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Workshop for teachers on handling challenging behaviour of students in the classroom set up

The TDH Rehabilitation and Morris Child Development Centre at KEM Hospital, Pune had organized a half day workshop for pre -primary and primary school teachers on handling the challenging behaviour of students in the classroom setup. The topics included Common Behavioural challenges, Social Communication Delay, Learning Issues, Restless, Hyperactive and Disruptive Behavior, Handling Behavioural issues in the school setting , Identification and Demonstration of scales to be used by teachers etc.

Eminent Neonatologist and Pediatrician at KEM Hospital, Pune, Dr. Sudha Chaudhari along with Dr. Sharmila Patil (Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrician), Psychologists Bindu Patni, Dr. Ujjwal Nene, Madhavi Deshpande , Amruta Bhalerao, Aishwarya Bhawe interacted with the teachers on these topics. Detailed planning and the coordination of the workshop was done by Richa Mulay, Medical Social Worker. More than 60 Pre-primary and Primary Teachers, Counsellors, Special Educators from renowned school of Pune attended the workshop.

Dr. Sudha Chaudhari said that teachers often find it difficult to manage challenging behaviour of children with developmental disabilities like Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD), Autism, Hearing Impairment, Speech and Language Disorders, Learning Disabilities and Behavioral Issues. This is because there is





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lack of awareness about different disorders and resultant behaviour. Teachers need to be trained on how to identify, understand, handle and make timely referral for early identification.

The experts were of the view that identification and early intervention is a key as these are the years of brain development which should not be lost. Intervention comprises multimodal treatment given by a teamwork of Developmental Pediatrician, Child Psychologist, Psychiatrist, Audiologist, Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapist and Medical Social Worker. Teachers and parents have a key role and need to be aware of what signs to look for. Therefore the workshop was a key step in that direction. .

The TDH Rehabilitation and Morris Child Development Centre at KEM Hospital Pune has been offering all diagnostic and therapeutic services under one roof for the past 44 years for all the above Neuro Developmental Disorders.





Press Conference for Big Ears

In a recently held press conference at KEM Pune, Dr. Neelam Vaid, HoD Big Ears who was instrumental in setting up this Big Ears clinic in 2006 said this unique initiative focuses on early detection, diagnosis and therapy of hearing loss. Big Ears clinic offers all the services needed for the hearing challenged; from a variety of tests that detect hearing loss to hearing aids, speech therapy, counselling and cochlear implants for the totally deaf. Post the implant the children undergo a rehabilitation program under the guidance of team consisting of audiologists, therapists, speech and language pathologists and surgeons who ensure that the family receives appropriate advice and care. It does not end there, 98% of our patients come from families that cannot afford this expensive technology. Over the past 18 years we have helped many children and their families get financial aid and acquire this technology. It's not been an easy task and the commitment of the social workers of the KEM Hospital, Pune is to be lauded.

She added that a graduation programme generally is for those who have passed their academic tests. But this graduation programme is special as it reflects a much better life ahead for the children and salutes the commitment of the parents whose perseverance has given a new lease of life for their children. As every year, children will put up a special dance performance during the programme as a gratitude for the support they received from everyone.

Dr. Madhur Rao, Senior Deputy Medical Administrator, KEM Hospital, Pune said that this is a joyous occasion for all of us as the children undergoing cochlear implant and rehabilitation program are able to enjoy much better quality of life. We are proud of Big Ears which is one of our pioneering initiatives and will continue to reach out to children in need. Shirin Wadia, General Administrator at KEM Hospital, Pune said that the pioneering integrated approach has helped many children from across all sections of the society. There is no better joy than seeing children get a near normal life. We would like to congratulate the entire team of Big Ears Clinic for their dedication to this cause.



The team at Big Ears led by HOD Dr. Neelam Vaid includes Medical Social Worker Anuradha Chavan Mandhare, ENT Surgeons Dr. Ajay Kothadiya and Dr. Nikhil Gokhale, Audiologists Rajesh Nikam, Ashutosh Kumar Dubey and Anirudhha Katkar, Auditory Verbal Therapists Kalyani Salve and Priyanka Endal, Special Educator Shweta Jahagirdar, Speech Language Therapists Krutika Gajane, Palal Julaniya, Rameshwari Sarje and Ciya Thomas.





Graduation Ceremony for Big Ears

KEM Hospital, Pune, celebrates the completion of the rehabilitation programme for hearing-impaired children with the 'Big Ears Graduation Ceremony.'

