

## Congratulations to Dr. Shashank Pandya

Dr. Shashank Pandya has been appointed as **Director In-charge of the Gujarat Cancer & Research Institute.**

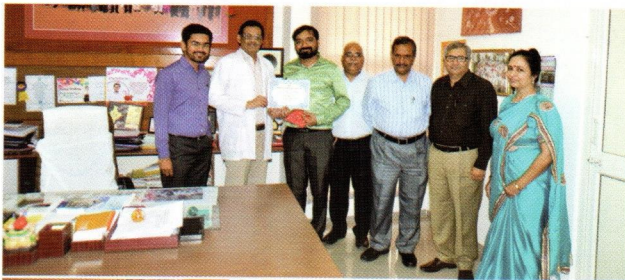


## Congratulations to Employees of the Month:

**Mr. Vishal Patel**, Community Oncology Department, December'17.

**Dr. Jayendra Patel**, Cancer Biology Department, January'18.

**Ms. Rachna Shah**, Pathology Department, February'18.



**Dr. Prasad Kasbekar**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year resident doctor of Surgical Oncology was awarded with **Certificate of Best Oral Presentation** in the 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Asian Clinical Oncology Society, during 23<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Congratulations Dr. Prasad Kasbekar!

## Stress Buster Laughter Yoga by Ms. Archana Rao

Laughter Yoga session by Ms. Archana Rao, Corporate Trainer from Bangalore was held on 19<sup>th</sup> January where more than 100 patients and their relatives participated. The same session was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January for hospital staff where more than 150 doctors, nurses and administrative staff members participated. These programmes had a great impact on relieving stress.



**Women Development Cell (WDC)** has taken up a Women Wellness Project for all women employees of GCRI. Under the roof of WDC Aerobic Session only for women was organised on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The programme was very effective to encourage all women employees of GCRI to practice Aerobics regularly.



**World Cancer Day Celebration:** On the occasion of World Cancer Day, a cancer awareness and detection camp was organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 at Mehsana District Hospital. More than 300 women were benefitted in this camp. The occasion was graced by **Mr. Nitin Patel**, Deputy Chief Minister, Gujarat.

## Hospital Service: GCRI Digital Library Notice Board

GCRI Library has initiated the first step to replace wooden notice board to digital notice board for disseminating the relevant and quick information.

Digital Library Notice board was inaugurated on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The event was graced by Shri Prashant Kinarivala, Shri Kshitish Madanmohan, Dr. Shilin Shukla, Dr. R. I. Dave, Shri Kaushik Patel, Shri Rashmibhai Magiawala, Shri Bipin M. Shah, Dr. Shashank Pandya and Mr. N.T. Chavda.



**International Women's Day Celebration** at GCRI - The Women Development Cell of the GCRI has celebrated International Women's day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Mr. Uday Dholakia, Founder & Chief Engagement Officer, PathDarshak Skill Consulting, Ahmedabad delivered a Motivational Lecture on Emotional Intelligence for female staff members of GCRI. He very well explained how to deal with emotions in day to day life by keeping balance between professional & personal life.



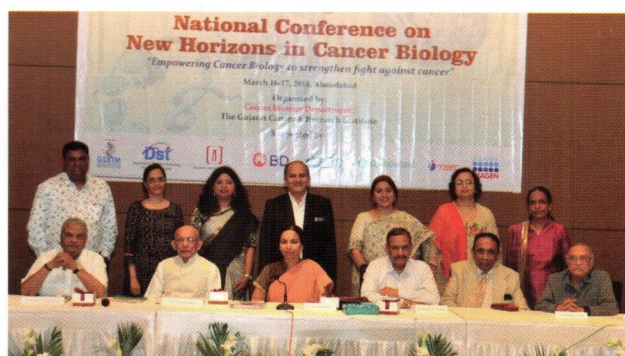
## International Women's Day celebration at Rajkot

A cancer awareness and detection camp was organized at Rajkot Medical College on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018. More than 500 women participated in awareness programme. On this occasion, **Mrs. Anjali Rupani**, wife of Honourable Chief Minister, Gujarat remained present along with other dignitaries.

