Quiz Competition

A quiz competition was organized on 24th February 2026 for students to enhance their knowledge, teamwork, and application of concepts in Dental Anatomy, Oral Histology, and Oral Pathology. A total of five teams participated, each comprising two interns, a final-year student, a third-year student, and a first-year BDS student, thereby fostering collaboration across different academic levels.

The competition consisted of multiple rounds designed to encourage critical thinking and quick decision-making. The teams adopted creative stain-themed names such as “H&E Heroes,” “PAS Pioneers,” “Masson’s Monarchs,” “Van’s Victors,” and “IHC Icons.”

The quiz was designed and conducted by Dr. Mamata Kamat. Dr. Uma Datar-Chougule served as the moderator for scoring, while technician Mrs. Manisha Thorat efficiently managed the timekeeping. The event provided an engaging learning experience, helping students reinforce their theoretical knowledge in a fun and interactive manner.





Under the guidance of the respected Principal, Dr. Sharad Kamat, the entire event was meticulously planned and successfully executed by the organizing team comprising Dr. Mamata Kamat, Dr. Uma Datar-Chougule, Dr. Madhuri Sale, Dr. Satish Bhosale, and Dr. Ashwini Phalle.

List of Students:

Sr. No.	Name of the Student	Designation
1	Sakshi Kadam	Final yr
2	Prasad Potdar	3 rd yr
3	Aadesh Popalghat	3 rd yr
4	Dipanjali Suryawanshi	3 rd yr
5	Shreya Govekar	3 rd yr
6	Samarth Burande	3 rd yr
7	Sujan Mulla	3 rd yr
8	Tejal Jadhav	3 rd yr
9	Ayan Naik	3 rd yr
10	Arya Bhambure	3 rd yr
11	Aparna Sontakke	3 rd yr
12	Sohamm Khatrrii	3 rd yr
13	Sanjivani Surve	3 rd yr
14	Rajnandini Kamble	3 rd yr
15	Sunil Rathod	1 st yr
16	Mitali Chakrawar	Intern
17	Pooja Dudhal	Intern
18	Siya Patil	1 st yr
19	Samruddhi Chopade	1 st yr
20	Kshitija Awati	1 st yr
21	Prajwal Chawda	1 st yr
22	Neha Mishra	1 st yr
23	Akshata Giri	1 st yr
24	Bhumika Bohade	1 st yr
25	Nehal Sonawane	1 st yr
26	Tanmay Shiyekar	1 st yr
27	Rushi More	Intern
28	Anagha Kulkarni	1 st yr

List of Teachers:

Sr. No.	Name of the Teacher	Designation
1	Dr.Sanjay Byakodi	Professor and HOD
2	Dr.Anil Patil	Professor & HOD
3	Dr.Dayanand Huddar	Professor
4	Dr. Priyatam Karade	Professor
5	Dr.Mamta Kamat	Professor
6	Dr. Amit Basannavar	Professor
7	Dr.Shrivardhan Kalghatgi	Associate professor
8	Dr.Satish Bhosale	Associate professor
9	Dr.Shweta Sagare	Associate professor
10	Dr.Rupali Wetam	Associate professor
11	Dr.Uma Datar Chougule	Assistant Professor
12	Dr.Ruhi Sankpal	Assistant Professor
13	Dr.Saloni Jain	Assistant Professor
14	Dr.Jivika Matkar	Assistant Professor
15	Dr.Soujanya Kohalli	Assistant Professor
16	Dr.Samruddhi Metha	Assistant Professor
17	Dr.Shweta Gangavane	Assistant Professor
18	Dr.Shraddha Gavade	Assistant Professor
19	Dr.Madhuri Sale	Assistant Professor
20	Dr.Nilima Naik	Assistant Professor
21	Dr.Pooja Sankpal	Assistant Professor
22	Dr.Surbhi Deshmukh	Assistant Professor
23	Dr.Ashwini Phalle	Dental Surgeon

Outcome of the Activity:-

The celebration of National Oral Pathologist Day enhanced awareness among students about the importance of Oral Pathology and its pioneers, while motivating them through recognition of academic excellence. The quiz and rangoli competitions encouraged active participation, strengthened engagement in core subjects, and fostered a spirit of healthy competition and academic enthusiasm among students.

Dr. Mamata Kamat

Professor

Dept. of Oral Pathology & Microbiology

Dr. Sharad Kamat

Principal

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