These young children facing hearing challenges have overcome all odds through their perseverance and resilience. It is essential to reflect on the incredible achievements of these young children, opined Mrs. Sunita Kalyani, Chairman of Kalyani Technoforge Ltd. She spoke at the 'Big Ears Graduation Ceremony,' an annual program by KEM Hospital, Pune, celebrating the accomplishments of the hearing-impaired children who underwent cochlear implants. These children have completed the rehabilitation program and no longer require continuous assistance from doctors and therapists.

Shirin Wadia, General Administrator, Dr. Madhur Rao, Senior Deputy Medical Administrator KEM Hospital, Dr. Neelam Vaid, HoD Big Ears Clinic at KEM Hospital Pune were present along with the Big Ears team, the graduating children and their parents.

Sunita Kalyani, Chairman of Kalyani Technoforge Ltd. said "I feel privileged to be a part of their journey as they step into this new phase of life. I congratulate the Big Ears team, all the parents, and the wonderful children for this incredible achievement."





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Dr. Neelam Vaid, HoD Big Ears Clinic said “The purpose of ‘Big Ears’ has been to reach out to these children early and to provide care that helps these children become a part of mainstream society. The smiles on the faces of the children and parents is a testament to the hard work and commitment of the entire Big Ears team”

The children were awarded with completion certificates at the hands of Sunita Kalyani, Shirin Wadia, Dr. Madhur Rao and Dr. Neelam Vaid. As a mark of gratitude towards the hospital team the graduating children showcased their talents in various art forms, including dancing, singing, and playing instruments. Some of these children shared their journeys, describing their challenges and the positive transformation through the rehabilitation process.

Mr. Ashish Dube proposed the vote of thanks . In his address he also thanked the cochlear implant companies for their continued support which has ensured smiles on the faces of these children and their parents .





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KEM Pediatrics Golden Jubilee Academic Fest A tribute to Dr. Anand Pandit



Dr. Anand Pandit joined KEM Hospital, Pune in 1973 when the Paediatric Unit had only 4 beds and 6 neonatal cots. Over the last 50 golden years of dedicated, meritorious and visionary service to KEM Hospital, he has transformed the unit to a multi super-speciality facility with state of art NICU, PICU, Children's ward and TDH rehabilitation centre, with a strong commitment to social and community causes, providing quality care to many children and parents throughout the city and state.

Dr. Anand Pandit was a teacher (Guru) par excellence, and many generations of students and residents are indebted for the training and guidance they received from him. The celebration took place as a two-day event on the 9th and 10th of December 2023, and was celebrated as The KEM Paediatrics Golden Jubilee Academic Fest: A tribute to Dr. Anand Pandit. This celebration was held as a two day event on 9th and 10th December 2023.

9th December 2023

Two workshops (Pulmonology and Cardiology) were held in the morning predominantly for post graduate students of the city. We had 86 registrations.

A lunch programme was held in KEM Hospital so that alumni could visit their Alma Mater and interact with their teachers and colleagues. A large number of KEM admin, Paediatric staff and students were also invited.



A Grand 'Gurupurnima' like Felicitation programme was held in the evening at the Residency Club, Pune. A Gala Banquet dinner followed which was attended by more than 100 Alumni and Dr. Pandit's close friends colleagues and collaborators.

10th December 2023

A full day academic CME programme was held at the O hotel Pune, in association with IAP Pune. A wide variety of very interesting topics were discussed. The pride of this programme was that the faculty of the CME consisted only of KEM Alumni, from all over the world. The highlight of the CME was a felicitation programme conducted by IAP, Pune where Dr. Pandit was honoured. Dr. Pandit's Paediatric journey was remembered and his great achievements were recognised.

The two day event was an emotional get together for the alumni and a gesture of gratitude by the department of Paediatrics, KEM Hospital, Pune to their beloved 'Guru' Dr. Anand Pandit.





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Celebration of World Prematurity Day





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Retirement Function

Retirement function was held on 21st December, 2023 for Mr.Suhas Kale (E.C.G. Technician), and Smt. Kalpana Kamble (Housekeeping Staff).





Inaugurating Chaila Tea Shop

A cup of tea makes everything better!





City's new state-of-art Centre for Liver Transplants at KEMH, Pune

We are happy to share with you that we have successfully discharged our 3rd liver transplant recipient in last 3 months at KEMH, Pune.

He underwent Living donor liver transplant at KEMH in month of December 23.

We thank you for your support and blessings and wish we continue to receive it in future for the development of the Liver Transplant programme at KEMH, so we can become one the leading Liver transplant centres in the city and state.

Dr Aniruddha Bhosale,
Liver Transplant Surgeon,
KEMH, Pune.





DR. AMEYA PATHAK,

DNB (Gen Med),
DNB (Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology)
has joined us as an
Associate Consultant
(Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology).

OPD Timing:

Every Tuesday & Thursday, 0 1:30 PM & 0 3:30 PM