**Dr. Trupti Trivedi**, Sr. Scientific Officer, was awarded for **Best Paper Presentation** at 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Translation Cancer Research held at Chennai held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018.



**National Conference on New Horizons in Cancer Biology** was organized on 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at J B Auditorium, Ahmedabad Management Association, Ahmedabad by Cancer Biology Department. The theme of the conference was Empowering Cancer Biology to strengthen fight against Cancer. The conference aimed to bring together distinguished scientists from various parts of India and budding researchers to discuss and deliberate on the emerging trends and future prospects of prevention and treatment of cancer. The event included keynote lectures, invited lectures by renowned scientists and clinicians from diverse institutions in India along with oral presentations, technical talks, young scientist award oral presentations, poster presentations by PhD scholars and post-graduate students and more than 450 participants. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Jayanti Ravi, IAS. During the inaugural function, **Padmashri Dr. Devendra D. Patel** and **Padmashri Dr. Pankaj M. Shah** were felicitated by Cancer Biology Department. The organizing secretary of the conference was **Dr. Pina J. Trivedi** (Senior Scientific Officer) of Cytogenetics Lab.



**The Gujarat Breast Meet 2018**, a CME organized by The Association of Surgeons of India West Zone on 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> March 2018. There were 6 teams from all over India who had participated in the **Breast Quiz JEOPARDY**. It is a matter of pride for GCRI that 2 teams from our Institute proved to be winners. The first position was secured by **Dr. Murtaza Bohra, Dr. Ketul Puj & Dr. Shruti Gohel**. Second position was secured by **Dr. Nahush Tahiliani, Dr. Rohit Jha and Dr. Vandana Dahiya**. Congratulations winners!



## Hospital Week Celebration

Hospital week celebration was organized during 27<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018. **Dr. Jayanti Ravi, Principal Secretary & Commissioner of Health, Govt. of Gujarat** graced the occasion of Cultural programme of GCRI on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

**Hospital Annual Day** celebration was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February where **Shri Punamchand Parmar, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary Medical Services, Govt. of Gujarat** and **Shri Pankaj Patel, Chairman of GCRI** remained present to encourage us. Presence of esteemed dignitaries like **Padma Shri Dr. Devendra Patel, Padma Shri Dr. Pankaj Shah, Dr. Kirti Patel (Dean, GCS Medical College), Dr. Shashank Pandya (Incharge Director, GCRI) and Mr. N.T. Chavda (Hospital Administrator, GCRI)** is also noteworthy.

**Dr. Shilin Shukla, Emeritus Professor of Medical Oncology & Former Director of GCRI** was awarded **Shri Madanmohan Ramanlal GCRI Luminary Oration Award**.

**Dr. D. Karunakaran, Professor, Department of Biotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, Chennai** was awarded **Shri Ramniklal J. Kinariwala Cancer Research Award**.



**Dr. Anil D'Cruz, Professor of Head Neck Surgeon and Director, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai** was awarded **Dr. T.B. Patel Oration Award**.

GCRI staff members participated enthusiastically in different activities in a weeklong celebration. Apart from Cultural activities and in-house competitions like Elocution, Rangoli, Drawing- Painting & Mehendi, Evaluation of Wards and Departments was also there. Winners in each category were felicitated with awards on **Hospital Annual Day**.

Department of **Community Oncology & Medical Records** has received award for the **Best department in supporting services** on the occasion of **Hospital Annual Day**. Congratulations Community Oncology Department!

Department of **Gynecologic Oncology** received **Vimlaben Agraval Rotating Trophy (Clinical)** for maximum publications in the year 2017 on the occasion of **Hospital Annual Day**. Congratulations Gynecologic Oncology Department!

**Chemotherapy Ward, Leukemia Ward, Male Surgical Ward B, Main Operation Theatre & Endoscopy** have received award for the **Best patient care services** on the occasion of **Hospital Annual Day**. Congratulations!



**Chemotherapy training of Physicians, Medical Officers and Nurses of District Hospital:** One day chemotherapy training of Physicians and Nurses from various district hospitals from Gujarat was conducted on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 where 17 physicians and 40 Nurses were trained for chemotherapy administration at District hospitals. The similar training for Medical Officers was conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> February where 15 Medical Officers were trained for the same.

Training Programme on **UPTODATE- Evidence based Clinical Decision Support System** was conducted by **Dr. Pragnesh Pokar, International Training Consultant** during Senior Staff Members meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018. UpToDate helps clinicians answer their clinical questions, increase their clinical knowledge & improve patient care.

**Dr. Prabhudas S. Patel** delivered a talk on Molecular basis of oral cancer: Focusing on invasion and metastasis breast and other cancers at 7<sup>th</sup> **International Conference on Translational Cancer Research**, organised by Indian Institute of Technology Madras and Society for Translation Cancer Research at Chennai on 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Dr. Patel was selected as a National Committee Member of Society for Nutraceuticals and Chronic Diseases.

**New Diagnostic Test of "IDH 1/2 Mutations"** is started from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at Clinical Carcinogenesis Lab, Room #306, Department of Cancer Biology. This Diagnostic test is for Glioma patients.

# COMMUNITY ONCOLOGY CENTRE HIGHLIGHTS

## Training

20 master trainers from SEWA (Self Employed Women's Association) were trained regarding Self Breast Examination and early signs & symptoms of cancer breast & cancer cervix on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.

Nine M.Sc Nursing students from IKDRC – Institute of Kidney Disease & Research Centre were posted at Hospice for 2 weeks (26<sup>th</sup> February'18 to 10<sup>th</sup> March'18), for training in Palliative care & Hospice.

"Onco – Caregivers' Certificate Course" - 4 months' duration course supported by Sanjeevani, a NGO, GCRI & GCS started from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Community Oncology Center, Vasna.

## Services

**Tobacco Awareness Camp** was organized on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 for 50 Diamond Factory workers at COC. They were examined by surgical oncologist to rule out oral cancers.

### Recreation activities for Hospice Patients

- 'Laughter Yoga Session' was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 by Archana Rao from Bengaluru. Hospice patients, caregivers & COC staff – total 55 participants joined the session.



- Regular meetings of caregivers of Hospice patients have been started to improve the services. Follow-up OPD has been started at COC for Hospice patients. Patients are encouraged to be out in garden in evening, either walking or on wheelchair.

## Events

**Kite festival** was celebrated by cancer survivor children on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018. **Shri Rakesh Shah, MLA, Ellis Bridge** was the Chief Guest & **Mr. Amit Shah** Former Mayor, Ahmedabad was the Guest of Honor. **First Newsletter** on activities of COC was released on that day. A Press-Conference was organized to create awareness regarding cancer & GCS activities.



**Drawing Competition on 'World Cancer Day'** - 80 students from A-One, H. H. Patel, R. C. Patel, Nutan Adarsh High School took part in the drawing Competition held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018, at COC on the topic of 'I Can, We Can - Cancer Can be Cured'. **Dr. Anagha Zope** (Consultant Breast Surgeon), **Ms. Falguni Dave Shah** (Consultant Architect), **Shri Arun Talati** (Art Teacher) were invited to grace the occasion and judge the drawings of children.

**CAN KIDS Programme** on the occasion of **International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD)** - 150 children with cancer were invited at COC by CanKids, to celebrate ICCD, on 22<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Children wrote their experience through messages on kites.

**Workshop** on importance of mental & physical health in Breast Cancer for **Breast Cancer survivors** was conducted on **International Women's Day** - 8<sup>th</sup> March at COC. **Dr. Sidhyarth Mukherjee** gave lecture on 'Love Yourself & Heal Your Life' & stressed the importance of Forgiveness, Love & Gratitude for healthy life.



## Staff achievements

- **Dr. Geeta Joshi** delivered, KEY NOTE ADDRESS, During 33rd ISSPCON, on 2nd February 2018.
- **Mrs. Darshana Butala** was felicitated on GCRI Hospital day for her contributions to COC.